

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Power point: Katie Jantzen

Ushers: Gayland & Jake

Children's Time: Daryl Riesen

Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm

Audio: Van VanderSchaaf

Video: Jane Esau

Last Sunday Attendance: 80 **Offering:** MMN, \$1,517; FMC \$1,790;
Meat Canning: \$600

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Food Pantry

Coming Up:

Sunday, Oct 19

9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

5:30 pm **MINI AUCTION**

Tuesday, Oct 21

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Wed October 22

6:30 pm Peace Club, SYF

6:30 pm JYF Serve @ Burwood Books

Sunday, Oct 26

9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
& Baptism Class

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

- **Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- 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.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 19, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in God's holy presence?

P: Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false.

L: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

P: We come to seek God with undivided hearts.

L: Come, let us center ourselves in God's presence.

P: We bring our whole selves before the One who sees, knows, and loves us.

Prayer

Hymn: "Mountain of God"

VT 11

Confession and Assurance

L: O God, we confess that our hearts are often divided.

P: We chase after many things that cannot satisfy.

L: We give our attention to noise and distraction, rather than your still, small voice.

P: We give our loyalty to lesser loves instead of living wholly for you.

L: Forgive us, Lord. Restore in us an undivided heart.

P: Purify our hearts, O God, that we may see you more clearly and follow you more faithfully.

(silent confession)

L: Hear the good news: God is merciful and full of steadfast love. In Christ, our hearts are made new.

P: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, centered, and free. Amen.

Offering Hymn: "Seek Ye First" (sung twice)

(Offering is for First Mennonite Church)

VT 417

Children's Story

Scripture: Matthew 5:8

Message: "Undivided"

Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: "Jesus, Be the Center"

VT 584

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Move in Our Midst"

VT 827

Passing the Peace

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

Five Minutes of Silence

Spend at least five minutes in silence with God each day. No phone, no agenda, no to-do list. Just space. In silence, the noise of life settles, and we begin to notice our own hearts — our fears, distractions, and longings. Use a centering phrase like: *"Here I am / Show me Your way."* Or repeat the beatitude: *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."* Silence isn't about achieving something, but about presence. Over time, these quiet moments open us to see God in new ways.

The MCC MINI AUCTION is this evening, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your items to church and place them on the tables. Ice cream and toppings are available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies/bars to share. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Our friends at Summit Street Church have also been invited to come!

WMS nut order forms were put in mailboxes last week. The orders with payment need to be returned to Lori Thimm **by October 20, 2025.**

Youth Soup Fundraiser- SAVE THE DATE! November 9th after church the youth will host a soup lunch to raise money for trips to Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and a service weekend.

A benefit account has been set up at First State Bank Nebraska in Beatrice to help **Kent and Robbyn Hohensee** with expenses.

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.

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.

Pastor Sarah will be out of town for a family friend's wedding Friday-Monday October 17-20. She is available by phone in emergencies.

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!

The Community Food Pantry is humbly asking you to consider supporting them in this season of giving. They have seen an average of 43 new clients each month since January, proof that the need in our community is growing. They are also seeking new members for the Board of Directors. If you are considering serving in this way, please talk with Dolores Jantzen as she is FMC's representative at the Pantry.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are ready to be picked up & packed!

- 1). An adhesive label is provided to place on top of your box. Be sure to indicate the gender & age group that you are packing for.
- 2). Fill with gifts- select a medium to large "wow" item. For example, a deflated soccer ball with a pump or a stuffed animal. Then, fill with other small toys, school supplies & personal care items (note the items to not include- see pamphlet inside the your box)
- 3) There is a suggested \$10 donation to cover processing fees & shipping. You can pay online using the QR code or simply put \$10 in the box. Use a large rubber band to secure-please do not tape the box shut.
- 4) Boxes must be returned to the church no later than **November 16th**

If you have any questions please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm. We thank you for demonstrating God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit the many children's programs in our community Sunday, Nov 2, 7:30 am-1 pm at Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey, \$10 adults; \$5 ages 4-12; 3 & under eat free.