

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf
Live Stream: Neal Trantham
Ushers: Brad Thimm & John Regier
Children's Story: Dan Kunzman

Organist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Audio: Larry Thimm
Power point: Debbie Goossen

Last Sunday: Offering: FMC: \$ 2,630 Tuition Fund: \$1.200

Attendance: 87

Offering this morning: MDS

Next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, January 14	9:30 a.m. Sunday School-all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, January 16	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying 7:00 p.m. church Board meeting
Sunday, January 21	9:30 am Sunday School – all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 pm Ordination Lunch 2:00 pm Ordination Service

January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons	6: Ryan Hohensee
7: Barb Thimm	8: Doris Claassen, Hannah Kunzman
9: Jim Wiebe	10: Jan Reimer
11: Beckett Heinz	14: John Regier
15: Clara Trantham	17: Ron Janzen
19: Kent Hohensee	21: Robbyn Hohensee
26: Don Esau, John Thimm	29: Randall Ensz

- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our **service is available** on youtube.com, search for fmcbeatrice. We're also on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. You'll find the bulletin at fmcbeatrice.org; click the More tab to select Documents, Church docs, bulletins.

First Mennonite Church; 6714 W. State Hwy. 4, Beatrice, NE 68310

Pastor: Josh Janzen; 402-228-2052; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org

Church office: 402-251-7180

Website: fmcbeatrice.org **Church email:** office@fmcbeatrice.org

Deacons: Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)
Don Esau (402-223-9210)

Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

January 14, 2024

Welcome

Call To Worship

L: Come and see that the Lord is good.

Come and see all the Lord has done.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

L: Come and know that You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Come and know that Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

L: Come and hear all the Lord is doing.

Come and hear that you are known and loved by God.

Come and hear the word of the Lord.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

Prayer

Hymn: "My God is Here"

VT 67

Confession

L: Loving God, we come before You now, acknowledging that over the last week, where we have failed to love others as You love us,

P: Where we have not seen others in the way that You see them, where we have not followed You in the way You have called us to, where we have not invited others to come and see Your glorious deeds, where we have not sought to know You more deeply.

L: Forgive us God, for those times that we have failed to live as You would have us live,

P: for those times we have not embodied our faith, for those times that we have not glorified You with our bodies, for those times we have thought everything is about us, for those times we have not recognized You calling to us.

L: Forgive us God, and make us whole once again.

P: Renew us to be a community that sees the beauty in the world and people around us, a community that is known by You and seeks to make You known in the world.

All: Call to us afresh this day. Amen

Assurance

L: Hear these words of assurance! Our God is a Wonderful God, who knows us by name, and even when we miss the mark, even when we fail, our God invites us to be seen and fully known, to come and follow, to see and be a part of greater things.
Praise be to God!

Children's Story

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" VT 84

Scripture: John 1:43-51

Sermon: "Searching in the Dark"

Hymn: "Christ is Alive and Goes Before Us" VT 565

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: "Use Us, God" VT 811

Offering to Mennonite Disaster Service

Welcome! We are glad you are here! Please come again!

Children in Sunday School today heard about "Bigger Barns", (Luke 12:13-21) - *Share what you have*. Next Sunday we'll learn we should *Work Hard* as told in Proverbs 6:6-8 with the Ant & Sluggard.

The adult Sunday School class uses Salt & Light discussion guides (stand-alone lessons). Come join us in the room at the bottom of the stairs as your schedule allows

Pastor Josh will be ordained next Sunday, January 21 at a special service at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Guest speaker will be his mentor, Wilmer Harder of Buehler Mennonite Church. Speaking at 10:30 a.m. will be Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Conference Minister. A catered meal will be served following the morning service. To help with planning, please **RSVP by January 14 by signing up on the bulletin board** or email the church office. We hope you can attend this special event for Pastor Josh.

Tuition Fund pledges/donations: Thank you for your tuition fund donations for Clair's first semester. We are now asking for donations to meet our second semester pledge to Bethel College for Clair Janssen.. The second semester pledge for her tuition is \$4500 and due January 9. Donations for this may be put in the offering plate, marked "tuition pledge".

If your **address or phone number have changed** (or your land line disconnected) in the past year, please let the office know.

To those who bought poinsettias, thank you and please take it home today.

I would like to Thank everyone for your prayers, visits, food and all acts of kindness shown to me these past couple months. It was all very much appreciated. Thank You Pastor Josh for your visits also. It seemed like a long road, but the Dear Lord was with me all the way and has brought me back to good health again, which I am very Thankful for.
Best Wishes to you ALL in 2024. **Marjorie Epp**

The 2024 MCC State Relief Sale will be held April 5 and 6 in Aurora. If you plan to come Friday and stay overnight, book your hotel room now at Ken's in Aurora. They do sell out for this weekend. Later we will have more information regarding the date quilts are due. Shepherd groups and individuals start planning your items to donate to the auction now! It will be an exciting weekend you won't want to miss!!

Mennonite Public Educators group is **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at 6 pm CT**. This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. The conversation topic will be "CRT, Social-Emotional Learning, & Book Banning." There is no cost but registration is required. Email info@MennoniteEducation.org to receive the zoom link.

If you have food for Scott Jantzen please call Lori Thimm, 402-239-3611.

Beatrice Community **Blood Drive**, Jan 17 and 18 at Holiday Inn.