

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 23, 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 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

Sunday, August 23

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, August 24

8:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due

2:30 p.m. Legacy Square

Friday, August 28

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, August 30

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet

9:30 a.m. Worship

Message: Pastor J Epp

Music: Sandra Quiring

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 family of Chad Wall.

Thank You

Our sincerest thanks to our church family for the many expressions of sympathy shown to us after the passing of our mother, Marie Janzen. Your thoughts and prayers, cards, flowers and plants, food, and memorial gifts are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Chelsea and Pastor J for your comforting words.

Paul & Audrey Janzen, Jane & Mike Schmidt,
Barry & Cindy Janzen and families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Church 80 Ground for Rent

The Business Board is accepting bids for the 76 acres of ground located west of Henderson. Bids will be for a three year term starting in 2027. Bids should be in total dollar amount per year and must be submitted to the church office no later than Tuesday, September 22 at 12:00 p.m. For questions please contact Brad Epp at 402.366.6532.

Cemetery Policy

As a reminder, please note that per Cemetery Policy, any memorials/ flowers placed at gravesites must be removed after two weeks. While we understand the importance of these memorials, placing them around the gravesites creates difficulties in the mowing and maintenance of our cemetery.

Thank you,

Board of Business – Erik Friesen, Jeff Peters,
Marc Peters, Mark Dick, Marv Quiring and Brad Epp

Service and Outreach Interest Form



In an effort to identify interest in current or future service and mission projects, the Board of Service & Outreach is requesting that those who have ever had an interest or a pull to serve on projects to please scan the QR code at left to complete our Service and Outreach Interest Form. This will help us share future projects with you directly as well as continuing communication on future projects church-wide.

Please scan and complete this form at your earliest convenience or contact Hillary Bechtel at 309.569.0471 with questions.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 9: Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 9, at 8:00 p.m. The choir will be directed by Lynn Hall and accompanied by Sandra Quiring.

Anyone, high school age and older, is invited to come and join the Chancel Choir! May we join together to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

BWM Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 15: Attention Ladies! Our BWM evening program for September is being moved to Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about the remarkable life of Fanny Crosby. Frances Jane van Alstyne, more commonly known as Fanny J. Crosby, was an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. A prolific hymnist, she wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed. She is also known for her teaching and rescue mission work.



We will also be singing several of the hymns she wrote which are in our hymnal. Refreshments will be served.

Central Plains Women's Retreat

September 19-20: 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.

The featured 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 will cost individuals \$120 for the weekend. Register to attend at myslcc.com/register.



More information and a sign-up sheet can be found on the BWM Bulletin Board. Contact Carol Janzen at 402-366-7984 if you have any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

New Sunday School Classes for the Fall

Sunday, September 6: Starting Sunday, September 6 children will move to their new classrooms for Sunday school. Please check the student lists in the hallway outside of the classrooms for their new classrooms. Preschool is on the main floor in the Ed Wing and all other grades from K-8th grade are upstairs. If you would like your child's name to be added to a class please contact the office – we would love to have them join us!

Parent and Volunteer Forms Due September 13

For the safety of our children, it is very important that parents and any volunteers fill out our child protection forms that are available online. There are three separate forms to be filled out: Child/Youth Trip Permission Waiver Form; Volunteer For Children/Youth; Driving History/Record Release Form. Please scan the QR codes below to get to the forms in order to fill them out online. Or

go to the church website at bethesdamc.org and click on "Child Protection" in the menu. The final day to complete these forms will be Sunday, September 13.



Child/Youth Trip
Permission Waiver



Volunteer for
Children/Youth



Driving History/
Record Release

Faith Formation Sunday

Sunday, September 13: On Sunday, September 13 we will celebrate the start of a new school year with activities in worship including the gifting of 1st grade Bibles, blessing our teachers and volunteers for the year and praying for our children, youth and adults who will join us in this new year of activities.

Fall Midweek Kick Off

Wednesday, September 2

High School Small Groups: Starts on Wednesday September 2 at Greg and Ashley Buller's house (1140 16th Street Henderson). We will eat at 6:30 p.m., play games and learn more about our Bible study for the Fall.



Wednesday, September 9

Junior High Midweek: Starts on Wednesday, September 9 at the church in the Crossroads Coffee House (in the Youth Room at the South Entrance) at 7:00 p.m. Come for food, games, to find out about our Bible study for the Fall and for our 7th graders, get your NEW Life Application Study Bible!

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Starts on Wednesday, September 9 in the "Music Room" (in the upstairs southwest classroom). The kids will again this year be broken into age groups for conversations and activities following our "Sing the Bible" time. We will have a preschool class, K-3rd and a 4th-6th grade class. We will conclude in the fellowship hall with games and Root Beer Floats!

Join the Text List: If you or your youth would like to be on the contact list to be notified each week about when, where and what we are doing for Midweek please contact Kerri in the office with your cell phone number and email to join the list.

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.

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 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.



NURSERY CARE

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



GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 16, Worship Attendance: 204
Sunday, August 16, Sunday School Attendance: 74

Worship Offering: August 16, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,101.00
Sunday School Offering	\$147.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,248.00

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 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.

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

— BIBLE WORD SEARCH —

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WORD LIST

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DISCIPLES

DOUBT

FAITH

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GALILEE

JESUS

MIRACLE

PETER

PRAY

RESCUE

SEA

SINK

STORM

TRUST

WALKS

WATER

WAVES

WIND

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





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...

MESSAGE NOTES

"Be Encouraged"

Pastor J Epp

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)