

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Power point: Christina Lyons

Ushers: Jake & Brandon

Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Audio: Marv Goossen

Video: Lisa Goossen

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 88 **Offering:** FMC \$4,492; Tech Fund \$225

**Today's Offering:** Bethel College **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship/Backpack Blessings

11:30 am Congregation Meeting

Tuesday, August 26

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Sunday, Aug 31

9:30 am Adult Sunday School only

10:30 am Worship

**August Birthdays:**

1: Miles Esau

6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson

11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

11: Debbie Keeney

12: Abby Trantham

16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf

27: Pam Kunzman

29: Pat Penner

31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

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- 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 may go in the offering plate.
  - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
  - Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
  - Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see what's new at Western District Conference.

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Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; [sarah@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:sarah@fmcbeatrice.org). Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

**Church Office:** 402-251-7180 **Email:** [office@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:office@fmcbeatrice.org)

**Deacons:** Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),

Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know of **members marriages and births** so they can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

August 24, 2025

**Faith Formation Sunday**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth". Children, youth, adults – we all are called to bring God's flavor to the world!

**P: We will share love, joy, and peace wherever we go.**

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world". Our youngest and our oldest alike carry God's light.

**P: We will shine so that others experience God's goodness through us.**

L: Come, celebrate the gifts of our children and youth!

**P: We worship God together – one community, one light, with love.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Could It Be that God is Singing"**

VT 42

**Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16**

**Children's Story and Backpack Blessings**

Pastor Sarah

**Message**

Pastor Sarah

**Offering Hymn: "You are Salt for the Earth"**

(Offering is Bethel College)

VT 297

**Presentation of Bibles**

**Hymn: "God Give Me Faith Like a Child"**

VT 519

**Sharing and Prayer**

## Benediction

**Sending Song: "As You Go Out From Here"**

VT 841

## Passing the Peace

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**Welcome** to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

There will be a **congregation business meeting following worship on August 24 for reelection of Pastor Josh**. Our constitution and bylaws read: *Reelection of pastor. The vote to extend the call of the pastor for another 3-year term may be taken on a Sunday morning prior to or after the Worship Service. (Must be present to vote.)*  
Review forms were distributed with a return date of last Sunday, August 17.

**Today is Faith Formation Sunday!** We celebrate our children and youth by giving backpack blessings, presenting bibles to Kindergartners, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and announcing new prayer partners. We encourage children, youth, and teachers to bring their backpacks!

WMS has **quilts that need a ride to Newton**. If you are traveling in that direction, please contact Karen Wiebe.

**Welcome Back Peace Club and Prayer Partners!** We'll meet on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm with an activity and snacks (no meal). Please RSVP to Sue Gerber, Barb Thimm, Kathy Casey, or Jane Esau. Hope to see you all there!

**Pastor Josh will be out of the office** until Monday, September 1. If you need pastoral care, please contact a Deacon, Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210), and Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), or Pastor Sarah, (507-993-6820). Pastor Sarah will give the message today and Pastor Andrew Dungan of Summit Street will preach next Sunday, Aug 31.

**Be sure you have the Church Picnic on your calendar for Sunday, September 7 at 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle!** Lots of fun surprises this year in addition to the great fellowship and food, including Crawford's Ice Cream! Your Shepherds will let you know what your group is to bring. Plan to attend for a good time!

**Thank you** to all who help with the fall Faith Formation classes (Sunday School, Peace Club, Sr. High and Jr. High youth groups). **YOU** make it happen!

**The Mennonite Experience in Poland History Tour July 10-21, 2026!** It's sponsored by the Mennonite Polish Studies Association with tour leaders Mark Jantzen, John D. Thiesen, and Richard Thiessen and is designed to reacquaint people of Mennonite descent with the country that provided their ancestors with a safe and secure homeland from the 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. More information is on the bulletin board and at [mla.bethelks.edu/information/mpsa.php](http://mla.bethelks.edu/information/mpsa.php).

## Camp Mennoscah Announcements –

**The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is October 10-12.** Registration is not yet open but will be soon. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses.

**Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm.** All are invited to attend.

**Womens & Girls Retreat** September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah. Register by August 29 at [westerndistrictwomeninmission.org](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org). Katherine Goerzen and Laura Goerzen are speakers. Girls age 8 and up are welcome to attend with an adult.

**BIG GIVE GAGE COUNTY** is September 11. Some of the non-profits participating that FMC members volunteer at are Sewing for Babies, Mother to Mother, MTM Youth Center, SheepGate, 4-H Building Inc., Backpack Programs, Blue Valley Community Action, Hope Crisis Center, Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Teammate's Mentoring of Beatrice, Warren's Community Dinner Table, and Community Food Pantry. You can find more information at [biggivegage.org](http://biggivegage.org).

First Trinity Lutheran Church is holding an **Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed!** Sunday, September 7, 11:00-1:00 pm. Boiled Fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. Free Will Offering benefits the Orphan Grain Train for shipping and general operating costs. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Action Team Grant. Carry out meals available.

Train up a child  
in the way he should go:  
and when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.  
Proverbs 22:6