

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 3, 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

Pastor Andrea Wall:

Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

Pastor J Epp: 402-366-7475

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BMC Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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

Sunday, August 3

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, August 4

2:00 p.m. Legacy Square Communion

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. BWM Celebrate Women Banquet

7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee

Wednesday, August 6

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

Friday, August 8

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, August 10

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor J Epp

Music: Marilyn Kroeker/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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Choir

Women of all ages who enjoy singing are once again invited to be part of a Women's Choir led by Pastor Chelsea. We will sing during worship on Sunday, September 7.

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. September 3 at 7:00 p.m. we will rehearse in the sanctuary. Feel free to contact Pastor Chelsea at

chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org or 402-363-7004. Hope you can join us!



Potlucks

The Sunday School class that has been organizing the end of the month potlucks has decided to take a short break and then resume potlucks at a later date with it no longer being the last Sunday of the month. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for when we will begin potlucks again!

New Sunday School Classes

Sunday, September 7: New Sunday School classes will begin September 7. Instilling a deeper understanding and love for God and His teachings in our children and youth is a rewarding task. If you are feeling called to teach, contact Tara Maltsberger (620-205-9463) or Connie Bechtel (402-363-9973).



Volunteer Forms

FRIENDLY REMINDER to teachers: please fill out volunteer forms online. Scan this code or go to the website and select all the appropriate forms (children/youth for each child in your household, volunteer if you teach, driver if you transport).

Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton to share their work in Ecuador

Wednesday, August 13: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton will be sharing their mission with Bethesda on Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Delicia and Peter serve as Ecuador partnership coordinators for the Ecuador Partnership, including Mission Network, Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia and Central Plains Conference. This includes sharing their gifts in ministry with Ecuadorian partners.

In their role with Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador (ICAME), Peter and Delicia support the church in music and children's ministries.



Delicia works with several other women sewing diaper covers, cloth diapers and other sustainable products as part of the church refugee ministry. They relate closely with Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Ecuador (ICME-Ecuador Mennonite Christian Church), a primarily indigenous conference formed by leaders who have participated in Anabaptist theological education for many years through Ecuador ministries. Peter and Delicia walk alongside FEINE, the (Federation of Indigenous Evangelical Churches of Ecuador) working in theological education and leadership development. Peter co-hosts a Spanish language podcast, Merienda Menonita.

Please join us to welcome and hear God's work in Ecuador through Peter and Delicia!

Garden Produce Sharing Table

If you have extra garden produce you would like to share, There is a table located outside of the Fellowship Hall where you are welcome to either give or take!



END OF SUMMER COOKOUT

Sunday, August 17: Bethesda Mennonite Church will be hosting an End of Summer Cookout on Sunday, August 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come and join in for a delicious meal, games, fellowship and highlights of Bethesda's History of Service. The meal will be served on the church patio and is free for all and all are welcome!



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 Board of Service and Outreach 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.

2025 MCC Golf Tournament

The 2025 MCC Golf Tournament, an event supported by and funds raised for the Nebraska MCC Sale, raised \$4,455 making that a total of \$86,563 over the last 19 years. Thank you all for contributing to its continued success!

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.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

BWM Banquet

Tuesday, August 5: Bethesda Women's Ministries will hold their Celebrate Women Event/15th Annual Banquet on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. 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

Everence Youth Savings Celebration

August 4-6, 2025: Start your savings adventure at Everence Federal Credit Union, where youth will receive \$5 when they deposit at least \$15 into a new or existing youth savings account during this special event. Have an EFCU branch nearby? Stop in to enjoy crafts, snacks, and giveaways—plus, pick up a Youth Rewards Program Points Tracker to begin earning points toward exciting prizes! Learn more at everence.com/youth-savings-celebration.



Calling All College Students

Your Bethesda family wants to stay in contact with you as you head off to college. You are encouraged to fill out the College Student Contact Form at <https://formbuilder.cloversites.com/bethesdamennonitechurch#!/dashboard> so we can have your most current information. Thank you in advance!

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 27, Worship Attendance: 211

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Worship Offering: July 27, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,990.00
Sunday School Offering	\$196.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,186.00

MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back!

The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. **To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge**





Bethesda Mennonite Church members,

We wanted to reach out to you to express our gratitude for your monthly financial support of \$355 since 2022.

This month marks our 3rd year of moving to Thailand! As we are fully funded by personal support, your gift is what got us here, has been keeping us here, and will sustain us until God has a different plan for us.

But your gift is not only money for us to live and serve....your financial gift is a partnership in this ministry AND service to God in fulfilling the great commission to the nations from and living in Thailand.

As Paul tells the church in Philippians 4, [15] And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16] Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17] Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18] I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19] And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

May God also gladly receive your sacrifice and supply for you now as well as in the next life. We are praying for you and we are thankful to be partnered in the gospel with you.

Thank you so much for financially supporting us—sustaining the work through your gifts and prayer.

With thankful hearts,
Jaden and Katelyn Regier

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)



- 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-on-ers 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.

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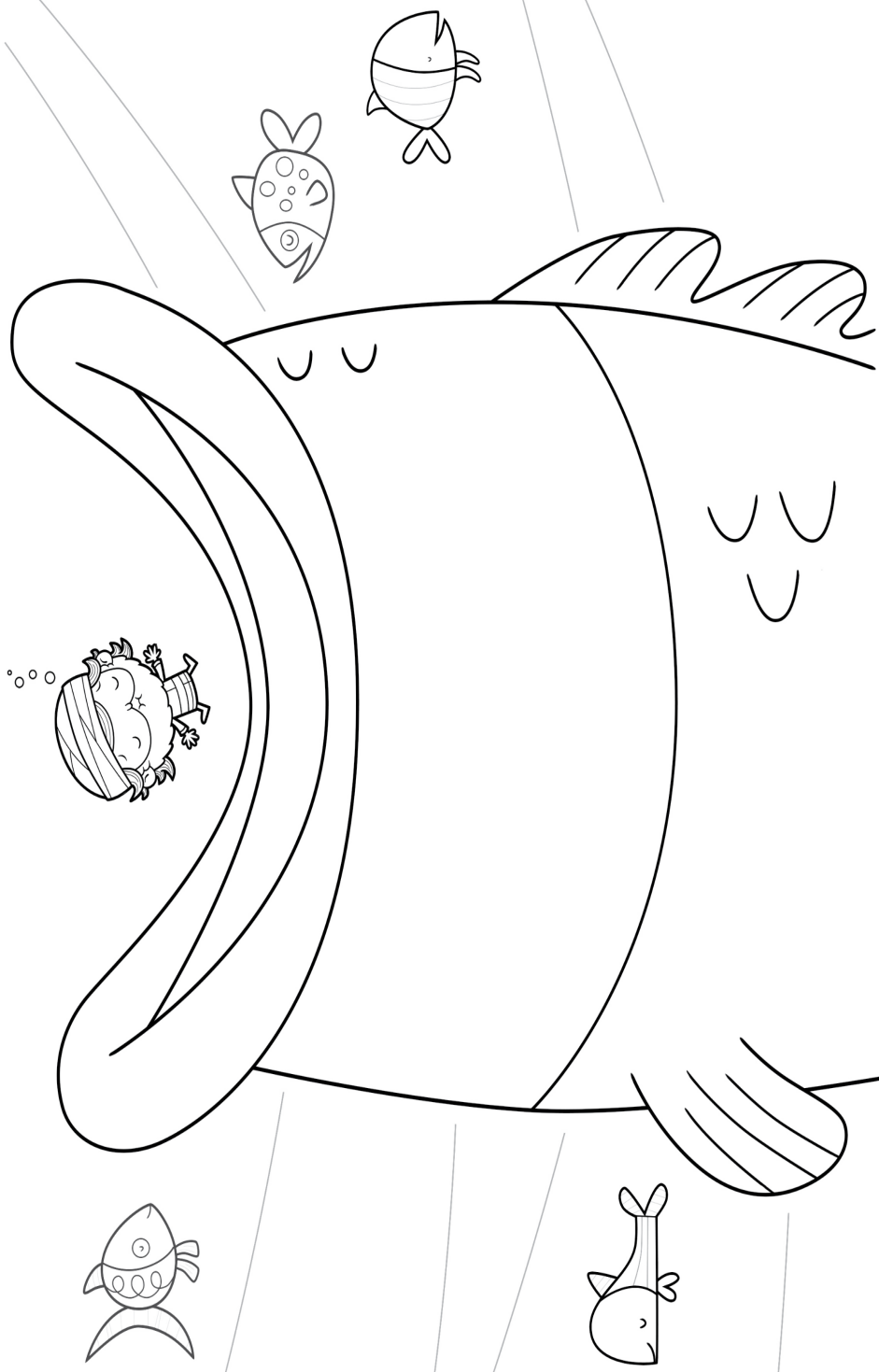


Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where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

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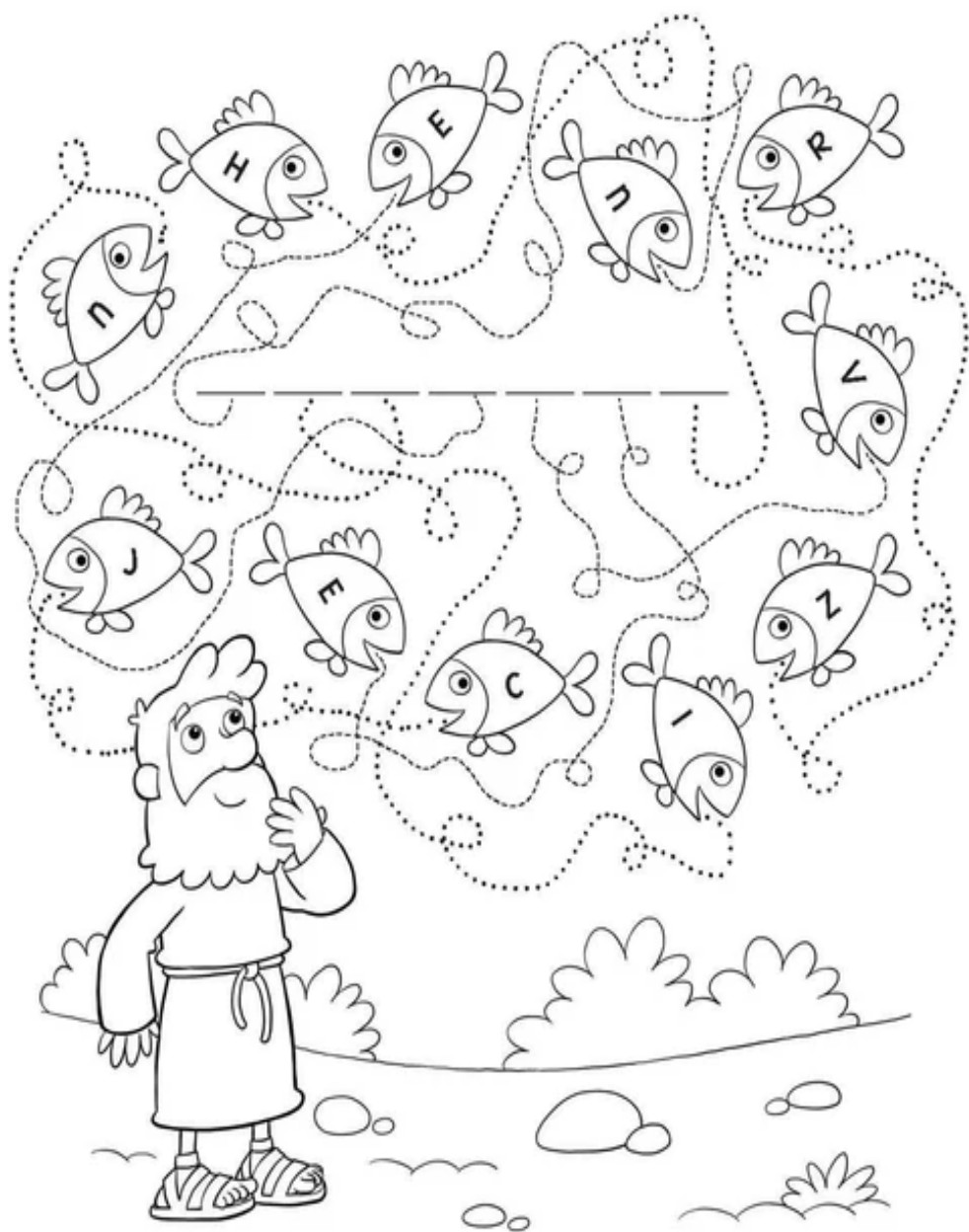
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



God said, "Jonah, I have a job for you."

Where did God want Jonah to go?

Write the letter in the fish on the correct line to read the word.



Jonah goes to Ninevah

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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

"Second Chances"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Jonah 3:1-10 (NRSV)