

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Pianist: Kathy Casey & Karen Wiebe

Children's Story: Erin Vanderschaaf

Worship Leader: Brandon Esau

PPT: Lori Thimm

Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Kent Hohensee

Sermon: Pastor Tim Amor

Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Greeters: Don & Jane Esau

Live Stream: Lisa Goossen

Audio: Marv Goossen

Last Sunday: Offerings: Food Pantry \$3767; FMC \$ 400; Tech Fund: \$200

Attendance: 81

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School
10:30 am Worship with Senior Recognition
and Teacher Appreciation

Tuesday, May 2

1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

Thursday, May 4

6 p.m. Education Council Meeting

Sunday, May 7

9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Late April Birthdays

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:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
- Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

April 30, 2023

Welcome

Brandon Esau

Call to Worship (VT 851)

L: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

P: Jesus calls us to worship.

L: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

P: Jesus calls us to love.

L: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

P: Jesus calls us to justice.

L: We hear the call of Christ.

ALL: We worship together with joy!

Prayer

Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

VT 716

Affirmation of Faith (VT 922 adapted)

L: We are not alone.

P: We are not alone.

L: We live in God's world.

P: We believe in God:

L: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

P: We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

L: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

P: In life, death, and life beyond death, God is with us.

ALL: We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

VT 831

Teacher Appreciation

Graduates Recognized

Children's Story

Erin Vanderschaaf

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Sermon: "The Community of Christ"

Hymn: "Let us Build a House"

VT 36

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

Thank you to Pastor Tim Amor for his message this morning.

Childrens Sunday School is having a combined event today making May baskets. Next Sunday, we will again have a combined event assembling MCC kits.

The Adult Sunday School will the adult Sunday School will continue discussing chapter 4 this week. We still have extra books if anyone would like to join us. People can drop in as they like—no need to commit to strict attendance!

Lost and Found! Please check under the mailboxes if the dishes or maroon women's jacket are yours.

WANTED! Baseball Gear! If you have any baseball gear taking up space at home, you may donate it for the new arrivals to play ball this spring and summer. You can put it in the box in the coat closet. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School: Please register children by May 12th so we can give our volunteers an accurate count. Register at fmcbeatrice.org and click on the "Ministries" tab to find the VBS enrollment form. All students who are eligible for kindergarten through those who have completed 5th grade are welcome to attend!!

Congratulations to our Seniors graduating this May!

Abby Trantham will graduate from Beatrice High School and plans to attend UNK next year.

Samantha Tegtmeier will graduate from Tri County and will continue to attend classes at TC.

Shelton Crawford will graduate from Beatrice High School and plans to go to Doane University to study elementary education/coaching and will be a part of the men's basketball team.

Christopher Janssen will graduate from Tri County and will attend SCC-Milford in the Fall in the HVAC/Plumbing program. He is currently, while finishing his senior year, starting a business with a friend of fabrication and welding 24' free standing cattle panels.

All are welcome to attend an open house brunch honoring **Abby Trantham** at First Mennonite on May 20 from 10:00 – 1:00.

Worship Council is doing some planning for the next several months. We are **looking for additional people** to help with **Children's Story** and/or serve as **Worship Leader**. We ask members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in these positions. Thank you. Please reach out to Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey.

FMC is offering **camp scholarships** to FMC youth to attend Mennonite affiliated Church Camps. The scholarship will cover the registration fee. Please register online and let the church office know you have registered.

Camp Mennoscah: (campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290)

****Camp has received a matching gift of up to \$100,000!** Please consider donating so we may receive the maximum from this matching gift!

****Needed: Counselors** (at least 17 years old and 5 years older than the campers they supervise); **Nurses** for July 18-23 and July 9-14; **A head cook** for June 25-29; **Kitchen helpers and other volunteers.**

Delegates to the MC USA 2023 Delegate Assembly July 7-8 at the Kansas City Convention Center needed. Contact Jerry Reimer for more information.

The NE MCC Golf Tournament is August 12 at York Country Club. Register by July 30. More info is on the bulletin board.

Beatrice High School Plant Sale is May 3-6. Online order forms are by the mailboxes.

Beatrice Regional Orchestra Concert: May 7, 2 p.m., Hevelone Center.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox testimony by a recipient: May 6, at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 1630 I St, Fairbury. All are invited!