

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 31, 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

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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 31</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, September 1</i>	LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
<i>Tuesday, September 2</i>	Bethesda Preschool First Day of School 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee
<i>Wednesday, September 3</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 7:00 p.m. Women's Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, September 5</i>	
<i>Saturday, September 6</i>	10:00 a.m. Lynette Siebert Funeral Service
<i>Sunday, September 7</i>	9:30 a.m. Worship – Faith Formation Sunday First Graders receive Bibles Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Laura Steingard, Organist; Women's Choir 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, Bryan Bechtel and the family of Lynette (Byron) Siebert.
Full Time Ministry Connection: Wes Goertzen, Pastor – Whitewater Mennonite Church, Boissevain, Manitoba, Canada

Death

Lynette Siebert, died on August 24, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Services will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

Birth

A son, Everett Edward Epp, was born August 19, 2025 to Caleb and Allyson Epp. Local grandparents are J and Lisa Epp.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fruits of the Spirit Bookmark

Last Sunday we started a new sermon series examining the Fruits of the Spirit. The Fruits of the Spirit are made up of nine positive virtues – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control – that are believed to be the natural result of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. The series will run through Sunday, October 19 and today we are examining LOVE: Unconditional and selfless affection.

Inside today's bulletin we've provided you with a Fruits of the Spirit bookmark to be used as both a place holder and a reminder of the gifts of God's Spirit that reside within us and help us to live according to His example and His loving commands.



Women's Bible Study

Ladies, are you looking for a small group Bible Study to join this fall?

If so, all ladies are invited to a Monday morning Bible Study for 7 weeks, starting September 8 and running through October 27, led by Linda Goertzen. We will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Dept to the south of the East door entry.

We'll be studying Acts 9; Acts 11-15, exciting chapters of Saul's conversion, his long preparation for ministry, and his first Missionary Journey!

Our purpose is to see how God used Paul in the Great Commission!

Please sign up on the sheet located on the east bulletin board so I'll know how many hand-outs to have ready.

There is *no workbook or cost*. *Bring your Bible and something to write with.*

FIRST GRADERS TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST BIBLES

In conjunction with Faith Formation Sunday our First Graders will receive their first Bibles on Sunday, September 7.

We will meet in the hallway by the church office at 9:10 a.m. to go over details. Remember to have your smiles ready for a small photo shoot!



Join the Meal Train

Caleb and Allyson Epp welcomed a baby boy, Everett Edward Epp, on August 19, 2025. Join the Meal Train at

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gz0doo> and show some love by bringing them a meal as they adjust to life as a family of three.



Meal Train®

Church Offices Closed Monday

The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday Nights Are All Right

It's time to get back into the swing of things. High School Youth Group and Cornerstone have already begun and Chancel Choir will start up on Wednesday, September 3. Midweek classes for Preschool through 5th Grade will be kicking off on Wednesday, September 10. So dig out your choir folders, find a friend to bring along and come join in on the fun!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 3: Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 3 at 8:00 p.m. followed by root beer floats in the Fellowship Hall. The choir will be directed by Lynn Hall, and Sandra Quiring will be accompanying. Any one high school age and older is invited to come and join the Chancel Choir! And just a quick reminder, it's a Messiah year with the performance scheduled for Sunday, December 14. Just think on that for a minute... performing the Messiah with a professional orchestra should be added to your bucket list and then checked off on December 14. May we join together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



sunday school

NEW CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 7

Faith Formation Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7. Teacher recognition and promotion will be held during worship service and the Preschool through 12th grade Sunday School classes will be switching to their new classes during the Sunday School Hour. Check outside the classroom doors for your name so you know what class you're in.

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!

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!



WEEKDAYCHRISTIANEDUCATION

Midweek Teachers Needed

The Weekday Christian Education Committee is in need of a Midweek teacher for the 4th – 6th Grade Class. Midweek classes are every Wednesday night during the school year from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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.

BOARDOFEDUCATION

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).

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

The Board of Education and Sunday School Committee invite all teachers and their families to a Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, September 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If planning to attend please RSVP to Tara Maltsberger at 620.205.9463



Volunteer Forms

FRIENDLY REMINDER: 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).

Child Protection Forms

IMPORTANT REMINDER To all parents of youth participating in Midweek, Cornerstone, High School Bible Study, Sunday School... basically everyone. Make sure to go on bethesdamc.org and fill out the Child/Youth Trip & Permission Waiver Form (which can be found under the CHILD PROTECTION tab). Midweek parents have until September 10 to fill theirs out in order for us to have your child, or children's, most up to date information on file.

If you are a volunteer/teacher fill out the Volunteer for Children/Youth form. This includes all teachers, nursery workers, youth leaders, etc.

If you will be driving children/youth to any type of event fill out the Driving History Record Release form.

If you are a parent of a child please fill out the Trip Permission - Youth Permission/Waiver form. This is for any child/youth attending any Bethesda Mennonite Church activity. One per child please.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

BWM Tuesday Night's

Tuesday, September 2: Join us for a powerful and heartfelt talk on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall featuring the story of a mother (Misty Brouillette) who lost her daughter Cessna to suicide. Through sharing her personal journey, she sheds light on the realities of mental health struggles, the importance of suicide awareness, and the urgent need for prevention.

The event will also highlight the mission of the *Soaring For C!* Foundation, created in her daughter's memory to offer hope and resources to those in need. A Q&A session will follow, offering attendees the opportunity for open, honest discussion. Refreshments will follow the program. Please join us and bring a friend!



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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Wednesday Night Meals

The new year of high school youth group is underway. For those interested in helping provide a meal to the youth on Wednesday nights please contact Ashley Buller at 402-710-2434.



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.

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!



amazon.com
Check out my list on Amazon

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 28, Worship Attendance: 206
Sunday, August 28, Sunday School Attendance: 91

Worship Offering: August 28, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,301.00
Sunday School Offering	\$141.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$6,442.00

MISSIONSLOCAL/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**



We Are One in the Spirit



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;



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 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

everything
prophecy
proud
rude
love

greatest
jealous
child
hope
God

boastful
patient
faith
kind

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

"Spiritual Produce - Love"

Pastor J Epp

**Galatians 5:22-23, I Corinthians 13:4-5a,
1 John 4:7-12 (NRSV)**