

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

March 22, 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."

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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

<i>Sunday, March 22</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, March 23</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Church Council
<i>Tuesday, March 24</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. BWM Winter Sewing Day
<i>Wednesday, March 25</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. Chancel Choir
<i>Friday, March 27</i>	Church Offices Closed 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Nebraska MCC Sale – Holthus Convention Center, York
<i>Saturday, March 28</i>	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Nebraska MCC Sale – Holthus Convention Center, York
<i>Sunday, March 29</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message & Worship Music: Bethel College Concert Choir & Wind Ensemble 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.

Thank You!

The Brehm Family would like to give a special thank you to Pastor J Epp and Alan Janzen for the ramp they constructed to assist in Dean's recovery!



THANK YOU

Dean, Jane, Tyson and Troy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Pastor Chelsea –

During my sabbatical, I wrote a “Devotional for the Unexpected Twists and Turns of Life” as a resource to provide comfort and encouragement when we face those unexpected challenges that life brings our way. You are invited to pick up a copy at your convenience – they are available today and will be available for the next few weeks at the entrances and on the table in front of the office.

Mark your Calendars for April 12!

The 2026 Bethesda Bible Series will be Sunday, April 12. In every season of the church’s life, we are invited to return to the first things: who we are in Christ, how we belong to one another in Christ, and how we remain faithful when life feels uncertain. As a church we are choosing to set aside a day for worship, learning and prayerful conversation. We will have three sessions – one during worship, one during Sunday school and one following a catered lunch. We will have children’s Sunday school and child care will be provided during the final session. Please contact the office to rsvp for the meal so we can give the caterer an estimate.

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 **18 doz. more zweibach**, as well as volunteers for the following areas: 2 money takers from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 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!



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study has been delving into the Book of Mark. This upcoming Monday, March 23, they will be discussing Mark 11 – Mark 12:17. The final Bible Study will take place on Monday, April 13.

Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday service with communion will be held on Thursday, April 2 starting at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday Hymn Sing

Henderson Heritage Park will once again be holding a Good Friday Hymn Sing in the Country Church at the park starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3. Join in for a time of worship through hymns and scripture readings. A social including coffee and cookies will follow.

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!



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 Saturday 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 by 8:30 a.m.

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

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!

BETHESDA WOMEN'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.

MARK YOUR 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

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.

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.

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 15, Worship Attendance: 173

Sunday, March 15, Sunday School Attendance: No offering/attendance taken

Worship Offering: March 15, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$5,781.00
Sunday School Offering	
Total Sunday Offering	\$5,781.00

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". Last week was another good week! I saw lots of Ziploc baggies make their way to the front of the church. I was already in the big bowl waiting to be joined by some of my friends and boy did you find a lot of my friends. Two hundred forty-four dollars and eight cents worth of friends in fact. Oh, and one copper colored bead! 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
March 15 \$244.08 (+ 1 copper colored bead)
TOTAL \$646.60

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

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.

Lenten Word 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.

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Home Phone	
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | |

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"Here is Your King"

Pastor Andrea Wall

John 19:1-16 (NRSV)