

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### April 5, 2026

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#### 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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## MINISTRY TEAM

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

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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, April 5</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, April 6</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, April 7</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. BWM Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee
<i>Wednesday, April 8</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hometown Fresh Trailer in Bethesda Parking Lot 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Legacy Square 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek – LAST ONE! 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Friday, April 10</i>	Church Offices Closed
<i>Saturday, April 11</i>	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Deacons Leadership Retreat at The Hatchery
<i>Sunday, April 12</i>	<i>Bethesda Bible Series</i> 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship – Bible Series Session 1 Message: Dave Boshart Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School – Bible Series Session 2 12:00 p.m. Catered Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bible Series Session 3 with Child Care

## CHURCH FAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Bryan Bechtel, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Dean Brehm, Diane Harrison and Mike Harrison.

## 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.

# Easter Lily Donations

## Donated By

Paul & Audrey Janzen  
John Huebert & Family

Doug & Karen Tessman

Ardith Epp & Family  
Corbin & Lisa Tessman  
Mariah, Hallie & Waylon  
Phil & Melissa Goertzen  
& Family

Mel & Becky Franz & Family  
Burdon & Carolyn Peters  
& Family

Nancy Braun & Family

## In Memory Of

Our Loved Ones  
Adeline Huebert  
& Lynn Huebert  
Olene Tessman  
& Gary Joyce  
Darrell Epp  
Olene Tessman

Lynn Huebert

Blanche Franz

Harlan Braun



## Mark your Calendars for April 12!

**Sunday, 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 after lunch. Please contact the office to rsvp for the meal or sign up using the QR Code so we can give the caterer an estimate by Tuesday, April 7.



## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study has been delving into the Book of Mark. The final Bible Study will take place on Monday, April 13.

## Upcoming Mission Sharing Nights

**Friday, April 17:** On Friday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Hillary Bechtel will share with the congregation about her recent trip to Ecuador. Please join us!

**Sunday, April 19:** Ron Goertzen will be sharing on his latest trip to the Congo on Sunday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us to learn more about Ron and his son Wes' work with Dayspring Ministries.

## 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](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net) or call

402.723.4562 with the information.

Myron Friesen: Legacy Square, 1621 Front Street, #11, Henderson, NE, 68371.

## 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!

# BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## BWM Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, April 7:** Attention women of all ages in our church family. Bethesda Women's Ministry will hold their first evening meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Final Midweek & Cornerstone


**Wednesday, April 8 & May 6:** The final week of children's Midweek will be on Wednesday, April 8. We hope to see everyone next Fall! The last Wednesday Night of the year for Cornerstone (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be Wednesday, May 6.

## Graduation Pancake Lunch

**Sunday, May 4:** On Sunday, May 4 we will celebrate our graduates with a pancake lunch following Sunday School. Please be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall to greet the graduates and sign the books we will give them as a gift from the congregation.



## MARKYOUR CALENDARS



# Parent Child Dedication

Parent Child Dedication will be held on Sunday, May 10, 2026. If you wish to have your child dedicated, please email the church office at [bethesda@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net) and include the name of the child, the hospital and city they were born in, and the name of the parents. You will receive a letter with instructions when we receive your request.

## 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](http://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<sup>nd</sup> Grade): June 4  
Day Camp 2 (Age 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): June 5  
Day Camp 3 (Age 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): July 10  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 1: June 1-3  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2: July 6-9

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 1: June 28 – July 2  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2: July 26-31  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 1: June 7-12  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2: July 12-17  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: June 21-26

# GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 29, Worship Attendance: 290

Sunday, March 29, Sunday School Attendance: 88

Worship Offering: March 29, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	<b>\$7,778.00</b>
Sunday School Offering	<b>\$173.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$7,951.00</b>

## MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

### MDS Family Program

Mennonite Disaster Service is happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in Central Kansas! For the Family Program, we love serving with grandparents, parents, children, church family, etc.! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill!

**Location:** The MDS Family Project will take place in Hesston, Kansas, this summer. Central Kansas offers meaningful access to service opportunities through Anabaptist organizations that serve those in need locally, nationally, and around the world.

**Work:** In the MDS cabinet shop, participants will build cabinets for installation in new homes for disaster survivors. Volunteers may be able to assist in building toolboxes with leftover wood. Volunteers will assemble MCC kits that will be distributed globally to support communities facing hardship. In addition, volunteers will assist Hesston College with campus preparations, helping ensure everything is ready to welcome students in August. The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers.

The weeks available to serve in Central Kansas are: June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4.

### MCC Appalachia Build

**Urgent Opening, apply by April 17! MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky.** These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/careers](http://mcc.org/careers). Or contact [RoxyReyes@mcc.org](mailto:RoxyReyes@mcc.org)

# Hope Gospel Rescue Mission

# Ladies Brunch

*Saturday, 11th April, 2026*

*9:30am to Noon*

Please join us for a morning of fellowship and faith as we support the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission. We will gather to celebrate what God is doing in our community through worship, testimonies, drawing for prizes and a delicious brunch spread.

A Special Tradition: We invite you to be part of our annual "Decorate a Table" tradition. Each table is a unique work of art—come prepared to be inspired!

Call 402-362-0127 to RSVP or for more information.

**YORK SENIOR CENTER**

 725 N. NEBRASKA AVE.

YORK, NE 68467

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



# He Is Risen

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LORD OF LORDS  
RESURRECTION  
EMPTY TOMB  
ALLELULIA  
THE CROSS  
THE WORD  
POWER

EVERLASTING LIFE  
KING OF KINGS  
GOOD FRIDAY  
REDEMPTION  
SACRIFICE  
THE CROWN  
SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE  
JESUS CHRIST  
LAMB OF GOD  
VICTORIOUS  
SALVATION  
THIRD DAY  
GLORY

# Happy Easter!



He is Risen!



# 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**  
**"Easter Calls Your Name"**  
Pastor J Epp  
John 20:1-18 (NRSV)