

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

October 26, 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

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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 26</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, October 27</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – CANCELLED 10:30 a.m. Adeline Huebert Funeral 8:00 p.m. Church Council
<i>Tuesday, October 28</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 2:00 p.m. Leanna Kroeker Funeral
<i>Wednesday, October 29</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 31</i> <i>Sunday, November 2</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Nathan Luitjens Music: Sandra Quiring, Pianist; 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, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Adeline Huebert, Wyona Friesen, Jan Friesen, the Family of Ken L. Friesen, the Family of Doris Kroeker, the Family of Shirley Buller, the Family of Leanna Kroeker and the Family of Adeline Huebert.

Full Time Ministry Connection: Thayne Sparke (son-in-law of Ron and Linda Goertzen) – Lead Pastor of Codell Community Church, Codell, Kansas

Death

Adeline Huebert, age 86, passed away on Monday, October 20, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband, John; daughter-in-law, Melissa (Phil) Goertzen of Bradshaw; daughter, Monica (Parker) Hill of Bend, Ore. and son, Jerry (Pam) Huebert of Saronville; grandchildren, Malaina (Brandon) Schlautman of Henderson, Maelyn (Logan) Meisinger of York, Parker (Kelsey) Goertzen of Henderson, Lane Huebert and fiancé Maria Milhouse of

Charleston, S.C., Haley (Chris) Fisher of Omaha, Reid Huebert of Phoenix, AZ and Savannah Huebert of Saronville; great-grandchildren, Sophie, Emery and Maggie Schlautman and Malachi and McCoy Meisinger; sister, Arlyce (Myron) Friesen; brothers, Maylon (Judy) Peters, Lowell (Iris) Peters and Homer (Ruth) Peters; sisters-in-law, Em (Joe) Pankratz and Jennie Friesen and brother-in-law, Lauren Penner. Graveside services will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025 at Bethesda Cemetery. Memorial services will take place at 10:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025 with the family greeting friends from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. all at Metz Mortuary in Henderson. Please remember to keep Adeline's family in your prayers.

Death

Leanna Kroeker, age 88, passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in Henderson, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband Gerald; sons, Douglas (Kathy) Kroeker of Lincoln, Mark (Rita) Kroeker of Hampton and Scott (Chris) Kroeker of Omaha; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Marvin Siebert and Roger Siebert; sister, Velma (Philip) Kroeker; sisters-in-law, Karen Spoelstra, Sharon (Robert) Bren and brother-in-law, Dale (Carol) Kroeker. Graveside services will be held at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28 at the Bethesda Cemetery at Henderson, followed by the Memorial service at 2:00 p.m., at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. Leanna has been cremated, no viewing, but visitation and signing of her book will be held Monday, October 27 from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. that evening, all at Metz Mortuary in Henderson. Please remember to keep Leanna's family in your prayers.

Thank You

Dear Bethesda Church family,

We are overwhelmed by the love and support you have given us after Rick's passing at the end of September. Thank you so much for all of the prayers, food and other acts of kindness you have shown to us. We are so grateful to be surrounded by such a wonderful church family. Thank you for your continued prayers as we navigate the days, weeks and months ahead. You are appreciated!

Cheryl & Chelsea Vaught

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Messiah Chorus Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.: Messiah Chorus rehearsals are currently underway but it's not too late to join! 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.

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.

Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 27: Due to the funeral service of Adeline Huebert the Women's Bible Study will not meet on Monday, October 27. We will meet again at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 3 in the old choir room and will be discussing Acts 14. The final Bible Study will now be held on Monday, November 10. All are welcome!



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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7: It's time to start practicing for the Children's Christmas Program planned for Sunday, December 7 at Bethesda. This year the kids will be presenting "The Mystery of the Missing Manger". Sunday School classes started rehearsing their music last week during Sunday School but it's very important that you rehearse with your children at home. All of the music can be found on

the Bethesda Mennonite Church website, bethesdamc.org, just click on the Menu bars in the upper right corner and then click on "MINISTRIES" and then "Children" and all of the songs will be there.

Donations needed

Sunday, November 9: The youth will be serving a meal for the evening of the school kit assembly on Sunday, November 9. Donations of ground beef and bars are needed. Also needed are youth to help serve and clean up. If you have any questions please contact Joy Friesen at 402-366-3848 or Lavonne Braun at 402-362-9264.



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.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women in Mission

Tuesday, November 4: Our November first Tuesday meeting of Women in Mission will be a celebration, the blessing of the bowl. We would like each of you to bring your favorite soup bowl and it will be filled. Filled with blessings, love from Jesus, love from your fellow women in mission, and with soup. Soup is the universal language of comfort and love. It has stood the test of time, and it has a history. May you be filled with blessings as we meet on first Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

2025 Hope Gospel Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet

Monday, November 10: Hope Gospel Rescue Mission in York will be holding their 2025 Celebration Banquet on Monday, November 10 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. Join us for an inspiring evening to celebrate the amazing work God is doing through the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission. Hear powerful testimonies and enjoy a message from Marcellus Casey, Chaplain, Kansas City Chiefs. Seating will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be provided by Kerry's Restaurant & Catering. This event is free to attend but reservations are needed in order to ensure they have adequate amounts of food. Call 402.362.0127 or visit hopegospel.org to make a reservation.

Save the Date!

Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership will host an 11-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador, from March 13 - March 23, 2026. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/N1HEzfSxKjs5Msb98> by **November 23**, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 19, Worship Attendance: 212

Sunday, October 19, Sunday School Attendance:

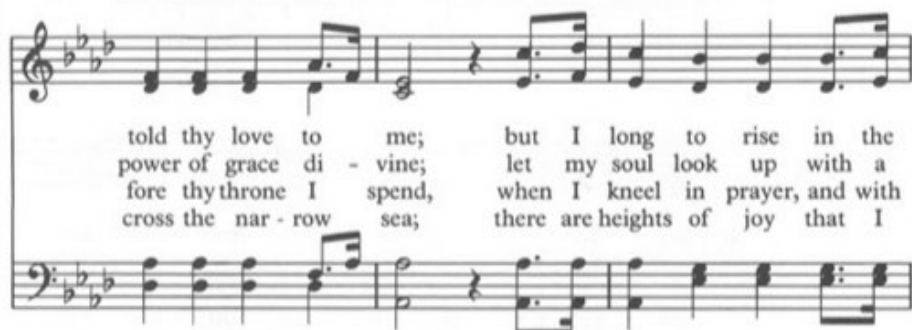
Worship Offering: October 19, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$12,919.00
Sunday School Offering	
Total Sunday Offering	\$12,919.00

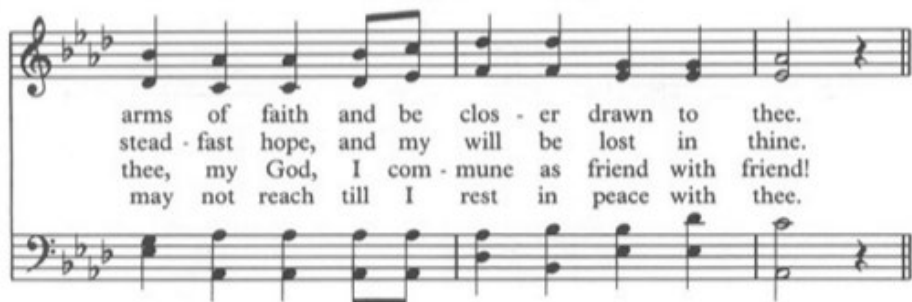
I Am Thine, O Lord



1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

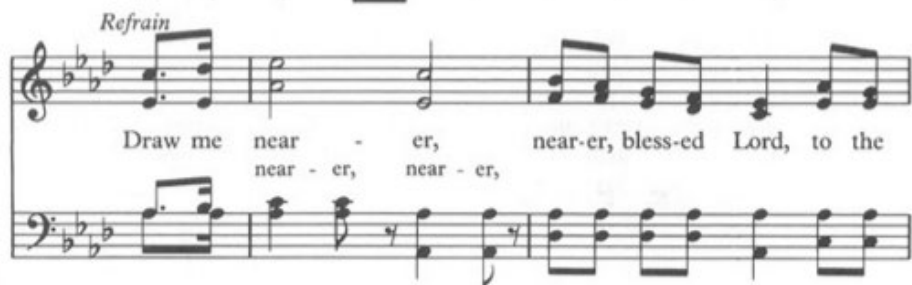


told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
 power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a
 fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with
 cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I



arms of faith and be clos - er drawn to thee.
 stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
 thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
 may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

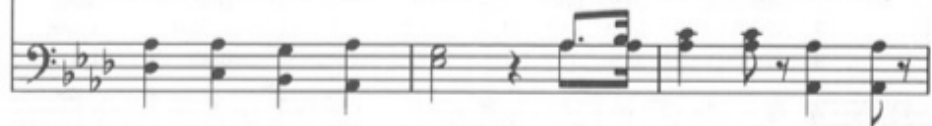


Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, to the
 near - er, near - er,



cross where thou hast died.

Draw me near - er, near - er,



near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.



SELF-CONTROL

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THREATENING
FEELINGS
YELLING
SCHOOL
TEMPER
MAD

EMOTIONS
TROUBLE
TALKING
GUILTY
BITING

GESTURES
CURSING
INSULTS
LONELY
ANGER

BEHAVIOR
PUSHING
TEASING
SCARED
SAD

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 Fruit of the Spirit – Self Control"

Pastor J Epp

2 Timothy 1:6-8a, Galatians 5:22 (NRSV)