

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau	Audio: Marv Goossen
Children's Story: Dan Kunzman	Hosts: John & Zella Penner
Ushers: Bryan Heinz & Doug Casey	Video: Jane Esau
PowerPoint: Debbie Goossen	

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$3090; Tuition Fund \$200; Tech \$200

Attendance: 84

Offering today: MMN **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, March 24	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
Tuesday, March 26	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, March 27	6:30 p.m. Peace Club & Prayer Partners Meal JYF, SYF
Thursday, March 28	6 p.m. Maundy Thursday meal & foot washing
Sunday, March 31	7 am Sunrise Service at Chautauqua Tabernacle 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, NO KIDS SS 10:30 am EASTER Worship

March Birthdays

4: Daryl Riesen, Karen Wiebe	8: Kyle Riesen, Darcy Esau
14: Pastor Josh	15: Bev Claassen
16: Rodney Ensz	17: Doug Penner, Stella Ensz
21: Hannah Tegtmeier	24: Roger Claassen
25: Parker Williamson	26: Callan Baade
28: Navy Esau	29: Baker Esau, Sarah Neher
30: Sue Gerber	

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **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
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- Our service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab. Select Documents, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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Don Esau (402-223-9210. **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Welcome

Brandon Esau

Call to Worship

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

L" Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

Prayer

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

VT 408

(kid's processional with palm branches during hymn)

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Psalm 51)

L: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,

P: forgive us.

L: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and put our trust in horses of way,

P: remind us of this Palm Sunday.

L: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now",

P: bring us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet".

Children's Story

Dan Kunzman, Dolores Jantzen, Jim Ensz

Hymn: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

VT 316

Scripture readings: Matthew 21:1-17

Sermon: “What Song are you Singing?” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” VT 313

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “My Soul Cries Out” VT 412

Offering to Mennonite Mission Network

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

Children’s Sunday School today: For Palm Sunday, we’ll study Matthew 21:1-11, Jesus came to be our Savior. Next Sunday, Easter, Pastor Sarah is planning an Intergenerational Sunday School event with lots of fun ideas.

The adult Sunday School uses Salt & Light stand-alone lessons. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

Intergenerational Easter Event! All ages are invited to join for a light breakfast and Easter activity. Similar to stations of the cross there will be stations that tell the story of Jesus’s death and resurrection. As you make your way through the Easter story participants will have the opportunity to create a set of Resurrection eggs. They are plastic eggs, that don’t have candy or prizes inside. Rather, inside each egg is a symbol that represents a part of the story of Jesus’s death and resurrection. We hope to see you there!

First Mennonite, Summit Street Church, Church of the Brethren, and Holy Cross will hold an **ecumenical sunrise service beginning at 7:00 AM next Sunday** at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. You’re invited to attend!

Donations of FLAT TWIN SHEETS to Women Mission Society, would be appreciated. They are used for backs of Comforts that we tie and send to MCC for Relief. MCC likes the darker colors, Navy, Black, Gray, Tan. You may leave them on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you very much- WMS.

Thank you to all who helped with Church Cleaning Thursday and Friday!

Tuition Fund pledges/donations: Thank you for your tuition fund donations for Clairra Janssen at Bethel College. Approximately \$1100 is still needed to meet our second semester pledge of \$4500. Donations may be put in the offering plate, marked “tuition pledge”.

A combined **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday gathering** will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 pm. We will have fellowship in the basement including optional foot/hand washing, a shared meal, and **communion**. A short worship service will follow in the sanctuary. The meal will include soups and bread. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those willing to provide food. Food will need to be at church between 5:30 and 5:45 pm.

There is a **signup sheet** on the bulletin board for **helpers** to serve, collect money, and cleanup at the MCC **Windsor Loim Meal** on Saturday, April 6.

Prayer Partners are invited to join Peace Club for their final meeting March 27, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Supper provided.

FMC’s LENTEN DECORATIONS: There are 2 displays where items have been added each week.

Feb. 18 – The burlap and feet represent our journey and God leading us.

Feb 25 – A cross was added symbolizing we need to look within ourselves to where we have allowed hatred and violence to enter in.

March 3 – A scroll with the Ten Commandments to remind us that when the world pulls us in different directions, to look to God and the path He leads us.

March 10 – A candle is added for God’s shing light.

March 17 - For a seed to produce anything, it has to die before it will grow. We are like that seed. God wants us to surrender.

March 24 – The palm branch symbolizes victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. The white cotton represents the Lamb of God, crucified for us.

Thank you to all who donated to **My Coins Count!** March 10 we received \$276.31; thank you to Jim and Vicki Hinz Ensz for matching! March 17 we received \$285; thank you to John and Lori Thimm and to Dorothy Zimmerman for matching! **Please let Dan or Pam Kunzman know if you would like to match My Coins Count.**

FMC Youth! First Mennonite will again pay your registration to attend Camp and pay for a souvenir T-shirt! Register online and then let the FMC office know you’ve registered.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Wednesday, March 27 at the Holiday Inn Banquet room. Breakfast will be served starting at 6:00 a.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pastor Josh will offer devotions. The keynote speaker is Trev Alberts, UNL Director of Athletics. Contact Tracy Crawford for tickets. Casual dress encouraged.

Tegtmeier update: Chris and Tony are home and all are adjusting to the new normal. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! (There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for meals.)

MCC SALE UPDATES:

- Register your auction items at <https://www.nebraskamccsale.org>
 - After you submit your form, scroll down and click on Print Registration Form
 - Attach Registration Form to your item and bring it to church.
 - Deadline to register an item is March 31. Anything we bring to the auction that is not registered by the 31st will need to be entered at the sale.
- This year all meals will be in the Commercial building (Quilt building). This is a change and we are working out the details now.
- The Ag Building will be the location for the Quilt Auction. The Pork Sandwiches will be sold there. Kid's Auction items will be there as well.
- ORDER A T-SHIRT at [nebraskamccsale.org](https://www.nebraskamccsale.org). The online store is open until March 24.
- **Please sign up to bring Pie, Bread, and/or Jam** – signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- Please sign up to **help with** serving, setup, and/or clean up for the **Windsor Loin Dinner**, signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- You may bring your Hygiene Kits to church prior to April 4 and put them on the pew behind the table for auction items.
- A Doll House will be sold during the Art Auction. The doll house measures 33"x36"x19"

**Hope to see you all at the
45th Nebraska MCC Relief Sale on April 5-6, 2024**

Save the Date! Homestead Harmonizers will lead the worship service on **July 7**. The men and spouses will join us for a potluck meal.

WDC Annual Assembly will be **August 2-4, 2024, at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE**. The due date for resolutions to be submitted for the delegate session is **April 5**. Per the WDC Policy Manual, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual Assembly. The resolution policy can be viewed on our website. Resolutions can be sent to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117 or emailed to wdc@mennowdc.org

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: You can help with the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month); bath towels (dark colored, light-medium weight); laundry soap (Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions? Call 316.283.2720. Kit contents list is at mcc.org/kits.

“A Goodly Heritage: A Musical Drama Sharing a History of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites” will be performed on March 23 at 7 pm and March 24 at 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church as part of the 150th Celebration of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites and many other groups came to the US in 1874 from Volhynia, Russia. Written and directed by Jenny Schrag. Another event as a part of the 150th anniversary celebration, is a **Genealogy Research Seminar** to be presented Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm at the new Newton Library, 223 East 7th Street in Newton, Kansas.(This session will also be live streamed on the Newton Library Facebook page.) The presentation is free and open to all.

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner, April 5, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church. This event will be recorded, but not live-streamed. Contact the museum by April 1 (620.367.8200 or email goesselmuseum@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets for the Low German sausage meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Prices are \$75 per person, ages 12 and under are \$15, and first-time attenders are \$40.

Southeast Comm. College Horticulture Program will hold their annual **bedding plant sale** April 29, 4-7, and April 30 and May 1, 10 – 6 on the SCC Campus, west entrance.

The YMCA has some spots left in the **free cancer survivor program**. Contact Rachael Bauman at 402-223-5266 for more information.

Intergenerational Easter Event



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to a light breakfast
and Easter activity

on Easter morning,
9:30 a.m., FMC Fellowship Hall.

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resurrection.**



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an ecumenical
Easter Sunrise Service
on March 31, 2024, 7:00 a.m.
at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle.



Hosted by
First Mennonite Church
Summit Street Church
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