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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen Audio: Jim Ensz

Hosts: John & Zella Penner PowerPoint: Debbie Goossen

Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Justin Schardt Video: Dan Kunzman

July 28 Attendance: 58 **July 28 offering**: MTM \$1735, FMC \$100

Aug 4 attendance: 186 Aug 4 offering: FMC \$4,260

Offering today: MCC Next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, Aug 11 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Backpack Blessing

Tuesday, Aug 13 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

5:00 pm Warrens Table by Shep. Grp 3

Thursday, Aug 15 7:00 pm Church Board meeting

Sunday, Aug 18 9:30 am Sunday School for youth & adults

Noon-2 pm Peace Club & Prayer Partners

Lunch & service project@ Park

August Birthdays

1: Miles Esau 6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson 11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

11: Debbie Keeney12: Abby Trantham16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Esau 22: Henry Vanderschaaf

27: Pam Kunzman 29: Pat Penner

31: Sam Vanderschaaf

- Ask an usher for assistance with a hearing device.
- We collect Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- Food Pantry items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Our service is on 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.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church August 11, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

Kyle Riesen

L: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

P: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

L: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

P: Bring us to the time of healing.

L: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "What Is This Place"

VT 22

Confession & Assurance

Prayer of Confession

L: You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion.

P: We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times.

L: We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you.

P: Take what we have, our gifts and our needs.

L: Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your Word. Remind us that you have given us all that we need to serve you in this world.

P: The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope.

L: Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making.

All: Heal and restore us to your everlasting love.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

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

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

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 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) 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 kids. 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 6th-12th 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 24th 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.)