

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier
Piano: Erin VanderSchaaf Power point: Katie Jantzen
Audio: Marv Goossen Video: Lisa Goossen
Kids Story: Grace Tegtmeier
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Rick Brethouwer

Last Sunday: Attendance: 85 Offering: FMC General Fund: \$4,917
Today's Offering: Western District Conference **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 10 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am "Dad's Bring Kids to Church Day"
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, May 12 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, May 17 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Sunday School Teachers
Thank You Lunch & discussions

May Birthdays

1: Mike Goossen 7: Ann Regier Scheer 9: Justin Schardt
9: Shelton Crawford 10: Elaine Penner 13: Brandon Esau
14: Laura Williamson 15: Jude VanderSchaaf
16: Chris Tegtmeier 19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin VanderSchaaf
23: Alma Reimer 26: Tim Lichti 28: Rick Brethouwer

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- 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 for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
May 10, 2026



Welcome

Call to worship

L: We gather this morning as people on a journey, not yet where we are going, but not where we started. We come with our questions and our confidence, our weariness and our hope.

P: We do not come because we have arrived. We come because we have been taken hold of.

L: Christ has been raised from the dead. And because he lives, the past is not our prison and the future is not our fear.

P: We press on toward the One who pressed on for us.

L: Bring what you are carrying. The resurrection is not a reward for those who have it together, it is the ground under every single step. Let us worship the risen Christ.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer

Hymn 359: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Confession and Assurance

L: Lord God, we confess that we sometimes live as if the resurrection did not happen, as if the future were closed, as if death had the final word.

P: Forgive us, Lord. We have trusted our failures more than your grace.

L: We cling to what is behind, our regrets, our old identities, when you have called us to strain toward what is ahead.

P: Forgive us, Lord. We have looked backward when you are calling us forward.

L: We have settled for coasting when you have called us to press on. We have doubted that the power that raised Jesus is at work in us.

P: Forgive us. Reorient us. Set our faces toward the horizon you have prepared.

L: Hear the good news: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you. You are forgiven. You are taken hold of. The story is not over. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering Hymn: “In the Bulb There is a Flower” by Sunday Singers
(Offering for Western District Conference)

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:10-16

Sermon: “Pressing on”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 605: “My Life Flows On”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 816: “Guide My Feet”

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Baptism will be Sunday, June 7 at Baade’s Pond More details to come.

Thank You for your generous donations at our taco fundraiser last Sunday! You are **the best** in your support of us! – Pastor Sarah, JYF, SYF

Mother’s Morning Off – Instead of a Mother’s Day brunch this year, we’re giving moms the morning off! On May 10th, dads are invited to bring the kids to church at 9:30 a.m. for donuts, card-making, and outdoor play, while moms enjoy a morning to themselves.

Sunday School Teacher Thank You – On May 17th, following the church service, we will host a light lunch to thank our Sunday School teachers for this past year. There will also be time to share what went well and what might be ready for a change. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and care you invest in the children and youth of our congregation!

Celebrating Graduates – We want to celebrate the graduates in your life! Whether they’ve earned a certificate or a degree, from preschool to doctorate, near or far, we’d love to recognize them. Please send names and details to Pastor Sarah by May 10th.

FMC Apparel Store is Live! Please place orders online using the link below. Orders must be placed by May 11. Youth will be available in the library following church today to assist with ordering. Any questions, please ask **Darcy Esau**. <https://first-mennonite-church.spiritual.com/>

VBS registration is open at fmcbeatrice.org! A consent form is available there for you to print off and get back to Linsey Schardt. Registration/consent forms are also near the mailboxes. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend or a family to join the fun!

Vacation Bible School Snacks! Cookies or donations to purchase snacks are requested! Please talk to Kathy Casey if you’d like to donate.

Help get healthy food to people in Beatrice! West End Farm is accepting donations to provide fresh, local produce to the Beatrice Community Food Pantry and to Willow Center for distribution to families in need. For more details and to donate, visit westendfarmne.com/share or talk to Katie Jantzen.

7 FMC Youth are registered to attend Mennonite Camps this summer. FMC pays for kids’ registration and a T-shirt. **If you’d like to contribute to the Camp Fund, please put Camp Fund on the memo line.**

MCC Golf Tournament at the Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo, NE is on May 16th. 2 Person Scramble with Cart, Lunch, Awards, and Flag Prizes. Sign up by May 8 by emailing NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com or call/text Glen at 402-560-7818. Details on Facebook: NebraskaMCCGolf

Beatrice Farmer’s Market Free Kids POP (Power of Produce) Club
The POP Club is a free program that helps kids ages 4-12 explore fresh foods, learn where their food comes from, and have fun at the Farmers Market. Each week, children participate in hands-on activities focused on nutrition, cooking, and agriculture, earning \$3 POP dollars to buy their own fresh produce from market vendors. The Farmer’s Market is every Thursday, May 14 - October 8, 4:00-6:30 pm, 6th & High St.

Diaper Drive for Nebraska Early Development Network! Donated diapers size 3,4,& 5 and wipes may be left in the designated box in the coat closet. Questions? Talk to Shana Ensz.

Happy Mother’s Day!