

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### August 16, 2026

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#### 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."

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## MINISTRY TEAM

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BMC Faith Formation Website: [www.bmcfaithformation.com](http://www.bmcfaithformation.com)

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## 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 16*

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  
10:40 a.m. Sunday School  
5:30 p.m. End of Summer Cookout

*Monday, August 17*

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bev Quiring  
Covering the Office

*Tuesday, August 18*

2:30 p.m. Legacy Square Communion  
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
8:00 p.m. Board of Business Administration  
8:00 p.m. Board of Education  
8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach

*Wednesday, August 19*

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

*Friday, August 21*

Church Offices Closed

*Saturday, August 22*

11:00 a.m. Chad Wall Memorial Service

*Sunday, August 23*

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
Message: Pastor Andrea Wall  
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, Bryan Bechtel, Alton Friesen, Lisa Friesen, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Bill Batson (Darrel Thiesen's brother-in-law), Nora Aycock (Lisa Friesen's sister), and the Chad Wall Family.

### Death

Chad Alan Wall, 63, of Lincoln passed away on July 14, 2026. Left to cherish his memory are his father, Marlowe and Shari Wall of York; brother, Brett and Marnie Wall of Dana Point, Calif.; sister, Traci and Brian Bruckner of Wayne and nephew, Sam Bruckner of Golden, Colo. Chad was also the nephew of Blaine and Karren Friesen and Don and Teresa Wall.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. Donations in Chad's memory can be made to the Nebraska Humane Society of Omaha.

Please remember to keep the family in your prayers as they continue to mourn the loss of Chad.

## Death

Kenneth Rystrom, 85, formerly of Trumbull, passed away on August 2, 2026, in Tennessee where he had been living with his son. Kenneth is survived by his sons, Scott (Shelley) and Mark (Tamela); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers Robert and Rex Charlton; and sister-in-law Kathy (Wilbur) Epp. Committal services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, August 17, at Greenwood Cemetery in Trumbull, followed by memorial services at 11:00 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church in Hastings.

Please remember to keep the family in your prayers as they continue to mourn the loss of Kenneth.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church Office Hours

Kerri, the Secretary, will be on vacation starting August 5 through August 19 or thereabouts. Bev Quiring will be filling in at the office and will be available to assist you from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17.

## END OF SUMMER COOKOUT

Sunday, August 16: Bethesda Mennonite Church will be hosting an End of Summer Cookout on Sunday, August 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come and join in for a delicious meal, games, and fellowship. The meal will be served on the church patio and is free for all and all are welcome!



## Central Plains Women's Retreat

For a relaxing weekend get-away, plan to attend the Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp at Viborg, SD, September 19-20. Presenter will be Memee Yang sharing "My Beautiful Journey of Spiritual Transformation." You will remember that Meme, along with her husband Jonah, shared at Bethesda following their trip to Thailand accompanied by Alan Janzen. Memee and Jonah serve with Mennonite Mission Network, leading seminars and training that reach out to empower women, mend relationships between couples, and strengthen theological training for people in Southeast Asia. All sessions, lodging, and meals at Swan Lake's Still Waters Retreat Center – \$120 for the weekend. Register to attend at [myslcc.com/register](https://myslcc.com/register). More information and the sign-up sheet are on the BWM Bulletin Board. Contact Carol Janzen at 402-366-7984 if you have any questions.

# YOUTHMINISTRIES

## 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 which can be found on the church website [bethesdamc.org](http://bethesdamc.org) where you can scroll down until you find "Quick Links" and then click on the "College Student Contact Form" button. It will help us to have your most current contact information and you might even get some goodies sent to you during finals week.



## New Sunday School Classes

**Sunday, September 6:** New Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 6. 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 Melissa Goertzen (402-366-2147).

## Wednesday Night Meals

The new year of high school youth group isn't too far away. For those interested in helping provide a meal for the youth on Wednesday nights please contact Ashley Buller at 402-710-2434.

# GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 9, Worship Attendance: 192

Sunday, August 9, Sunday School Attendance: 64

Worship Offering: August 9, 2026

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bethesda General Operating Receipts | 6260.00         |
| Sunday School Offering              | 122.00          |
| <b>Total Sunday Offering</b>        | <b>6,382.00</b> |

# MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

## A Home Away From Home

The International Students Club at Bethel College is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. The club has created a registry of these items, to be included in welcome baskets, to help students feel cared for and at home from the moment they arrive. View the registry [here](#). Purchased items can be shipped to: Bethel College, 300 E. 27th St., North Newton, KS 67117, ATTN: Karin Kaufman Wall, International Students Club Adviser. (Items may also be dropped off at Leisy House, 24th St. & College Ave., North Newton, the advancement and alumni offices, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please mark any purchased items on the gift registry so we can keep track of what is still needed.) **If you would prefer to give financially, donations may be made to Bethel College with "International Students Fund" in the memo line.**

## Kit Bags Needed at MCC!

It's school kit season, and bags are needed to hold school supplies and serve as backpacks for recipients. Right now, the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is running critically low on these sewn bags and we need your help!

Consider hosting a kit bag-making event with your family, church, or community group. You provide the sewing, and MCC will add the strings for tying the bags closed. Don't know how to sew? No problem! Contact Brocia Mueller at [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) for instructions, patterns, or answers to your questions.

There's still time to help us reach our goal of collecting 30,000 school kits for 30,000 children by August 31! Learn more and find out how you can help at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

## NURSERY CARE

AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 & UNDER  
DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

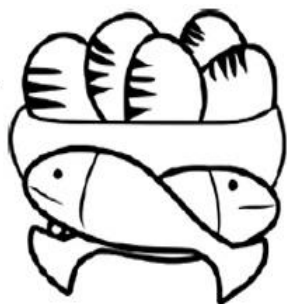
You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

# Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 6:1-14



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P I B V T T A K B D O H S L W  
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THANKS  
TWELVE

BASKETFULS  
LEFT  
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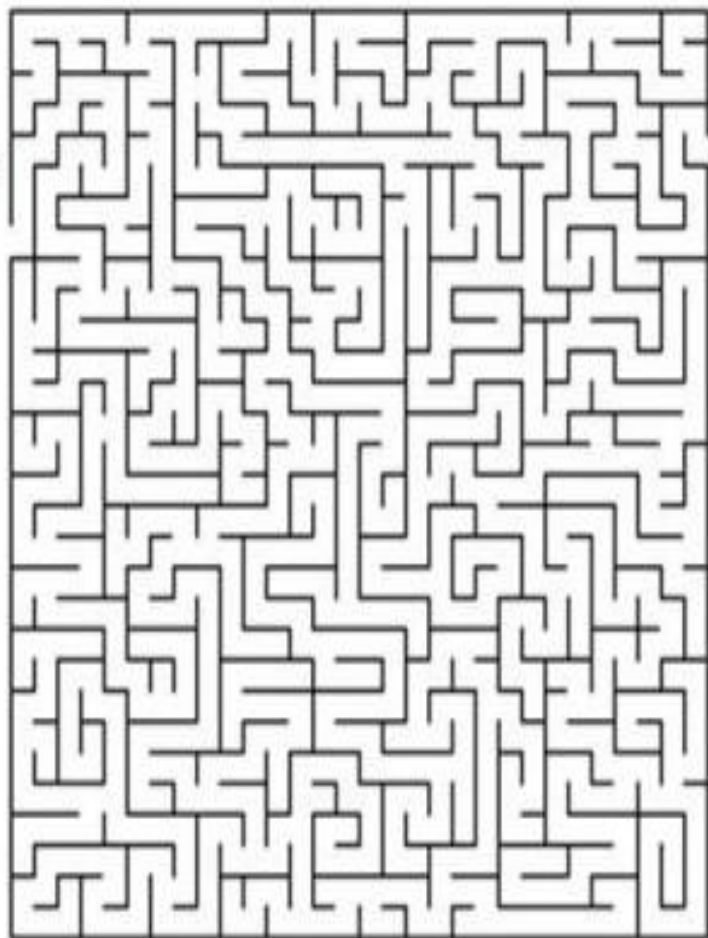
SATISFIED  
FOLLOWED  
FISH

CROWDS  
PEOPLE  
BOAT

LOAVES  
TOWNS  
SICK

# Jesus Feeds 5,000

Help Jesus get to the bread and fish





# Books of the Bible Word Scramble

1. NJOH

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2. NAORMS

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3. ITTMYOH

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4. LMIENOPH

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5. ARLOEEIVNT

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6. NLASCOSIOS

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7. NLISASHNEATSO

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8. ASEJM

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9. TPEER

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10. HERSWBE

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11. EPESHSAIN

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12. AITNSNROCIH

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13. PPLINIPSIHA

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14. TISTU

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15. LANAAGTSI

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16. RPETE

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17. TWMHTEA

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18. DJUE

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19. NHJO

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20. MAJSE

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## Word Bank

CORINTHIANS

COLOSSIANS

PHILEMON

JAMES

GALATIANS

THESSALONIANS

TITUS

ROMANS

PETER

MATTHEW

EPHESIANS

PETER

JOHN

TIMOTHY

PHILIPPIANS

JOHN

JUDE

JAMES

REVELATION

HEBREWS

# 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.

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| Name             |  |
| Address          |  |
| City, State, Zip |  |
| Email            |  |
| Home Phone       |  |
| Cell Phone       |  |

My age range:

- ☐ Elementary School
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Adult
- ☐ Junior High
- ☐ College

Comments/Bulletin Announcement...

# **MESSAGE**NOTES

## **"Abundantly Blessed"**

**Pastor Chelsea Vaught**

**Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV)**