



## Words of Assurance

L: Cease your fearful fretting! God's love is lavished upon you. It is always there for you, offering healing and hope. Rest in God's love. AMEN.

**Backpack Blessing** Pastor Sarah

**Special Music: "This Thing We Call Love"** Stella Ensz

**Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life"** VT 480

**Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51**

**Sermon: "Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"** VT 778

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn: "Use Us, God"** VT 811

**Offering for MCC**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

**Summer Intergenerational Sunday School's** last session is today.

"I want to express deep **thanks and gratitude** for all of the work of so many people at First Mennonite Church of Beatrice! You were exceptional hosts!" --

-**Shari Scheffler**, Business Manager, WDC.

Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see **photos from WDC Annual Assembly**.

**Services for Betty Esau**, age 91, were held here on Friday, August 9. John Penner and Gene Penner are in charge of memorials. Your prayers are invited for Betty's family.

**Emmalyn Hiebert**, 86, former member of FMC, passed away May 24, 2024. Services were held August 10 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, 1304 K KS-15, Goessel, KS. If you would like to see the service video you may email the Alexanderwohl Church office ([amc@alexanderwohl.org](mailto:amc@alexanderwohl.org)) to receive a link to watch the unlisted YouTube video online. We offer prayers for her family.

**Backpack Blessings-** Children and youth! Bring your backpacks to church today. There is a special time in the service for a blessing as they begin the new school year!

**Peace Club will meet with prayer partners next Sunday, August 18** following church in the basement. Lunch will be provided. Then our prayer partners & youth will be transported to Charles Park where the children & their adult mentors will pick up trash in that area. The money earned will be used to buy school supplies for MCC kits. We will join the school kit challenge of trying to make 24,000 kits. Parents, please pick your child up at Charles Park at 2 pm. Let Barb, Jane, Kathy or Sue know if you cannot come.

**Welcome Back Celebration!** All are invited on Sunday, August 18th, at 9:30 am for breakfast, conversation, and to hear about the Faith Formation opportunities for all ages this year!

**And...Youth Lunch-** Sunday, August 18th at noon, the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth will gather for a pizza lunch and plan for the coming year.

**Beginning August 11th** we will collect school supplies for MCC school kits. **The kits** will be put together during a community gathering on Wednesday, September 10th. There will be a collection box in the narthex for donated supplies (unused):

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- Colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large eraser
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- Small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

**Church Picnic** is Sunday, September 15 at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. More info to come.

First United Presbyterian Church of Fairbury has invited FMC to their **End of Summer Concert featuring the Brad Ramp Band** on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-9. Brad Ramp is a touring worship leader based out of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Nebraska. He is passionate about using God's gift of music as a vehicle to deliver the Good News! Brad grew up in Friend, NE, and is excited to share a night of worship, hope, and encouragement with communities.

**Ice Cream Social!** Ellis and Odell United Methodist Churches, Sunday, August 18, 4-6 pm at Ellis United Methodist Church. Serving BBQ Sandwiches, Chips, Ice Cream with toppings, Desserts. Free Will Donation **to benefit Stephanie Patterson for medical expenses**. (Sponsored in part by Thrivent.)