

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Children's Time: Pastor Sarah Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner PowerPoint: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Bryan Heinz, Doug Casey Video: Lisa Goossen

Last Sunday Attendance: 83
Offering: WDC \$1345; FMC \$1700

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** Camp Mennoscah

Happening this week:

Sunday, September 15 9:30 am Community Time and
Children & Youth Sunday School
9:50 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Church Picnic at Chautauqua Pk
Tuesday, September 17 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Sept 18 6:30 pm Peace Club and Youth Group
Thursday, Sept 19 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Saturday, Sept 21 11:00 am Memorial Service for June Diller
Sunday, Sept 22 9:30 am Community Time and
Children & Youth Sunday School
9:50 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

September Birthdays

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 20: Jim Hamm
23: Shana Ensz 24: LeRoy Janzen
26: Marcia Regier, Lori Crawford 30: Tony Tegtmeier

- 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

Welcome to First Mennonite Church
September 15, 2024

Call to Worship

L: This day Jesus is calling to you.

P: Lord, help us to hear your call.

L: This is a time of decision.

P: Lord, help us to be strong and faithful.

L: Come, let us celebrate God's love.

P: Let us rejoice in the call of our Savior.

L: Teach us your ways, O Lord.

P: Help us to be closer to you. AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

VT 419

Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Pastor Sarah

Sunday Singers: "Count Well the Cost"

VT 577

Prayer of Confession

L: Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away.

P: Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

L: Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to his service by serving and caring for others. Be at peace. AMEN

Offering Hymn: “Take My Life, and Let It Be” VT 759
(Offering for FMC will be collected during this time)

Scripture reading: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: “(Un)met Expectations” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” VT 443

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending song: “Use Us, God” VT 811

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

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

We hope you're planning on attending the **Church Picnic this Sunday at 5 pm** at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle! **Bring your own tableware!**

WMS orders for nuts are due October 1. Questions? See Lori Thimm.

October 20. That's the date for the **FMC Mini Auction**. Circle it on your calendar! Start making sale items to raise \$\$\$ for MCC!

A Celebration of Life for June Diller will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. at FMC. Burial of her ashes will be held at 10:00 am that day. June passed away on September 10, 2024 at the age of 96. Memorials have been established to First Mennonite Church and Mennonite Overseas Mission with Mike Goossen and John Penner in charge. Family will greet friends on Thursday, September 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Griffith Hovendick Chapel. We keep Pastor Don Diller and his family in our prayers.

We're tapping shoulders! Yep, that's you we're talking to!! We know there are people sitting in the pews who could advance power point slides during worship, and others who could assist with audio controls and video streaming. No special skills required. It's truly easy, just sounds hard. You'll be thoroughly trained and can rotate in the schedule with others! **Let the church office or Pam Kunzman know and we'll train you!**

The **2025 KNOW JESUS** jr. high youth conference, promoted by the WDC Resource Commission, will be **February 22-23** at Hesston College. This year's theme is "Who am I? Jesus Knows!" The event will feature input from Derek King, lead pastor at Eden Mennonite Church. Contact Derek with questions about the weekend at dking@edenmennonite.org.

Holmesville Church of the Brethren is holding their annual ice cream social Sunday, September 29 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Proceeds go to support the South Gage Food Pantry in Wymore, Nebraska.

September 28, Gage County Historical Society is hosting a history **tour of the stained-glass windows in Gage County**. Five churches will be visited with refreshments halfway through. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration deadline is September 25th. Please call the museum to book your spot. Churches to be visited are Christ Lutheran of Pickrell, Cornerstone Lutheran and St. John Lutheran in Beatrice, Blue Springs Methodist in Blue Springs and St. Peter Lutheran in Wymore.

St. Paul's Lutheran School and Child Care will hold their 1st annual **Blessings of the Harvest Dinner and Auction** on 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.

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From MMN: *“Tell me the weight of a snowflake,’ a robin asked a dove.*

“Nothing more than nothing,’ was the answer.

“In that case, I must tell you a marvelous story,’ the robin said.

“I sat on the branch of a fir tree, close to its trunk, when it began to snow, not heavily, not in a raging blizzard, no, just like in a dream, without any violence. Since I didn’t have anything else to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake dropped onto the branch — nothing more than nothing, as you say — the branch broke off.’

“Having said that, the robin flew away.

“The dove, since Noah’s time, an authority on the matter, thought about the story for a while, and finally said to herself: ‘Perhaps there is only one person’s voice lacking for peace and justice to come about in the world.’”
