

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

Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith

Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf

Children's Story: Amanda Thimm PPT: Deb Goossen

Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber

Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

Last Sunday Offerings: FMC: \$3000; Food Pantry: \$50

Last Sunday Attendance: 70

Happening this week:

Sunday, May 8 10:00 a.m. Worship; 10:45 Children's Project

Tuesday, May 10 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

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

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 8, 2022

Happy Mother's Day!

WELCOME

Neal Trantham

CALL TO WORSHIP For Mother's Day

(based on themes from Psalm 139)

L: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,
who like a mother knows us intimately,

P: loves us unconditionally,

L: teaches us the way we should go,

P: and comforts us in times of need.

**ALL: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

-Christine, from re-worship.blogspot.com

PRAYER

Neal Trantham

HYMN: "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

VT 518

SHARING AND PRAYER

-Compassion Sunday

Lori Thimm

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25 OT page 204

L: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

**P: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and with all your might.**

L: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your
heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when
you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down
and when you rise.

**P: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on
your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.**

L: When your children ask you in time to come, "What is the
meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances
that the LORD our God has commanded you?" then you shall
say to your children,

P: “We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The LORD displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors.

L: Then the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case.

P: If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.”

CHILDREN’S STORY

Amanda Thimm

HYMN: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

VT 365

(Children and Moms are dismissed during the hymn for activity)

PRESENTATION:

“Envisioning a Church that Nurtures Children and Families”

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

POSSIBILITIES, PRAYERS, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION & Offering to Western District Conference

Welcome! We’re happy to have you here with us! Currently the service is not live streamed but the recording will be posted later today to **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.

Sanctuary repair work and painting is complete! We will still meet in the basement at 10:00 a.m. this week, May 8. The children and Mom’s will be dismissed to the upstairs music room at 10:45 a.m. to celebrate Mother’s Day. The nursery continues to be available.

We will be **back in the sanctuary next week, May 15 at our regular time of 10:30.** Children will meet at 9:45 for a service project on May 15 and summer kick-off celebration on May 22.

New Address: Duane & Doris Claassen, 1523 N 10th St, Beatrice, 68310.

Vision, Calling and Witness: Discussions Regarding God’s Call to Future Ministries May 15 - 22 Bible School Kick-off Sunday, May 29

Since our sanctuary repair and painting project has been completed, we will be returning to **worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 on May 15.** Though we will **NOT be continuing with our Round Table Discussion format,** we will still consider the future ministries themes we had planned to discuss on May 15 and May 22. Here is the schedule of topics and presenters.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenters (with Pastor Roger)</u>
May 15	“Biblical Discernment Beyond Secular Political Rhetoric”	Brandon Esau, Katie Jantzen, Jerry Reimer, others?
May 22	“Host to the Nations”	Jim and Vicki Hinz-Ensz

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

May 15	A service project (to be announced)
May 22	Summer kick-off celebration (final Sunday School)

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 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** as Bible School teachers will be setting up their classrooms for Bible School.

Vacation Bible School will begin with evening activities on Monday, May 30. VBS classes begin Tuesday, May 31, continue through Friday, June 3. The VBS kids, teachers and helpers will present their **Bible School Program on Sunday morning, June 5, at 10:30 a.m.**

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."

Congratulations to Hannah Grace Kunzman who graduates this weekend from Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine with her DVM. In June, she will start a residency at Oklahoma State University vet school. In August, she will graduate from the University of Florida with a Master of Science in Wildlife Forensics and Conservation.



Vacation Bible School registrations need to be in by May 14! Register online at fmbeatrice.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 do not have anyone to go and bring back information. 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. All expenses will be paid.

J. Daniel Hess and Milbert Penner recently co-authored a children's book entitled: **Raul and Rudy: Special School Friends**. It is a story of Raul who is from Honduras and Rudy from Germany who become best friends by sharing their language and culture with their elementary school classmates and visiting Rudy's farm. A copy is in the library to look at. If interested in buying, contact Zella Penner, 402-228-6575.

Help Is Needed for local 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 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 for more details.

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. 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.

MDS Region 3 Virtual Annual Meeting Sept 16-17 in Kalispell Montana. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2022preregistration>.

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