

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

July 19, 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

Sunday, July 19

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, July 20

6:00 a.m. BWM Day Trip to Newton

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Summer Sewing

8:00 p.m. Business Board

8:00 p.m. Board of Education

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

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

2:30 p.m. Legacy Square

Friday, July 24

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, July 26

SLCC 5th & 6th Grade Camp 2, Viborg, S.D.

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Music: Marilyn Kroeker/Worship Band

Offering to God

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

CHURCH FAMILY

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 Nora Aycok (Lisa Friesen's sister).

Birth

A son, Brooker Lee, was born on July 2, 2026 to Jordan and Mackenzie (Miller) Heinrichs of Henderson. Local grandparents are Joel and Connie Heinrichs of Henderson and Andy and Lori Miller. Great-grandparents are Lee Thiessen and Elvera Epp of Henderson. Please remember to keep this new family of three in your prayers.



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.

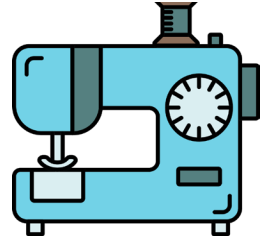
HOW: Sign up on the BWM bulletin board in the east hallway. We will travel in either the church van or several cars.

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 21: 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.

YOUTHMINISTRIES

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

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.

YOUTHMINISTRIES

Girls Attend Swan Lake Christian Camp

Maylie Chrisman, Stella Chrisman and Maggie Schlautman attended Swan Lake Christian Camp Day Camp in Viborg, S.D. in June. A special thanks to Grandma Melissa for stopping and snapping a pic with the sign.



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.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



A D N B L P W W C F V B B H L
P L H M S E E D I H A R U R G
R Q D G R A S D O T O R M V G
O W X G P V C T X I H K M L P
O N V O J S A H B S V E E E B
T E R E T D T O J O X J R D R
P C G N W S T R U I X Y O R O
F F A O I E E N V L K O F E M
N L S N I Z R S W C G I K E C
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K O W B Z P L R S C A B X T S
P P J S D L Y T R O A E I R L
C A R U A N A L X R F G J L T
Z E T H C G T L A C V O E L M
K Z S H W J R P W H M F Y Y Z

PLANTS
WITHER
FELL
ROCKY

SCORCH
BIRDS
PARABLE
SHALLOW

FARMER
ROOT
SCATTER
GOOD

THORNS
CHOKE
SEED
SOW

CROP
SOIL
GREW
PATH

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

"The Parable of the Soil"

Pastor J Epp

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)