

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf	Greeters: Vern & Dolores Jantzen
PPT: Doreen Janzen	Children's Story: Christina Lyons
Live Stream: Neal Trantham	Audio: Jim Ensz
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber	Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

**Last Sunday:** Offerings: FMC, \$5,835; Meat Canning, \$1100  
Attendance: 91

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, November 13	9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, November 15	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying, Devotions
Thursday, November 17	7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting
Sunday, November 20	9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

**November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman	
3: Brad Thimm	4: Ernest Jantzen
5: Becky Billesbach	11: Darwin Jantzen
18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen	21: Elyse Scherling
24: Linsey Schardt	27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman
29: Lesley Trantham	30: Don Diller

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
  - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
  - **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
  - If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** to keep on your phone, please contact the office.
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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**  
**November 13, 2022**

**Welcome**

Erin Vanderschaaf

**A Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children –

**People: However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.**

Leader: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

**People: So this becomes a place where all are welcome.**

Leader: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other –

**All: Let us worship God together.**

*(Written by Beth Merrill Neel, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission)*

**Prayer**

Erin Vanderschaaf

**Hymn: "Come, Let us all Unite to Sing"**

VT 7

**Responsive Reading – Romans 8:31-35, 37-39**

L: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**P: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?**

L: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**P: Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

L: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors**

*through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, or anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Children's Story

Christina Lyons

Blessing for Operation Christmas Child boxes

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

VT 84

Scripture: Matthew 23:37-39

Sermon: "A Ferocious Love"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

VT 536

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for Western District Conference in narthex

**Welcome!** We're glad you are worshiping with us. 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](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

**Today the Sunday School children hear** of Daniel (Daniel 6) and learn that "We can choose what is right." Next Sunday we'll hear the story of Returning Home from Ezra 1:3:7-13; 6:13-22 and how we can celebrate God's faithfulness.

This week the **adult Sunday School** class is discussing chapter 3 ("Know your identity; show your identity") of the book "Reawakened". You are welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

**New email addresses:** Don Jantzen [donalDJantzen50@gmail.com](mailto:donalDJantzen50@gmail.com); Judy Jantzen [djJantzen1987@gmail.com](mailto:djJantzen1987@gmail.com)

With all the love and welcome we have experienced over the last few months, we would like to return the favor! On **Saturday December 3 from 2-6pm**, stop by our place for a **housewarming and Christmas open house!** There will be snacks, games, and fellowship. If you can make it, please **let us know by November 26** so we know how many to prepare for.



**-With love and gratitude, Josh and Steph**

**Thank you** to those who have taken **Operation Christmas Child boxes** home to pack! They will need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 13. Please remember to include the \$10 suggested donation per shoebox to cover shipping fees



**An MDS trip** to McAllen, TX is planned to work on the Lapasada Project November 14 through December 20. If you can help or have questions, please contact Marv Goossen (402-520-1609) or Jim Ensz (402-239-0062)

**Rides to Newton needed for the MCC Bucket of Thanks** Relief Kits made by the Peace Club kids and their Prayer Partners! Please contact Sue Gerber, 402.239.8857 if you are going to Newton in November.

All are invited to a **Thanksgiving potluck** with the newcomer families at noon on the 24<sup>th</sup> at church. Please RSVP to Zella Penner.

**Save the Date! Ladies Christmas Brunch** is December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at FMC. Sarah Schlegel will be our guest speaker.

**Deacon nominations will be accepted through December 4.** Please speak with your nominee before giving their name to Church Chair Dorothy Zimmerman.

**Save the Date! "No Time For Christmas,"** presented by the FMC instrumental ensemble, Sunday Singers, & Children. Sunday, December 18th during worship.

**Community Food Pantry Ingathering** is ongoing through November and December. Please drop off food, paper products, or personal hygiene items, at the pantry at St. John's Church. Cash donations also appreciated.

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed** to benefit the many children's programs in our community of Beatrice, **TODAY!** 7:30am-1p.m. at the Vet's Club, 701 Dorsey, Beatrice. Adults \$9, children ages 4-12 \$5. 3 and under Free.