

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Ushers: Doug Casey & Bryan Video: Henry Trantham

Last Sunday: Offerings: MMN \$2,290; FMC \$400

Attendance: 68

Offering today: The Foster Closet **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, June 2 10:30 am VBS Program during worship
Tuesday, June 4 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
5:00 pm Shep Grp 2 serves Warrens Table
Sunday, June 9 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

June Birthdays:

3: Dorothy Zimmerman 4: Missionary Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham
16: Van Vanderschaaf, Kollyns Hohensee
20: Gayland Regier 22: Rikki Hohensee
27: Deb Goossen 28: June Diller

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
 - **Food Pantry** items may go in box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
 - Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
 - Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
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Don Esau (402-223-9210). **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

June 2, 2024

Vacation Bible School Program

Welcome & 2024 VBS Recap

Jane Esau, Linsey Schardt, Shana Ensz

Theme Song: "Start the Party"

VBS kids

Our Bible Verse to Remember:

Acts 2:28

"You always show me the path that leads to life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you."

"I've Got the Joy"

VBS kids

Week's Offering Challenge

Jane Esau & Linsey Schardt

The Foster Care Closet

Worship Offering Challenge to The Foster Care Closet

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

VT 103

Drama

VBS kids

Bible Story

VBS kids

Drama Wrap-Up

VBS kids

"Never Better"

VBS kids

"Sanctuary"

VBS kids

Prayer

Linsey Schardt

The Week in Pictures

Linsey Schardt

Worship Offering Challenge Reveal	Jane & Linsey
Sharing and Prayer	Pastor Josh
Blessing	Pastor Josh
Hymn: “You Shall Go Out with Joy”	VT 847
Sending Song: “Go, My Children”	VT 830

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

Summer Intergenerational Sunday School will be held on June 9th & 23rd, July 14 & 28, and August 11.

The adult Sunday School uses stand-alone lessons. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can! We'll be joining the Intergenerational Sunday School Class when they meet.

If you missed Safe Church Training (previously called Safe Sanctuary) there is an online option to make it up. Please watch the training video and sign the Memo of Understanding. If you have questions about Safe Church, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Sarah!

Video: <https://youtu.be/dGr8r5j60wY>

Memo of Understanding: <https://forms.gle/1u2akGFQHfbGtJvP7>

Pastor Josh's grandma, **Elvina Janzen**, passed away on May 27 at the age of 90. Services will be held at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson on Wednesday, June 19.

Congratulations to Jacob Jansen and Symantha Shelton who will be married on June 8. May God Bless you and your future.

Emmalyn Hiebert, 86, passed away May 24 at Beatrice Good Samaritan Home. Her body has been donated to UNMC. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. www.gerdesmeyerfh.com

Homestead Harmonizers will be leading our worship service on July 7. A **potluck meal** will follow for the singers, spouses and our congregation. Drinks and table service will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share!

2024 MCC Golf Tournament Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. Tee Time start at Indian Trails Country Club, Beemer, NE. 2-person scramble, \$140 per team. Cart & lunch included. Sign up by June 12 please.

WDC Annual Assembly at FMC August 2-4. Assembly theme is “In Community We Transform” (Romans 12). We'll be exploring what authentic Anabaptist Christian community looks and sounds like today in WDC and beyond. How do followers of Jesus share the good news and minister in Jesus' name for justice, hope, peace, and new life? FMC is allowed 8 delegates. **Delegate** sessions are Saturday, Aug 3. Talk to Jerry Reimer if you'd like to be a delegate. Join in the fun of the Family Festival Saturday evening. Pastor Sarah Neher will lead a session of the faith formation track Saturday, August 3 at Summit Street Church. Worship services Friday evening and Sunday morning will be at FMC. Registration will open next week.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum invites you to view the **immigrant flags** in church cemeteries recognizing the FAITH, COURAGE, and ACTION of the 1874 immigrants and sacrifices they made coming to America. The flags are displayed in the Alexanderwohl, Tabor, Goessel, and Lehigh church cemeteries through June 5. Come listen to their voices flutter in the breeze!

You are invited to the dedication and celebration of the new **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** Cabinet Shop and Warehouse Sunday, June 9th at 604 E. Main Street, Goessel, KS from 4-8 pm. Free admission. There will be tours of the cabinet shop, warehouse, a concert and MDS Storm/tornado simulator.

The **Gage County Historical Society** and Museum invites you to explore special events this summer.

- -The **Summer Exhibit** at the museum is titled “**Big Blue Reservation: Struggles and Hopes of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe**”, on display through September 30. There will be videos every Saturday morning at 11:00 am at the Museum presented by the National Parks Service. On July 11 and August 15, 6 p.m., the Library will host Humanities Nebraska speakers to provide insight into the lives of the Plains Tribes. On August 29, 6 pm, the Library will host speaker Margaret Jacobs of the Center for Great Plains Studies and Christina Goodsen and Cory DeRoin of the Otoe/Missouria Tribe.

- -A **150th Anniversary Celebration of the Elijah Filley Stone Barn** will be held July 13-14 at the barn. There will be demonstrations, food and beverage vendors, stage performances, an outside movie, a pioneer church service and old-fashioned picnic, followed by a 19th Century American game of Cricket.

- -Please see the announcements on the bulletin board for more information on these.

Vacation Bible School!

**"Start the Party! Celebrate the Good News!"
Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party!**

Thank you to all who helped make VBS possible! Whatever you did to help this week, you are appreciated! Thanks to Marv & Lisa Goossen for Pizza Wednesday night.

VBS Offering Project is for The Foster Care Closet at First Baptist Church, Beatrice. We asked students/families to bring new clothes and/or cash for the closet throughout the week. **We challenged ourselves to collect \$350 worth or more in donations.**

Additional Challenge! If \$3500 or more is collected in Sunday's offering, (June 2), **WATER PARTY/BALLOONS!???**

VBS Committee: Jane Esau, Erin Vanderschaaf, Linsey Schardt

Decorating: Zella Penner

Morning Worship, Music, Drama: Pastor Josh, Pastor Sarah, Shana Ensz

Crew Leaders:

Laura Williamson, Dolores Jantzen, Emma & Ella Brueggemann

Bible Response: Sue Gerber, Asha Jantzen, Vicki Hinz-Ensz,
Amanda Thimm, Linsey Schardt

Crafts: Lisa Goossen, Doreen Janzen, Darcy Esau, Robbyn Hohensee,
Kollyns Hohensee, Jennifer Brueggemann, Annette Dell

Recreation:

Kendra Hacker, Barb Thimm, Brendan Thimm, Riley Schardt, Maddox Bent

Snacks: Lori Thimm, Pat Penner, Elsie Riesen



A HUGE THANK YOU to all our VOLUNTEERS!



2024 Students:

Pre-K-Kdg: Leader Laura Williamson

Piper Heinz, Callan Baade, Paige Rheem, Navy Esau,
Parker Williamson, Sam Vanderschaaf, Camila Benavides,
Jude Ebert, Mason Fast

Grades 1-2: Leader Dolores Jantzen

Beckett Heinz, Betsy Baade, Ryan Hohensee, Olivia Amazan,
Colbi Rheem, Maxson Esau, Braxton Williamson, Sloan Esau,
Stella Ensz, Blake Thimm, Eli Ebert, Ryder Bent,
Remington Fast

Grades 3-5: Leaders Emma & Ella Brueggemann

Langston Johnson, Anders Baade, Rikki Hohensee,
Nettie Henning, Jack Miller, Matalynn Miller, Miles Esau,
Graham Schardt, Lyric Barnhouse, Jude Vanderschaaf,
Denise Jantzen, Austin Gronemeyer, Elsa Brueggemann,
Maverick Fast

Tony, Hannah, and Samantha Tegtmeier

Parents, Thank You for sending your Children to VBS!!

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