

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

**Serving Today:**

Worship Leader: Brett Esau

Piano: Karen Wiebe

Audio: Marv Goossen

Ushers: Jim Ensz & Gayland Regier

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier

Power point: Lori Thimm

Video: Lisa Goossen

Children's Story: Kathy Casey

**Last Sunday: Attendance: ? Offering:** FMC \$2,314; MTM \$300;  
Tech Fund \$225; Food Pantry \$300

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

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, April 27

9:30 am Children, Youth,  
and Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Noon: FMC Youth Fundraiser Meal

1:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Tuesday, April 29

Wednesday, April 30

Sunday, May 4

6:30 pm Peace Club, Youth Group

9:30 am Children, Youth, Young Adult, &  
Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

**Late April Birthdays**

16: Anita Reimer

17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

20: Sloan Esau

**May Birthdays**

1: Mike Goossen

7: Ann Regier

9: Shelton Crawford, Justin Schardt

10: Elaine Penner

13: Brandon Esau

14: Laura Williamson

15: Jude VanderSchaaf

16: Chris Tegtmeier

19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin VanderSchaaf

23: Alma Reimer

28: Rick Brethouwer

- 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](http://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  
April 27, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come, like travelers on the road, full of questions, heavy with grief, wondering what comes next.

**P: We come with broken hearts and blurry vision, hoping to make sense of what we have seen and heard.**

L: Bur here, the Risen One meets us – walking beside us in our confusion, speaking peace into our unrest, revealing life in the breaking of bread.

**P: Christ is among us – no ghost, no memory, but Living Word, Risen Love, Present Guide.**

**ALL: Let our hearts burn with joy, as we worship the One who walks the road with us.**

Prayer

Hymn: "Let's Walk Together"

VT 6

Confession and Assurance

L: God of the risen Christ, we confess that we often fail to recognize you. We are overwhelmed by grief, distracted by fear, and tempted to believe that death, injustice, or despair have the final word.

**P: Forgive us when we cling to shadows instead of trusting your light. Forgive us when we look for certainty instead of walking by faith.**

L: Like the travelers on the road, we do not always see who walks beside us. Open our eyes. Break the bread. Speak our names.

L: Friends, hear the good news: Christ walks beside us even when we do not recognize him. Christ speaks peace into our fear and reveals love that is stronger than death.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and sent as witnesses. Thanks be to God!**

**Offering Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"** VT 359

Offering is for the Community Food Pantry

**Children's Story**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

**Sermon: "More Than a Ghost Story"**

**Hymn: "The Risen Christ"** VT 343

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "Guide My Feet"** VT 816 (Vs. 1-3, 6)

**Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome to those here and watching on YouTube!** (Search for FMC Beatrice.) The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

**TODAY!! April 27: FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch** at noon, followed by **Safe Sanctuary Training**- 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 at FMC.

**VBS May 27-30, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Register online or with registration forms in the narthex.** Parental consent forms are required for each child. Consent forms are attached to the paper forms or can be printed off with a photo of the completed form emailed to [office@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:office@fmcbeatrice.org).

**Please join us** for a taco bar at the American Legion on **May 3 from 4-8 in celebration of Lucas Lyons' graduation** from Beatrice High School. Congratulations, Lucas!

**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.

Today is the last day to get advance tickets for the **Mother's Brunch sponsored by Mother to Mother** for \$30. Tickets at the door will be \$40. Get tickets from Pastor Josh or Lori Thimm. The **Mother's Brunch is sponsored by Mother to Mother and will be Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Vintage Venue** from 11:00 to 1:00.

**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, please email Paula Heinz at [pheinz@bpsnebr.org](mailto:pheinz@bpsnebr.org). Thank you for supporting Beatrice Science Club, supporting science scholarships for graduating seniors, and science equipment for science classes!

Please register soon for the **FREE May 3, 11am-3 pm Kids Meet Christ Launch event** at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS or online (hybrid). Jesus made space for little ones in his ministry. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what's coming and what's available through the Lilly Endowment grant we recently received. The grant invites us to "elevate the communal worship experience for all, while focusing on children." Lunch is included for the in-person launch. Register at: <https://mennowdc.org/kids-meet-christ-kmc/>  
We've been working hard to prepare for the Launch. We hope to see you on May 3! --In peace, Kathy Neufeld Dunn  
If you want to **join Debbie Goossen in attending**, please talk to her.

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

**FOLLOW  
JESUS** 25

The countdown is on! Register now for **MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention** in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! Save \$100 by registering before May 31! Rachel Ringenberg Miller will be the worship speaker during the opening worship session. Register at: [mennoniteusa.org/registration/](http://mennoniteusa.org/registration/). This event will feature a variety of activities, including the Delegate Assembly on July 11 and the Women in Leadership Summit on July 8.

## Today the Education Council is recognizing our Faith Formation Team!

We are so thankful for the many ways our children and youth are growing in faith through the help of our church family.

**Pastors:** Pastors Josh Janzen & Sarah Neher Reimer

### **Education Council:**

***Chair:*** Debbie Goossen;

***Resource Director:*** Vicki Hinz-Ensz;

***JYF/SYF Sponsors:*** Brett and Darcy Esau;

***Library Chair:*** Christina Lyons;

***Peace Club Leaders; VBS Chair; JYF/SYF Leaders*** (see names below)



### **Sunday School Teachers**

***-Preschool-PreK:*** Cara Esau, Stephanie Janzen, Van Vanderschaaf

***-Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>:*** Laura Baade, Robyn Hohensee, Leslie Trantham

***-Grades 3-5:*** Linsey Schardt, Amanda Thimm

***-Large Group Leaders:*** Shana Ens, Erin Vanderschaaf

***-Youth Sunday School:*** Jim Ens, Lynn Gerber, Paula Heinz, Grace Tegtmeier

***-Substitute Teachers:*** Judy Jantzen, Dolores Jantzen, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Lori Thimm, Jane Esau, Kathy Thimm, Debbie Goossen, Barb Thimm, Dan Kunzman, Lisa Goossen, Kathy Casey

### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

***-Peace Club Leaders:*** Sue Gerber, Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Jane Esau

***-JYF/SYF Leaders:*** Sarah Neher Reimer, Marci Regier

***-Prayer Partners:*** Linsey Schardt, Lynn Gerber, Brett Esau, Chris Tegtmeier, Daryl Riesen, John Regier Reimer, Brandon Esau, Kyle Riesen, Van Vanderschaaf, Dolores Jantzen, Amanda Thimm, Justin Schardt, Rodney Ens, Kent Hohensee, Bryan Heinz, Laura Williamson, Leslie Trantham

***-Youth Game Nights:*** Elsie Riesen, Dorothy Zimmerman, Kathy Thimm, Mike and Debbie Goossen, Marci Regier

***-Wednesday Community Events:*** Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Lori Thimm, Doreen Janzen, Lisa Goossen, Don & Judy Jantzen, Shana Ens, Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Sue Gerber, Jane Esau

### **Vacation Bible School**

***-VBS Committee:*** Chair Lori Thimm, Linsey Schardt, Laura Williamson

***-Bulletin Boards & Signage:*** Zella Penner

**Library Committee:** Christina Lyons, Jeanette Bryson-Epp, Katie Jantzen