

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen

Pianist: Kathy Casey & Vicki Ens

PPT: Doreen Janzen

Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brad Thimm

Last Sunday Offerings: FMC \$2,510

Children's Story: Neal Trantham

Live stream: John Thimm

Audio: LeRoy Janzen

Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 76

In Our Prayers: Gerald (and Rogena) Jantzen; the family of Kay Goossen.

Happening this week:

Sunday, August 7

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, August 9

1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

5:30 p.m. Shepherd Group 2 serves at

Warren's Table

Sunday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

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- 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.
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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
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

August 7, 2022

Welcome

Katie Jantzen

A Call to Worship

L: We have come to worship God, the living God,

ALL: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

L: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

L: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**All: Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.**

All glory to God!

~ adapted from a post on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways**
Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/>

Prayer

Katie Jantzen

Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" VT 25, vs. 1,2,4

Old Testament Responsive Reading: Psalm 103

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

L: who forgives all your iniquity,

P: who heals all your diseases,

L: who redeems your life from the Pit,

P: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

L: who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]

P: who renews our youth like the eagles.

L: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

P: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

P: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins

P: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**P: as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

L: As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

P: For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

L: As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

L: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,

P: and his righteousness to children's children,

L: to those who keep his covenant

P: and remember to do his commandments

Children's Story

Neal Trantham

Hymn: "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Affirmation of Faith:

L: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's
kingdom.

P: We believe that God is at work in our world

L: turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

P: We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end

L: and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

P: One day all tears will be wiped away;

L: the lamb will lie down with the lion,

P: and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.

L: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,
they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

ALL: This is our faith. This is our hope.

~ 20th century South African creed. Posted on the Long Green Valley
Church of the Brethren website. <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>

New Testament Reading: Matthew 6:1,5-15

Sermon: "A New Look at an Old Friend"

Hymn: "You Are Salt for the Earth"

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Sharing and Prayer

Blessing

Offering for First Mennonite Church the narthex

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>.

The adult Sunday school class will resume meeting today, August 7, in room 10. We will complete the final 3 topics of the "Seeking Justice" curriculum:

August 7 - Jesus Turns the Tables - Mark 11:15-18

August 14 - Widow Insists on Justice - Luke 18:1-8

August 21 - Nehemiah Sets an Example - Nehemiah 5

We will also be discussing possible study materials for our fall quarter. We will have some samples of various resources/materials to look at, as well as a listing of books/study materials. Please join us and/or offer input for adult Sunday school. We would love to offer a variety of classes for adults to attend this fall, and we would appreciate input from anyone interested in Sunday school. Contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz if you have questions or ideas.

Children's Sunday School begins next Sunday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m. Children will work on preparations for Pastor Roger's farewell on Aug 21.

Pastor Josh Janzen will begin his pastoral work at FMC on Monday, August 29. He will be installed on September 11. We will welcome him and his wife Stephanie at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. at the Chautauqua Tabernacle.

A Farewell for Pastor Roger will be held on Sunday, August 21 with a potluck noon meal and program following worship.

Funeral services for Kay (Cathryn) Goossen were held yesterday at FMC. Memorials are established to First Mennonite Church and Peoples City Mission with the funeral home in charge. May God comfort her family.

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!

Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Beatrice **Pancake Feed** Sunday, August 14, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans Club. Adults \$9; children 4-12, \$5 at the door. 3 & under free.