

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

July 20, 2025

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

MINISTRY TEAM

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BMC Treasurer Email: treasurer@bethesdamc.org

BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

BMC Faith Formation Website: www.bmcfaithformation.com

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.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

<i>Sunday, July 20</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2) 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, July 21</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2)
<i>Tuesday, July 22</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2) 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. BWM Sewing Day
<i>Wednesday, July 23</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2) 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:30 p.m. Legacy Square
<i>Thursday, July 24</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2)
<i>Friday, July 25</i>	Swan Lake Christian Camp – Grades 5&6 (2) Church Offices Closed
<i>Sunday, July 27</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Marilyn Kroecker/Worship Band Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCHFAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:
Rachelle Schweitzer, Shirley Thayer, Lisa Friesen, Hester and Rafael Heide, the family of Beverly Wall, the family of Mary Gaeddert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

Beverly J. Wall, age 75, died on July 9, 2025, in Fremont, Nebraska. A private family celebration of life will be held on August 16, 2025. Beverly is survived by brother Marlowe (Shari) Wall of York, sister, Karren (Blaine) Friesen of Henderson and brother Don (Teresa) Wall of Kearney. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Mary L. Gaeddert, age 94, died on July 4, 2025, at Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton, Kansas. Mary was the wife of former Bethesda pastor John W. Gaeddert, who preceded her in death. The family will celebrate Mary’s life in a

private service at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to Bethel College or Mennonite Central Committee. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Bethesda Cemetery

There have been questions about who to contact and where to get a headstone. The Sexton and Assistant Sextons of the Bethesda Cemetery do not make the arrangements for headstones. You will need to contact monument companies directly to make those arrangements. Monument companies that service the Henderson area include: Speidell Monuments in Lincoln, 402-476-6263; Palmer Monument Co. in Grand Island, 308-382-6010; and Desch Paine Memorials of Grand Island, 308-384-2422.

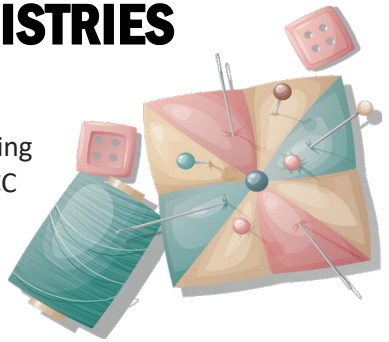
A History of Service

Have you served on a project in the local community, around the county, or the world at large? Help us share the history of Service at Bethesda! The service and outreach committee is seeking photos and stories of service through the years to be displayed on Sunday, August 17th during our End of Summer Cookout! If you have a story or photos you are willing to share, please contact Hillary Lee.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Summer Craft & Sewing Days

Tuesday, July 22: Every Tuesday in the month of July 1 to 5 p.m. we will have a craft and sewing day to get projects ready for BWM and the MCC Sale. We will be cutting and sewing backings, piecing, and sewing quilt tops, making School Kit Bags and working on Quiet Books. That's where the non-sewers can plug in. So, invite your friends and let's work to get ready for our Winter Sewing Days.



BWM Banquet

Tuesday, August 5: BWM is announcing ticket sales for our Celebrate Women Event/15th Annual Banquet, which will be held on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. You will need to purchase your ticket at the church office. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Ticket sales end on July 31. Please pay \$15 when your name is registered. The meal will be provided by The Dutch Kitchen and our speaker will be Jen Ramaekers from Aurora. She is the wife of Dr. Ryan Ramaekers.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

7th & 8th Graders Attend Swan Lake Christian Camp

Kids attending 7th & 8th Grade Camp (Session 1) at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, S.D. on June 29, 2025, included: Trent Vap, Kristin Buller, Avery Hiebner, Lizzy Boyd and Braelyn Klooster. Just a reminder, there is a form on the church website that should be filled out if your child plans to attend



camp this summer. At bethesdamc.org under the menu you will find a “Ministries” listing, give it a click and you will see the Swan Lake Christian Camp heading and the form can be found there. And if you’re driving kids to camp, do what Jen Hiebner once again did and snap a group photo at the camp sign... for the bulletin and I have Faith Journals to fill.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 13: Worship in the Park/No Sunday School

Henderson Ministerial Association	\$2,664
Total Worship in the Park Offering	\$2,664

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

Transport of MCC School Kits and Hygiene Kits Needed!

MCC is looking for anyone traveling between North Newton and Dallas or (even better) all the way to South Texas between now and mid-August. We have kits in Kansas that need to get to Texas, and we’d love to utilize vehicles that are already going that direction to save resources. If you might be able to help MCC out, please contact Brocia Mueller at brociamueller@mcc.org or call Brocia at 316.836.5054.

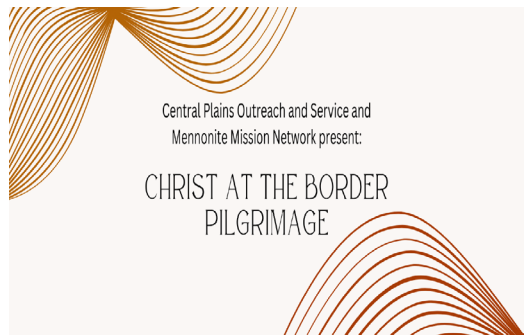
MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide, CO

Sept. 21-27: How can we live out God’s call for justice and reconciliation through nonviolence in a world that is built on the myth of redemptive violence? If you

are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp. Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

Central Plains Sponsored Christ at the Border Pilgrimage

November 9-16, 2025: Join Central Plains Outreach and Service Committee on a Mennonite Mission Network Just Peace Pilgrimage. Mennonite Mission Network will lead CPMC pilgrims in exploring what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world and the ways in which we can participate in such movements.



The idea of a pilgrimage has a strong foundation within Christian scriptures. In addition to numerous physical journeys and trials, fifteen of the Psalms were written specifically about pilgrimage to Jerusalem (Psalm 120-134).

Learn more about Civil Rights

This one week opportunity allows participants to better understand the realities of migration at the US-Mexico border as they experience how communities of faith are responding to it.

Costs

Due to a generous New Ministries Grant from CPMC, cost of participation in the pilgrimage is only \$650 + airfare per person. CPMC will collect the trip costs. The conference is committed to supporting any person who is interested in this opportunity.

The deadline to sign up for this trip is October 1, 2025.

For more information on Just Peace Pilgrimages, and the Border Pilgrimage in particular, visit the Menno Mission Network website:

www.mennonitemission.net/serve/placements/christ-at-the-borders-pilgrimage/.

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jesse
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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:

- ☐ Children’s Programs
- ☐ Youth Programs
- ☐ Bible Studies
- ☐ Choirs
- ☐ Serving
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ 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:

- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Junior High
- ☐ College

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

MESSAGENOTES

"When Goliaths Arise"

Pastor J Epp

1 Samuel 17:31-51 (NRSV)