

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

March 15, 2026

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

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BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, March 16

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons & Pastors

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Board of Business

8:00 p.m. Board of Education

Wednesday, March 18

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

Friday, March 20

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Andrea Wall

Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist/Worship Band

Offering to God

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Andrew Regier, Kathy Epp, Dean Brehm and Hillary Bechtel, Ecuador Mission Trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Coins Count

Coins add up. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's work around the world. Don't forget to bring your spare change for the children to collect during offering time!



Help Needed for MCC Sale Verenike Meal

Your help is needed to ensure the success of the MCC Sale verenike meal on Saturday, March 28th! We are in need of **38 doz. more zweibach and 16 pints of jelly**, as well as volunteers for the following areas: 2 money takers from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 2 serving line helpers from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1 serving line helper from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m., 5 additional table servers for both hours, and help with setup/cleanup. If you are able to assist in any of the above areas, please sign up on the east bulletin board or contact Evan & Kristen Friesen at 402-710-8586. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help at this enjoyable event!



Easter Lilies

Donations of Easter lilies are welcomed to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5. Lilies should be delivered to the church by Thursday, April 2. Please call the office by Wednesday, April 1 and let us know if you are donating a lily in memory of, or in honor of a loved one.



Bethel College Home Stays

The Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble will perform during our Palm Sunday worship service on Sunday, March 29 (this is the same weekend as the MCC Sale).

We are still searching for some places for the college students to spend the night. They would need to be picked up at 7:00 p.m. at the church. You would then need to provide a bed to sleep in, breakfast and a sack lunch the next day as well as get them to the church on Sunday morning.

Please contact Kelsey Bergen at 402.366.1025 or Wendy Janzen at 402.366.2927 if interested.

Preschool Early Enrollment Night

All Preschool aged children (age 3 and potty-trained by July 31 –

Pre-K including children that are Kindergarten eligible but not ready to attend yet) are invited to attend the early enrollment night at Bethesda Preschool, located in the Bethesda Mennonite Church on Thursday, March 19 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to see the preschool, meet Mrs. Malaina, ask questions, find out about schedules for next year and enroll your student in preschool!!

For questions, please contact Kori Lewis, Preschool Director at 402.363.9796 or email her at bethesdapreschoolers@gmail.com.

White Cookbooks Are Here!!

The White Cookbook is officially digitized, printed and in the church office as you read this! This is the fourth printing of the Bethesda Mennonite Church Cookbook thanks to the Bethesda Women's Mission. The price has gone up a smidge as they are now available for \$25.00. Stop in and pick one, two, three, or four up because you never know when the next White Cookbook Drought will hit!



New Address or Phone Number

If your address or phone number has changed please email the church office at bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or call 402.723.4562 with the 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. If you have any questions contact Lindy Siebert at 402.723.4376 or Deanna Steingard at 402.366.6284. Thank you!

BETHESDAWOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Bethesda Women's Ministries Winter Sewing Days

Interested in making a comforter for MCC? Join Bethesda Women's Ministries and help MCC's Great Winter Warm-Up reach their goal of collecting 10,000 comforters for relief work around the world. Tie some knots in a comforter, put some stitches in a quilt or tea towels, crochet/knit a prayer shawl, or just come for the Fellowship. Lunch served at Noon. You are welcome to come just for Lunch and Fellowship. Join us on **Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Help us spread warmth where it's needed most.



New Library Book!

The Restoration Chronicles Book 3 - On This Foundation by Lynn Austin

When news reaches him that Jerusalem's wall is shattered and its gates burned with fire, a distraught Nehemiah seeks God's guidance in fasting and prayer. Granted an unexpected leave from his duty as cup bearer to the Persian King Artaxerxes, Nehemiah sets out for Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall - never anticipating all the danger that await him on his arrival. The leaders of the surrounding nations become his fierce enemies plotting to assassinate him and stop the wall's reconstruction. A drought, meanwhile, has left the country impoverished, with many families resorting to selling their children as bond servants just to keep from starving. On This Foundation is the powerful conclusion to The Restoration Chronicles. This exploration of faith in the midst of oppression offers hope that the gracious hand of God is upon those who believe.

MARKYOUR CALENDARS

Swan Lake Christian Camp Dates



Mark your calendars now and sign up for camp this summer at Swan Lake Christian Camp! If you sign up before May 1, campers will get a free t-shirt (overnight camps only). Your

child/children can attend Swan Lake Christian Camp at NO CHARGE. To register, go to www.myslcc.com, and check the appropriate church scholarship amount. Bethesda Mennonite Church will be billed at the end of the summer for those who attended.

(Grades Based on 25-26 School Year)

Summer 2026 Dates

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| Day Camp 1 (Age 5 – 2 nd Grade): June 4 | 5 th & 6 th Grade 1: June 28 – July 2 |
| Day Camp 2 (Age 5 – 2 nd Grade): June 5 | 5 th & 6 th Grade 2: July 26-31 |
| Day Camp 3 (Age 5 – 2 nd Grade): July 10 | 7 th & 8 th Grade 1: June 7-12 |
| 3 rd & 4 th Grade 1: June 1-3 | 7 th & 8 th Grade 2: July 12-17 |
| 3 rd & 4 th Grade 2: July 6-9 | 9 th – 12 th Grade: June 21-26 |



Schedule of Events

*Friday,
March 27*

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Booth & Auction Setup - Volunteers are welcome to help us get the convention center ready for the sale. Setup is a come-and-go time slot, but all booths must be ready to open at 4:00 p.m. A free will donation lunch will be provided during setup.

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Donation Check-In – Auction donations can be checked-in for the sale using the doors on the south side of the building.

3:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bidder Numbers Available - Bidder numbers are good for both days and can be used to purchase items at all auctions, booths, and meals. Once done with your purchases for the day, return to the same location to settle your bill (cash, check and credit cards accepted)

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Evening Meal Options

- **Windsor Loin/BBQ Chicken Meal:** Your choice of BBQ chicken breast or a Windsor loin served with au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll and a drink.

- **Pork Sandwich Booth:** Pork sandwiches and chips.

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Booths & Concessions Open - About MCC, New Year's Cookies, Apple Prieska, Market, Espresso Bar, Ten Thousand Villages, Ice Cream Bars, Pie by the Slice, Mementos, Quilting Supplies, Golf Tournament, Pork Sandwiches, Drinks, My Coins Count

6:00 – TBD p.m. Friday Night Auction – The Friday night auction will feature a variety of auction items including quilts,

comforters, wall hangings, table runners, crafts, furniture, tools, home décor, toys, meats, and much more.

***Saturday,
March 28***

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast – Pancakes served with eggs, sausage, coffee and milk or juice.

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Donation Check-In – Auction donations that didn't make it to the sale on Friday can still be checked in on Saturday. Earlier check-in is preferred since the auction also starts at 8:00 a.m. Use the doors on the south side of the building.

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Booths & Concessions Open – About MCC, New Year's Cookies, Apple Prieshka, Market, Espresso Bar, Ten Thousand Villages, Ice Cream Bars, Pie by the Slice, Mementos, Quilting Supplies, Golf Tournament, Pork Sandwiches, Drinks, My Coins Count

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Main Auction – The Saturday auction will feature a variety of auction items including quilts, comforters, wall hangings, table runners, crafts, furniture, tools, home décor, toys, meats, and much more.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Kid's Auction - Head over to the Kid's Corner for an auction where the kids get to bid. All children must be accompanied by an adult with a bidder number.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Noon Meal Options -

– **Verenika Meal:** Traditional Mennonite verenika (boiled or fried) served with cream gravy, ham, coleslaw, zwieback and a drink.

– **Taco Meal:** Taco bar and a drink.

– **Pork Sandwich Booth:** Pork sandwiches and chips.

*** Surplus Auction – A surplus (leftover food) auction follows with packaged leftovers from breakfast and the noon meals as well as anything not sold at the booths.*

2026 MCC Sale News and Updates

The 2026 Nebraska MCC Sale is set for March 27 and 28 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. The annual fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a two day event that is free to attend and features a variety of food offerings as well as an auction of quilts, furniture, tools, handmade items, gift baskets, toys, and more. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to fellowship with you! For more information check out

www.nebraskamccsale.org.

Updates for the 2026 sale are as follows:

Registration

- Donation registration for this year's sale is now open!
 - Important deadlines:
 - All other donations - March 22 (Quilt deadline was March 1)
- Quilts registered by the deadline (March 1) will be sold on Saturday and featured on the website and in the quilt guide. Quilts registered after the deadline will not be included in the guide and will be sold at the Friday evening auction.
 - Reminders when registering:
 - We've added a size field. Indicate if it is a king, queen, full, etc.
 - In the description, include the name of the pattern and the author's name if it is not your original design.
 - If submitting a project for the fat quarter color challenge, include that in your description.
 - Pictures should be uploaded during the registration process (at least 250 KB in size). Preferred pictures:
 - One picture of the full quilt
 - One with a corner folded back
 - One with up close details
 - Print the final registration page and pin it to the quilt so it can be identified at the sale.

Quilts and More

- We will also have a "Quilts and More" booth this year. You may donate clean fabric (please indicate how many yards or dimensions of each piece), sewing notions, sewing/embroidery/quilting kits, patterns and unfinished projects.

Meals

- There have been some slight changes in when meals will be served:
 - Friday Night Meal - Windsor Loin and BBQ Chicken Meal
 - Saturday Lunch Meals - Taco Bar or Verenika

- The Pork Sandwich Meal will be available both days

Relief Kits

• MCC collects various different Relief Kits. Examples include but are not limited to Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Infant Care Kits and more. If you would like to donate, you can bring a variety of items or choose a specific kit as a church. Check out the website for the list of items accepted.

My Coins Count

• Don't wait to start collecting coins! There are links for resources on the MCC "My Coins Count" page on their website. Bring you coins to worship each Sunday leading up to the sale.

MCC Golf Tournament

• The MCC Golf Tournament will be located at Centura Hills Golf Club in Cairo, NE on May 16th.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 8, Worship Attendance: 192

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Worship Offering: March 8, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$8,000.00
Sunday School Offering	\$167.56
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,167.56

My Coins Count

Hey kids! I'm Timmy Tuppence and as you can see, I'm a coin! And this year I'm here to keep track of how many coins you collect during "My Coins Count". You had a real boost in sales.... I mean collections. Last Sunday you gathered almost \$200 more than last week with a total of \$299.77 plus you even collected some paper coins in the form of two \$50 bills! That's 10,000 pennies! I'm glad I didn't have to count those! Looking forward to seeing what you get today! I'll report back next week.



March 1	\$102.75 (+ 1 cold pill and a brown button)
March 8	\$299.77
TOTAL	\$402.52

MISSIONS LOCAL/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.

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators

MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

Jesus before Pilate Word Search

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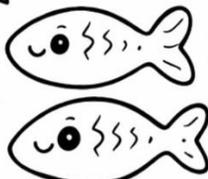
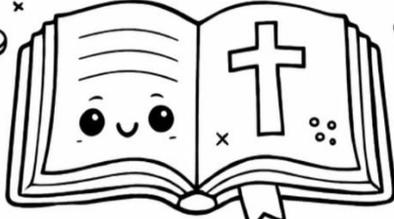
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4.  Hannah
5.  David
6.  Elijah
7.  Jesus
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9.  Prodigal Son
10.  Peter
11.  Noah
12.  Moses
13.  Esther
14.  Daniel
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18.  Joseph
19.  Paul
20.  Samuel

Answers to the puzzle in last week's bulletin.

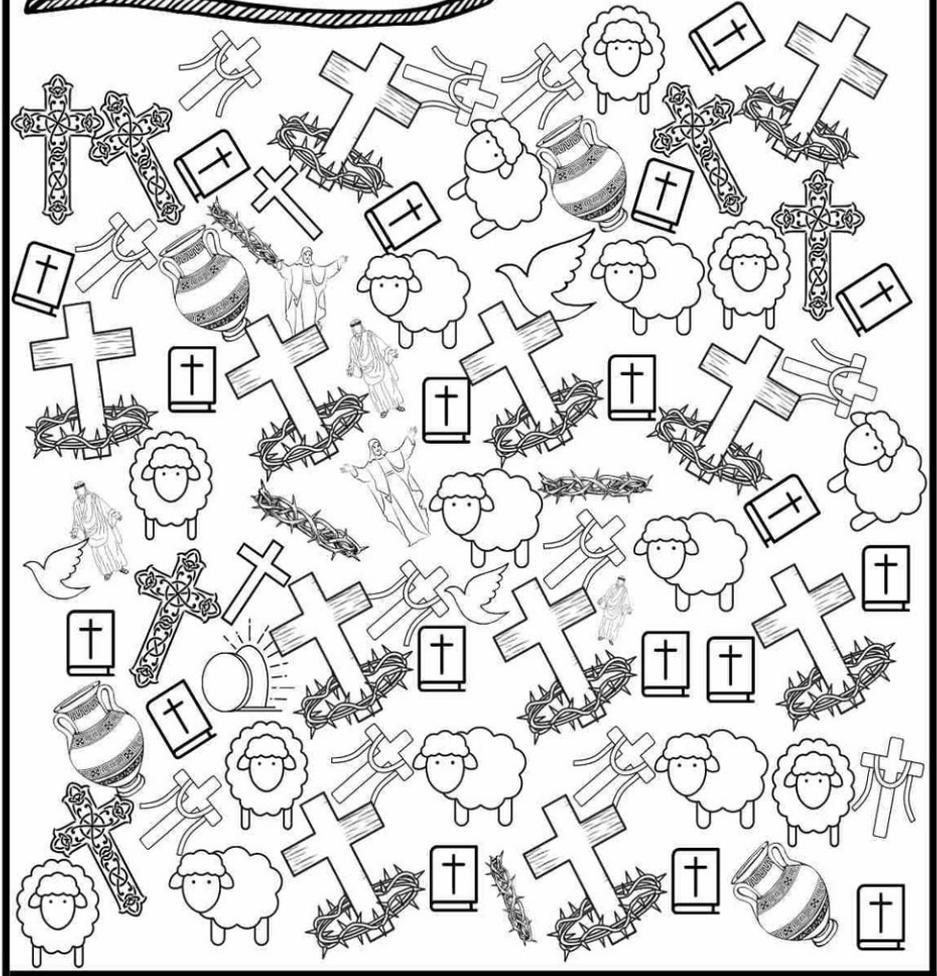


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PRAY FAST GIVE



I SPY...



Can you find...

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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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choirs | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"The Third Way"

Pastor J Epp

John 18:28-40 (NRSV)