

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

July 12, 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.

WEEKLYCALENDAR

<i>Sunday, July 12</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D. 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Park NO Sunday School
<i>Monday, July 13</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D. 8:00 p.m. Church Council
<i>Tuesday, July 14</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D. 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Summer Sewing
<i>Wednesday, July 15</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D. 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 8:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee
<i>Thursday, July 16</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D.
<i>Friday, July 17</i>	SLCC 7th & 8 th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D. Church Offices Closed
<i>Sunday, July 19</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Sandra Quiring Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCHFAMILY

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

Rachelle Schweitzer, Bryan Bechtel, Alton Friesen, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Kevin Vaught and the family of Marie Janzen.

Birth

Easton Otto Anderson was born on June 24, 2026 to Justin and Megan (Friesen) Anderson of Henderson. He weighed 8 lbs. 5.6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Local grandparents are Rodney and Pam Friesen of Henderson. Big brothers Mason, age 5 and Waylon, age 2 were excited to welcome him home.

A Meal Train has been set up to help the Anderson's during this transition to a family of five. Sign up now at <https://mealtrain.com/ne3746> to bring a meal, send the family groceries or even purchase a gift card to the their favorite restaurant as a sign of love and support.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AC Replacement

The Bethesda Board of Business has approved the purchase of a new air conditioner unit for the Fellowship Hall. At this time, one of the two units is inoperable and this purchase will replace both current units. It will also add supplemental heat in the winter. The expected time of installation will be late summer, before harvest. This project is expected to cost around \$80,000. Please consider this investment during your time of giving. Thank you.

- Board of Business: Erik Friesen, Jeff Peters, Marc Peters, Mark Dick, Marv Quiring, Brad Epp, Mike Friesen

Church Council to Meet

Monday, July 13: The next meeting of the Bethesda Church Council will take place on Monday, July 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please contact Council Chair Laura Steingard at 402.694.8749 or at janiesteingard@gmail.com if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESCHEDULED: Day Trip to Newton

July 20: The Bethesda Women's Ministries Day Trip to the MCC Material Resource Center in Newton, Kan. recently had to be postponed. So here is another chance to go! Sign up on the BWM bulletin board.

NEW DATE: Monday, July 20, 2026

TIME: Leave church parking lot at 6:00 a.m. Return around 8:30 p.m.

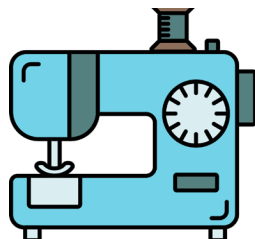
HOW: Sign up on the BWM bulletin board in the east hallway. We will travel in either the church van or several cars.

QUESTIONS: Call Carol Janzen at 402.366.7984

As volunteers for the day we may process a variety of projects from packing Relief Buckets to checking School Kits or folding comforters for the baling machine. The Material Resource Center functions to process and ship quality material resources for MCC both domestically and internationally. Volunteers provide the manpower while taking part in MCC's ministries.

Summer Craft & Sewing Days

Tuesday, July 14: Every Tuesday in the month of July from 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 4: Attention Ladies, it's time to get your tickets for our annual BWM Banquet. The banquet will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 starting at 5:30 p.m. and will be catered by the Dutch Kitchen. Bonnie Kucera will be our featured speaker.

Bonnie won Best of Show at the Nebraska State Fair in 1994 and 2000. She was also juried into Houston's

International Quilt Festival and the American Quilt Society's Show in Paducah, Ky. She is active in the Lincoln Quilters Guild, the Lincoln Modern Quilt Guild, and volunteers at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln. She also served as the past president and member of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild in Aurora.

Tickets are \$18.00 and will be on sale starting Tuesday, July 7 through the end of July at the church office. Please pay with a check or cash.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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.

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 2: July 12-17

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



New Summer Reading!

I Am Malala

When the Taliban took control of Swat Valley in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai spoke out and fought for her right to an education. She almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot in the head while riding the bus home from school. Her miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations. At 16, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jewel

In the backwoods of Mississippi, Jewel and her husband are blessed with five children. When Brenda Kay is born in 1943, Jewel gives thanks for a healthy baby. But life can change like lightning and unforeseen events can set us on a course without reason or compass. This is a story of a woman's devotion to the child who is both her burden and God's way of smiling on her.

Eyes at the Window

A gripping historical novel set on the Pennsylvania-Ohio frontiers from 1810-1861. The murder of an Amish baby goes unsolved for more than 50 years, greatly disturbing the settlers and their newly formed communities.

The Book Thief

By her brother's graveside, Liesel Meminger's life is changed when she picks up a book, partially hidden in the snow. It is *The Grave Digger's Handbook*, left there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library; wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's foster family hides Jews in their basement, her world is both opened up and closed down.

Under the Tulip Tree

Sixteen-year-old Lorena Leland’s dream of a fulfilling life as a writer are dashed when the stock market crashes in 1929. Eager for any writing job, Rena accepts a position interviewing former slaves for the Federal Writer’s Project and meets Frankie Washington, a 101-year-old woman whose honest yet tragic past captivates Rena. As Frankie recounts her life as a slave, Rena is horrified to learn of all the woman has endured. While Frankie’s story challenges Rena’s preconceptions about slavery, it also connects the two women whose lives are separated by age, race and circumstances

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

MCC’s School Kit Challenge is back!

Join the 2026 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 30,000 school kits for 30,000 kids this summer. School kits provide access and essential supplies to children and families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles. MCC is collecting school kits from June through August. Look for School Kit Challenge signs when you drop kits off at MCC so staff can be sure to get your kits counted! To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge. Questions? Please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.836.5045. Kits can be dropped off at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS.

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 7, Worship Attendance: 198
Sunday, July 7, Sunday School Attendance: 71

Worship Offering: July 7, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$11,420.00
Sunday School Offering	\$228.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$11,648.00

Bethesda Operating Fund

January 1 through June 30, 2026

2026 – Approved Annual Operating Budget	\$1,163,268
Bethesda Income	\$362,810
** We have received 31.19% of our approved budget.	
Operating Expenses	\$476,447
** We have spent 40.96% of our approved budget.	
Income Minus Expense	-113,637

Lord's Prayer Word Search

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forever
evil
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heaven
hallowed

glory
deliver
forgive
earth
Father

power
temptation
bread
kingdom

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...