

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Josh Janzen
Children's Time: Dan Kunzman Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen PowerPoint: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Bryan Heinz, Doug Casey Video: Lisa Goossen

Last Sunday Attendance: 97

Offering: FMC \$ 5,572; Tech Fund \$225

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

Happening this week:

Sunday, Sept 22 9:30 am Community Time and
Children & Youth Sunday School
9:50 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, September 24 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Sept 25 6:30 pm Peace Club, Youth Group Game
Night, Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday, Sept 28 Family is committing Anne Buller's ashes
Sunday, Sept 29 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 to First Mennonite Church

September 22, 2024

Peace Sunday

Welcome

Call to Worship (Isaiah 2:3-4)

L: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

P: that we may be taught God's ways, and walk in God's paths.

L: For out of Zion goes forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. God will judge between
the nations,

P: and will arbitrate for many peoples;

L: they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;

P: nation will not lift up sword against nation,

L: neither will they learn war any more.

Prayer

Hymn: "Mountain of God"

VT 11

Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Dan Kunzman

Intercessory Prayer - by Charles Kwuelum

L: We are called to be praying people, and to offer thanksgiving and
intercession to God. Let us join in prayer. That we may embrace God's
peace in our world and the dignity of all. LORD hear our humble prayer.

All: By the power of your Spirit.

L: For governments and their officials, that they may formulate
policies in compassion and empathy. LORD hear our humble prayer.

All: By the power of your Spirit.

L: That we may be filled with courage to embrace the other.

P: LORD hear our humble prayer.

All: By the power of your Spirit.

L: For increased commitment toward peace and reconciliation.

LORD hear our humble prayer.

All: By the power of your Spirit. AMEN

Offering Hymn: “Rain Down” VT 703
(Offering for Camp Mennoscah will be collected during this hymn.)

Scripture reading: Luke 1:73-79; Luke 9:41-44

Sermon: “Shoe Yourselves” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace” VT 719

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “You Shall Go Out with Joy” VT 847

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

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

Please return your nut orders to Lori Thimm by October 1.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the picnic last Sunday evening, with a special shout out to Jim, Kathy, Pam, and Tracy! It was a great evening of fellowship!

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

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!**

Communion will be held at First Mennonite on World Communion Day, October 6, 2024.

The Nomination Suggestion sheets are in mailboxes. Please return them to the yellow box below the mailboxes **by October 6** (in 2 weeks).

A Celebration of Life for June Diller was held yesterday, September 21 at FMC. 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. We keep Pastor Don Diller and his family in our prayers.

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](mailto: blessingsoftheharvest@gmail.com).

Beatrice Regional Orchestra is in concert on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm at the Hevelone Center, Beatrice High School. Adults \$10, students free.

AMBS will host a **free livestreamed** lecture on **Christian Nationalism**. Learn why Christian nationalism is a threat to democracy and the church’s witness, and how faith communities can counter political idolatry, radicalization and violent extremism. The lecture is by **Drew Strait, PhD**, Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at AMBS. He has written a book, **“Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism”** and will share insights on building peace in an age of extremism. The livestream will be Tuesday, October 8, 7-8 pm EDT (6 pm on CDT). To register for the free event at ambs.edu, clicking on “resources and events”.