

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Brett Esau Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm  
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz Power point: Debbie Goossen  
Children's Story: Grace Tegtmeier Video: Pam Kunzman  
Ushers: Jake Janzen, Justin Schardt Audio: Jim Ensz  
**Last Sunday: Attendance: 87 Offering:** WDC \$2,317; FMC \$500;  
MMN \$300

**Today's Offering:** First Mennonite Church **Next Sunday:** MMN

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, May 18 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult SS  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, May 20 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Thursday, May 22 7:00 pm Church Board meeting  
Sunday, May 25 9:30 am Adult Sunday School only  
10:30 am Worship

**May Birthdays**

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

- 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 may go in the offering plate.
- **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**, but only reaches our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://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.
- Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see what's new at Western District Conference.
- **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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**Deacons:** Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),  
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 18, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, friends of Jesus –

**P: Christ has called us, chosen us, and named us beloved.**

L: Come, branches of the true vine –

**P: Let us abide in the love of Christ and bear the fruit of grace.**

L: Come, people of the resurrection –

**P: Let us worship with joy, for Christ's love has overcome death, and in him, our joy is made complete!**

Prayer

Hymn: **"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"**

VT 7

Confession

L: Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Loving God, you have called us to love one another as you have loved us –freely, fully, and without fear. But we confess that we do not always abide in your love.

**P: We cut ourselves off from you when we choose selfishness over compassion, apathy over action, comfort over justice.**

L: You have chosen us to bear fruit that will last,

**P: but too often we bear the fruit of fear, pride, or indifference.**

L: Forgive us, O God.

**P: Prune away what does not give life and help us return again to your love.**

L: Teach us to live as your friends,

**P: and to find joy in walking your way.**

**ALL: In the name of Jesus, our True Vine, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace:

L: Hear the good news: Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you—abide in my love."

**P: In Christ, we are forgiven, chosen, and made new.**

L: In Christ, joy is not withheld but given, overflowing and abundant.

**P: So we will live now in that grace—**

L: Rooted in love, nourished by mercy,

**P: and growing in the life of the risen Christ.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Offering Hymn: “Take My Life, and Let it Be”** VT 759  
Offering is for First Mennonite Church

### Children’s Story

**Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35, John 15:9-17**

**Sermon: “Let Love Be”** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”** VT 485

### Sharing and Prayer

### Benediction

**Sending Song: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** VT 831

### Passing the Peace

**Welcome** to those here in person and to those watching on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org/documents](http://fmcbeatrice.org/documents).

**Thank you** to everyone who reached out to my family following my Dad’s passing. We are extremely grateful for the prayers and support during this difficult time. -- Amanda Thimm and Laune families

**Congratulations to Claira Janssen** who is graduating this afternoon at 2:00 pm in Memorial Hall at Bethel College with a degree in Natural Science. Her new email address is [claira.e.janssen@gmail.com](mailto:claira.e.janssen@gmail.com).

**Camp Mennoscah Summer Camp! Accepting sponsors** for the traditional afternoon “generic pop” break for \$30/day or help purchase a commercial pool vacuum for the very important camp pool (cost is \$2000-\$2500). Also needed are music leaders, camp nurses, & volunteer kitchen help! If you can help with any of these, please contact Olivia at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Vacation Bible  
School  
May 27-May 30**

*“Waves of  
Wonder”*

- For kids who are **Kindergarten eligible to 5<sup>th</sup> grade completion**
- Please **register** online at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), with forms from the narthex, or with the QR code below, ASAP
- A current **Parental Consent Form** must be completed for each child. (Available on our website or at the church)
- VBS participants and families will have a **roller-skating party with pizza on Friday, May 30, immediately after VBS until 2:00 pm at the Rolla Rena in Beatrice. Pick up your child there.**
- **Donations** of cookies, bars, or cash are needed for snack time
- **VBS Program** is Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 at FMC
- **Offerings** are for the **diaper bank** at Mother to Mother, Beatrice. Our goal is 1,000 larger size diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, or pullups), 25 packages of **wipes**, and \$3,000 **cash donations** for the week.
- And a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our **VOLUNTEERS!!** We couldn’t do it without **YOU!!**



**The Summit Street Church community is deeply grateful** for the gift of presence and the financial support given by your faith community during the Taco Bar. Our congregation is learning not to limit the things God can do. We are intentionally moving from “resource questions” to “God questions,” believing that, as we change our perspectives, our way of seeing God will lead to greater community transformation. We are seeing magnificent things! Thank you for your generosity and for your involvement! We raised over \$2600 from the Taco Bar! Even better, we had conversations of consequence with your members and were able to be at table with some from Summit Street Church neighborhood. God is doing amazing things!

**Help get healthy food to people in Beatrice! West End Farm** is accepting donations to provide fresh, local produce to the Mother to Mother organization and the Beatrice Community Food Pantry for distribution to families in need. For more details and to donate, visit [westendfarmne.com/share](http://westendfarmne.com/share) or talk to Katie Jantzen.

Support Local Farmers at the **Beatrice Farmers Market!** Every Thursday from May 15 to October 9, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the corner of 6th & High.