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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Neal Trantham

Pianists: Kathy Casey, Vicki Ensz, Rikki Hohensee

PPT: Katie Jantzen

Children's Story: Jane Esau Live Stream: Lisa Goossen
Audio: Marv Goossen Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen
Ushers: Kyle Riesen & Kent Hohensee Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Last Sunday: Offerings: Food Pantry: \$2450; FMC, \$300

Attendance:85

#### Happening this week:

Sunday, October 30 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, November 1 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying, Devotions

Wednesday, November 2 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Prayer Partners, Peace

Club, JYF

Sunday, November 6 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship – All Saints Day

#### Late October Birthdays

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

#### Early November Birthdays

2: Claira Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman

3: Brad Thimm 4: Ernest Jantzen 5: Becky Billesbach 11: Darwin Jantzen

• 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 30, 2022

Welcome Neal Trantham

#### A Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved ones of God: We belong!

People: We belong to this place of love and grace,

Leader: We belong to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We belong, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

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**Prayer** Neal Trantham

Hymn: "What is This Place" VT 22

#### Confession and Affirmation

VT 888

Leader: Beloved ones in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

People: We open our lives in God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors.

Leader: We are mindful not only of personal evil, but also of our communal sins, from family, class, race, and nation.

People: We confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy, and become for each other ministers of God's grace

(Silent Reflection)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

# People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen

Children's Story Jane Esau

Hymn: "There are Many Gifts" VT 374

Scripture: Acts 2: 42-47 NT page 145

Sermon: "@The Center: Community" Pastor Josh

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

**Sharing and Prayer** 

Sending

**Offering** for First Mennonite Church in narthex

**Welcome!** We're glad to have you worshiping with us. The service is available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot and at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice">https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice</a>. 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 the Sunday School children did a Carnival Service Project.** Next Sunday, they will learn of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3. We can speak up for what is right!

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

**It's Pastor Appreciation Month!** Thank you Pastor Josh for your work here! Notes of appreciation may be left in his mailbox!

Thank you to those who have taken Operation Christmas Child boxes home to pack! They will need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 13.

**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.** 

**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)

#### Peace Club & Prayer Partner Game Night!!

November 2, 2022, 6:30-7:30 Regular Time Come for a time of games & ice cream sundaes. This is our last Peace Club meeting until 2023. RSVP Regrets only!

MCC Mini Auction: Thank you to all who were involved in the Mini Auction last Sunday! It was a great evening and we raised \$21,815 due to everyone's generous giving of their time, talent and treasure!! A big thank you goes to Dennis Henrichs and Ryan Sommerhalder for giving their time to be our auctioneers. Mark your calendars and start preparing your item for the State Auction that will be held in Aurora March 31 and April 1, 2023! ~~ MCC Sale Committee: Dan and Pam Kunzman, Gene and Pat Penner, Marv and Lisa Goossen.

**Save the Date! Ladies Christmas Brunch** is December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at FMC. Sarah Schlegel will be our guest speaker.

**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.** 

**The MCC meat canning** truck will be back at the Milford Fire Hall this year! The dates are **November 10-11**. We plan to can 16,800 pounds of meat this year which requires about \$45,000. 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 support!

**Ten Thousand Villages Nativity Showcase** is Friday, November 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. with youth presentations from 7-7:30. 20% off Nativities this day only! In the Haymarket at 8<sup>th</sup> & P Sts, Lincoln.

Ellis United Methodist Church "Soup, Sliders, & Sweets" is Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 11 AM to 1 PM.

### **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY INGATHERING**

# The procedure for the Ingathering is changing this year!

No brown bags will be delivered to homes.

Please use your own bag, paper or plastic, fill, and bring to the Pantry at St. John's Church anytime thru Dec 31.

The Community Food Pantry relies on and appreciates your donations!

#### Items most needed:

Pancake Mix/Syrup Flour/Sugar Hot/Cold Cereal

Spaghetti & Sauce Peanut Butter/jelly All soups

Paper products Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Saltine/Graham Crackers Condiments/Cooking Oil

"Helper" Box meals Healthy kids snacks

Soap/shampoo/dish & laundry detergent Cake mixes

Monetary donations are always appreciated to purchase needed items.