

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf Children's Story: Debbie Goossen
Live stream: Lisa Goossen Audio: Marv Goossen
Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen PPT: Debbie Goossen
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & John Regier Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Last Sunday: Offerings: Camp Mennoscah: \$2,350; FMC: \$150

Attendance: 75

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mennonite Mission Network

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 1 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, October 3 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 4 6:30-7:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, Oct 8 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship

October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	4: Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary	
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz	16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt	20: Braxton Williamson
20: Terri Brethouwer	23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade	29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber	31: Duane Claassen

- 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.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- 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.

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



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
World Communion Day, October 1, 2023

Welcome

Brandon Esau

Call to worship (Katherine Hawker)

P: The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L: A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the
air come and make nests in its branches.

P: The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of
flour until all was leavened.

P: The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then
joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

P: The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L: A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great
value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

P: The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

All: Let all who have ears, hear.

Prayer

Hymn: "Mountain of God"

VT 11

Prayer of Confession (Carol Penner, adapted.)

L: We are told that we are not alone, you are with us. You are as
close as a prayer, close as our heart. Yet why do you feel so far
away, God?

P: Teach us to pray!

L: For those among us who have not prayed this week; forgive us
for not turning to you, for prioritizing many things, while
missing what is essential. We have failed to find the comfort
and wisdom you offered.

P: Teach us to pray!

L: For those among us who wanted to pray, but didn't know how to pray this week: show us that we can long for you, even when there are no words.

P: Teach us to pray!

L: For those among us who prayed, but prayed selfishly or for only our own benefit; enlarge our horizon to see your big picture, to see the needs of others and not just our own.

P: Teach us to pray!

L: For those among us who prayed, but felt that you were not listening, or did not answer the way we wanted; give us patience, and trust in your timing.

P: Teach us to pray!

L: May the prayers of our community lead us into your presence, drawing us into your love and deepest care.

All: Teach us to pray! Amen

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VT 88

Children's Story Debbie Goossen

Scripture: Matthew 6:10

Sermon: "Who's Kingdom, and Who's Will" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Build Your Kingdom Here" VT 393

Communion

Closing prayer

All: O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ and for filling us with joy at this table. Lead us toward the unity of your church, and help us to treasure signs of reconciliation with all. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your kingdom, with your will done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "My Soul Cries Out"

VT 412

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

New Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, prayer remains a steadfast source of strength and guidance for followers of Christ. Over the next several weeks, we will embark on a transformative journey through the timeless words of the Lord's Prayer, delving deep into its profound wisdom and uncovering the hidden treasures within. Join us as we explore the richness of this foundational prayer, seeking to understand not only its words but also its transformative power in our daily lives. Together, we will discover the profound connection between our hearts and the divine as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us. – Pastor

Children's Sunday School's learn today that two are better than one (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Next Sunday they'll study about David & Mephibosheth as found in 1 Samuel 19-20 and 2 Samuel 9.

The adult Sunday School class is studying the book *Rethinking Life*. Please join us!

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here to take home and pack! Remember to also grab a pamphlet, which will include your label & packing instructions. Please return them to the church by Sunday, November 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm.

If you have **frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his family, you may put it in the freezer in the church kitchen. Please put cooking instructions and Scott's name on the item. The food will be delivered to Scott every Monday. Call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611 with questions

Jerry and I would like to **express our gratitude** for all the support we have received from our church family. We especially appreciated all of the prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. The meals have also been a big help as I continue to recover. Blessings to you all! **Jan & Jerry**

You are invited to an **ecumenical service with Communion** (including participants from churches involved with the Beatrice Ministerial Association) **today, October 1**, at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle at **1:30 p.m.** Pastor Josh will be participating. There will be a **potluck meal at noon**. This event is sponsored by Summit Street Church, the Church of the Brethren, and First Mennonite Church.

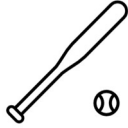
Second Annual Baseball Game and Community Potluck - October 15, 2023, Scott Street Baseball Diamonds (454 W Scott St, Beatrice)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Watch the local Cuban and Nicaraguan baseball game

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Potluck plus Homemade Ice Cream

Please bring:

- Large dish of food to share
- Your own water bottle
- Two lawn chairs (one for sharing)
- Lawn games (corn hole, Bocce Ball, etc.)
- BRING A FRIEND!
- Plates and plastic-ware provided



All are invited to participate in **LifeChain 2023** Sunday, **October 1** at 2 p.m. on Highway 77 starting at 6th and Court St. for a one-hour event that shows our willingness to stand in defense of the unborn and on behalf of “the least of these”. – **Beatrice Coalition for Life**

The Willow Center Banquet, *A Legacy of Life*, will be held November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Vintage Venue. Get tickets (\$50) by calling 402-228-6411 by October 12.

A Breakfast Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project will be held at FMC on Sunday, October 29 at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Kunzman with questions. So far, Camp Mennoscah has received \$80,000 for the M & M (Mission & Maintenance) project.

Upcoming:

-Camp Mennoscah Dam is being removed, October 8 at 2:30 pm

-Bethel College Fall Fest: October 13-15. Market-in-the-Round and Pie-by-the-Slice request your food donations.

-FMC Mini-Auction: October 22, 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

-M & M FUNdraiser Breakfast for Camp Menno at FMC, Oct 29, 9:00 a.m.

The Technology Committee **urges you to be cautious** and not interact with people on the FMC face book page that you don’t know. Many new followers are from overseas who may be trying to find someone to scam.