

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

June 7, 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 at 11:30 a.m.

† 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, June 7</i>	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. VBS Open House – No Sunday School Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1
<i>Monday, June 8</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1
<i>Tuesday, June 9</i>	8:00 p.m. Church Council Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1
<i>Wednesday, June 10</i>	9:00 p.m. Staff Meeting Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Hometown Fresh Trailer in Bethesda Parking Lot
<i>Thursday, June 11</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1
<i>Friday, June 12</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 1 Church Offices Closed 5:30 p.m. Ellie Steingard & Dylan Olmsted Wedding Rehearsal
<i>Saturday, June 13</i>	4:30 p.m. Ellie Steingard & Dylan Olmsted Wedding
<i>Sunday, June 14</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Sandra Quiring, Pianist Offering to God 12:00 p.m. Potluck 8:15 p.m. Youth Group Service Trip Sharing

CHURCH FAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Bryan Bechtel, Dean Brehm, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's

granddaughter), Alton Friesen, the Margaret Hiebner family and the family of Mike Harrison.

Death

Micheal Harrison of Henderson, Nebraska died on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the age of 73. He is survived by children Thomas "TJ" Harrison of Henderson and daughter Dawn (Joe) Muhs of Omaha; five grandchildren; his brother, Paul Harrison of Wichita, Kan.; sister, Sylvia Warren of York; and brother-in-law, Donovan Friesen of Freeman, S.D. Please keep the family in your prayer as they mourn the loss of Mike.

Committal service will be held at 9:45 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2026 at Bethesda Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. Micheal has been cremated. There will be visitation from 1-9 p.m. on Sunday, with family greeting friends from 7-8:30 p.m. that evening, all at the mortuary in Henderson. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Wedding

Gary and Deanna Steingard announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Ellie to Dylan Olmsted, son of Allan and Isolde Olmsted of York on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Please pray for this couple as they begin their new life together.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Reminder

Flowers and other arrangements are allowed at the cemetery for 10 days following Memorial Day. Any items left after Monday, June 8, 2026, will be disposed of.

Summer Music

The Music Committee is starting to plan for summer music! If you'd like to sing or play an instrument for special music, or if you have ideas of people we should invite, let us know. **As of now we only have five Sunday's to fill!** We'd love to hear from you and will follow up!

— Kelsey Bergen, Joy Steckly, Dale Steingard, Pastor Chelsea

Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting

June 25-28, 2026: Make plans now to attend Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting to be held June 25-28, 2026 in Mountain Lake, MN. The conference will focus on "Reconciliation As Witness" with Betty Pries

as the keynote speaker. All registration materials are available at our website:
June 25-28, 2026 CPMC Annual Meeting, Mountain Lake, MN.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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, you never know when the next White Cookbook Drought will hit!

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Swan Lake Christian Camp Dates



Mark your calendars now and sign up for camp this summer at Swan Lake Christian Camp! 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.

Summer 2026 Dates

(Grades Based on '25-'26 School Year)

7th & 8th Grade 1: June 7-12

9th – 12th Grade: June 21-26

5th & 6th Grade 1: June 28 – July 2

3rd & 4th Grade 2: July 6-9

Day Camp 3 (Age 5 – 2nd Grade): July 10

7th & 8th Grade 2: July 12-17

5th & 6th Grade 2: July 26-31

Swan Lake Christian Camp Reminder

Just a reminder for parents, there is a form on the church website that should be filled out if your child plans to attend Swan Lake Christian Camp this summer. At bethesdamc.org under the menu you will find a "Ministries" listing, give it a click and you will then see the Swan Lake Christian Camp heading and the form can be found there. And if your driving kids to camp, snap a group photo at the camp sign... for the bulletin and I have Faith Journals to fill.



Reserving the Church Van



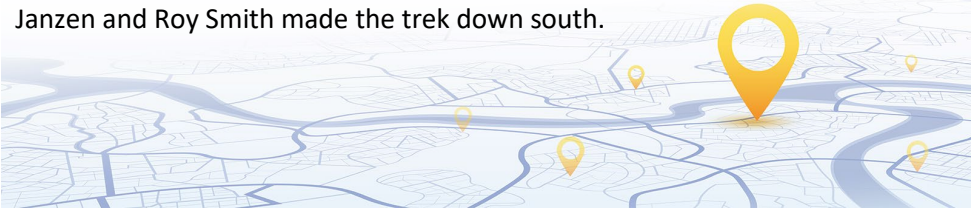
As a reminder, the church van is available for transporting kids to and from Swan Lake Christian Camp this summer. Forms for the driver and passengers need to be filled out and are available on the church website (bethesdamc.org) under the 'Child Protection' tab and then click on the 'Driving History/Record Release Form' under 'Volunteer Forms'. Contact Kerri at the Church

Office by emailing bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or texting 402.366.0977 to reserve the church van.

Youth Service Trip Sharing

Mark your calendars for June 14 at 8:15 p.m. when you can hear stories from the Youth Service Trip to San Angelo, Texas. The group spent the week working with the Mennonite Disaster Service on flood relief.

Amanda Goertzen, Isabelle Buller, Mary Dente, Willabelle Panko, Hallie Tessman, Maddie Janzen, VaNessa Vap, Braden Janzen, Jonathan Friesen, Luke Janzen, Samuel Friesen, Carter Peters and Waylon Tessman and sponsors Connie Bechtel, Ashley Buller, Kara Janzen, Andrea Wall, Kevin Friesen, Jay Dee Janzen and Roy Smith made the trek down south.



MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

Employment openings at AMBS

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for three full-time positions: Director of Enrollment, Director of Library Services, and Digital Marketing and Publications Manager. Please share about these openings with people you know who may be interested! See the job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Ready to take a fresh look at the Bible?

Check out **Orienting With the Word**, a five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative that builds community and biblical competency through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in a Bible study practice that involves wrestling, wondering and worship with the biblical text. The next cohort runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 13, and the program is free to participating congregations. Apply by June 15! ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word

Online Short Course: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible

Sept. 16 – Oct. 27: Join Paul Keim, PhD, and Drew Strait, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts contribute to a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 26 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 31, Worship Attendance: 209

Sunday, May 31, Sunday School Attendance: 104

Worship Offering: May 31, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,924.00
Sunday School Offering	\$25.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,949.00

Margaret Hiebner Memorials: MDS - \$725

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-17

New International Version

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God -- the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Longing to Visit Rome

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong -- that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that bring salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed -- a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The Message Version


I, Paul, am a devoted slave of Jesus Christ. God called me and set me apart to be an apostle; my life is now all about spreading God's Message. This Message is the fulfillment of the promises God made through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. It is all about his Son, Jesus, our Master. As a human, he was a descendant of David. But through the Holy Spirit and his resurrection from the dead, he was openly designated as the powerful Son of God. Through him, we have been given the immense privilege and authority to invite all people everywhere to believe and trust in him. That includes you in Rome, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ! May all the grace and peace of God our Father and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours.

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for every one of you, and I thank God that people everywhere keep talking about your active, living faith. God is my witness -- whom I love to serve and worship by spreading this Good News -- that I constantly bring you to mind in all my prayers. I am always asking that, if it is God's will, a way will finally be cleared for me to visit you. I long to see you so I can share some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in faith. I also look forward to being mutually encouraged by the faith we share, both yours and mine. Please know, brothers and sisters, that I have planned to come many times, though up to now I have been prevented from doing so. I want to see a rich harvest of spiritual fruit among you, just as I have seen among other non-Jewish people. I have a deep obligation to people of all cultures and backgrounds -- the educated and the uneducated alike. That is why I am so eager to come to Rome and preach the Message to you as well.

I'm not ashamed of this Message! It is God's powerful plan for rescuing everyone who trusts him, starting with the Jews and reaching everyone else. This is how God puts people right -- by faith, matching what Scripture says: "The person in right standing before God trusting him really lives."



To God Be the Glory



Check it out now! *(Point to others)*

To God be the glory. *(Raise one hand high on "God," and fling both hands overhead on "glory")*

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(Repeat)

To God be the glory, *(Raise one hand high on "God," and fling both hands overhead on "glory")*

Great things he has done. *(Make muscleman arms to one side and then the other)*

So loved he the world *(Cross both arms over your heart)*

That he gave us his Son, *(Motion "Jesus" by pointing your right middle finger to your left palm and then pointing your left middle finger to your right palm)*

Who yielded his life, *(Motion "give" with hands side by side and palms up)*

An atonement for sin *(Stretch both arms out to form a cross)*

And opened the life gate *(Hold both hands together to suggest elevator doors, then open them)*

That all may go in. *(Walk through the "door")*

Check it out now! *(Point to others)*

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Praise the Lord! *(Wave your hands overhead from side to side)*

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Let the earth hear his voice. *(Cup your hand behind your ear)*

Praise the Lord! *(Wave your hands overhead from side to side)*

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Let the people rejoice. *(Dance around as if you're celebrating)*

O come to the Father *(Motion "come here" with your hands)*

Through Jesus, the Son, *(Motion "Jesus")*

And give him the glory. *(Motion "give")*

Great things he has done. *(Make muscleman arms to one side and then the other)*

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O come to the Father (*Motion "come here" with your hands*)
Through Jesus, the Son (*Motion "Jesus"*)
(*Repeat twice*)

And give him the glory, (*Motion "give"*)
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romans 1:16-17

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I am new to Bethesda Mennonite Church.

Please update/add my contact information to the Bethesda yearbook.

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Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"Encouragement for the Church"

Pastor Andrea Wall

Romans 1:1-17 (NRSV)