

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith                  Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen  
Prelude and Postlude: Michelle Shima and Karen Wiebe  
Children's Story: Doug Shima                  PPT: Doreen Janzen  
Special Music: Kaity Shima                  Live stream: Kathy Casey  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner                  Audio: LeRoy Janzen  
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & Kyle Riesen

**Last Sunday Offerings:** MCC \$2,275; FMC \$340; Camp \$200.

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 76

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, July 3	10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, July 5	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting and tying
Sunday, July 10	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Private Inurnment for Carol Epp

**July Birthdays**

7: Tracy Crawford	11: Dan Kunzman
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm	
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman	
15: Alexandra Goossen	18: Amanda Thimm
22: Zella Penner	25: Marjorie Epp
28: Lisa Goossen	29: Eli Scherling

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
  - **Food Pantry donations:** Please put them in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
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- Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
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**Please contact the following with concerns or questions:**

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)
  - **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
  - **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/ email)
  - **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or [rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com)
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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

**July 3, 2022**

**Welcome**

Katie Jantzen

**A Call to Worship**

L: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**P: Jesus calls us to worship.**

L: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**P: Jesus calls us to love.**

L: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**P: Jesus calls us to justice.**

L: We hear the call of Christ.

***ALL: We worship together with joy.***

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "We are People of God's Peace"**

VT 797

**Old Testament Reading: Psalm 146**

OT page 715

**Children's Story**

Doug Shima

**Special Music**

Kaity Shima

**Affirmation of Faith:** (read in unison)

I pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ,

and to God's reign for which he died –

One Spirit-led people the world over, indivisible,

With love and justice for all.

**New Testament Reading: selected verses from 1 Corinthians 9**

**Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36**

NT page 123

**Sermon: "With Freedom and Justice for All"**

**Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

VT 716

## Sharing and Prayer

## Blessing

## Offering for First Mennonite Church in the narthex

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Go to <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> for a **live stream** of the service. The service is also available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot.

**There is no Summer Sunday School this Sunday!** Many people will be gone this weekend so it's canceled for this week. Join us next week at 9:30! **All generations** meet together for informal sessions to connect through social time, encounter God's Word through a Bible Story, explore the story further through activities and games, and close with prayer.

Please check the west kitchen cupboard for any containers that may be yours.

**Let's Learn to Sew!** Have you wanted to learn how to sew? Meet us in Burwood Books on Monday, July 11 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to learn some basic hand sewing. Bring something that needs mended; a button on a shirt, something that has a rip or needs hemming. Please RSVP in Burwood Books or Face book by July 5th so we have enough teachers. This will be a mom only event. FMC is partnering with MTM to teach this basic sewing class. Anyone that is interested is welcome. Please contact Lori Thimm or Vicki Hinz-Ensz if you have any questions.

We ask God to guard and protect the young people from FMC who are attending Mennonite camps this summer. Please consider donating to the **FMC Camp Fund** to help send seven FMC young people to Camp Mennoscah this summer and two young adults to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. You may put your donation in the offering plate, with the notation "**FMC Camp Fund**".

**MCC Golf Sign up:** It's time to sign up for the MCC Golf Tourney held at the Kearney Country Club in Kearney, NE on July 30th. It's a 2 Person Scramble with Cart, Lunch, Awards, and Flag Prizes included. Look for the poster in your church or at [facebook.com/NebraskaMCCGolf](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaMCCGolf) for details. Email [NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com](mailto:NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com) or contact Glen at 402-560-7818 via voice or text to sign your team up. Sign up prior to July 15 preferred.

**A private family inurnment for Carol Epp** will be held in the church cemetery on Sunday, July 10 at 5 p.m.

**Add to your calendar:** Church Picnic September 11, 5 p.m. Chautauqua Tabernacle.

**As a way to assist the new immigrant families in our community** get established, we are working to arrange a 'grocery drop-off' for each household during the third week of each of the months of June, July, and August. This will give us an opportunity to briefly meet them when you drop the groceries by as well as give them encouragement as they are working hard to provide for their families. If you are interested in helping, please put your name under the household/month you want to bring groceries. There is an envelope below the sign-up sheet that gives you contact information, process for delivering, and some ideas of staples that would help the family. Basically, this is what it would involve:

- Purchase some of the staples listed for the family on the information sheet
- Call Kathy Linsenmeyer (402-806-0111) to arrange a time you can deliver the groceries during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month (she knows their working schedules and will arrange it with the families)
- She will text them when you are coming and they will either meet you at the door or come out to where you park to receive the groceries
- You do not need to feel like you have to speak Spanish to drop the groceries by – Kathy will arrange all of that

Please give Jim Ensz a call (402-239-0062) if you have questions. Thank you for all you have already done to help welcome the newcomers to our community.

Pray for all who are participating on-site or virtually in **Mennonite World Conference Assembly** in Indonesia this week, and for God's blessing on this time of worship, fellowship, and witness of the global Anabaptist community.

Now that the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is over, and the resolutions have passed, you may have questions about what it all means. Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members for the "**Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?**" **webinar**, July 18 at 6 p.m. CDT to explore these questions. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next)

**Mennonite Central Committee Webinar and Resources - Register for MCC's July 26th, 3pm CDT webinar: Creative Housing Solutions for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.** When refugees and asylum seekers first arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted newcomer families' ability to lay down roots. Learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers, and the organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions.