

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### January 11, 2026

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#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"A community caring for all God's people, being transformed by Christ's love,  
serving others as a witness of God's grace and peace."

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## MINISTRY TEAM

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## CONTACT US

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BMC Treasurer Email: [treasurer@bethesdamc.org](mailto:treasurer@bethesdamc.org)

BMC Website: [www.bethesdamc.org](http://www.bethesdamc.org)

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Can be viewed/listened to live...

† Livestream @ <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>

† Facebook

† KOOL Radio 103.5 FM

† Local Cobalt Cable Channel 3207

#### Reminder...

† The east doors will remain open during office hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday. If you drop off items in the Et Cetera room and  
need to have the north door unlocked, please call the office.

# WEEKLYCALENDAR

<i>Sunday, January 11</i>	<i>SLCC Winter Retreat (Grades 8-12)</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Potluck
<i>Tuesday, January 13</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. BWM Winter Sewing Days 8:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee
<i>Wednesday, January 14</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Friday, January 16</i>	<i>SLCC Winter Retreat (Grades 5-8)</i> Church Offices Closed
<i>Saturday, January 17</i>	<i>SLCC Winter Retreat (Grades 5-8)</i>
<i>Sunday, January 18</i>	<i>SLCC Winter Retreat (Grades 5-8)</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist/Worship Band Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School Catechism Retreat

## CHURCHFAMILY

**Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:**  
Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Wyona Friesen, Elly Siebert (Marge Siebert's granddaughter), the family of Doris A. (Quiring) Daniels and the family of Blanche Franz.

### Death

Blanche Franz, 95, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Henderson, Nebraska. She is survived by her children: Shari Peters of Golden, Mo., Mel (Becky) Franz of Henderson, Carolyn (Burdon) Peters of Henderson and Randy (Christie) Franz of Golden, Mo.; grandchildren: Tammi Sahling, Luke Peters, Angie Friesen, Jill (Mark) Carrillo, Tessa Glinsmann, Douglas Franz, Jeff (Tami) Peters, Greg Peters, Lance (Kirsten) Peters, Caleb (Savannah) Franz, Hadley (Julie) Franz, Audra (Ben) Mohnkern, Olivia (Adam) Jahnke; 32 great-

grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and sister-in-law, Wilma Dick of Henderson. Please remember to keep Blanche's family in your prayers.

### Death

Doris A. (Quiring) Daniels, 81, passed away December 25, 2025 in Alexandria, Nebraska. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 30 at the Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home in Fairbury, Nebraska. She is Marvin Quiring's oldest sister. Please keep her family and Marvin in your prayers.

### Birth

A daughter, Leighton Joy, was born on December 29, 2025, to Garrett and Jenna Friesen. Siblings Avery, Mia, Paxton, Emerson and Everleigh welcomed her home. Local grandparents are Mike and JoAnn Friesen and great-grandmother Marion Friesen



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026. Annual reports will be available to pick up following the worship service on January 18, 2026 . Absentee ballots will be available during office hours beginning Monday, January 19 and must be returned no later than Thursday, January 29, 2026. The youth will be serving us lunch as a fundraiser. Be sure to join us as we look back on 2025!

### Food insecurity in York County

Blue Valley Community Action has seen a sharp rise in need for food in York County. Henderson Ministerial Pastors (Bethesda, FEBC and Living Hope) met together with Lisa Epp who works for Blue Valley out of York. She offered pastors resources and shared about some of the most effective ways to provide support to anyone who may struggle with food needs.



- If you know of someone who may be in need of food, please contact one of the ministerial pastors. There is food available:
  - Blue Valley, located at 3401 N. Lincoln Ave. in York, hosts a food pantry once a month, which participants will need to provide contact information to participate.
  - Blue Valley also hosts the Feeding America Program Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-10 a.m. You may pick up bakery items, bread, eggs and many other items.

- The York Mission also provides a food basket once a month if you attend a chapel service. Contact the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission at 402-362-0127.
- The Henderson Ministerial will also be funding vouchers for Blue Valley to give out for milk at the Henderson Pharmacy. You may find them at Blue Valley in York.

For more information on other resources provided by Blue Valley Community Action you may call them at 402-362-3516 or find them online at [www.bvca.net](http://www.bvca.net).

The Deacon Board



### **New Address or Phone Number**

If your address or phone number has changed please let the church office know. You may email

[bethesda@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net) or call 402.723.4562 with the information.

### **Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed**

Henderson Health Care is in desperate need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels weekdays at 11 a.m.

Deliveries are ONLY in Henderson. It takes 15 minutes or less. You choose the day(s)! Contact Tyler at (402) 723-4512 for more information.

### **School Kit Bags**

School kit fabric for bags has been cut at this time. They are available to be picked up in the office across from the church office. Thank you!

Lindy Siebert

## **BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**



### **Bethesda Women's Ministries Winter Sewing Days**

Are you looking for a way to be God's Hands in this hurting world? Do you need a place where you can fellowship and be of service to others for a few hours? Then join Bethesda Women's Ministries at their Winter Sewing Days, tie some knots in a comforter, put a few stitches in a quilt or tea towels, crochet/knit a prayer shawl, or just come for the Fellowship. All projects

benefit MCC Winter Warm Up or the Nebraska MCC Relief Sale. January dates are **Tuesday, January 13 and January 27, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Come as your schedule allows. Lunch will be served at Noon. You are also welcome to come just for Lunch and Fellowship. Winter Sewing days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of January, February and March.

Come for a time of service and fellowship.



## COLLEGENEWS

### College Graduation

Reminder, please let the church office know if you have a college graduate in your family so that we can keep our records up to date and give them a shout out. Contact Kerri at [bethesda@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net) or call the office at 402.723.4562.

## YOUTHMINISTRIES

### Swan Lake Christian Camp Winter Retreats

Swan Lake Christian Camp is hosting Winter Retreats this winter. 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat will be held January 16-18.

Activities include Bible studies, campfires, worship, indoor games and hot chocolate. As weather permits kids can enjoy winter activities, sledding, outdoor games and fun on the ice.

The cost is \$100 and registration is necessary and needs to be in two weeks prior to the weekend. There is an additional fee for late registrations. You can register online at [myslcc.com](http://myslcc.com) as well as find out more information on the weekend.



# MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

## MCC's Great Winter Warm-up

The chill of winter is settling in and that means it's time for **MCC's Great Winter Warm-up!** From January to March, the goal is 10,000 comforters to help spread warmth, joy and comfort to people around the world. Start plans now to gather with friends and family to make comforters for MCC this winter! Find inspiring stories and instructions at [mcc.org/gww](http://mcc.org/gww).

## GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 4, Worship Attendance: 205

Sunday, January 4, Sunday School Attendance: 92

Worship Offering: January 4, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$10,771.00
New Years Eve Service	\$1,275.00
Sunday School Offering	\$138.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$12,184.00

# Wedding at Cana

## Word Search

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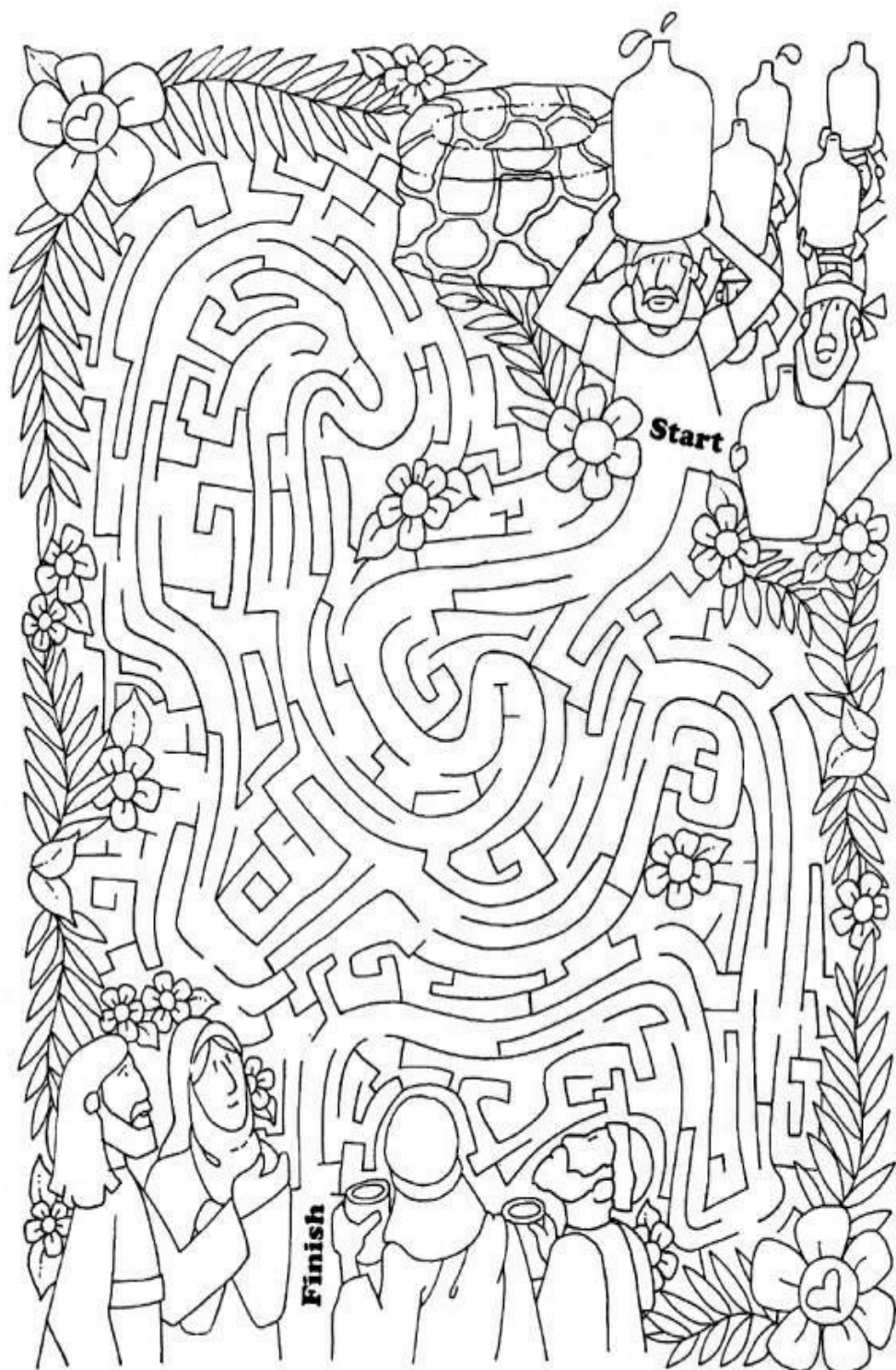


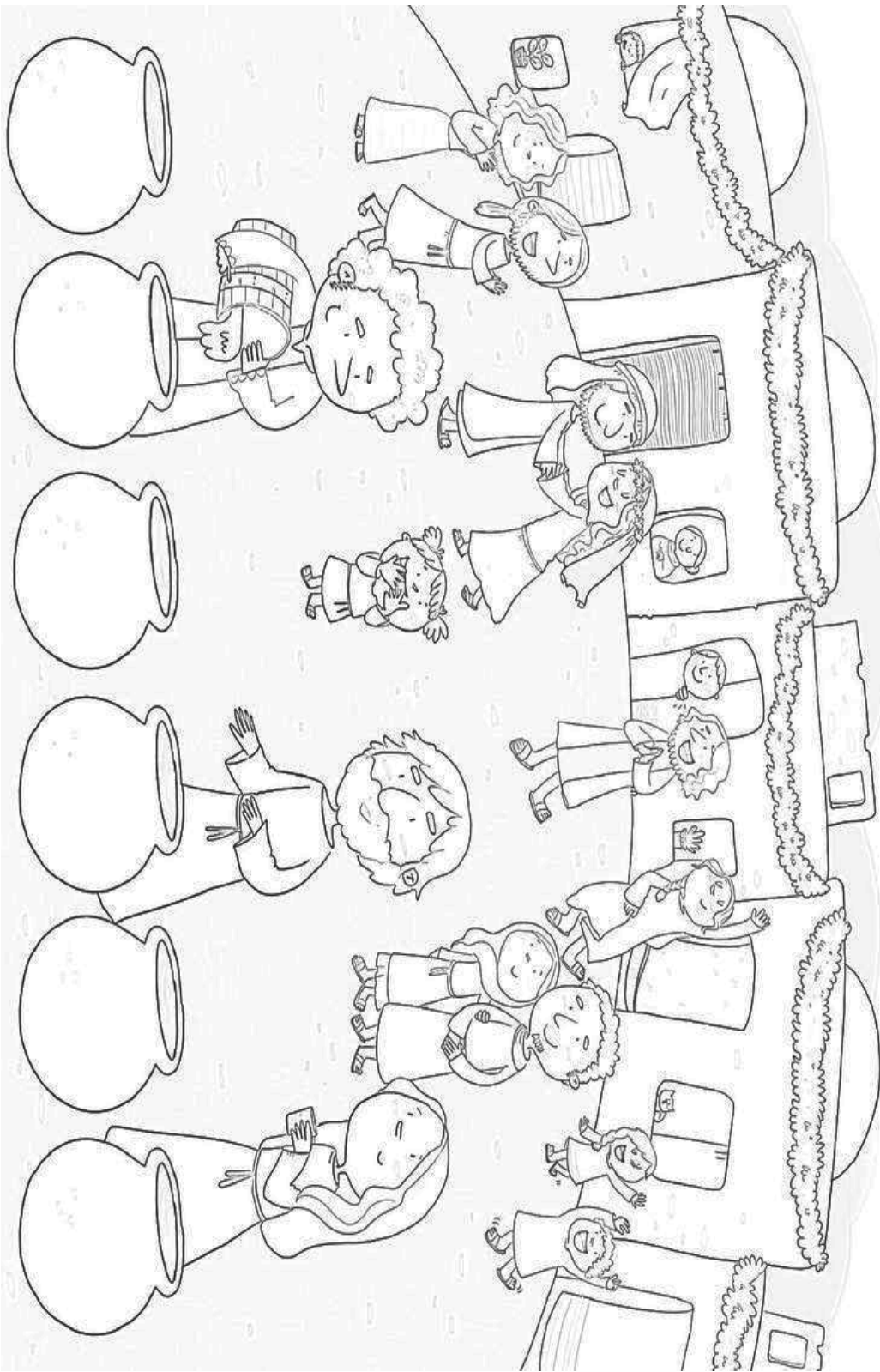
# THE WEDDING AT CANA

CAN YOU SPOT THE 20 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES?









# CONNECT

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the offering or the church office.

I would like more information about:

- ☐ Children’s Programs
- ☐ Youth Programs
- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Choirs
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to receive the weekly e-Bethesda News and bulletin. Please enter your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am new to Bethesda Mennonite Church.

☐ Please update/add my contact information to the Bethesda yearbook.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

My age range:

- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Junior High
- ☐ College

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

# **MESSAGE**NOTES

## **"The Extravagant Abundance of Jesus"**

**Pastor J Epp**

**John 2:1-11 (NRSV)**