

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer
Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm Power Point: Christina Lyons
Piano: Judy Lichti Audio: Larry Thimm
Video: Kathy Casey Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brandon Esau

Last Sunday: Attendance: 95 **Offering:** Bethel College \$2,909
FMC \$650; Safe Church Background checks \$50

Today's Offering: First Mennonite Church **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 30	9:30 am Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am Worship
	11:30 am Safe Church approved Adult Training
Tuesday, Sept 1	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Sept 2	6:30 pm Community Meal and games
Sunday, Sept 6	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

Late August and Early Sept Birthdays:

Aug 27: Pam Kunzman	29: Pat Penner, Julie Grimmert
31: Samuel VanderSchaaf	
Sept. 3: Dan Crawford	4: Liana Stutzman
5: Norm Reimer, Margaret Boyce	6: Asha Jantzen
12: Graham Schardt	15: Anders Baade

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- 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 for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church August 30, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: We gather this morning as people who groan

P: with a world that is groaning,

L: as people who wait

P: with a creation that is waiting.

L: But we do not gather as people without hope.

P: For we know that in all things, God is at work.

L: Not because we can see the whole of it.

P: But because we know the One who can.

L: Come, let us worship the God who has not let go of us.

All: the God who works all things together, who calls us his own, and who loves us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer

Hymn 605: "My Life Flows On"

Confession and Assurance

L: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always believe what we say we know.

P: We say, "you are at work in all things," and then we live as though we are on our own, managing our fear, hoarding our control, carrying weight you never asked us to carry alone.

L: We confess that we have grown impatient with our own waiting, and unkind toward others in theirs, quick to explain another's suffering, slow to sit with them in it.

P: We confess that we have sometimes used your promises as a way to avoid grief rather than to hold it, reaching for easy comfort instead of honest lament.

All: Forgive us, Lord. Quiet our need to explain what we cannot yet understand. Restore in us the kind of knowing that trusts your character even when your ways are hidden from us.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

P: Neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Offering Hymn 419: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (Offering for FMC)

Scripture Romans 8:28

Sermon: “All Things For Good”

Hymn 670: “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 816: “Guide My Feet”

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Safe Church Policy: For the last year and a half a committee has been working to update and expand our Safe Church Policy to cover adults and create a protocol if there is ever an allegation of abuse involving children or adults. Today following worship, we’ll hold a required training for all adults who work with youth. Please plan to attend if you work with FMC youth.

The Adult Bible Class will study the book “Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself”, intentional and powerful learning for those called to serve the vulnerable by R K Payne, Ph. D this fall. Join us September 13!

Youth and Children’s Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 13.

Peace Club will kick off Wednesday, **September 16**, with exciting activities and snacks for members K - 5th grade, and prayer partners. Meet at the church from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Families will receive the fall schedule at this first meeting. Please RSVP if you cannot attend to Jane @ 402-223-8206 or janeneufeldesau@gmail.com. We're looking forward to a great year! Thank you!

-Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Jane Esau

New address for Julie & Felix Grimmett: 2003 S 19th St., Beatrice, NE, 68310. Their phone numbers remain the same.

Our first FMC Wednesday evening Community Event will be this next Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy a meal and games. We invite all age groups to come; the evening is very informal and provides us with an opportunity to spend time together.

For those of you who are able, **after church today could we have some volunteers set up tables and chairs** for Wednesday night’s community meal? We need 8 tables with 8 chairs around each table.

Ways to help support our Wednesday Community Event

- Help set up tables and chairs (8 tables with 8 chairs). *We will do this following church on the last Sunday of the month.*
- Donate toward the cost of food (a basket will be available the evening of the event, or you can put a donation in the offering plate with a memo indicating the donation is for the Wednesday Community Event)
- Meal setup for Wednesday Community meal – a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board (or contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz; 402-239-4174) Setup will include picking up items/supplies needed for the meal and getting drinks, plates, silverware and meal set out by 6:15 pm
- Pray for our community events
- Come join in!

On October 7, 6:30 pm – Community Meal and care packages for college age students

On November 4, 6:30 pm – Community Meal and “showing gratitude and generosity” activities

Draft copies of proposed FMC Constitution and Bylaws are in mailboxes today. A congregational meeting will be held on September 13 at 11:30 am to review the proposed document. Approval of the new document will be held at the January annual meeting. Please review it prior to the September 13 meeting. The Review Committee consisted of Pastor Josh, John Penner, Brett Esau, and Dorothy Zimmerman.

Be sure the **Church Picnic** is on your calendar for Sept 27, 5:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle!

Our Daily Bread devotion books (free) are available on the shelves between the mailboxes. The books are not all current but the devotions are good regardless if it corresponds to the right date.