

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Jerry Reimer Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz Power point: Debbie Goossen
Audio: Marv Goossen Video: Lisa Goossen

Kids Story: Grace Tegtmeier
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Rick Brethouwer

Last Sunday: Attendance: 79 **Offering:** FMC General Fund:\$6,650
WDC \$1,517; Camp Fund \$100

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mennonite Mission Network

Coming Up:

Sunday, May 17 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Sunday School Teachers
Thank You Lunch & discussions
Tuesday, May 19 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, May 21 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, May 24 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

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.
- **Beatrice Farmer's Market:** Thursdays, 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High St.

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church
May 17, 2026



Welcome

Call to worship

L: We gather this morning as people who live between two great realities.

P: The resurrection has already happened. Jesus is already risen.

L: The tomb is empty. Death has been defeated. The inheritance is kept.
The verdict is in.

P: And we do not yet see it fully. We are not yet home.

L: We grieve real things. We carry real weight. We live in a world that does
not always look like the victory we believe in.

P: And still, we worship.

L: Not because life is easy. Not because the hard things aren't hard. But
because the one we worship walked through death and walked back out,
and everything has changed.

P: He is risen. He is here. And he is coming.

L: So let us worship with honest hearts and forward-leaning hope.

**All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Prayer

Hymn 332: "In Christ Alone"

Confession

L: Lord, we confess that we live as though the resurrection hasn't changed
everything. We go through our days anxious, grasping, protecting
ourselves, as if the tomb were still sealed.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting what you have already done.

L: We confess that we hoard, our money, our comfort, our energy,
because we do not trust the inheritance you are keeping for us. We live
like people with nothing secured, when you have secured everything.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for living out of scarcity instead of abundance.

L: We confess that we perform, managing how we are seen, protecting
how we are known, because we have forgotten that our lives are hidden
with you, and your verdict is the only one that stands.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for seeking in the eyes of others what only you can give.

L: We confess that we have loved cautiously, hedging our affection, protecting ourselves, giving only what we can afford to lose. We confess that we have turned away from suffering, in the world and in ourselves, because we did not believe hope could hold the weight.

P: Forgive us, Lord, for living smaller than the resurrection calls us to live.

L: Forgive us. And in your mercy, make us new.

Assurance

L: People of God, hear the good news:

The one who walked out of the grave is the same one who receives your confession. Your failure is not the loudest word about you. By his great mercy, you have been born again, not by your effort, not by your consistency, but by his mercy alone.

P: The inheritance is still kept. The hope is still living.

L: And you are still being guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

L: Walk in that freedom.

All: Thanks be to God. amen.

Offering Hymn 408: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

(Offering for First Mennonite Church)

Children’s Story

Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon: “Already and Not Yet”

Pastor Josh

Hymn 621: “My Hope is Built”

Faith Formation Recognition

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 653: “Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God”

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.

Sunday School Teacher Thank You – Following the church service today, we will hold 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!

Congratulations to Henry Trantham on his graduation from Beatrice High School last Sunday. He will attend UNL for mechanical engineering.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Barnard, daughter of Susan and Doug Penner, who graduated May 8th from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling.

VBS is a week away! If you haven’t registered, get your forms to Linsey ASAP! Kids, 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.

Do you have a **favorite Bible verse** you would love to hear preached on? **My summer sermon series** is focused on favorite Bible verses, exploring what those beloved verses mean in the context of the whole chapter and story of Scripture. Submit your verse suggestions during the next weeks and into the summer! You can email, text, call, or write them down and place them in the offering plate. I look forward to hearing what Scripture has been meaningful to you. - Pastor Josh

Camp Mennoscah needs a head cook for June 21-25; kitchen staff for June 21-25 and July 5-9; and a nurse for July 19-24. Please contact Camp at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

Diapers size 3,4,& 5, and wipes for NE Early Childhood Development may be left in the box in the coat closet. Questions? Talk to Shana Enszen.

Nebraskans over the age of 50 are invited to share their opinions at the Beatrice Senior Center on May 21, 1:00 p.m. to help shape the future of services and care for aging populations. Hosted by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, your input will be part of Nebraskans across the state, helping the state understand current & future needs in our state

Beatrice Regional Orchestra concert today at 2 pm at the Hevelone Center.

VBS COMMUNITY PROJECT SNEAK PEEK!

Lets show God's love in a **BIG** way!

We will be collecting items for our local food pantry during VBS. Families, start thinking about items you may want to donate as we prepare to bless our community together!

Each day we will track our progress with fun updates & incentives to see how close we are to our goal.

Each item donated = 1 point

Every \$1 donated = 2 points

Then what?

If we reach our goal, Pastor Josh has agreed to take on a **HOT SAUCE CHALLENGE!** 🌶️💧

Suggested items to bring:

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| -taco shells/ taco seasoning | -canned soup |
| -pop tarts | - jelly |
| -pizza crust mix/pizza sauce | -canned soup |
| -cereal | -pancake syrup |
| -tomato juice | -ramen noodles |
| -graham crackers | -hamburger helper - |
| -saltine crackers | -shampoo - |
| -peanut butter | -bars of soap |
| -pancake mix | -shampoo |
| -laundry soap | -toilet paper |

'25-'26 Faith Formation Volunteers

- Jeanette Bryson-Epp | Education Council & Library Committee
Kathy Casey | Education Council, Peace Club, Sunday School, VBS
Rodney Ensz | Prayer Partner
Shana Ensz | Sunday School & VBS
Brandon Esau | Prayer Partner
Brett Esau | Prayer Partner & Youth Sponsor
Cara Esau | Sunday School & VBS
Darcy Esau | Education Council, Youth Sponsor, VBS
Jane Esau | Education Council Chair, Peace Club, Sunday School, VBS
Lynn Gerber | Prayer Partner & Youth Sunday School
Sue Gerber | Education Council & Peace Club
Debbie Goossen | Education Council, Sunday School, VBS
Bryan Heinz | Prayer Partner
Paula Heinz | Christmas Program, Youth Sunday School, VBS
Vicki Hinz-Ensz | Education Council Resource Director, Sunday School, VBS
Dolores Jantzen | Sunday School
Judy Jantzen | Sunday School & VBS
Vern Jantzen | Prayer Partner
Doreen Janzen | VBS
Jacob Janzen | VBS
Josh Janzen | Education Council & VBS
Dan Kunzman | VBS Committee
Zella Penner | VBS
Marcia Regier | Education Council & Youth Sponsor
Anita Reimer | VBS
Sarah Neher Reimer | Education Council, Youth Sponsor, VBS
Daryl Riesen | Prayer Partner
Kyle Riesen | Prayer Partner
Justin Schardt | Prayer Partner
Linsey Schardt | Education Council, Prayer Partner, Sunday School, VBS Chair
Chris Tegtmeier | Prayer Partner
Grace Tegtmeier | Prayer Partner, Youth Sunday School, VBS
Amanda Thimm | Prayer Partner, Sunday School, VBS
Barb Thimm | Education Council, Peace Club, Sunday School, VBS
Brad Thimm | Prayer Partner
Lori Thimm | Sunday School & VBS
Lesley Trantham | Prayer Partner & Sunday School
Erin VanderSchaaf | Christmas Program, Sunday School, VBS
Van VanderSchaaf | Prayer Partner & Sunday School
Laura Williamson | Christmas Program, Prayer Partner, VBS Committee