

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: Kyle Riesen                      Piano: Karen Wiebe  
Children's Story: Amanda Thimm                PPT: Lori Thimm  
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber                        Audio: LeRoy Janzen  
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber          Video: Wendy Kyser  
Greeters: Dan & Pam Kunzman

**Last Sunday Offerings:** MMN \$1800; Tech Fund \$200; FMC \$600

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 72

**Happening this week:**

May 27-30                      MC USA Special Session – Pray for participants  
Sunday, May 29                10:30 a.m. Worship with VBS Kick Off  
May 31-June 3                 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
Monday, May 30                5:30 p.m. Hayrack Ride from Ensz's  
Wednesday, June 1            5:30 p.m. Roller Skating & Pizza  
Sunday, June 5                 10:30 a.m. VBS Program during worship

**Late May Birthdays**

19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin Vanderschaaf, Scott Janssen  
23: Alma Reimer

**Early June Birthdays**

3: Dorothy Zimmerman                      4: Dave Stutzman  
8: Neal Trantham                                14: Edna Ensz

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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](mailto:rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com)
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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

**May 29, 2022**

**WELCOME**

Kyle Riesen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In a world filled with violence and war,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

L: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

L: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

L: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

**P: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

~ from *On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace*, MCC Peace Sunday Packet 2008

[http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/9603/Peace\\_Packet\\_08\\_high\\_res.pdf](http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/FileDownload/9603/Peace_Packet_08_high_res.pdf)

**PRAYER**

**HYMN: "Let Us Build a House"**

VT 36, vs 1,2,4,5

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

**HYMN: "I've Got Peace Like a River"**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:3-4 (VT #13)**

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.

**P: God will judge between the nations, 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, neither will they learn war any more.**

**REPORT: "Peaceful Practices" from Young Adult Retreat**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 5:38-48**

NT page 6

**SERMON: "Our Anabaptist Witness in Gage County"**

**RESPONSE HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

VT 716

## SHARING AND PRAYER

**BLESSING and OFFERING in the narthex to First Mennonite Church**

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

**In Children's Story today** we kick off Vacation Bible School using the VBS theme of "**Passport to Peace**". Our young adults will give a brief report from their winter retreat on **making peace through conflict resolution**. Pastor Roger will preach on "**Our Anabaptist Witness in Gage County**." There are **NO Sunday School classes on May 29**.

Please take an **old hymnal** from the cart by the coats if you'd like one.

**A Memorial Service for Alice Wiebe** will be held Wednesday, June 8 at FMC at 11:00 a.m. Family prayer service is at 10:30. Private burial. Family will greet friends at Fox Funeral Home on June 7 from 6-7:30 p.m.

**Church Cleaning:** Thursday, June 9, 5:00 p.m. and Friday, June 10, 8:00 a.m. Bring sandwiches, dessert or salad to share for Thursday supper. Zommel served at 9 a.m. Friday. Hopefully we're done by noon.

**Vacation Bible School!** May 31 – June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- **TREATS are needed!** If you can bake cookies or would like to donate money for donuts, please contact Doris Claassen, Pat Penner, or Elsie Riesen.
- **Special activities: Monday, May 30, 5:30 p.m.:** hay rack ride, pond swim, and campfire supper. Meet at Rodney & Shana's at 5:30 prompt! **Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.:** pizza & roller skating at Rolla Rena! **Friday, 11:30 a.m.:** a noon meal will be provided. Children can be picked up at 12:00.
- **The VBS offerings** will go for MCC's Ukraine emergency response of short-term humanitarian projects providing food, cash, shelter, medicine and hygiene supplies to displaced persons, host families and conflict-affected households.

**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 prior to worship 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, June 19**, the Search Committee will formally **recommend Pastoral Candidate Josh Janzen to the congregation for a vote, after the 10:30 worship service**. If Josh is approved, he will begin August 29.

We will celebrate **Communion** during worship on June 19.

Intergenerational **Summer Sunday School** will begin June 19.

**Jim Ensz** is currently at the **MC USA Special Session in Kansas City**. Pray for the attendees as important issues are being discussed.

**There will be NO WMS** May 31 due to VBS. WMS will resume June 7.

**WDC Annual Assembly** July 29-31, 2022 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX: in person and virtual. Speakers include Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider and Dianne Garcia, Pastor of Family Life at San Antonio Mennonite Church who will speak on how their church ministers to those who pass through their community. **Drivers are needed for 15 passenger vans** to go to the Assembly. Email Kathy at [kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org) or call 316-283-6300 for more information.

**Let's Learn to Sew!** Have you been wanting 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 Facebook 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.

**From Isaiah Friesen:** Thank you for partnering with me again in my studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in the 2021-2022 academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my studies this year. Last December, Andrea and I moved to Colombia and we finally got to have our wedding. I like studying and teaching eco-theology! I'm still taking AMBS courses online for now, and Andrea and I are hoping to move to Elkhart sometime in the next several months. (*Isaiah's complete letter is on the bulletin board.*) He welcomes emails from FMC friends.



## **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the lives lost in Uvalde, Texas, that join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America.

People: Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted.

Leader: Compel our prayers to turn into actions.

Left: May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares.

Right: May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors.

Leader: May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire.

Left: Forge us to be instruments of your peace.

Right: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Leader: May our posture be of a readiness to steady a plowshare.

Left: May we take hold of your olive branch that plots for peace.

Right: May the plowshare break the earth of senseless violence.

Left: May the furrows bring us a harvest of solace, a never-ending rest from violence.

Right: May we sit under the vine and fig, on earth as it is in heaven.

ALL: May it be so. Amen.