

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Lori Thimm
Pianist: Karen Wiebe	Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Power point: Christina Lyons	Audio: Van VanderSchaaf
Ushers: Gayland & Jake	Video: Jane Esau
Children's Time: Deb Goossen	

Last Sunday Attendance: 92 **Offering:** Camp Mennoscah \$2035;
FMC \$4200

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

Sunday, October 5	9:45 am "Harvest of Thanks" Breakfast 10:30 am Worship with Communion
Tuesday, Oct 7	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 4:30 pm Youth Group Serves Warens Table
Wednesday, Oct 8	6:30 pm Peace Club; No JYF or SYF
Saturday, Oct 11	10 am – All Day Kent Hohensee Golf Benefit 2:30-4:00 pm Steph Janzen Baby Shower
Sunday, Oct 12	9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

October Birthdays:

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman Anniv.
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	12: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson, Terri Brethouwer	
23: Boston Crawford	25: Betsy Baade
29: Brendan Thimm	30: Lynn Gerber
31: Duane Claassen	

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- 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.
 - Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**
 - Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.
 - **Welcome** to all who are worshiping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who hunger- not just for food but for justice.

P: We come with empty hands and longing hearts.

P: Come, all who thirst- not just for water, but for righteousness.

P: We come seeking the fullness only God can give.

L: Jesus says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

P: For we shall be filled.

L: So come, people of God. Let us worship the One who satisfies holy hunger.

**ALL: We come to worship, to pray, to fast, and to hope.
God, meet us here.**

Prayer

Hymn: "Hark! The Glad Sound!"

VT 217

Confession and Assurance

L: O God, we confess that we have grown comfortable in a world of injustice.

P: We have numbed the ache, silenced the hunger, and turned away from the pain of others.

L: When our neighbors cried out, we were too distracted to hear.

P: When your Spirit stirred us to act, we stayed on the sidelines.

L: Forgive us, God, for choosing ease over mercy, and comfort over compassion.

P: Forgive us for the ways we have resisted your justice.

L: Restore in us a holy hunger.

P: Make us restless again- for your righteousness, your kingdom, your healing justice.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness- for they will be filled.

P: Thanks be to God. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called again to hunger for what is right.

All: Amen.

Offering Hymn: *“Build Your Kingdom Here”*

VT 393

(Offering is for First Mennonite Church)

Children’s Story

Scripture: Matthew 5:6

Message: *“The Hunger That Heals”*

Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: *“The Bread We Break is Telling”*

VT 466

Communion

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *“God of Justice”*

VT 772

Passing the Peace

Welcome! We’re glad you’re here and hope to see you again!

Fasting and Prayer: Fast from one meal, or from a distraction like technology or news. Use that time to pray boldly. Let your physical hunger stir deeper hunger for God and for justice. Pray for those who hunger in body and spirit. Pray for peace where there is violence, equity where there is greed, hope where there is despair. Fasting doesn’t ear God’s favor, but it reorients our hearts. It pulls us out of comfort and into compassion, anchoring our longings in God’s power.

Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting is October 19 at 6:30pm at Hope Mennonite Church. All are invited to attend.

Thank you to the children and youth for the **“Harvest of Thanks”** they provided this morning! Another great opportunity for food and fellowship!

Kent Hohensee Golf Benefit & Event, October 11 at the Wymore Country Club. 18 Hole 4-man Scramble begins at 10 am, register at 9. \$200 per team (includes a light lunch) with \$40 cart rental. Silent Auction is from 9 am to 7 pm. The gun raffle is at 7 pm. Don’t golf? Join us in the club house for the Husker game! A benefit account has been set up at First State Bank Nebraska, Beatrice to help Kent and Robbyn with expenses.

Women and girls! You are invited to an **open house baby shower for Stephanie Janzen** on Oct. 11 from 2:30-4:00 pm in the church basement!

We join with others today as **we celebrate World Communion Day.**

Be sure you have the Mini Auction date of October 19 on your calendar!

Nursery Use- We ask that children not be left unattended for long periods in the nursery during Sunday services or Wednesday night activities, toys are put away, and that messes are cleaned up. Thank you for helping us care for our space!

Fall Sermon Series: *Backwards Blessings*. We are journeying through Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5 under the theme *Backwards Blessings*. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus turns the world’s values upside down, calling the poor, the grieving, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers “blessed.” Each week we’ll discover how Jesus’ *Backwards Blessings* can shape our faith and invite us into a new way of seeing and living.

Trunk or Treat at Summit Street Church: We would love to have some FMC folk bring their trunks for Trunk or Treat on October 31, from 5-7 pm. Decorate your trunk, dress up (or not!) and join the fun handing out treats with us at 1220 Summit Street. Free hot dogs, popcorn, & drinks!

Meat Canning: Dates are Thursday & Friday, Nov 13 & 14 in Milford. You are encouraged to help with this project with labor or monetary donations. Chicken meat looks to be close to \$1.85 a pound which means an extra \$10,000 will be needed to can our usual amount. Donations may be given in the offering plate.

Mosaic 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Martin Luther Home on **Sunday, Oct 5**, 1-4 pm on their campus in Beatrice. Tours, games, refreshments, and the opening of the new MLH Museum will take place.