

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

**Serving Today:** Worship Leader: Brandon Esau  
Organist: Karen Wiebe Children's Time: Jill Christy  
Guest Speaker: Katie Jantzen Audio: Larry Thimm  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner PowerPoint: Lori Thimm  
Ushers: Bill Thimm, Jim Ensz Video: John Thimm

**Last Sunday** Attendance: 87

Offering: Tech Fund \$225; FMC \$3,309

**Offering today:** Community Food Pantry **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, October 27 9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship w/Katie Jantzen in pulpit  
Noon Soup Lunch Fundraiser by Youth  
1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Tuesday, October 29 6:30 pm Peace Club and Youth Group  
Wednesday, Oct 30 9:30 am Community Time, Children & Youth SS  
9:50 am Adult Sunday School  
Sunday, Nov 3 10:30 am Worship Remembrance Sunday  
1:30 pm 85<sup>th</sup> B-day Open house for Duane C.

**Late October Birthdays**

23: Boston Crawford 25: Betsy Baade  
29: Brendan Thimm 30: Lynn Gerber  
31: Duane Claassen

**Early November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman 3: Brad Thimm  
4: Ernest Jantzen 5: Becky Riesen  
11: Darwin Jantzen 18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen

- 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 27, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**P: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

L: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**P: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

L: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given the blessing of God's presence.

**P: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.**

**AMEN.**

Prayer

**Hymn: "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"**

VT 95

**Children's Story**

Jill Christy

Prayer of Confession

L: We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually, we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light.

**P: It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall.**

L: Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others.

**P: Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness.**

**Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

L: Turn and see the light of God's love. It is lavished upon you. You have been healed and made whole in God's love. Be at peace and rejoice!

**Offering Hymn: "God is Working This Purpose Out"** VT 770

**Scripture reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

**Sermon: "The Patience of Job"** Katie Jantzen

**Hymn: "Will You Let Me be Your Servant"** VT 778

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** VT 831

### **Passing the Peace**

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**Welcome!** We're glad you are here and hope to see you again soon! Join us for Community Time at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. You can find our services on YouTube: search Fmcbeatrice.



**Children's Sunday School: Oct 27, 2024, King David**  
**Read** page 83 in *The Peace Table* or 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 2 Samuel 8:15-9:13. How can you be a loving leader this week?

**Pray** "help others" prayers, also called prayers of intercession. Each day pray for a different leader in the church, community, nation, or world.

**Invite** someone new to share a meal or snack with your family. Meet at your home or a local park for a picnic.

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

**Youth Soup Fundraiser TODAY!!!** October 27th at noon! Come downstairs for soup! The youth will serve you a delicious soup lunch as they raise money for trips to the **Know Jesus Youth Conference** at Hesston College and **MCUSA Convention** in Greensboro, NC, both in 2025.



**First Mennonite will have a "trunk" at Summit Street Church's Trunk or Treat** on Oct 31. A box for treats (if you'd like to donate) is in the narthex.

A Celebration of Life was held for **Laura Franz** on October 25 at FMC. Laura passed away on October 22 at the age of 94. Your prayers are invited for her family. Memorials may be given to the church.

Prayers are requested for **Gerald Jantzen** as he was put on hospice Thursday morning. He remains at Beatrice Health & Rehab. We pray for comfort for Gerald, Rogena and their family.

Help share the life-changing Good News to children around the world! **Operation Christmas Child boxes are available** in the narthex. Please take as many as you like. Remember, each box needs a label, which is on the backside of the pamphlet. Return packed boxes by Sunday, Nov 17th. Contact Lori Thimm or Linsey Schardt with questions.

Please join us as we celebrate **Duane Claassen's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Sunday, Nov 3 with an open house, 1:30-3:30 pm in the church fellowship hall.

**Welcome to Jill Christy of Ten Thousand Villages!** Jill is the Executive Director for Ten Thousand Villages and will talk about Fair Trade and the Nativity Showcase. 10 of our youth will participate on November 1.

If you would like to **order a poinsettia** to be used in church during Advent, please fill out an order form (by the mailboxes). Put it (with payment of \$18) in Robbyn Hohensee's mailbox by November 11. You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas services.

**October is Pastors' Appreciation Month!** Pastors Josh and Sarah, **Thank You** for the early Sunday mornings & late Wednesday nights; for the seed you plant & disciples you nurture; for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up; for your faithfulness & service.

Starting November 1, you can borrow eBooks and audiobooks from the WDC **Resource Library!** To find out how, visit [mennowdc.org/library](http://mennowdc.org/library) or contact the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org).

**St. Paul's Lutheran School & Child Care's "Blessings of the Harvest" Dinner and Auction** is on Saturday, Nov 23, 2024, at the **Vintage Venue**. Tickets are \$100/person of which \$50 is tax deductible. Tickets are available at St. Paul's School & Church or call/text Carla at 402-520-0015.

**Pancake Feed** benefiting Beatrice FFA Organization, Nov 3 at the Veterans Club, 701 Dorsey, Beatrice, 7:30-1 pm Adults \$10, children over 3 \$6. Sponsored by Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Beatrice.