



# BETHESDA NEWS

*"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."*

**Bethesda Mennonite Church**

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

**September 7, 2014**

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**Today**, we will celebrate *Year of the Bible* Sunday. We have a collection of Bibles displayed on the communion table in the front of the sanctuary for you to view. You may pick up your Bible after worship Sunday, September 14.

**Wednesday evening Adult Prayer and Bible Study** will resume **September 10**, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We begin with prayers of the church followed by an overview study of the former prophets: Joshua, Judges and the books concerning the Kings of Israel. We will also continue our study of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet based on the acrostic Psalm 119. We meet in the lower northwest Sunday school classroom. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
*~Pastor Jim Voth*

**It's not too late to sign up for the "Welcoming God" class** offered by Pastor Luann on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Faith/Life Sunday school room across from the preschool. This class is intended to be an informal, fun way of growing in our relationship with God and each other. The class will be offered Sunday mornings starting October 5. A sign-up sheet is located on the east bulletin board to specify whether you will attend the Wednesday evening or the Sunday morning group. By the way, this is for men and women!  
*~Pastor Luann Yutzy*

**Cemetery Walk and Talk...** 2014 marks the 140th anniversary of the coming of the Mennonites to Nebraska. In honor of that occasion, a "Cemetery Walk and Talk" will be held next Sunday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Mennonite Church Cemetery. The program will include the stories of six immigrants, and special music by violinist Stephanie Quiring at 1:45 p.m. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your lawn chair. Students will be there to escort you if you need assistance. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held in the Fellowship Hall. A **practice session for participants** of this event will be held at the cemetery September 13, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **SUNDAY, September 7**

Christian Formation Sunday

8:30 A.M. Deacons

8:55-9:15 A.M. Prayer Time

9:30 A.M. Worship Service/1<sup>st</sup> Graders receive Bibles

10:40 A.M. Sunday School

12:00 P.M. Teacher Appreciation Lunch

### **TUESDAY, September 9**

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

5:00 P.M. Sunday School Committee

7:00 P.M. Board of Deacons & Pastors

### **WEDNESDAY, September 10**

12:00 P.M. Bulletin Announcements Due

7:00 P.M. Adult Prayer and Bible Study – Pastor Jim Voth

7:00 P.M. “Welcoming God” Bible Study – Pastor Luann Yutzy

7:00 P.M. Mission:Possible - Mission: to accept God’s call.

Genesis 25:29-34

7:00 P.M. CORNERSTONE (Junior High)

7:00 P.M. Powerhouse (Senior High)

8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, September 11**

8:30 A.M. Bethesda Care Team

### **Next Sunday, September 14, 2014**

Sermon – Pastor Luann Yutzy

Offering – Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Music – Chancel Choir

Organist – Laura Steingard

Cemetery Walk and Talk

**Sunday School Project Offering...** With the start of the new quarter, it is time to select this year’s offering projects. In Sunday school **today**, you will find a list of projects. Please have these projects chosen by the end of class time on September 14.

## ***OUR CHURCH FAMILY***

Please pray for those with health concerns, grief or family needs.

### ***Hospitalized:***

Kazutomo Epp, son of Ray and Akiko Epp, is hospitalized in Japan. Please keep him and his parents in prayer.

### ***Prayer:***

Lorene Friesen

Delbert Heinrichs

**A special thank you** to all who provided pies for last week's social in the Fellowship Hall as well as those who served coffee and brought cookies throughout the summer. This ends our combined worship-based activities for children and sermon response opportunities for adults and children.

*~Sunday School Committee*

**Prayer request from Central Plains Conference:** Pray for Carol Detweiler as she concludes her chemotherapy infusions on Monday, September 8. Scans will follow one month later. Pray for good results from these scans.

**Bethesda has received an invitation** to the ordination of Kay Schroeder on Sunday, September 14, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. The service will be held at First Mennonite Church, 429 E First Street, Newton, Kansas.

**Volunteer Needed:** If someone would like to volunteer to deliver bulletins to Rosewood Court, Henderson Hospital and to the Henderson Care Center on Thursday's after the ladies have collated the bulletin, please contact the church office.

**Sharing Table...** We will continue to have the "Sharing Table" located in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall, where you may share the abundance of your garden produce with others. All are invited to SHARE and all are welcome to TAKE. Enjoy God's goodness!

**Attention Children (of all ages):** In the absence of Pastor Andrea who always keeps a bowl of candy in her office, you may now find a bowl of candy in Pastor Jim's office. Please stop in my office any time for a piece of candy while they last!

**Pastoral Search Prayer Support:** Gather in the northwest adult classroom, across from the preschool, at 8:55 a.m. as we seek God's will for a new pastor. **We need your prayer support** as we continue our search.

*~ Pastoral Search Committee*

**The Prayer Board**, located near the church office, is a place to post prayers that come to the office. If you wish to have a prayer matter posted, please call the church office, Pastor Jim Voth, or email him at [jim@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:jim@mainstaycomm.net). These may be prayers of praise, thanksgiving or intercession. If you wish to post a prayer for someone other than yourself, please request their permission. Thank you!

**Sign up on the east bulletin board for the Backpack Program.** The Backpack Program helps families meet the nutritional needs of their young student so that they can study and learn without hunger getting in the way. It's a great way to minister to local needs right here in Henderson! Information sheets are located on the east bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Buller at 402-723-4808 or at [gary@bspray.net](mailto:gary@bspray.net).

**MCC has sent out a report that they are again in need of school kits.** We have sewn enough bags and ordered enough supplies to fill 1,000 kits on November 2, 2014. The cost of the supplies will be approximately \$3,000. You may support this project by marking your offering "MCC School Kit Project." More information regarding the evening will follow in the coming months. Thank you so much for your support.

*~Lindy Siebert & Adeline Huebert*

**We are inviting the congregation** to participate in the Advent Devotional for the upcoming Christmas season. It does not require you to be a writer, just to speak from your heart, whether it be through a hymn, poem, short story or another form. If you are interested in contributing to the devotional, please contact Bev Quiring at 402-723-4637 or Lavonne Braun at 402-723-4979 by September 24.

**The two minute devotional book**, *How to Launch Your Day*, written by Albert H. Epp is available for \$14.97 (tax included) in the church office. Please make checks payable to "Stairway Discipleship." For further information, please contact David Quiring.

## Coming Events:

**Beth Moore and *Living Proof*** will be broadcasting a special one-day event on September 13, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Third City Christian Church at 4100 West 13th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska, is the host church for this simulcast. Tickets are \$20.00 each and may be ordered by calling the church office at 308-384-5038 or purchased online at [www.iTickets.com](http://www.iTickets.com).

**Gracia Burnham** will be speaking at the Edwin and Bernice Lock Theater of Performing Arts Center on Sunday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. The theater is located at 2810 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Central City, Nebraska. Gracia Burnham is the author of the New York Times bestselling book, *In the Presence of my Enemies*.

A **webinar** is being offered to Sunday school teachers to introduce the new Shine curriculum. The same webinar will be offered twice; choose the date that works for you: Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. To register, go to [www.centralplainsmc.org/shine](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shine). Please register at least four days prior to the webinar. For more information, contact Shana Peachey Boshart at 319-936-5905 or [shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org](mailto:shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org).



**We are in the process of updating our texting services** for all young people entering grade 6 – 12. **Parents**, please contact the church office so your young person's name and phone number may be added to the list. This list is needed for you to receive updates concerning youth events.

**Powerhouse** (Sr. High Youth) and **CORNERSTONE** (Jr. High) will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10.

The **2014 baptism pictures** may be picked up on the table outside the church office.

# FINANCIALS

## Worship Offering Sunday, August 31, 2014

Worship Attendance – 245

### Temporary Holding Accounts

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Society .....	\$200.00
Bethel College.....	4,326.00
Dayspring – Congo .....	335.00
Dayspring – Thailand.....	30.00
Reach International – Sam and Sherri Evans.....	150.00
Ashland Fellowship .....	100.00
Benevolent Fund .....	100.00
Facility Renovation Fund.....	1,500.00
MCC School Kits .....	20.00
Backpack Project .....	200.00
Bethesda Preschool Support.....	100.00
Sunday School Offering.....	68.00
General Operating Receipts .....	2,885.00
<b>Total Worship Offering .....</b>	<b>\$10,014.00</b>

### Kenneth Bergen Memorials

Bethesda Sunday School Room Upgrades	\$2,800.00
City of Henderson – Grill	<u>315.00</u>
	<b><u>\$3,115.00</u></b>

# Bethesda



## Women's Ministries 2014

**The September BWM birthday party** will be held on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a September birthday, please sign up on the east bulletin board. We will meet at the church and transportation will be provided to Alan Janzen's cabin. Darlene Janzen will serve as hostess for the evening.

### **Mark your calendars for 2014 Women's Retreat!**

**When:** September 20 & 21, 2014

**Where:** Swan Lake Christian Camp - Viborg, South Dakota

### **Featured Speaker: Shana Peachy Boshart**

Shana is the Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC) Minister for Christian Formation. She has been in conference ministry for 16 years and is well-known throughout the conference.

**Pre-registration is requested and due by September 15 by contacting Edie Tschetter at [letschetter@gwtc.net](mailto:letschetter@gwtc.net), 605-925-7009 or on her cell at 605-660-2714. Additional information, as well as a sign-up sheet (for transportation) can be found on the BWM bulletin board. Please consider this as an opportunity!**

**Bethesda is in charge of interest centers this year.** One center will be making journals. If you have scrapbooking materials such as decorative paper, pens, lettering, and embellishments of any kind (buttons, stickers, letters and numbers,) you may drop them off in the box located outside the church office by September 13. Thank you!



Bethesda Preschool has a Facebook Page! Be sure to “like” us for preschool updates and happenings at <https://www.facebook.com/bethesdapreschoolers>.

**It's back-to-school time again for Bethesda Preschool!** The 3–4 year old class started September 2 and the Pre-K class began September 3. Class schedules for this year are Pre-K, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-11:30, and the 3-4 class, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-11:30. We currently have 11 children enrolled in preschool so there is plenty of room for more enrollments! If you have a child who is 3 years of age or older and potty trained, or know someone who does, please share! We offer scholarships for anyone who qualifies. I will also be implementing a new curriculum this year. *Shine* is the Sunday school curriculum created by Menno Media that I converted to a full-week curriculum in the classroom.

As always, Bethesda Preschool would love to have volunteers come into the classroom! Whether you want to share a talent with the children, read a story, or help with an activity, we would love to have you join us. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Kori Lewis at [bethesdapreschoolers@gmail.com](mailto:bethesdapreschoolers@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at the preschool (402-723-4603).

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** The Bethesda Preschool will be hosting a **Back-to-School Carnival** on September 28 from 4–7 p.m. at Heartland Community School. There will be games, prizes, food and activities for **ALL AGES!** Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more information as the event gets closer!! Bethesda Preschool **will be needing volunteers** to be able to make the Back-to-School Carnival a success. The carnival will be held in the old gym at Heartland Community School on Sunday, September 28, from 4-7 p.m. If you are willing and able to help at any of our booths please sign up on the east bulletin board. Thank you for helping us make this a successful event for the children and families of Bethesda, Henderson, and the surrounding communities.

*~Kori Lewis*



Back to school

# CARNIVAL

fun  
for all ages!

september

28

4:00-7:00 p.m.



CARNIVAL GAMES

INFLATABLES

RAFFLE / PRIZES

FOOD

heartland school gym & playground  
1501 Front Street, Henderson

Tickets may be purchased  
at the door or pre-purchased for  
a discount at Bethesda Mennonite  
Church, or: the Heartland  
Volleyball game (9-25)  
football game (9-26)  
or after school  
on Wednesday  
(9-24)

fundraiser for  
Bethesda Preschool



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## **Prayer for 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:**

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.

We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.

Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation  
and teaching of your Word.

### **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

## ***SHINE* Sunday School Curriculum:**

Parents, grandparents and friends of our children; today marks the beginning of the new *Shine* curriculum. Each Sunday, we will list the story, Bible verse and thoughts for the week to discuss with your children. Ages three through junior high will have the same Bible stories and verses for memorization. Please support your child by helping them learn the verse. Thank you!

*~Sunday School Committee*

### **Bible Verse:**

*“<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.”*

**Psalm 19:1 & 7**

This week's story is about creation and the fall of Adam and Eve. During the next week, stop and listen to the sounds of God's creation. Think about when you feel tempted to choose the wrong way or how you feel when you choose God's way. Talk to your children about your experiences.

Start a new prayer to end each day. Tell God what made you glad today, things that make you sad, and actions which you are sorry for.