

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Piano: Kathy Casey & Vicki Ensz Power point: Symantha Janzen
Audio: Jim Ensz Video: John Thimm
Children's Story: Erin Vanderschaaf Ushers: Doug & Jake

Last Sunday: Attendance: 72 **Offering:** FMC \$300; MMN \$1,861.11;
Tech Fund \$225; WDC \$300

My Coins Count: \$1,101.80 Matched by Larry & Kathy Thimm
and Kyle & Laura Baade

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

Coming Up:

Sunday, March 30 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, April 1 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
5:00 pm Shepherd Grp 1 serves WC Dinner
Wednesday, April 2 6:30 pm Community Event
Saturday, April 5 Anna Brueggemann & Samuel Bilger wedding

Late March Birthdays

25: Parker Williamson 26: Callan Baade
28: Navy Esau 29: Baker Esau, Pastor Sarah
30: Sue Gerber

April Birthdays

2: Ella Crawford 5: Sylvia Crawford
7: Henry Trantham 9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm 13: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz 20: Sloan Esau

- 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 go in the offering.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Our service is viewed** at <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.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
March 30, 2025

Call to Worship

L: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness.

P: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

L: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

P: Help us center on you.

**All: All are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day,
our living God.**

Prayer

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount"

VT 563

Confession and Assurance

All: Loving and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

L: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**P: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what
we have chosen to neglect.**

L: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**P: We cling to what we have and trust in material things,
ignoring the needs of those around us.**

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.

**Please help us open our hearts to society with open hands so
we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in
your name. Amen**

L: Now hear these **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** God tells us that we are
created in God's image. God created us for relationship with
God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break
our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Offering Hymn: "Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing"

VT 555

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: Breaking the Chasm

Hymn: "Beauty for Brokenness"

VT 712

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Christ Has No Body Here but Ours"

VT 568

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Pastor Sarah's office hours: (subject to change due to meetings, etc)

Sundays, 9-12

Tuesdays, 9-12

Wednesdays, 1-8

Fridays 9-2

Save the Date! April 27 for an FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch and Safe Sanctuary Training- After the youth fundraiser at noon, we will have Safe Sanctuary training. Annual training is required for all adults and youth in the congregation who are involved in care and activities for infants, children, youth, and handicapped individuals, including volunteers and employees. The training is encouraged for all congregants!

"Kids Meet Christ" is the new grant-funded worship initiative from Western District Conference. **You are invited** to attend the launch of the program and learn more on Saturday, May 3 from 11-3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. Debbie Goossen is attending. **If you would like to attend, please contact Debbie.** Participants will receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone (pastors, Sunday School teachers, etc.) who's passionate about children's faith.

A VBS volunteer sign up sheet is in your mailbox. We are asking mom's, dad's, grandma's, grandpa's and everyone in between to consider helping during VBS May 27 to the 30. Please return to Lori Thimm by April 13.
- Lori Thimm, Linsey Schardt and. Laura Williamson, VBS Committee

Pancake Feed: Ellis Methodist Church, March 30, 11-1. Free Will donation.

MY COINS COUNT! Thank you to everyone for your contributions and matches to My Coins Count for the past four weeks. Weekly totals were:
March 2, \$550.50, matched by John & Lori Thimm
March 9, \$523.12, matched by Jim & Vicki Ensz
March 16, \$557.83, matched by Gene & Pat Penner, & Marv & Lisa Goossen
March 23, \$1,101.80, matched by Kyle & Laura Baade, & Larry & Kathy Thimm. Total collected is \$2,733.25, plus matches equals \$7,126.13!

COMMUNITY EVENT this WEDNESDAY! Come at 6:30 for food followed by "Let's Fly Away with Birds of the Bible"

160 Onesies and Sleepers were collected during the last month for MCC kits! Thank you to all who contributed!

Camp Mennoscah: Men & Boys Retreat is April 4-6, 2025. Register for this and **Summer Camp** online now at campmennoscah.org. FMC will pay registration for FMC children to attend Summer Camp. Register online by April 1 if possible. In the sponsorship line, put First Mennonite Church, Beatrice. Volunteers in the kitchen and elsewhere are always needed.

Mother To Mother is having a **Mother's Brunch fundraiser** on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Vintage Venue in Beatrice. We are looking for corporate or individual sponsorships. If you are interested, please contact Lori Thimm or Josh Janzen. Individual tickets will go on sale in April.

Congratulations to **Holmesville Church of the Brethren** on their 150th Anniversary this weekend! May God bless the future of your ministry.

Greetings from Summit Street Church (SSC)! We invite you to two upcoming events, both will help us raise funds for our 28-year-old HVACs.
April 10-12, SSC Community Garage Sale in our parking lot & fellowship hall. If you have items to donate, let us know. We hope to see you!
May 04, at noon, we'll host a Taco Bar. A free-will offering will be accepted. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Andrew at 402-320-8759 or andrewsdungan@gmail.com

MONDAYS-IN-LENT is a weekly series of ecumenical worship services at several churches of Beatrice. The series is March 10th - April 7. Worship is at noon at each church, with a light lunch at 12:30 pm. The free-will offering for the luncheon goes to the host's choice. The remaining host churches are: --March 31 at Centenary UMC, by Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
--April 7, at First Christian, by Fr. Joseph Faulkner

Fish Fry's every Friday, March 7 – April 11, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6th & High. (Enter at NE School Doors). Baked & fried fish, sides, desserts & drinks \$12 Adults, \$6 kids 4-10, families \$40 max.