

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Piano: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Bryan Heinz, Doug Casey Video: Lisa Goossen

Last Sunday Attendance: 85

Offering: Bethel College \$1492; MCC \$300; FMC \$300

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

Happening this week:

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| Sunday, September 1 | No Sunday School 10:30 am Worship |
| Tuesday, September 3 | 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying |
| Sunday, September 8 | 9:30 am Community Time and Children & Youth Sunday School 9:50 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship |

Late August & Early September Birthdays

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| Aug 27: Pam Kunzman | 29: Pat Penner |
| 31: Sam Vanderschaaf | Sept 3: Dan Crawford |
| 4: Liana Stutzman | 5: Margaret Boyce, Norm Reimer |
| 6: Asha Jantzen | 12: Graham Schardt |
| 15: Anders Baade | 18: Judy Jantzen, Denise 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, under the **More** tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
September 1, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 25)

L: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

P: Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

L: We wait for you.

P: Lead us in your paths of truth.

L: Do not remember our failures.

P: Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

L: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

P: We lift up our souls to you and praise you always.

Prayer

Hymn: "When We Walk with the Lord"

VT 570

Passing the Peace

Confession

L: God of all Truth, we are grateful you have spoken to us
in words we can trust.

**P: We know you have called us to put away falsehood,
and speak truthfully to one another.**

L: But we have failed.

**P: Our words have not always been truthful,
though we have tried to cover our deceit with excuses.
We are sorry.**

L: Forgive us by your grace in Jesus Christ
and teach us to always love what is true. Amen.

Words of Assurance (2 Corinthians 5:16-19)

L: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have

come into being ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story” VT 761

Scripture: Exodus 20:16, Matthew 5:33-37

Sermon: “Trust Me, I Swear” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “O God, We Read the Holy Law” VT 571

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: “Renew Your Church” VT 717

Offering for First Mennonite Church

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

Each Sunday we have people who assist with the audio, video, and PowerPoint needs for our worship service. **We need a few more volunteers to help with the audio controls and a few to help with advancing the PowerPoint slides.** Please consider volunteering to help with this. It is **very easy to do** and there are no special skills necessary. As a volunteer, you will receive training and will have people to support you. Let the church office know if you can help and we will schedule a training session.

Join Community Time, held each Sunday morning (except this holiday weekend), beginning at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

No Sunday School for children, youth, and adults today because of the holiday weekend!

Mark your calendars for our first Wednesday night community event, **September 11, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall!** **All** are invited to gather as a community for food and fellowship. The theme for our first Wednesday gathering is ‘school’. We will be bringing items for MCC school

kits to assemble, but will also play old fashioned school games (e.g., jacks, pick-up-sticks, red-rover, kick-the-can, thumb-wrestling...). Hope you can make it. If you have any questions, contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz.

We are collecting school supplies for MCC school kits. The kits will be put together during a church community gathering on Wednesday, September 10th. There is a collection box in the narthex for donated supplies (unused):

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- Colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large eraser
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- Small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

New Kids Books donated to the Library: “My First Little Home Books”: *County Fair; Going to Town; Winter on the Farm; Winter Days in the Big Woods.* Come see these great new books for kids!

Church Picnic is Sunday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle. Dan will be in touch with Shepards with requests to compliment pulled pork sandwiches.

Look for your **WMS order form for nuts!** The prices are the same as last year! Orders will be due October 1.

Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting is on September 22! Details coming! **Thank you** to the many summer youth camp volunteers, both far and near, long-time and new! 403 campers had the bestest of times here because of you. We’ll be at Bethel College Fall Fest on October 5th.

Big Give Gage 2024 is September 12. Among the participating non-profits are Mother to Mother and Sewing for Babies. More info is at biggivegage.org

Bethel College Fall Festival is October 3-5. Activities include the Thresher Classic Golf Tournament, “Taste of Newton”, “9 to 5: The Musical”, Food and Booths on the Green, Womens Association Market, Prairie Sky Stage, class reunion gatherings, and the Bethel vs. Tabor College Football game.

First Trinity Lutheran Church **Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed!** Sunday, September 1, 11:00-1:00 pm. Fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. Free Will Offering benefits the Orphan Grain Train. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Action Team Grant. Carry out meals available.