

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

October 12, 2025

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."

CONNECT, EQUIP, SEND

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor Andrea Wall:

Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

Pastor J Epp: 402-366-7475

Currently on sabbatical.

chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org

j.epp@bethesdamc.org

CONTACT US

Bethesda Mennonite Church
930 16th Street PO Box 130
Henderson, NE 68371-0130
Church Office: 402-723-4562

BMC Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BMC Office Manager Email: bethesda@mainstaycomm.net

BMC Treasurer Email: treasurer@bethesdamc.org

BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

BMC Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfaithformation.com

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, October 12</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, October 13</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, October 14</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee 7:00 p.m. Board of Education
<i>Wednesday, October 15</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. Messiah Rehearsal 9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, October 17</i>	
<i>Sunday, October 19</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Laura Steingard, Organist; Chancel Choir Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCHFAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:

Rachelle Schweitzer, Shirley Thayer, Lisa Friesen, Hester and Rafael Heide, Bryan Bechtel, Adeline Huebert and the Family of Rick Vaught.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Affirmation Vote

At the congregational meeting held Sunday, October 5, 2025, both Kara Janzen and Norm Yoder were affirmed to each serve another three-year term as Deacons.

Christmas Eve Choir

Wednesday, December 24: Looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in a choir on Christmas Eve. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you love Caroling or haven't for a while, this will be a warm experience (AKA indoors). Thank you!

The Christmas Eve Committee



Postpartum & Dragons Story Concert

Sunday, October 26: Join Erin Sams on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. , as she presents her Master's level Biblical Storytelling Showcase! After the 90 minute concert, there will be an optional talk-back session to ask questions, share experiences and explore the themes further. Due to the themes, this concert is for mature audiences. NO childcare will be provided. The concert will take place at Aurora United Methodist Church and will also be Live Streamed at "Aurora UMC-Nebraska" YouTube Channel. Light refreshments will be served.

School Kit Night

Sunday, November 9: School kit bags are sewn and the supplies are ready so mark your calendars now, School Kit Assembly Night will take place on Sunday, November 9. Stay tuned for more details.



Potlucks Are Back!

Sunday, October 12: Sunday Potlucks are back but with a change of schedule. Potlucks will now be held on the second Sunday of each month, still at 12:00 p.m. One will be held today, Sunday, October 12, so please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday School Hour.

Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 13: The Women's Bible Study will follow these assignments for our next three Mondays: Oct. 13 - Acts 13;26-52; Oct. 20 - Acts 14 Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, and back; Oct. 27 - Acts 15: 1-35.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Month is a time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastors who give, care, and serve us and our community in remarkable ways! If you need a few pastor appreciation ideas we're here to help!

- Invite your pastor to your home for a meal.
- Gift cards for coffee, restaurants, grocery store, sporting events, bookstore, hobbies, or pastimes.
- Share your season tickets.
- Treat the pastor's spouse.
- Write a personal thank you letter or card.
- Offer to babysit while the pastor and spouse have date night.
- Drop off a homemade dessert.
- Pray for your pastor daily.



Messiah Chorus Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.: Messiah Chorus rehearsals are currently underway. All rehearsals will be from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday until the performance. Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. The

Messiah performance will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner

Wednesday, November 19: Do you like cooking, hosting, and youth? The high school youth are having their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to host a dessert at their house OR contribute a side dish for their main meal held at church. If you are interested or have questions, contact Hillary Lee at 309-569-0471,



New Library Books

'Women Who

Risk', by Tom and JoAnn Doyle, "Women Who Risk" is a collection of riveting real-life stories that takes you deep in the heart of the Muslim world. Despite enormous risks to themselves, these former Muslim women are new followers of Jesus and are influencing their families and bringing others to faith in Christ.

'The Prince of Egypt', for children explores the story of Moses and helps answer questions children may have regarding God and faith such as what makes Moses a great hero, what miracles happen in the story and how did Moses find out he was not born to Egyptian royalty but rather to Hebrew slaves. The questions in the back of the book help lead a family discussion and invites children to ask their own.

Both books can be found in the "New Arrival" section located in the North hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL



Swan Lake Christian Camp September Newsletter

As I was beginning to put this newsletter together, I came across a note that I had written back in 2021, just as the Covid-19 year was beginning to fade. It still applies to me as I try to provide leadership here at the camp.

I was speaking with a church denominational leader about the financial uncertainty of this past year. Informally, he spoke with area pastors about their level of fear or anxiety about meeting their respective budgets. Those with higher anxiety ended the year in a deficit position while those who believed that Jesus Christ was more than able to handle their financial situations and continued to preach a message of hope in Christ not only met their budgets, but were unanimously in a better position than last year. This past year, I have been squarely on the fence, at times feeling much anxiety as groups continued to cancel and other times feeling that God was doing something miraculous here at camp. In the end, God showed his faithfulness yet again. I ask each of you to retrieve a stone from the middle of this past year and pile them in a manner that will cause you and your children to remember the stories of God miraculous faithfulness. Then, when time blurs the details, we can look back and know with confidence that we serve a good Lord.

The most important message that I can share with you is that Jesus loves you so much that he lived the life that he wants each of us to live, he died the death that each of us deserve, and that he rose again to demonstrate his authority and he is asking each of us to trust him. I see time after time the evidence of lives lived in the fullness of that trust. At the camp, I am often involved in messy situations, whether it be maintenance issues or the lives of people that I come in contact with. In these situations, where I don't see a clear path that leads to bliss, my desire is to imitate Jesus, seek wisdom and trust that he knows what is best. This is a process that I don't always do well. I certainly hope that in those situations that I repent quickly so that I don't need to continue in the mire. I believe that the mindset to trust keeps our focus on what is important and eternal.

I want you to know that the camp is doing well, often in spite of its director. I believe that it is doing well because the hearts of our board of directors and our staff seek constantly to follow Jesus. I see his hand in so many daily occurrences and I look for him in each of our guests. Praise God for his continued blessing and thank you for your continued prayers.

- Jerry Kroeker
Director,
Swan Lake Christian Camp

To read the remainder of the SLCC September newsletter go to this link:
<https://myslcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/September-newsletter-2025.pdf>

MCC is hiring a Transformative Justice Program Coordinator

MCC is hiring a Transformative Justice Program Coordinator to advance MCC Central States’s work on transformative and restorative justice, addressing mass incarceration, supporting justice-impacted people, and promoting change through education, capacity building, program development, and advocacy. This full-time position is offered in these locations: the MCC office in North Newton, KS or remotely in: Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, New Mexico, or Oklahoma. View the full job description and apply online at mcc.org/cs-tjp-coordinator by October 17. Questions? Contact roxyreyes@mcc.org.

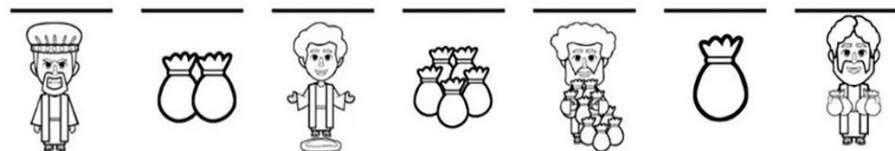
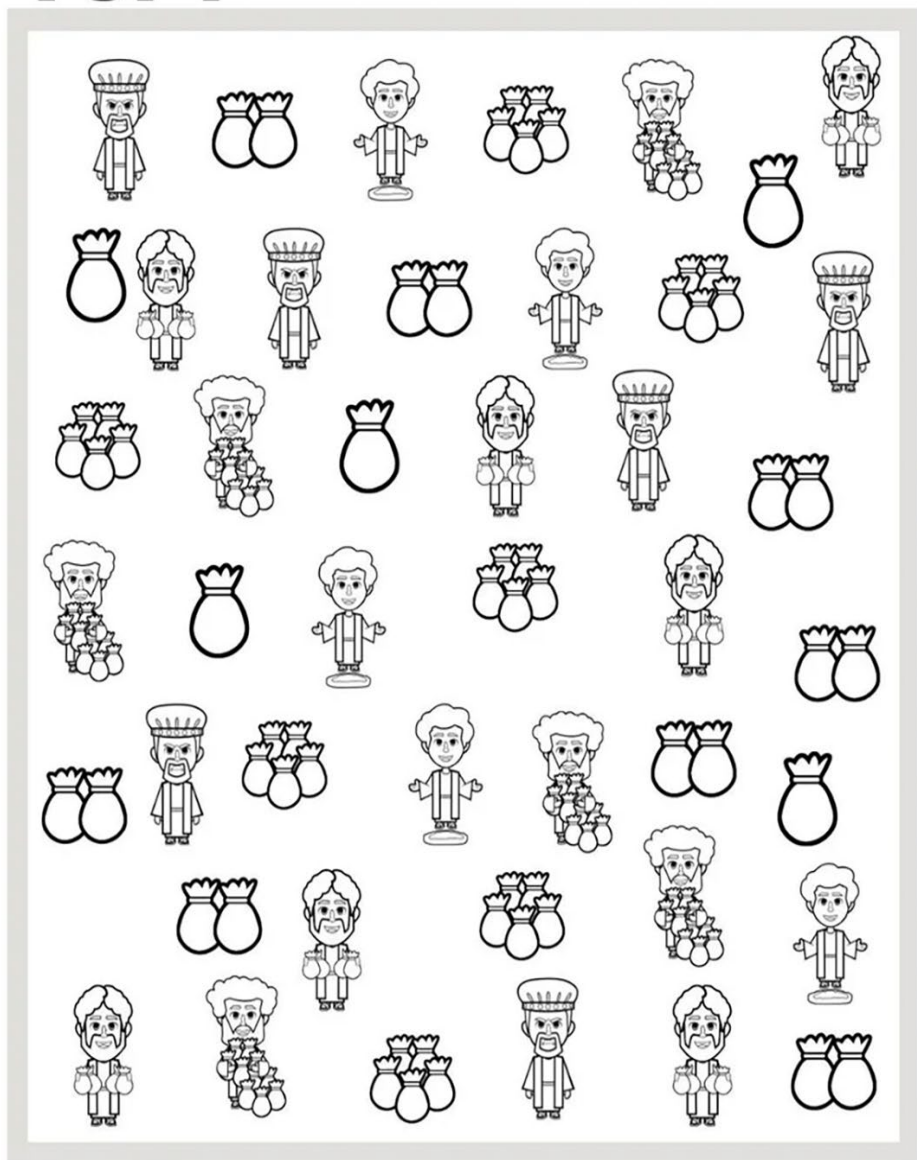
GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 5, Worship Attendance: 216
Sunday, October 5, Sunday School Attendance: 82

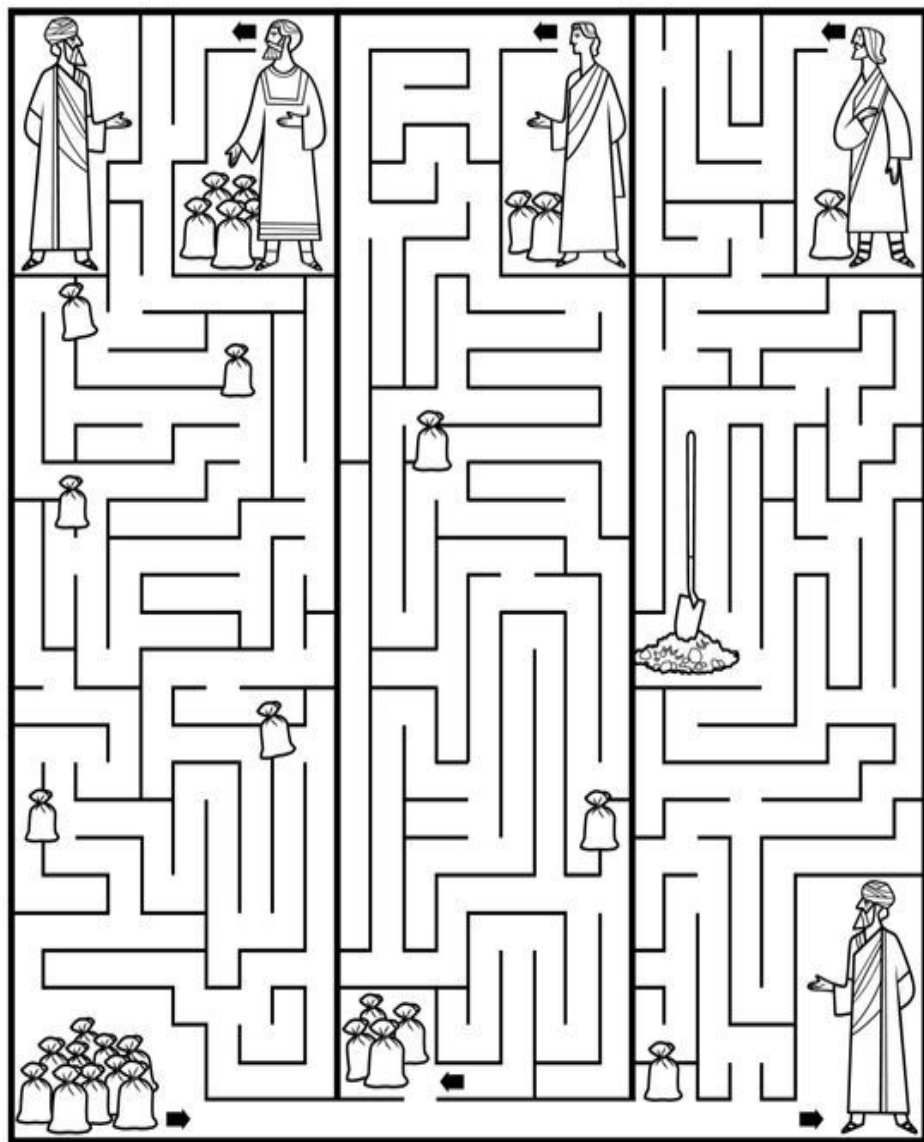
Worship Offering: October 5, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$5,519.30
Sunday School Offering	\$114.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$5,633.30

I SPY Parable of the Talents



Jesus told the **parable (story) of the talents** about a master who gave talents (money) to his servants. The first two servants worked hard and made more money. But one servant buried his talent in the ground. The master wasn't happy with the servant who buried his talent. Follow each servant's path back to the master.



Matthew 25



What did the master say to the first two servants?

Faithfulness

E D X A X L Z D B D M Z G E X I A O V H M D M R
A N B F L R N L Z L O V E P X T F B D R K O V X
I I C U S Y U X C L D B V T R H P B Q K F T I X
X R P O U L C J D M O F C X R G P V R H S H G Z
I K E Z U M Z P I U S K P T X I G L N Z X W E F
A J A X U R Z I N C R U S L K L H U W F J N G G
B E N C G I A D K Q R D J Y M E X N P C H T H O
Q G J I E F L G F E B A W U G D X A M O A L P J
Z J Y Z L E D F I I N F O S K Y F E M B Y R Q T
D W X X S B B B E N K F W H Z U D Z X K O Q K K
S O W S R J R S M D G L F X N A Z N U M N R G B
D I C Y U G N G J K D I V V S G S B I R I C F G
E K E F M R K R W G V C F R E Q S S A D P G I Z
U Y L E S Z X S R D D T D U U A E P D V I H S Z
R D Z I N C D I M J M I K F H E W N Z W R M V P
H R B Y R D V M G J X O F J B R S I C G V O S W
B G R O T U U B S S E N L U F H T I A F P U J Q
A J O B N X G R D L Y H T E I F I K S W M K G I
T J T D X O Y R E H S T R A E H Q P V T M P Q L
M Z H B K Y X Q T S C U J C D X C G I C E N B W
G D E E C I W A S L Y J U L U L Y M Z M F R W I
W F R V F Y S W Z F G N U I O A C A N L Z C S Z
U O S V W W D N Y J S N K U I D R J E W R I U L
V D V C N R P X N F J M W I U E A D V B H U N W

faithfulness

boundless

sisters

hearts

encouraging

brothers

delight

love

affliction

promise

endures

pure

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...

MESSAGENOTES

"Faithfully Being Faithful"

Pastor J Epp

Matthew 25: 14-30 (NRSV)