

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Piano: Kathy Casey & Vicki Hinz-Ensz	Children's Story: Amanda Thimm
Live stream: Pam Kunzman	Audio: Doug Casey
Greeters: NEEDED	PPT: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Bill Thimm & Bryan Heinz	Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$3,405; Technology: \$200

Attendance: 85

Offering today: Mission Partners Stutzman's **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, Nov 26	9:30 a.m. No Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, November 28	1:30 pm WMS Quilting, Tying & Annual Meeting
Saturday, December 2	9:30 a.m. WMS Christmas Party
Sunday, December 3	9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Program Practice 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Community Potluck at FMC

Late November/Early December Birthdays

Nov. 21: Elyse Scherling	24: Linsey Schardt
27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman	
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen	30: Don Diller
Dec. 4: Maxson Esau	6: Kristin Ruiz
9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm	10: Gene Penner

- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **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.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our 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, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome

Welcome to First Mennonite Church

November 26, 2023

Brandon Esau

Call to Worship (Psalm 95, adapted)

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

P: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God,

P: and a great Ruler above all gods.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

P: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

L: For the LORD is our God,

**ALL: and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

Prayer

Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

VT 182

Litany of Thanksgiving (The Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer)

L: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

P: God's love is everlasting.

L: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

P: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

L: For the good world; for things great and small,

beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor;

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of togetherness;

for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For family; for living together and eating together;
for family amusements and family pleasures;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play
and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward
worn-out values; for their search for freedom;
for their solemn vows;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by
experience; for rest in leisure;
and for time made precious by its passing;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our
diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

P: We thank you, Lord God.

L: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news
we receive by Word and worship; for our life together in the Lord;

P: We praise you, Lord God.

L: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of
faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

P: We praise you, Lord God.

L: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died
and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;

**P: We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

P: God's love is everlasting.

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

VT 436

Children's Story

Amanda Thimm

Scripture: Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon: "Joyfully Give Thanks"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name"

VT 637

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Praise God"

VT 70

Offering to our Mission Partners: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

No Children's Sunday School today. Practices for the Christmas program will be held during Sunday School time on December 3, 10, and 17.

The adult Sunday School class will use the Salt & Light discussion guide beginning Dec 3. All are welcome to attend, popping in and out as your schedule allows. Each lesson stands alone. Booklets are in the Adult Sunday School for you to pick one up.

FMC Community Potluck next Sunday, Dec 3 at 5:30 pm! Please bring food to share and friends!. Drinks and table service provided.

WMS Annual meeting is Nov. 28 after lunch. We will not meet during December. All ladies and young girls are **invited to the Christmas Party** Saturday, **December 2** at 9:30 a.m.

Deacon nominations are being accepted through December 10. Please speak with your nominee before giving their name to Chair Jerry Reimer. Of note, Don Esau is eligible for re-election.

Tuition Fund pledges/donations may be put in the offering plate marked as such. Second semester funds are due January 9.

"Share the Warmth". There is a collection box in the coat rack to put coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, etc. in good condition through Dec 4. Sponsored by Best Foot Forward 4-H Club.

Poinsettia orders are due by Dec. 3. Order forms (by the mailboxes) with payment (\$18) should be put in Linsey Schardt's mailbox.

Today's offering is for our Mission Partners, Dave & Rebekka Stutzman. Our support pledge is \$5000/year. This is the only yearly offering we hold for them. Please help us reach our pledge with your offering today.

Homestead Harmonizers and Beatrice Regional Orchestra present **"Celebrate the Season"**, Sunday, Dec 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hevelone Center. Tickets are \$10 at the door; 18 & under are free.