

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

**Serving Today: Guest Speaker: Pastor Sarah Schlegel**

Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf  
Live Stream: John Thimm Children's Story: Amanda Thimm  
PPT: Lori Thimm Audio: Doug Casey  
Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen Deacon: Vicki Hinz-Ensz  
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brad Thimm Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

**Last Sunday Offerings:** FMC \$5,470; Tech Fund \$200; Housing \$250

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 112

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, August 28 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Sarah Schlegel  
Monday, August 29 Pastor Josh Janzen's first day!  
Tuesday, August 30 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, September 4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for **Adults only**  
10:30 p.m. Worship with Pastor Josh

**Late August and Early Sept. Birthdays**

**Aug-** 22: Gentre Esau 22: Henry VanderSchaaf  
27: Pam Kunzman 29: Pat Penner  
31: Samuel VanderSchaaf  
**Sept-** 3: Dan Crawford 4: Liana Stutzman  
5: Norm Reimer, Maggie Boyce 6: Asha Jantzen  
8: Marilyn Kroeker 12: Graham Schardt

- 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.
- **NAMETAGS!** Beginning next Sunday, Sept 4, adults will begin using name tags to help Pastor and Stephanie get to know us. They are magnetic, not disposable, and can be kept in your mailbox.

**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:** Dorothy Zimmerman 402-239-9437

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

**August 28, 2022**

Welcome

Neal Trantham

**A Call to Worship**

L: Life-giving God, may your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers.

**P: Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us and within us.**

L: Come alive in our words and actions as we lead in worship.

**ALL: To you alone belongs all praise and honor and glory and blessing, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

Prayer

Neal Trantham

Hymn: "Come, Let us All Unite to Sing"

VT 7

**Affirmation of Faith**

**P: We believe in one God, who is our Creator,**

L: Maker of all we see and don't see; who is ruler of the universe. Source of all creation!

**P: We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,**

L: True God and true human, one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, Savior of all creation!

**P: We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,**

L: Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:

**P We believe in God who is Creator, Word made flesh, Comforter and Guide.**

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Hymn: "Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing"

VT 555

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 130:1-8

OT page 705

Children's Story

Amanda Thimm

**New Testament Reading: John 11:17–27** NT page 128

**Sermon: “Lessons from Lazarus”** Pastor Sarah Schlegel

**Hymn: “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”** VT 170

**Sharing and Prayer** Vicki Hinz-Ensz

**Blessing** Vicki Hinz-Ensz

### **Offering for Bethel College**

**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 to Sarah Schlegel for being our guest pastor today.** Sarah Schlegel has lived in Shickley, NE, for two years with her husband, Ben, their sons, Jeremiah and Joshua, and their cat, Oscar. Ben is the pastor at Salem Mennonite Church. Prior to moving to Shickley, Sarah was a pastor for 14 years at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church in Kokomo, IN. Sarah currently works part-time for MennoMedia with Shine curriculum, writing and editing Sunday School and VBS material.

**Fun Fact:** Sarah first visited Nebraska (and Beatrice) after finishing college, when she helped drive her two wonderful Nebraskan roommates back home, with the first stop at the home of Alicia (Janzen) Amazan.

**Our new Pastor, Josh Janzen,** will begin 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.

**Our new website has launched!** When you go to [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), you will now be taken to the new website. You don't have to do anything different to access it. Take a look around the website and you should find all that was available on the old website is there (plus more!) but maybe in a different place. New info will be added as it's received. Please be patient as training is ongoing for adding and updating the website! Thank you! And Thank You to Dan Kunzman and SOCS for their work and help!

**Don & June Diller** are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 29. They thank the Lord for His Grace and Mercy that has given them all these years. Their family is coming to help celebrate on September 3 and 4. Congratulations, Don & June!!

### **Children's Sunday School August 28/NO CHILDREN'S SS ON SEPT 4 God Our Refuge – Psalm 91 - God will answer us when we call.**

*Ideas for follow-up during the week:*

- **Reread** Psalm 91. Talk about times God has answered you when you've called upon him. He answers prayers in amazing ways!
- **Pray** in color. Choose one line from the psalm and draw a picture of it as you pray those words silently.

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

Today, **adult Sunday school** (room 10 in the basement) will be discussing the introduction to the book *“Reawakened”*. Join us! You can pick up a book in room 10. We're happy to order more copies if we run out. Next week we'll begin discussing chapter 1.

**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 will be taken to the landfill. – Library Committee

**Thank you** to all who have assisted in getting groceries for the immigrant families getting established in Beatrice. The immigrant families have been invited to attend our church picnic so you can get to know them.

**BIG GIVE GAGE: September 8! Mother-to Mother-Ministry and Sewing for Babies** are among the non-profits participating Gage County Big Give! Read more about their designated projects and donate at [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)  
Sept 10-11: Women and Girls Retreat on September 10-11  
Sept 18: Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater  
Oct 28-30: Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat