

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz

Piano and Children's Story: Vicki Ensz

Live stream: Lisa Goossen Audio: Marv Goossen

Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen PPT: Lori Thimm

Ushers: Daryl Riesen & John Regier Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$300; Tech Fund \$200; MMN \$500;

Food Pantry \$2,030; Meat Canning \$500. **Attendance:** 84

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 29 9:00 am **Breakfast for Camp Menno**
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for **adults only**
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, October 31 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Wednesday, Nov 1 7:00 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF

Sunday, Nov 5 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids
 10:30 a.m. Worship-Remembrance Sunday

Late October Birthdays

20: Terri Brethouwer 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 6: 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:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a **Men's Brotherhood** project? Call Dan Kunzman/ LeRoy Janzen
- Our 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, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 29, 2023

Welcome

Rodney Ensz

Call to Worship

L: We are children of God:

P: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

L: We are citizens of a nation:

P: Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

L: We are members of a community: Called to know each other,
and to accept each other, and to welcome all.

P: We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

**All: So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God with
Glory.**

Prayer

Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

VT 76

Confession of Praise (from Psalm 117 & 118)

L: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of
the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

L: When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a
spacious place. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

P: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

L: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord
has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Amen.**

Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

VT 65

Children's Story

Stella and Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Sermon: “Words of Glory, Words of Praise” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “To God Be the Glory” VT 84

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Praise God (Dedication Anthem)” VT 70

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

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. Pastor Josh has been taking us 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 are discovering the profound connection between our hearts and the divine as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us. – Pastor

Children’s Sunday School There is no Children’s Sunday School today. Next Sunday, children will study 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and learn to “give thanks no matter what happens”.

Please join the adult Sunday School class to study “*Rethinking Life*”.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here to take home and pack! Remember to grab a pamphlet, which includes 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.

WMS nut order forms must be returned with payment to Lori Thimm by **October 29**.

Thank you to all who participated in the Mini Auction with donations, bidding, and helping during the auction! Working together, we raised \$17,191 last Sunday night. Your support is appreciated very much! - Dan & Pam Kunzman, Marv & Lisa Goossen, Larry and Kathy Thimm

Are you curious about baptism or ready to take that important step in your faith journey? Are you interested in learning what it means to be a member of the church? Or are you a long-time member and feel like a refresher would be beneficial? If you said yes to any of the questions above, I want to hear from you! I am eager to gauge interest in the possibility of catechism and membership classes. Both will be wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and creating deeper connections in our church community. Reach out to the church office or pastor Josh to sign up!

Baseball game and potluck meal postponed again: Sadly, this event is being postponed for a second time. We will forego the baseball game this fall but we **will have the Community Potluck as a late Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, December 3** at 5:30 pm at First Mennonite Church. **Please bring:** Large dish of food to share and a friend! Plates, plastic-ware, and drinks provided.

A Breakfast Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah M&M Project is this Sunday, October 29 at 9 a.m. at FMC. So far, Camp Mennoscah has received \$90,000 for the M & M (Mission & Maintenance) project. Just \$10,000 more is needed to match our generous giver’s \$100,000 challenge started last spring. You can help with your donations at FMC’s breakfast!

Pastor Josh and Stephanie are entering the **Foster Parent Program**. This is a big step for them, and it is a large commitment. The work they will be doing in this program is very important, and it comes with a lot of unpredictability. They need to be prepared for any situation at any time and that means having a lot of supplies on hand. If you would like to help them get started in this process, we have a list of items they need on a poster board by the mailboxes. Just take an item from the list and bring the item to the church basement by October 29, same day as the Camp Mennoscah breakfast, at 9 a.m. or you may bring your Foster Parent items to the church basement anytime and put them on the empty table in the quilt room next to the kitchen.

Summit Street Church Trunk or Treat is moving indoors due to cold temps and stiff winds! October 31, 5-7 p.m. Hot dogs, candy, popcorn, and over 50 prizes to give away. Every trunk will now be a table inside to decorate and give treats from. FMC Board members will have a table. If you would like to be involved, you may put candy or non-edible “treats” in the box in the narthex for our table. You are also invited to decorate your own table and hand out treats. We encourage you to come and join us for this fun evening. Pastor Josh and I personally invite you to participate in what is becoming an important event for Summit Street Church.- Andrew Dungan, Ed.D.

Ten Thousand Villages Nativity Showcase—Come to the Ten Thousand Villages store in the Haymarket (8th & P Streets) on November 3, from 7-7:30 pm for hot cocoa and cookies and a chance to **hear several of the youth from our church** talk about the nativity items in the store. It is a fun, festive event!

Nomination Suggestion sheets are to be returned to the specially marked box in the narthex by November 5. Please prayerfully consider nominating people to fill the positions needed.

MCC Meat Canning will be November 2-3 in Milford. The price of meat has gone up and we will require about \$50,000. If you would like to contribute, please write checks out 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 support. If you have any questions, please contact Vern Jantzen at 402-230-0011.

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

Check out the twelve new books on the “New Books” Shelf in the Library!

CROP WALK! October 29, 2 pm beginning at NE Shelter at Hannibal Park.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit the many children's programs in our community, November 5, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey. Adults \$9; children ages 4-12 \$5 at the door. 3 & under are free.

Community Food Pantry asks for your help in serving 7,000 clients this year, rather than the usual 4,000 to 5,000 clients a year. Monetary gifts are always appreciated so we can purchase perishables. Other needed items are pancake flour/syrup; spaghetti/sauce; saltine/graham crackers; peanut butter/jelly; cake mix/frosting; veg oil; flour; sugar; laundry/dish detergent; shampoo/ conditioner; condiments; toilet paper; paper towels; hot/cold cereal; pasta; canned meats; soup; hamburger/chicken helpers.

Sun., Oct. 29 & Mon., Oct. 30 – **Bethel College Annual Menno Simons Lectures, “The Mennonites in Revolutionary Ukraine,”** with Dr. Aileen Friesen, professor of Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Lecture 1: “Violence Among Neighbors: Revolution and Tragedy in Southern Ukraine”; Lecture 2: “Beyond the Red Gate: Mennonites and Emigration from Soviet Ukraine”; Lecture 3: “In Love, We Remain: Family and Loss under Stalin.”

MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict – As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel.

For more news about what's happening in the broader Mennonite world, visit www.mennonitemission.net; www.mennowdc.org; www.ambse.edu; www.mennoniteusa.org; www.mcc.org; www.mds.org; www.mennonitemen.org.