

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber
Children's Story: Kathy Casey
Live Stream: Neal Trantham
Audio: Doug Casey
Ushers: Bryan Heinz & John Regier

Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Greeters: Dan & Pam Kunzman
PPT: Katie Jantzen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$3,270; Tech Fund: \$150; Camp Fund: \$50
Attendance: 107

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

Happening this week:

Sunday, May 7 9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, May 9 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, May 14 9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School
 Mother's Day 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

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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.
 - Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
 - Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.

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Website: fmcbeatrice.org **Church email:** office@fmcbeatrice.org

Deacons: Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174),
Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 7, 2023

Welcome

Brandon Esau

Call to Worship by Mary & Olivia Lovci

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Prayer

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

VT 30

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*VT 893 & 898 adapted*)

L: For failing to love others as you have loved us,

P: Jesus forgive us.

L: For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,

P: Jesus forgive us.

L: For plundering the earth and abusing the planet,

P: Jesus forgive us.

L: For losing heart, abandoning hope, and for all the ways we turn from you,

P: Jesus forgive us.

ALL: Christ our companion, you came not to humiliate the sinner but to disturb the righteous. Welcome us when we are put to shame, but challenge our smugness, that we may truly turn from what is evil, and be freed even from our virtues. Amen.

Hymn: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

VT 170

Children's Story

Kathy Casey

Special Music: "Never Lost"

Mary & Olivia Lovci

Scripture: John 15:4-17, Matthew 16:24-26

Sermon: "Friendship with Jesus"

Hymn: "When We Walk with the Lord"

VT 570

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

Childrens Sunday School is having a combined event today assembling MCC kits. Next Sunday they will have a combined event with their Mom's for Mother's Day.

The adult Sunday School class will begin discussing chapter five of the book Rethinking Life this week. Drop in and join us for discussion!

Thank you to Mary and Olivia Lovci for sharing their lovely voices with us this morning.

West End Farm is partnering with Mother to Mother to provide CSA produce boxes to families connected with Mother to Mother. If you would like to donate toward this project, contact Katie Jantzen.

Lost and Found! Please check under the mailboxes if the dishes or maroon women's jacket are yours.

WANTED! Baseball Gear! If you have any baseball gear taking up space at home, you may donate it for the new arrivals to play ball this spring and summer. You can put it in the box in the coat closet. Thanks!

VBS Registration ReDo! We had a glitch with our online VBS enrollment and didn't receive any of the enrollment forms. **Please register your children again using the online registration as it's working now.** Sorry for the inconvenience. Please register children by May 12th at fmcbeatrice.org. Click on the "Ministries" tab to find the VBS enrollment form. All students who are eligible for kindergarten through those who have completed 5th grade are welcome to attend!! A Parental Consent form is also needed. Thank you!

All are welcome to attend an **open house** brunch honoring **Abby Trantham** at First Mennonite on May 20 from 10:00 – 1:00.

The NE MCC Golf Tournament is August 12 at York Country Club. Register by July 30. More info is on the bulletin board.

Worship Council is doing some planning for the next several months. We are **looking for additional people** to help with **Children's Story** and/or serve as **Worship Leader**. We ask members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in these positions. Thank you. Please reach out to Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey.

United Women in Faith invite you to join them on Thursday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church dining room for fellowship and brunch featuring speaker **Diane Courtney of Burwood Books and Mother to Mother**. The cost of the meal is \$5. Please RSVP to the CUM Church office at 402-223-3424 by May 30.

FMC is offering **camp scholarships** to FMC youth to attend Mennonite affiliated Church Camps. The scholarship will cover the registration fee. Please register online and let the church office know you have registered.

Camp Mennochah: (campmennochah.org or 620-297-3290)

****Camp has received a matching gift of up to \$100,000!** Please consider donating so we may receive the maximum from this matching gift!

****Needed: Nurse for a partial week,** July 9-12, Junior High II Camp

****Looking for 5-gallon buckets** with lids for compost. We'll take lids or the lids and buckets.

Register today for **MennoCon23**, MC USA's leading faith formation event, and the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Early bird registration ends on May 14. convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration If you would like to **represent FMC**, please contact Jerry Reimer for more information.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, rural Newton KS.

Beatrice Regional Orchestra Concert: May 7, 2 p.m., Hevelone Center.

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