

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

**Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith**

Worship Leader: Brett Esau      Special Music: Sunday Singers  
Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz      Children's Story: Amanda Thimm  
PPT: Lori Thimm      Live stream: John Thimm  
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber      Audio: Marv Goossen  
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brad Thimm      Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

**Last Sunday Offerings:** FMC \$440; MCC \$1,895; Bethel \$350

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 101

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, August 21      9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School  
   10:30 a.m. Worship  
   11:30 a.m. Farewell Potluck and Program  
   for Pastor Roger  
Tuesday, August 23      1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, August 28      9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
   10:30 a.m. Worship with Sarah Schlegel

**August Birthdays**

1: Miles Esau      6: Rebekkah Stutzman  
7: Mitch Williamson      11: Debbie Keeney  
11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz      12: Abby Trantham  
16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm      21: Kyle Baade  
22: Genre Esau      22: Henry VanderSchaaf  
27: Pam Kunzman      29: Pat Penner  
31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
- **Food Pantry donations:** Please put them in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
- If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** to keep on your phone, please contact the office.

**Please contact the following with concerns or questions:**

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)
- **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
- **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/email)
- **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or [rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com)

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**  
**August 21, 2022**

Welcome

Brett Esau

**A Call to Worship**

L: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations,

**P: but we also look to the future as well as the past.**

L: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

**P: We can go forward in hope.**

L: God remains faithful.

**P: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!**

**ALL: Praise be to God!**

-Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

Prayer

Brett Esau

Hymn: **"Here in This Place"**

VT 10

Old Testament Reading: **Joshua 1:1-2, 5-9**

OT page 240

Children's Story

Amanda Thimm

Special Music by the Children

**"The Blessing"**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

Special Music: **"You Are Mine"**

Sunday Singers

New Testament Reading: **Philippians 1:1-11**

NT page 239

Sermon: **"Sharing in the Gospel"**

Pastor Roger

Hymn: **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

VT 716

## Sharing and Prayer

**Blessing: “The Hand of God Shall Hold You”**  
by Sunday Singers

VT 671

## Offering for First Mennonite Church

**Welcome!** We're glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>.

**Thank You Pastor Roger!** Words cannot describe our gratitude for your service to First Mennonite Church as Interim Pastor during these past two years. You have gone above and beyond in serving us through our joys and sorrows, renewed our Biblical understanding, deepened our faith, and helped guide us through the adventures of COVID-19. Thank you so much for giving yourself to us. Blessings to you and Cynthia as you finally get to begin your retirement! - The Congregation of First Mennonite Church

**A Farewell for Pastor Roger** will be held today following worship in the church fellowship hall with a potluck and short program. (Please stay even if you didn't bring a dish to share! There'll be plenty!) You will find a card in your box today that you may use to express your thanks to Pastor Roger for his service here. A basket will be provided at the potluck for your cards and notes.

**Pastor Josh Janzen** will begin his pastoral work at FMC on Monday, August 29. His first Sunday preaching will be September 4. He will be installed on September 11. We will welcome him and his wife Stephanie at the church picnic on Sunday, Sept 11 at 5 p.m. at the Chautauqua Tabernacle.

## Children's Sunday School August 21, 2022

**God Our Shepherd - Psalm 23 - God is with us in good and bad times.**

*Ideas for follow-up during the week:*

- **Reread** Psalm 23. Talk about times you have felt God's love and kindness.
- **Pray** in color. Choose one line from the psalm and draw a picture of it as you pray those words silently.
- **Watch** the Psalms 23 YouTube video with your children (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMyYuYMck98>) – it is a meaningful interpretation of Psalms 23 for children and reviews what was discussed in Sunday School

The older youth are using topics about Biblical Living, Loving, and Learning. Thanks to all who helped update the youth room. It looks great!

**Adult Sunday School** will be meeting in the basement to discuss the book "Reawakened: Activate Your Congregation to Spark Lasting Change" by Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MCUSA. The book explores how congregations can bring healing and hope to their communities in a time when churches lack relevancy in many people's lives. Pick up a copy of the book today in room 10, and we'll discuss the introduction on August 28. Plan to come as you can this fall--there will always be great discussion even if you can't make it every week.

**Today**, we are completing the final topic of the "Seeking Justice" curriculum: *Nehemiah Sets an Example - Nehemiah 5*.

**MDS project near Greenwood, NE** on Friday, September 9th and Saturday September 10th to put steel on the roof and walls of a pole building. More details to follow. Questions please call Wes Reil @ (402) 641-1198 or LeRoy Janzen @ (402) 806-0094.

The church has old **videos and CDs** that are no longer being used. They are currently in boxes on the library table. Please take any of the videos/CDs that you would like. They will be available through August. Anything not taken by the beginning of September will be taken to the landfill. – Library Committee

**Thank you** to all who have assisted and will assist in August in getting groceries for the immigrant families getting established in Beatrice. Your help is much appreciated!

**Mother-to Mother-Ministry** will be participating in the Gage County Big Give on Sept 8th. This Year's Project: Dignity in Action - Women and Family Hygiene. Some of our neighbors in our community do not have access to basic hygiene products. Our dream is to provide easy access for our families to feminine hygiene products and laundry care items in order to help them stay healthy, regain self confidence, and live with basic dignity. Learn more & give here: [www.biggivegage.org](http://www.biggivegage.org)

You're invited to an **Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed** on Sunday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Trinity Lutheran Church, West St. Hwy 4 serving fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, drinks. Carry out available. Free will offering benefits Orphan Grain Train's general operating costs & shipping. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Action Team Grant.

**Camp Mennoscah:** (for more info: [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org); 620-297-3290)

- Women and Girls Retreat on September 10-11
- Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18!
- Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on Oct. 28-30!