

BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH
HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
Faith Formation Sunday

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist
"Child of Love"
"God is in this Story"
"I Believe"

"Word of God Speak" Worship Band
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,
James Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, and Amanda Goertzen

Welcome & Call to Worship Norm Yoder
One: We gather today because God has first loved us.
All: We come to receive that love and to share it with one another.
One: Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbors.
All: Teach us to love with patience, kindness, and grace.
One: May God's love take root in our hearts.
All: And may that love grow among us.
One: Come, let us worship God.

* "Sing praise to God who reigns" HWB 59
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4.)

Children's Focus Pastor Andrea Wall & Pastor Chelsea Vaught

First Graders Receive Bibles
Thea Brown Maylee Chrisman Ellise Wall

* "God of the Bible" STJ 27

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

* "Less Like Me" Worship Band

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:7-12 (NRSV) Pastor Andrea Wall
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "Rooted in Love" Pastor Andrea Wall

* "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" HWB 324

Prayer of Commissioning - Faith Formation Leaders (back of bulletin)

Announcements Norm Yoder

Offering to God Norm Yoder
Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

*Benediction Pastor Andrea Wall

***The Blessing" Worship Band

** If you are able, you are invited to stand*

All are invited to participate in the Christian education hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

All Faith Formation Leaders along with their families are invited to a
Teacher Appreciation Meal in the Fellowship Hall starting at 12:00 p.m.
This also means there will be no Potluck this month.

Matthew

7:7-12

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will

your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Prayer of Commissioning...

Leader:

God of Creation, you have gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you would fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit. Fill them with energy and insight into your Word, the story of your faithful heart.

Teachers (please stand):

I prayerfully and willingly commit myself to the call and task of teaching. I accept these responsibilities and will do my best to serve you, God, and the congregation while remembering, you have not called us to be perfect. You have called us to be faithful. You have not called us to be all-knowing. You have called us to believe. Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching of your Word.

Parents of Infants – High School (please stand):

I prayerfully and willingly commit to nurture my child's faith encouraging them to come to an open confession of Jesus Christ. I will trust in the Holy Spirit as I nurture their faith and my own so that together, we will be enabled to seek, find, and know God.

Congregation:

God of hope, guide each teacher and leader as they study your Word. Strengthen the gifts you have given them, and energize their compassion. Remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year. May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

All:

We commit ourselves, each to our part in this joyful task. May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do. Amen.

LOVE

Healthy congregations
are places where people
experience love before
they experience
agreement.



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