

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

Serving Today:

Piano: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Brett Esau
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Ushers: Bill Thimm, Jim Ensz

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Children's Time: Deb Goossen
Audio: Larry Thimm
PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen
Video: John Thimm

Last Sunday Attendance: 89

Offering: FMC \$ 5,505

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Mennonite Mission Network

Happening this week:

Sunday, Oct 6	9:30 am Community Time and Children & Youth Sunday School
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship/Communion
Tuesday, October 8	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 9	6:30 pm Community Event, food, and project
Sunday, October 13	9:30 am Community Time and Children & Youth Sunday School
	9:50 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt	18: Braxton Williamson; Terri Brethouwer
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** 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, under the **More** tab; **select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins**.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Here in this place, God offers us food,

P: so we take and eat.

L: Here in this place, our neighbors are hungry,

P: so we share the bread and the cup.

L: Here in this place, the table extends

P: beyond our friends,

L: beyond those who agree with us,

P: beyond these walls,

L: beyond the borders,

P: around the world.

L: Let us taste and see that our God is good.

All: Let us worship God with joy.

Prayer

Hymn: "Here in This Place"

VT 10

Passing the Peace

Prayer of Confession

L: God of Grace, we grieve that the church which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,

P: but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride we have mistaken our part for the whole.

L: Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.

P: Forgive our sins as we commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name, Amen.

Assurance

L: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or

imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Offering Hymn: *“Build Your Kingdom Here”* VT 393

Scripture reading: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: *“Hungry Hearts”* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *“Let the Hungry Come to Me”* VT 459

Children’s story

Communion

Introduction and Prayer

Institution of the Bread and the Cup

Leader: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “When you share bread together, remember me.”

All: Blessed are you, abundant God, for you made bread to strengthen us; You gave us this bread as a sign of your body. Let our sharing be a taste of the bread of heaven that feeds the world. Amen.

(The bread may be distributed.)

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Participants may eat together.)

Leader: Jesus took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant. When you drink it together, remember me.”

All: Blessed are you, bountiful God, for you made the fruit of the vine to nourish us; You gave us this cup as a sign of your blood. Let our sharing be a taste of wine we shall drink in your joyful feast. Amen.

(The cup may be distributed)

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Participants may drink together.)

Sharing and Prayer

Communal Benediction

All: Blessed are you, Eternal God; through this holy meal you have joined us to yourself and to one another. Blessed are you, Incarnate God; you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Blessed are you, Breath of God; as we go forth, set us free to follow where you lead. Amen

Sending Song: *“Christ Be All Around Us”* VT 848

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

Community Time is every Sunday morning, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

MCC Mini Auction is October 20! If we get enough kids items for the auction, we will have a kid’s auction!

The Nomination Suggestion sheets are due to be returned today, Oct 6.

Our next Wednesday evening **Community Event is this Wednesday**, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. Come for food, fellowship, and an activity. All are welcome. Thanks to WMS for setting up and providing us with quilts to tie as our activity together. They will assist us in learning the process, and assure us that young, old, and in-between are capable!

Reminder! Pastor Sarah’s Baby Shower is Sunday, October 13, from 2-4 p.m. at The Villa. All ladies and girls of the congregation are invited. Come and go as your schedule allows. If you haven’t already, please RSVP to Shana at (402) 806-1946.



October 6, 2024, Samuel the Prophet

Read page 76 in *The Peace Table* or 1 Samuel 3:1–10. What might God be calling you to do this week? **Pray** for teachers, pastors, and mentors this week. Ask God to give them wisdom, courage, and strength. **Send notes of thanks** to them. **Act out** the Bible story together. Take turns playing Eli, Samuel, and God. Samuel can move back and forth between bedrooms to show the events of the story.

Youth Soup Fundraiser! October 27th at 12:00 pm the youth will host a soup lunch to raise money for trips to the **Know Jesus** youth conference at Hesston College and MCUSA Convention in Greensboro, NC.

Stay connected to WDC through a weekly Tuesday email by emailing the office at wdc@mennowdc.org or calling 316-283-6300.

AMBS will host a **free livestreamed lecture by Drew Strait, PhD on Oct 8, 6pm**. Dr. Strait has written a book defining **Christian Nationalism**, is calling the church to challenge Christian Nationalism, and has developed six ways to do so. Register at ambs.edu; under “resources and events”.

St. Paul's Lutheran School and Child Care's 1st annual Blessings of the Harvest Dinner and Auction is Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Vintage Venue in Beatrice. Tickets to the event are \$100 /person of which \$50 is tax deductible. Sponsorships of the event are available until October 15 and will be listed in the program with some levels including complimentary event tickets. Please email questions and ticket requests to blessingsoftheharvest@gmail.com.

LifeChain 2024 is today, October 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. on Hwy 77 going north from 6th & Court. People from all denominations gather across the USA for a peaceful, non-confrontational, silent protest of abortion.

Beatrice Regional Orchestra is in concert this afternoon at 2:00 pm at the Hevelone Center, Beatrice High School. Adults \$10, students free.

The Willow Center Legacy of Life Banquet is November 11 at the Vintage Venue with dinner and a program. Please register by Oct. 21, 2024 by calling Willow Center at 402-228-6411. Cost is \$50 per seat.



Mennonite Disaster Service

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of **Hurricane Helene** with

equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit MDS.org to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write “Hurricane Helene” on the memo line.

