

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Live Stream: Lisa Goossen
Audio: Marv Goossen
Ushers: Kyle Riesen & Kent Hohensee
Last Sunday: Offerings: MMN, \$1,670; FMC, \$250; Meat Canning, \$500;
Attendance: 96

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Children's Story: Debbie Goossen
PPT: Katie Jantzen
Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 16 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, October 18 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying, Devotions
Wednesday, October 19 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Peace Club, JYF
Thursday, October 20 5:45 p.m. Worship Council
7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting
Sunday, October 23 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. MCC Mini-Auction at FMC

October Birthdays

1. Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	4. Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary	
9: Doreen Janzen	10: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz
16: Laura Franz	17: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson	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** 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
October 16, 2022

Welcome

Brandon Esau

A Call to Worship

L: God of our hearts...here we are!

We've come with thirsty hearts,

P: praying that your word will satisfy us.

L: We come with aching hearts,

P: praying for good news to comfort us.

L: We come with overflowing hearts,

P: praying for a chance to share your love.

All: You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers,

be with us now in this hour of worship. Amen

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Prayer

Brandon Esau

Hymn: *"All Who Are Thirsty"*

VT 49

Affirmation of Faith

VT 991

L: God, Make us an instrument of your peace

P: Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, joy; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

L: O Divine Spirit, Grant that I may not so much seek

P: to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

All: For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Children's Story: FMC Mini-Auction	Dan Kunzman
Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"	VT 831
Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31	OT page 37
Sermon: "The Sun Will Rise"	Pastor Josh
Hymn: "Blessed Be Your Name"	VT 637

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for First Mennonite Church in the narthex

Welcome! We're glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

Today children in Sunday School learned of the New Covenant, as found in Jeremiah 29:11-14 and 31:1-14, 31-34. We saw that we can seek and know God. Next Sunday, we'll study a vision of new life as found in Ezekiel 37:1-14 and learn that we can have hope through God's spirit.

Adult Sunday School (room 10 in the basement) will finish discussing chapter 2 of the book "Reawakened". We will begin discussion of Chapter 3 next week. Please join us at 9:30 a.m.!

Time to order nuts through WMS! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Prices: Pecans \$10; English Walnuts \$7; Whole Almonds \$6.50; sliced almonds \$7; cashews \$9; Black Walnuts \$11.50. Order by October 31.

First Mennonite's MCC Mini Auction will be on Sunday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Your donated items and your bidding make this sale the success it is. We look forward to your baked goods, crafts, ethnic foods, theme baskets, kids stuff, seasonal items, handmade decor, etc. to be available at the sale! Ice cream and toppings, cookies and coffee served (you are welcome to bring cookies/bars for refreshments!). Questions? Contact your sale committee members: Gene & Pat Penner, Dan & Pam Kunzman, Marv & Lisa Goossen.

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)

Did you know you can now donate online through our website? Visit fmcbeatrice.org and see the DONATE button at the top of the front page. It's safe and you can choose which fund you're donating too. **Bonus!** You can also find the bulletin there! More tab>documents>Church Docs.

Nomination Suggestion Sheets are in your mailbox. The Nominating Committee asks that you prayerfully consider nominating people to fill the positions needed. Please **return** your nomination suggestions to the specially marked box in the narthex **by November 6**.

Please note! When you use the church and have opened doors, be sure they are all locked again after using. Recently we have found church doors unlocked and even propped open when no one is here.

The MCC meat canning truck will be back at the Milford Fire Hall this year! The dates are **November 10-11 a Thursday and Friday**. We plan to can 16,800 pounds of meat this year which requires about \$45,000. In the past at Milford we canned 18,000 pounds. Last year \$44,000 was donated to can 13,585 pounds at Newton. If you'd like to contribute, please make out checks to FMC Meat Canning and put in the offering plate or give to Treasurer Mike Goossen. Your help on canning days is also needed! Thank you for your continued generous support!

Gage County CROP Hunger Walk is October 23. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

From Camp Mennoscah: (www.campmennoscah.org; 620-297-3290)

- We welcomed 371 campers for eight weeks of youth camps at Camp with the help of 149 dedicated volunteers and staff, Among those volunteering were **John Regier and Chris Riesen**. If we missed anyone from FMC, we humbly apologize.
- **Work and Play Day on October 15!**
- **Taking out the Dam, October 16, approximately 2:30.**

MCC Buckets of Thanks: This Thanksgiving season, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks (aka an MCC relief kit) for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: mccbuckets.org.

Odesa Theological Seminary, a Mission Network education partner in Ukraine, requests continued prayers for their seminary, students, and the people of Ukraine as increased massive missile and drone attacks are taking place. They are located in a relatively safe area, but have prepared a basement shelter. They continue to hold sessions. Please keep them and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

The 53rd CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, beginning at 2:00. It will start and end at Hannibal Park by the walking trail with the south Big Blue River bridge as the destination. The 6-mile round trip walk represents the distance many people must walk each day to find food and water. This is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service (<https://cwsglobal.org>) to raise funds to end hunger and poverty around the U.S. and the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools, and others organize local walk events in their communities each year.

The walk will start from the shelter near some playground equipment at the northeast part of Hannibal Park, proceed south on the walking trail, passing to the east of Christ Community Church, view the progress of the new elementary school groundwork, pass along the east side of the USDA building and Sack Lumber, cross the highway at the high school, follow Scott Street to 23rd, walk along the lake by the Villa, head west through bean fields to the south side of the YMCA, pass between the cemetery and a corn field, then south of the Water Park and over to MOSAIC, followed by a pleasant stroll toward the old recycling center, then along Caldwell Street over to the Big Blue River at 6th Street. The trail will be well marked, and refreshment stations set up along the way. No one is required to walk the full distance.

Twenty-five percent of donations stay in the Gage County area and benefit the Beatrice Community Food Pantry, the Wymore Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army of Beatrice, Nebraska.

Participants are encouraged to go online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022> and first clicking "Register" to create an account, if an account does not already exist, or "Login". When your account is created, you will be provided an EIN Number that will uniquely identify you. Search for or scroll down to the U.S. map full of pins, expand it, and click on our particular walk titled "Gage County CROP Hunger Walk". Click either the "Register as an Individual" link, or "Join or Start a Team" if you wish to be included in a group/church. Alternatively, you can simply "Make a Donation". As an "Individual" or to "Start a Team", you will be given an option of creating a page for yourself, and to connect to Facebook to manage your own "fundraiser". For example, my page is at <https://facebook.com/donate/3290900434561554> . Of course, this is totally optional, and everything eventually connects back to the "Gage County CROP Hunger Walk".