

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith

Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Children's Story: Shana Ensz PPT: Lori Thimm

Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber

Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

Last Sunday Offerings: FMC: \$550; WDC: 2,268

Last Sunday Attendance: 95

Happening this week:

Sunday, May 15 9:45 a.m. Children's Time, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, May 17 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

Thursday, May 19 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting

Sunday, May 22 9:45 a.m. Children's Time, 10:30 a.m. Worship

May Birthdays

1: Mike Goossen

7: Ann Regier

9: Shelton Crawford, Justin Schardt 10: Elaine Penner

13: Brandon Esau 14: Laura Williamson

15: Jude Vanderschaaf

19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin Vanderschaaf, Scott Janssen

23: Alma Reimer

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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.
 - Shop at 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
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 15, 2022

WELCOME

Erin Vanderschaaf

CALL TO WORSHIP VT 851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

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

People: Jesus calls us to love.

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

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

ALL: We worship together with joy.

PRAYER

HYMN: "God of the Bible"

VT 420 vs. 1,2,3

OLD TESTAMENT READING: from Proverbs 8

CHILDREN'S STORY

Shana Ensz

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

VT 516

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Here I am, Lord"

Sunday Singers

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE DISCERNMENT

Pastor Roger

BIBLE DISCERNMENT IN ACTION

Panel Discussion

Katie Jantzen, John Regier, Jerry Reimer, Erin VanderSchaaf

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-9

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

L: Loving God, we pray for the wisdom to discern your call in our lives.

P: Hear our prayer, O God.

L: We pray for the wisdom to make healthy choices in the face of endless

and confusing options.

P: Hear our prayer, O God.

L: We pray for the grace to redefine our relationships with our parents and our friends as our lives change.

P: Hear our Prayer, O God.

L: We pray for the grace to form new relationships with new friends as we move forward from this place.

P: Hear our prayer, O God.

L: We pray for the courage to swim against the current of society as we seek to follow where you lead us.

P: Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

L: We pray for the courage to take a stand with you for justice and peace in this world in this time.

P: Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

— Katherine Hawker, 1993. Posted on the **Liturgy Outside the Box** website. <http://www.liturgyoutside.net/Graduation.pdf>

RESPONSE HYMN: “God of the Bible”

VT 420, vs 4,5

SHARING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

OFFERING in the narthex to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We're happy to have you here with us! The service is again being live streamed on **You Tube** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>. The link is also posted on our face book page. The service is available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot.

We are thankful to be **back in the sanctuary after the repairs and painting done recently!** Children will meet at 9:45 for a service project for the Women's Mission Society today, May 15, and next Sunday for a summer kick-off celebration.

There will be NO WMS May 24 due to Arylis Goertzen's Memorial Service and on May 31 due to VBS. WMS will resume meeting Tuesday, June 7.



Congratulations to Michala Janzen who graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan last weekend and to **Cassie Janzen** who graduates from Beatrice High School this weekend.

Congratulations girls and parents!

If anyone would like an **old hymnal**, please take one. They are on a cart in the narthex.

Help Is Needed for Beatrice immigrants! Dale and Kathy Linsenmeyer have been relating to **six different families from Nicaragua** who have moved into Beatrice to better their lives. Dale & Kathy often realize that on short notice it is a challenge to locate furnishings for their apartments, or gather together household items like towels, sheets, cleaning supplies, etc. Members of these families have jobs and are currently working, but need start-up furniture and supplies. Jim Ensz will be the designated contact person for our church for those who are interested in helping. If you are willing to be on a list of people from our church that Jim could contact when there is a need, please let him know (402-239-0062; jimensz@diodecom.net). If you have extra furniture (or perhaps a mattress) that you might want to donate, or have extra towels/sheets or are willing to purchase supplies when called, this would be a tremendous help to these families. It is hard to predict when items might be needed, but if interested in helping, talk to Jim Ensz for more details.

Dan Kunzman is working on the content for the new website and **requests that pictures** of recent church activities be sent to him at dank@fes.org.

Thank You First Mennonite Church!

We are so thankful for your support! We hope you'll enjoy reading the notes included with this thank you (on the bulletin board) from some of our students. It puts words to what your gifts do in our center. – Curtis & Teresa Barnes, Directors Sheepgate, Beatrice

Camp Mennoscah needs a licensed RN for the July 3-9 camp. Contact Camp at 620-297-3290 if you can help!

WDC Annual Assembly Van Drivers? - Do you have experience driving 15-passenger vans or a large RV? Would you be willing to drive one of the 15-passenger vans to Denton, TX July 29-31, 2022 for Annual Assembly? Do you know someone who does? Please email Kathy at kathynd@mennowdc.org or call 316-283-6300 for more information.

Gardening for good; Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26 at 7 pm CDT. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet – from our own backyards to remove Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits.

Everyone is welcome to attend the WDC Annual Assembly July 29-31, 2022 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX either in person or on-line. On Friday evening we will hear from Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider. On Sunday morning, the Pastor of Family Life at San Antonio Mennonite Church, Dianne Garcia, will share how San Antonio Mennonite Church has come together to minister among immigrants who pass through their community. Registration will be open soon.

Our current worship series **Vision, Calling and Witness: Discussions Regarding God's Call to Future Ministries** continues for two more Sundays.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenters (with Pastor Roger)</u>
May 15	"Biblical Discernment Beyond Secular Political Rhetoric"	Katie Jantzen, John Regier, Jerry Reimer, Erin VanderSchaaf
May 22	"Host to the Nations"	Charity Stowell (from MCC via Zoom), Jim & Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Our children's activities for these two Sundays will **begin at 9:45** (not 10:45)

May 15	A service project for the ladies who make quilts
May 22	Summer kick-off celebration (final Sunday School)

In worship on May 29 will we have a Bible School Kick-off Sunday using the theme of our 2022 Bible School "**Passport to Peace**". We will also have a brief report from young adults on their winter retreat, which focused on making peace through conflict resolution. Pastor Roger will preach on "Our Anabaptist Witness in Gage County." There will be **NO Sunday School classes on May 29.**

Have you registered for Vacation Bible School? If not, the committee would appreciate it being done soon!

Register online at fmcbeatrice.org or with the forms in the narthex. VBS is May 31 – June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Evening activities include a Kick Off event with a hay rack ride, pond swim, and campfire supper on Monday, May 30. Meet at Rodney & Shana's at 5:30 prompt! Wednesday evening is pizza & roller skating from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Rolla Rena! Families are invited too!



MC USA is having a **special in-person delegate meeting** in Kansas City, MO May 27 - May 29 to discuss **four resolutions of great importance** to the future of MC USA. **First Mennonite Church is entitled to have two delegates** and at this time we have one. There is a lot of information on the mennoniteusa.org website that discusses the resolutions. There are also several articles in the current Anabaptist World issue. There are copies of those articles available by the mailboxes to pick up for those who don't have a subscription to Anabaptist World and are interested. If you can attend, please let Church Chair Dorothy Zimmerman, know as soon as possible as registration deadline is May 16. All expenses will be paid.

Pastoral Candidate Josh Janzen and his wife Stephanie will be here June 11 and 12, 2022. **Saturday evening, June 11**, Josh and Steph will gather with the young adults and enjoy getting acquainted without children. The children will be supervised at the church. **Sunday, June 12, 9:30** Josh and Steph will meet with the children during a Sunday School time. At **10:30 worship service**, Josh will give the message. **At 11:30 a potluck** will be held in the fellowship hall for the congregation followed by a question and answer time. **Sunday evening**, there will be a meet and greet with the Church Board.

Sunday, June 19, the Search Committee will formally **recommend Pastoral Candidate Josh Janzen to the congregation for a vote, after the 10:30 worship service.** Josh has sent information about himself & Stephanie: "I grew up on my family's farm south of Aurora, Nebraska. I attended Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, Nebraska and through experiences there, felt my call to ministry for the first time. After graduating high school, I attended Bethel College in Kansas and continued to test this call through my studies and other programs. After graduating in 2016, I started attending AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana where I found an academic and faith community that stretched and affirmed me more than I could have imagined. While back home in Nebraska during the summer of 2018, I met the love of my life, Stephanie Brethouwer. While continuing my studies, we got engaged in the summer of 2019 and got married the following spring at the very beginning of the pandemic. Stephanie and I felt affirmed that God was calling us to Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Manitoba Canada where I have served as the Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry for the last 2+ years. While continuing to pastor, I formally finished my studies at AMBS December of 2021 and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree. Over the years, I have continually felt affirmation in my pastoral ability. I continue to place my trust in God's call for my life and I am excited and ready for what will come next."

Thank you to those that have picked up a **Compassion International** packet to sponsor a child in extreme poverty. If you would like to sponsor a child please pick up a packet today, May 15th. The packets will be returned this week. I will be at the Compassion table before and after church to answer any questions and help with the process.- Lori Thimm

Celebration of Life services for Arylis Goertzen will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 24 at First Mennonite Church with Pastors Roger Neufeld-Smith and Tim Amor officiating. The service will also be live streamed on the church You Tube page "FMC Beatrice". Public inurnment is at 10:00 a.m. May 24 at the Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel with the family greeting friends from 6-7:30 PM. A memorial has been established to the Beatrice Community Hospital Foundation and the Beatrice Community Hospital Hospice Program with Jim and Vicki Ensz in charge.