

Follow Jesus; Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News
At First Mennonite Church

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Piano: Karen Wiebe Power point: Deb Goossen
Audio: Larry Thimm Video: Kathy Casey

Ushers: Jim Ensz & Gayland Regier
Instrumental Ensemble: Steph Janzen, Katie Jantzen, Pastor Sarah
Director: Neal Trantham

Last Sunday: Attendance: 107 **Offering:** MTM: \$2,806; FMC \$900;
Camp Scholarship \$430

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Community Food Pantry

Coming Up:

Easter Sunday, April 20 7:00 am Sunrise Service @ Charles Park
9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School
10:30 Worship
Tuesday, April 22 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, April 23 6:30 pm Peace Club, Youth Game Night,
Young Adult Bible Study
Thursday, April 24 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, April 27 9:30 am Children, Youth, Adult Sunday
School
10:30 am Worship
Noon: Youth Fundraiser Meal
1:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training

April Birthdays

2: Ella Crawford 5: Sylvia Crawford
7: Henry Trantham 9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm & Jacob Janzen 13: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz 20: Sloan Esau

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks go in the offering.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Our service is viewed** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and **heard on FM 107.5** in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025
CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Hymn: "Were You There"

VT 329 vs 1 & 6

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The stone is rolled away!

P: Why look for the living among the dead!

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe.

P: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

VT 408, vs 1 & 2

The FMC Trio will play the introduction, congregation sings vs 1 & 2

Special Music: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

FMC Trio

Confession and Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

L: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

P: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

L: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.
Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us fully live in
the love you showed us in Jesus' death and resurrection so we
may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your
name. Amen.**

L: Now hear these **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship . God's steadfast love endures forever.

Offering Hymn: "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"-by Sunday Singers
Offering is for First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: "Christ Collides with Death"

Hymn: "Low in the Grave He Lay" VT 333

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" VT 761

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us" VT 565

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Thank you to the Ensemble and Director Neal Trantham. Your beautiful music was a wonderful addition to worship.

Thank you to Mary Jane Zimmerman and her family for providing two lilies for the sanctuary in memory of Dean and Mary Jane's Grandmother.

Next Sunday, April 27: FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch at noon, followed by **Safe Sanctuary Training**- Come support the youth at lunch, then attend the Safe Sanctuary training, required annually for all adults and youth who are involved in the care and activities of infants, children, youth, and handicapped individuals .All congregants are encouraged to come.

"Kids Meet Christ" is a new grant-funded worship initiative from Western District. All involved in children's ministry are invited to attend an orientation, lunch, and round table discussions on children's ministry on Saturday, May 3, 11-3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. **If you would like to attend with Debbie Goossen, please contact her.** Participants will receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship.

VBS May 27-30! Please return your volunteer signup sheet to Lori Thimm today. **Online VBS Registration** and parental consent forms are available at fmcbeatrice.org. Consent forms must be printed off and sent to FMC or a photo of the completed form emailed to office@fmcbeatrice.org.

CampMennoscah.org: Register online for **Summer Camp!** FMC will pay for your registration and a T-shirt. Put FMC Beatrice in the sponsorship line, then let the church office know you've signed up.

Tickets are available for the **Mother's Brunch sponsored by Mother to Mother on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Vintage Venue** from 11:00 to 1:00. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from Lori Thimm, Josh Janzen or at Burwood Books.

MCC Great Winter Warmup surpasses goal! Thank you for helping MCC surpass the Great Winter Warmup goal of 7,000 comforters during the months of January, February and March. During this 3-month campaign **MCC received 12,875 comforters!** Thank you to each person who tied knots this winter to share warmth, comfort, and love around the world!

The Beatrice High School Spring Plant Sale is Wednesday, April 30 to Saturday May 3. Hours are after school 3:30-5:00pm and Saturday morning for pick up or stop by the greenhouse. If you have questions or would like a flyer, please let Paula Heinz know at pheinz@bpsnebr.org. Thank you for supporting Beatrice Science Club, supporting science scholarships for graduating seniors, and science equipment for science classes!

Summit Street Church (SSC) All are welcome to a Taco Bar on May 04, at noon at 1220 Summit St. Free-will donation. Proceeds go to replace our aged HVACs. We hope to see you!