

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Power point: Lori Thimm	Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Gayland Regier & Jim Ensz	Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 101 **Offering:** FMC \$3,668.21;
Tech Fund \$225; MTM \$500

Today's Offering: Mother to Mother **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, July 27	9:30 am Adult Sunday School only 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, July 29	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, August 3	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

Late July Birthdays:

18: Amanda Thimm	22: Zella Penner
25: Marjorie Epp	28: Lisa Goossen

Early August Birthdays:

1: Miles Esau	6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman
7: Mitch Williamson	11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz
11: Debbie Keeney	12: Abby Trantham
16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm	21: Kyle Baade

- 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 may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
- Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.
- **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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Pastors: Josh Janzen; 402-631-3481; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org
Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),
Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know when **members marry or have new births** so it can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.

Bethel College Fall Fest! October 2-5.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

July 27, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: In a world where the powerful often seem to prevail,
P: we gather to remember that God brings reversals.
L: In times when fear tells us to stay silent,
P: we come to listen for the voice of courage.
L: Though God may seem hidden and distant,
P: we trust that God is working behind the scenes.
L: Come, beloved community—step into the story of Esther,
P: and be ready to live faithfully—for such a time as this.

Prayer

Hymn: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

VT 95

Confession and Assurance

L: Merciful God, we confess that too often, we choose
comfort over courage,
silence over speaking,
and fear over faith.
**P: Forgive us, O God, when we fail to act for justice,
when we hide what is true,
when we forget who we are and whose we are.**
L: Like Esther, you call us to speak,
to stand,
and to trust your presence—
even when we cannot see it clearly.
**P: Strengthen our hearts.
Sharpen our vision.
Help us live with courage for such a time as this.**

Assurance:

L: Hear this good news:
The God who works through ordinary people
is already at work in you.

God's grace goes ahead of us, behind us, and within us.
In Christ, we are forgiven, empowered, and sent.
P: Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" VT 421
Offering is for Mother to Mother

Scripture: Esther 4:12-16

Sermon: "For Such a Time as This" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" VT 549

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "We are People of God's Peace" VT 797

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Join us this summer as we explore the powerful stories of **women in Scripture**—courageous, faithful, complex, and often overlooked. From prophets and peacemakers to mothers and outsiders, these women bear witness to God's work in unexpected places. Each week, we'll reflect on how their lives speak to our own journeys of faith, justice, and discipleship today. Come and be inspired by the fierce grace and quiet strength found in the **Women of the Bible!**

Summer Faith Formation Resources to weave into your summer!

- **It's a Party!** Sign up for **virtual WDC Library Summer Story Days** for ages 3-8 at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6.
- **"Follow the Peace Path" Cards** are available by the mailboxes. Ideal for family time at home. 1 per family please.

The Master Calendar for 2025 is missing. It always sits on the safe in the office so members can put reservations, activities, etc. on it. If you know what happened to it, please let Vicki Frerking know.

The Decorating Committee invites you to **share your garden flowers or special occasion bouquets** in church. Contact Zella Penner with questions.

WDC Annual Assembly Aug 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. **Our church delegates** are Debbie Goossen, Dan Kunzman, and Vern Jantzen. You can watch commission, task force, and ministry partner impact videos on our YouTube Channel, "[Western District Conference MC USA](#)" to get a taste of what WDC leaders are doing on your behalf and with you!

There will be a congregation business meeting following worship on August 24 for reelection of Pastor Josh. Our constitution and bylaws state:

- a. Reelection of pastor. The vote to extend the call of the pastor for another 3-year term may be taken on a Sunday morning prior to or after the Worship Service. (Must be present to vote.)

Review forms will be available August 4 and must be returned by Aug 17. Pastor Josh will have completed 3 years at FMC on August 31.

Camp T-shirt comforter raffle and one for sale for \$500. Raffle tickets are available for purchase through Aug 3, (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-raffle>. If you want to be guaranteed to get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, without the chance of a raffle, one is for sale for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Centenary United Women in Faith invite you to attend a **Salad Supper** Thursday, August 7 at 6 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. Inspirational Speaker Barbara Jo Burns will speak on SPOONS! Bring a spoon! Call 402-223-3424 to RSVP (or centenaryumc29@gmail.com) by noon on August 5. There is no charge but RSVP's are needed for planning. Individually wrapped snacks of chips, candy, granola bars, gummies, etc. and cash will be **collected for Mother to Mother's Youth to Youth program.**

The Beatrice Youth to Youth Center is always looking for volunteers. Contact them at youth2youthcenter@gmail.com. The center is also available to rent for parties.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed August 3 to help support Beatrice FFA, 7:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey. Adults \$10.00, children (to age 12) \$6.00 at the door. Children (3 & under) free.