

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 10, 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

Currently on sabbatical.

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j.epp@bethesdamc.org

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

BMC Office Manager Email: bethesda@mainstaycomm.net

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, August 10</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Tuesday, August 12</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons & Pastors
<i>Wednesday, August 13</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 p.m. Peter & Delicia Wittington Bravo Program Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, August 15</i>	10:00 a.m. Beverly Wall Memorial Service
<i>Saturday, August 16</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet Special organ prelude beginning at 9:15 a.m.
<i>Sunday, August 17</i>	9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Pastor Chelsea Vaught Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall for Laura Steingard celebrating 50 years as Bethesda's Organist 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Community Cookout

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

Celebrating 50 Years of God’s Gifts at the Organ

On Sunday, August 17, 2025, the Music Committee will host a reception during the Sunday school hour to thank Laura Steingard for 50 years of service at the organ using her God-given gifts. You are welcome to bring Laura cards or notes of thanks or share special memories. Did Laura play for your wedding? Did she provide special music in a time you were grieving? We encourage you to share these memories with her and the church!



Special Prelude

Sunday, August 17: In honor of Laura Steingard's 50 years of service at the organ Pastor Chelsea Vaught will be playing a special prelude that will begin at 9:15 a.m. to open worship service on Sunday, August 17.

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!

Wake Up & Waffle!

Sunday, August 10: We've got your lunch plans made for today! York County Relay for Life will be hosting a Wake Up & Waffle fundraiser today, Sunday, August 10, at the Mercantile Building on the York County Fairgrounds. The Waffleman will be serving his delicious waffles along with a wide variety of syrups from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. followed by a Luminary Ceremony, Sponsor Recognition and a Survivor + Caregiver Recognition Lap around the fairgrounds. A Silent Auction of delicious baked goods will also be held throughout the morning. Come eat, honor and help the American Cancer Society make a difference.



Financial Choice (LSS) Webinar

Tuesday, August 12: Money talk for relationships: We all need to learn to talk about money, whether it's with ourselves, our partner/spouse, and/or our friends and family. Transparency about money can lead to stronger relationships and a higher level of financial health. Steve Bustos, Everence Stewardship Consultant, will host this webinar presented by Kim Miller of Financial Choice (LSS) on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. ET. Register for the time that works best for you at everence.com/partners

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!



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.

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!



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 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Central Plains Women's Retreat

September 20-21: Ladies, just picture this get-away: serene lake views, nature walks, bible study and reflection with guest speaker, fellowship and laughter, inspirational singing, home-cooked meals, hotel-style rooms, interest sessions, Faith & Life Bookstore, stargazing and campfire....

Experience these and so much more at the **Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian**

Camp, September 20-21. Guest speaker will be Pastor Heidi K. Greenwood Doell from Wichita, KS, speaking on "Seeking Holiness." All sessions, lodging, and meals at Swan Lake's Still Waters Retreat Center – \$100 for the weekend.

Register to attend at myslcc.com. More info and sign-up sheet on the BWM Bulletin Board. Questions? Contact Carol Janzen 402-366-7984.

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Midweek Teachers Needed

The Weekday Christian Education Committee is in need of a Midweek teacher for the 4th – 6th Grade Class and would like to thank Larry Roberts for teaching that class for the past 47 years. Midweek classes are every Wednesday night during the school year from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We are also looking for someone to assist Carol Janzen with the Kindergarten – 1st Grade Midweek Class this year as well.

If you're willing to volunteer your time please contact Kerri at the church office (bethesda@mainstaycomm.net or 402.723.4562) or visit with committee members: Taylor Chrisman, Joy Friesen, Lisa Peters or Brie Steingard.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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).

BETHESDA PRESCHOOL



Amazon Wishlist

With the start of a brand new school year right around the corner (Tuesday, September 2, specifically) Bethesda Preschool is looking for a few new items to add to their classroom. If any of you empty nesters or even grandparents out there long for the days of buying school supplies look no further! You can go to the following link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/TOGZ2D04DE2B...> and purchase much needed items for the kiddos from the comfort of your own home. You'll fulfill your Back to School Shopping desires without the pain of actual Back to School Shopping. It's a win-win for all involved!



YOUTH MINISTRIES



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.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 3, Worship Attendance: 190
Sunday, August 3, Sunday School Attendance: 79

Worship Offering: August 3, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,877.00
Sunday School Offering	\$157.50
Total Sunday Offering	\$8,034.50

Bethesda Operating Fund	
January 1 through July, 2025	
2025 -- Approved Annual Operating Budget	1,059,046
Bethesda Income	488,778
** We have received 46.15% of our approved budget.	
Operating Expenses	552,466
** We have spent 52.17% of our approved budget.	
Income Minus Expense	-63,688

MISSIONS LOCAL / GLOBAL

Recycling Opportunities

Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton, KS! MCC accepts the following materials for recycling, cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process wearable clothing, shoes and purses/bags. However, it is best to donate those items to an Et Cetera Shop first, if possible. When you arrive at MCC, follow the signs toward the warehouse and you'll find bins outside under the covered

roof for each recyclable item. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to duaneunruh@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

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**



Noah and the Ark

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.
Genesis 6:22 (NIV)

Based on Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 (NIV)



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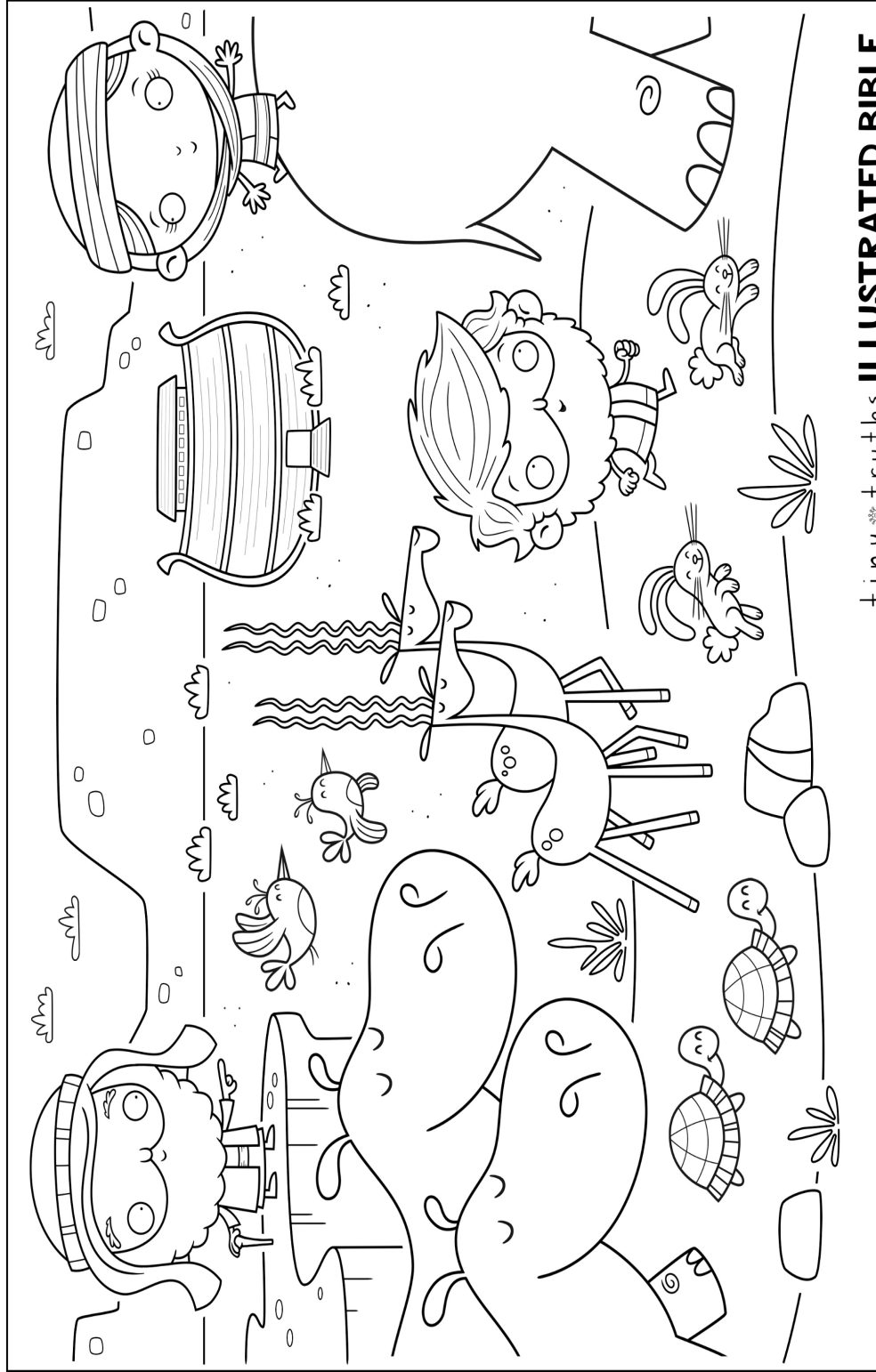
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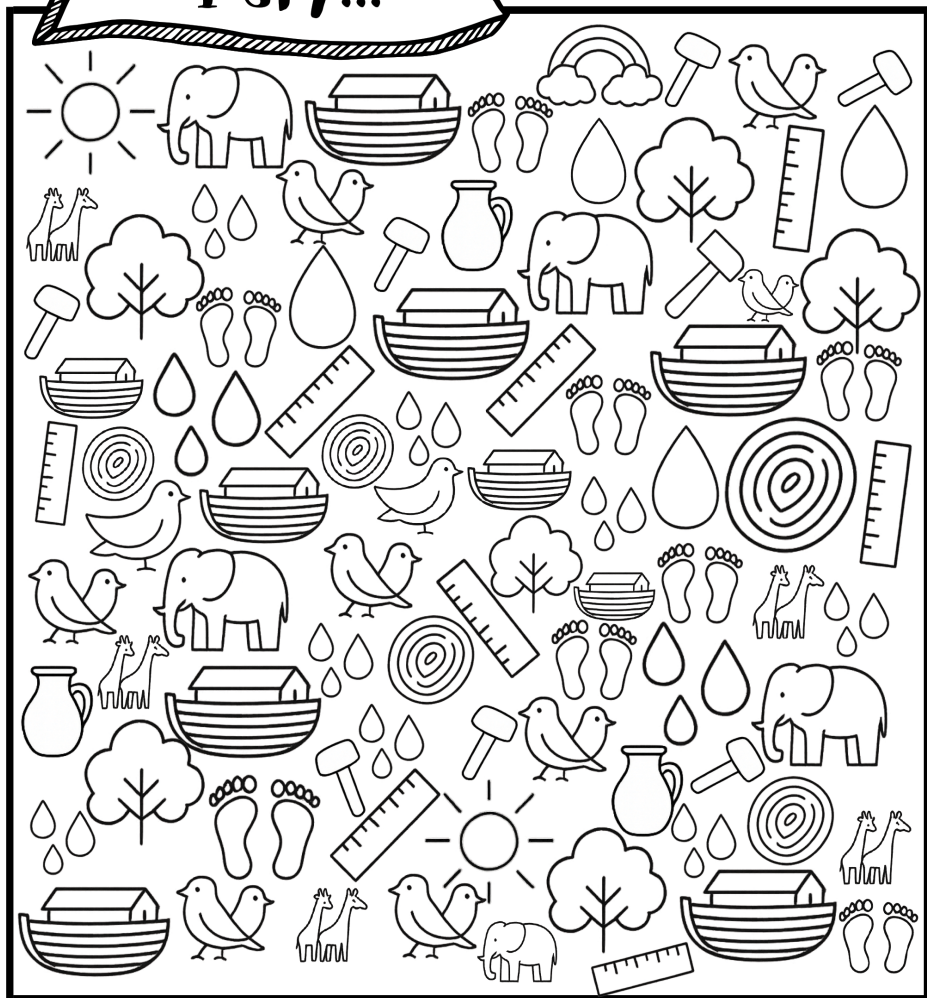
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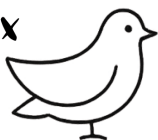


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HELP FIND THE ARK, DOVE AND RAINBOW - GENESIS 6-9

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 radicalness of the ark, the flood, and the rainbow"

Pastor J Epp

Genesis 6:11-22 (NRSV)