

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Pianist: Karen Wiebe	Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm
Power point: Katie Jantzen	Audio: Jim Ensz
Ushers: Justin & Doug	Video: Kathy Casey
Children's Time: Neal Trantham	

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 76 **Offering:** FMC \$ 3209; WDC \$ 300;  
Tech Fund \$225; Wednesday Community Meal \$50.

**Today's Offering:** Camp Mennoscah **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, Sept 28	9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Sept 30	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, October 1	6:30 pm Community Meal
Sunday, October 5	9:45 am "Harvest of Thanks"
	10:30 am Worship with Communion

**Late September Birthdays:**

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

**Early October Birthdays:**

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen	8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman Anniv.
9: Doreen Janzen	11: Scott Jantzen
12: Piper Heinz	12: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson, Terri Brethouwer	

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
  - **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
  - **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
  - Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**
  - Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see what's new at Western District Conference.
  - **Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under documents.
  - **Bethel College Fall Festival Saturday, October 4.**

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

September 28, 2025

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come to Jesus, all who are weary. All who are burdened by striving and self-promotion.

**P: We come to find rest in the One who is gentle and humble in heart.**

L: Do not fret because of the proud, or envy those who assert themselves.

**P: L For the meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

L: Let us take his yoke upon us and learn from you.

**ALL: We will follow the way of the meek King-Jesus, full of strength and grace.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Here in This Place"**

VT 10

**Confession and Assurance**

L: Lord, you say, Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth, but we confess that we often trust in our own strength.

**P: We try to control outcomes. We resist surrender. We fear what humility might cost us.**

L: Jesus, You are gentle and humble in heart, and You invite us to come to You and find rest for our souls.

**P: Forgive us, Lord. Teach us the strength of Your meekness. Shape us in Your image.**

*(silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Grace**

L: Hear the good news: Jesus did not raise His voice in the streets, but bore our brokenness with mercy and grace. In Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God! We receive Your mercy, and we walk in Your peace. Amen.**

## Offering Hymn: “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

(Offering is for Camp Mennoscah)

VT 4

## Children’s Story

Scripture: Matthew 5:5

Message: “Power in Low Places”

Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: “Take My Life and Let it Be”

VT 759

## Sharing and Prayer

## Benediction

Sending Song: “We are People of God’s Peace”

VT 797

## Passing the Peace

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**Welcome! We’re glad you’re here and hope to see you again!**

**Intentional Humility:** Choose one relationship or situation this week where you normally feel the need to control, impress, or be right. Practice meekness with one deliberate act of humility: apologize first, let go of the need to win an argument, listen with full attention, choose not to retaliate, or step back so another can lead. Meekness is learned step by step. Each act of humility makes space for God’s peace to grow in us – and through us.

**Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Meeting** is October 19 at 6:30pm at Hope Mennonite Church. All are invited to attend.

**Kent Hohensee Golf Benefit & Event**, October 11 at the Wymore Country Club. 18 Hole 4-man Scramble begins at 10 am, register at 9. \$200 per team (includes a light lunch) with \$40 cart rental. Silent Auction is from 9 am to 7 pm. The gun raffle is at 7 pm. Don’t golf? Join us in the club house for the Husker game! A benefit account has been set up at First State Bank Nebraska, Beatrice to help Kent and Robbyn with expenses.

**Women and girls!** You are invited to an **open house baby shower for Stephanie Janzen** on Oct. 11 from 2:30-4:00 pm in the church basement!

**Just a reminder – today after church** we could use some volunteers to set up 9 tables with 8 chairs each in the fellowship hall right after church for our **Community Event this Wednesday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m.** We’ll eat, catch up with one another, and pack care packages for our college students. Thank you!

**Communion** will be held at First Mennonite next Sunday, Oct 5, World Communion Day.

**Be sure you have the Mini Auction date of October 19 on your calendar!**

**Nursery Use-** We are so grateful for our cleaning crew and the care they give to our church building. We want the church—and especially the nursery—to remain a welcoming space for children! To help with this, we ask that children not be left unattended for long periods in the nursery during Sunday services or Wednesday night activities, toys are put away, and that messes are cleaned up. Thank you for helping us care for our space!

**Fall Sermon Series: *Backwards Blessings*.** We are journeying through Jesus’ Beatitudes in Matthew 5 under the theme *Backwards Blessings*. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus turns the world’s values upside down, calling the poor, the grieving, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers “blessed.” Each week we’ll discover how Jesus’ *Backwards Blessings* can shape our faith and invite us into a new way of seeing and living.

**WDC Affinity Group forum, “Together” mini-webinar via zoom Sept 30, 7:00-8:30 pm**, with Joanna Harader and Cynthia Neufeld Smith, focusing on worship resources in Voices Together, and music that nurtures all ages. Bring your questions and ideas! Register at <https://mennowdc.org/events>.

**Meat Canning:** Dates are Thursday & Friday, Nov 13 & 14 in Milford. You are encouraged to help with this project with labor or monetary donations. Chicken meat looks to be close to \$1.85 a pound which means an extra \$10,000 will be needed to can our usual amount. Donations may be given in the offering plate.

**Mosaic 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** of the founding of Martin Luther Home on **Sunday, Oct 5**, 1-4 pm on their campus in Beatrice. Tours, games, refreshments, and the opening of the new MLH Museum will take place.

**Night Of Light For Every Fight! Oct 2, 6-9 pm** at the Beatrice Community Hospital main parking lot. An evening dedicated to everyone touched by cancer. There will be powerful personal stories, informational booths, vendors, food trucks, and kid’s activities. Come help us light the night, with love, strength, and support. Luminaries are available in the narthex for a donation of \$5. Decorated luminaries must be returned to the church by Sept 30.