

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

**Serving Today:**

Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf  
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner  
Ushers: Bill Thimm, Jim Ensz

Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Children's Time: Jane Esau  
Audio: Larry Thimm  
PowerPoint: Lori Thimm  
Video: John Thimm

**Last Sunday** Attendance: 85

Offering: FMC \$ 6225.01

**Offering today:** Mennonite Mission Network

**Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Oct 13	9:30 am Community Time and Children & Youth Sunday School
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	2-4 pm Baby Shower for Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, October 15	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 16	6:30 pm Peace Club & Youth Group
Thursday, Oct 17	7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, October 20	9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	5:30 pm MCC Mini Auction

**October Birthdays**

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt	18: Braxton Williamson; 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** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the **More** tab; **select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.**

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
October 13, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.

**P: We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.**

L: Place your trust in God's power and love.

**P: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.**

L: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

**P: Praise God for God's eternal presence. AMEN.**

Prayer

Hymn: "*Christ is Our Cornerstone*"

VT 4

Passing the Peace

Children's story

Prayer of Confession

L: Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in "catalog shopping" design.

**P: We have so much and want so much more.**

L: We listen to the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions.

**P: Forgive our crass materialism. Break the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed.**

L: Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service,

**P: and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

## Words of Assurance

L: Jesus understands our cries and our weakness. He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ we are healed and transformed. AMEN.

**Sunday Singers: "Here I am, Lord"**

**Offering Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"** VT 759

**Scripture reading: Mark 10:17-31**

**Sermon: "Obedience Unknown"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"** VT 540

## Sharing and Prayer

## Benediction

**Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up"** VT 832

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbearice.

**Community Time** is every Sunday morning, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Reminder! Pastor Sarah's Baby Shower** is this afternoon from 2-4 p.m. at The Villa. All ladies and girls of the congregation are invited. Come and go as your schedule allows. Hope to see you there!



**October 13, 2024, David, the Shepherd Boy**

Read page 79 in *The Peace Table* or 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

What are some skills and interests you have? How can God use your gifts?

**Pray** "thank you" prayers. Take turns sharing joys from your day. Thank God for each one.

**Play a game** of tag. One person is the shepherd and tries to tag the other players (sheep). When tagged, the sheep and shepherd hold hands and try to tag other family members.

**The MCC Mini Auction is next Sunday, October 20!** Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables in the narthex. If we have enough kids items, we'll have a Kid's Auction! Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies/bars to share. A sign-up sheet for those is on the bulletin board. The fun begins at 5:30 pm!

**Youth Soup Fundraiser! October 27th** at 12:00 pm the youth will host a soup lunch to raise money for trips to the **Know Jesus** youth conference at Hesston College and MCUSA Convention in Greensboro, NC, both in 2025.

**Deacon Nominations!** If you'd like to nominate, please talk to your nominee prior to contacting Church Chair Jerry Reimer with the nomination. Please note, Vicki Hinz-Ensz is eligible re-election.

**In celebration of Duane Claassen's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday**, there will be an open house on Sunday, November 3 from 2-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Please plan to attend!

**Gail and Sylvia Cross** have a new address. They are both residing at the Edgewood Vista Norfolk, 1109 Passewalk Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701

**Greetings from Milford Meat Canning Coordinators:** We are sad to report **Milford will not be canning meat this year.** There are only 2 meat canner guys so MCC has decided to shrink the canning schedule to places that can more than 2 days to maximize production. (FYI, the Newton schedule is full). If your church would like to continue to donate to the Milford Meat Canning Project you may send your gifts to us. If there is a larger than normal fund balance at the end of this year, we will re-direct the extra funds to other MCC projects. If your church would like to support other relief projects this year that is totally understandable. Our hope and prayer is that we will be back canning meat in Milford next year. Thank you for your many years of support for meat canning. It's a great project, providing food relief around the world.

Dave and Deb Welsch

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**St. Paul's Lutheran School and Child Care's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Blessings of the Harvest Dinner and Auction** is Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Vintage Venue in Beatrice. Tickets to the event are \$100 /person of which \$50 is tax deductible. Sponsorships of the event are available until October 15 and will be listed in the program with some levels including complimentary event tickets. Please email questions and ticket requests to [blessingsoftheharvest@gmail.com](mailto:blessingsoftheharvest@gmail.com).

**The Willow Center Legacy of Life Banquet** is November 11 at the Vintage Venue with dinner and a program. Please register by Oct. 21, 2024 by calling Willow Center at 402-228-6411. Tickets are \$50 per seat.