

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### June 14, 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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## CONTACT US

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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 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

*Sunday, June 14*

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Potluck

8:15 p.m. Youth Group Service Trip Sharing

*Tuesday, June 16*

9:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Board of Business

8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach

*Wednesday, June 17*

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

*Friday, June 19*

Church Offices Closed

*Sunday, June 21*

Swan Lake Christian Camp: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Music: Laura Steingard, Organist

Offering to God

## 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, Kevin Vaught and the family of Mike Harrison.

### Wedding

Ellie Steingard and Dylan Olmsted were united in marriage yesterday, Saturday, June 6, 2026 please keep them in prayer as they begin this new journey together.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](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.

### **Summer 2026 Dates**

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

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: June 21-26

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 1: June 28 – July 2

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2: July 6-9

Day Camp 3 (Age 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade): July 10

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2: July 12-17

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 like Melissa Goertzen and Jeri Janzen did when Maylee and Stella Chrisman and Maggie



Schlautman attended Day Camp at Swan Lake because it's cute, I like to put them in 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](http://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](mailto:bethesda@mainstaycomm.net) or texting 402.366.0977 to reserve the church van.

### **Youth Service Trip Sharing**

Tonight, Sunday, June 14, at 8:15 p.m. join us to 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 and are eager to share their experiences with you.

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

# GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 7, Worship Attendance: 268

Sunday, June 7, Sunday School Attendance: VBS Open House

Worship Offering: June 7, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$5,853.00
<b>Total Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$5,853.00</b>

## VBS Offering: \$5,928.79

Jonah & Memee Yang, Mennonite Mission Network for Ministry in Thailand/Laos to provide 150 jammies, Christmas presents and Christmas dinner.

# Book of Ephesians - Word Search

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| Ministry    | Theology  | Doctrine  | Prisoner  | Husbands |
| Teacher     | Prophet   | Pauline   | Gentile   | Epistle  |
| Apostle     | Ephesus   | Pastor    | Suffer    | Letter   |
| Author      | Saints    | Armor     | Light     | Unity    |
| Greek       | Wives     | Love      | Saul      | Jew      |

# 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 Love of God"**

**Pastor J Epp**

**Ephesians 3:14-21, Romans 8:31-39,  
1 John 4:7-19 (NRSV)**