

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen                      Pianist: Karen Wiebe  
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz        Hosts: John & Zella Penner  
Live Stream: Pam Kunzman            Audio: Jim Ensz  
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Justin Schardt    Power Point: Katie Jantzen  
Children's Story: Dan Kunzman & Pastor Sarah

**Last Sunday** Offering: FMC, \$775; Tuition Fund \$250; WDC \$1,145.25

**Attendance:** 88

**Offering this morning:** FMC    **Next Sunday:** Mother to Mother

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, February 4	9:30 a.m. Sunday School – all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, February 6	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Feb 7	6:30 – 7:30 pm, Peace Club and Lent at Home workshop
Sunday, Feb 11	9:30 a.m. Sunday School – all ages And Lent at Home worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 5 pm or after: JYF/SYF Super Bowl Party
Wednesday, Feb 14	6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

**February Birthdays**

2: Doug Casey	4: Jim Ensz
7: Bryan Heinz	9: Ross Reimer
15: Gerald Jantzen	16: Samantha Tegtmeier
26: Elijah Vanderschaaf	



- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** There's a box in the narthex or give cash to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- **Watch our service** on youtube.com, search for fmcbeatrice, or listen from our parking lot on FM 107.5 Weekly bulletins are at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org); click the More tab to select Documents, Church docs, bulletins.
- If you have food for Scott Jantzen, please call Lori Thimm-402-239-3611

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

February 4, 2024

**Welcome**

**Call To Worship**

L: Welcome! Open your hearts to God's love this day!

**P: Praise be to God who has called us here!**

L: Let the words wash over you and offer you healing and hope.

**P: Praise be to God who continually blesses us!**

L: Place your hope and trust in God!

**P: With joyful hearts, we come to worship and praise God who continually blesses and provides for us. AMEN.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Jesus Let Us Build a House"**

VT 36

**Confession**

L: How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.

**P: We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst.**

L: We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace.

**P: Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of**

joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

#### Assurance

L: Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day. AMEN.

#### Young People's Time

Hymn: *"Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing"* VT 555

Scripture Readings: James 2:14-26

Sharing & Testimony-Vern Jantzen, Christina Lyons, Larry Thimm

Hymn: *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"* VT 774

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction


Sending Song: *"Go Ye Now in Peace"* VT 839

Offering to First Mennonite Church

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon!

The theme for **Peace Club and Children's SS** during the month of February is **Gear Up- An Adventure in Kindness**, (Colossians 3:12). Childrens **Sunday School today** learned of the Kindness of Jesus (Matt 8:1-4, 19:13-15, 9:10-13). **Next Sunday** the classes will combine to make Valentine cards for our shut-ins. **Peace Club** will meet on Wednesday evening, February 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 and continue with lessons on kindness.

I am overjoyed to begin serving First Mennonite as the Pastor of Faith Formation! For now, my office hours will be Sunday 9-12, Tuesday 9-3, Wednesday 6-8, and Thursday 9-3. You can contact me by email at [sarah@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:sarah@fmcbeatrice.org) or my cell (507)993-6820. I will respond to emails during office hours. If you have an emergency, please contact me on my cell. -**Pastor Sarah**

**Youth Super Bowl Party-** There will be no youth group on February 7th. Rather, the youth are invited to Pastor Sarah's home for a Super Bowl party! Youth are welcome to arrive any time after 5:00pm. We will make personal pizzas. Please bring a favorite Super Bowl snack or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Sarah by February 7th. 

**Lent At Home-** Pastor Sarah will be offering two workshops on how to use The Mennonite Education Agency's resource **Lent At Home**. All members are welcome to attend! Bags of supplies will be available but prioritized for families. The two workshops will be Wednesday, February 7th, 6:30-7:30 pm and Sunday February 11th, 9:30-10:15 am. (The link to the resource <http://tinyurl.com/8deyhruc>)

**An Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. Peace Club, JYF and SYF will begin after the service. .

**The adult Sunday School** uses Salt & Light stand-alone lessons Join us in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

**Chris Tegtmeier will undergo surgery** for a **kidney transplant** on Friday, February 9th. His recovery period will last 6 weeks, away from home, with his mother Beth serving as caregiver. We invite the church family to send cards with words of encouragement, along with prayers for both Chris and his donor Zach.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for care package items for Grace to deliver. If you would like to provide meals for Grace and the kids or contribute to Walmart gift cards for Chris and his mother, please contact Shana Ensz at (402)806-1946.

Thank you! Friends of Grace & Chris and Shepherd Group 4  
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**Kiwanis Pancake Feed:** February 11, 7:30 – 1:00 at Vet's Club.