

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Piano: Karen Wiebe Children's Story: Neal Trantham
Live stream: Henry Trantham Audio: Marv Goossen
Greeters: Duane & Doris Claassen PPT: Debbie Goossen
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Kent Hohensee Hosts: Josh & Zella Penner
Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$4,680; Technology Fund: \$200

Attendance: 97

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

Happening this week:

Sunday, Sept 24 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Church Picnic @ Chautauqua
 Tabernacle
Tuesday, Sept 26 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Sept 27 6:30-7:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, October 1 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Late September Birthdays

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

Early October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen 4: Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen 11: Scott Jantzen
12: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz 15: Laura Franz

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

September 24, 2023

Welcome

Vern Jantzen

Call to Worship

L: As we gather today, we call you

P: Our Father, who art in Heaven.

L: As we gather today, we lift up who you are and what you represent;

P: Hallowed be your name.

L: As we gather today, we seek your ways, not our own;

P: Your Kingdom come, your will be done...

L: As we gather today, we say sorry to you and one another;

P: Forgive us as we forgive...

L: As we gather today, we need you.

P: Give us this day our daily bread. Lead us away from temptation. Deliver us from Evil.

L: As we gather today, we pray

ALL: Amen.

Prayer

Hymn: Here In This Place"

VT 10

Affirmation of our Creator

L: The LORD God gives life to life! From day one, your Spirit brooding over the deep, your wind rushing, your breath filling.

P: As creatures of the earth we rejoice in life using our breath, our being to raise this hymn of praise:

L: Hallelujah to the sun's hot passion embracing the ground's great shoulders.

P: Hallelujahs for the growth from the seed to plant greening the earth; its fruit – beauty and food!

L: Hallelujahs for generations of life tumbling one after another.

P: Life creeping, swimming, flying, running, below, above, upon, within.

**ALL: All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks praise to God
whose glory grows in all that breathes!**

Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" VT 182

Children's Story Neal Trantham

Scripture: Matthew 6:9

Sermon: "What's in a Name?" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" VT 419

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "As You Go Out From Here" VT 841

Offering to Camp Mennoscah

Welcome! We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

New Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, prayer remains a steadfast source of strength and guidance for followers of Christ. Over the next several weeks, we will embark on a transformative journey through the timeless words of the Lord's Prayer, delving deep into its profound wisdom and uncovering the hidden treasures within. Join us as we explore the richness of this foundational prayer, seeking to understand not only its words but also its transformative power in our daily lives. Together, we will discover the profound connection between our hearts and the divine as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us. – Pastor

Our fall banner, written in German, comes from the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God"! Indeed, we can express this daily in appreciation for His many blessings and mercy.

The Decorating Committee invites you to share your fall flowers in church.

Children's Sunday School's first unit theme this fall is "Creativity". Our memory verse is "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." Ephesians 2:10, NIV. Right from the start, we see God's immense creativity. Everything around us gives us a glimpse of our creative God. Jesus was creative with the way He taught and the miracles He performed. We reflect God's creativity to the world around us. **Today** we'll hear about the Tabernacle in Exodus 25-39(selected verses). *Bottom Line:* Use your imagination to honor God. Next Sunday we learn that two are better than one (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

The adult Sunday School class is studying the book **Rethinking Life**. Please join us!

JYF and SYF groups are invited to meet at Kathy and Larry Thimm's house (9993 W Hoyt Road) at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 27 to roast hotdogs and play outdoor games.



Church Picnic tonight at Chautauqua Tabernacle at 5:00 p. m. Bring your own tableware! (Food served at 5:30 p.m.)

If you have **frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his family, you may put it in the freezer in the church kitchen. Please put cooking instructions and Scott's name on the item. The food will be delivered to Scott every Monday. Call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611 with questions

The Technology Committee **urges parishioners to be cautious to** not interact with any people on the FMC face book page that you don't know because many new followers are from overseas who may be trying to find someone to scam.

Upcoming:

-FMC Church Picnic September 24, 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle

-Camp Mennoscah 75th Anniversary Kick-Off & Annual Mtg, Sept 24

-Camp Dam is being removed, October 8 at 2:30 pm

-Bethel College Fall Fest: October 13-15. Market-in-the-Round and Pie-by-the-Slice request your food donations.

-FMC Mini-Auction: October 22, 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

All are invited to participate in **LifeChain 2023** Sunday, October 1 at 2 p.m. on Highway 77 starting at 6th and Court St. for a one-hour event that shows our willingness to stand in defense of the unborn and on behalf of "the least of these". – Beatrice Coalition for Life