

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

August 30, 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

MINISTRY TEAM

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CONTACT US

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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 30

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons and Pastors

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, September 3

6:30 p.m. Bethesda Preschool Open House

Friday, September 4

Church Offices Closed

Sunday, September 6

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), Ronda Duerksen and Elva Janzen.

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

We've Moved

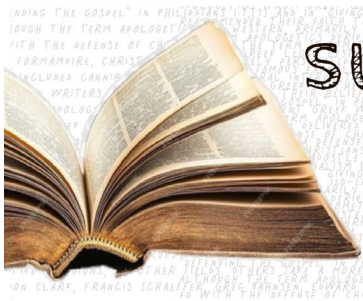
Bernard and Carol Anderson have recently moved to the Central Nebraska Veteran's Home in Kearney. Their new address is: 4510 E. 56th Street, F112, Kearney, NE, 68847. They welcome visitors to stop in if in the area. Contact the church office for their phone number.



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.



sunday school

NEW CLASSES START SEPT 6

Preschool through 12th Grade Sunday School classes will be switching to their new classes during the Sunday School Hour on Sunday, September 6. Check outside the classroom doors for your name so you know what class you are in.

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!



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.

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

CENTRAL PLAINS MENNONITE CONFERENCE

2026

WOMEN'S RETREAT

**“My Beautiful Journey
of Spiritual Transformation”**

Memee Yang, Presenter

HIGHLIGHTS of RETREAT

- Presentations by Memee, worship and singing, and interest sessions
- Delicious meals and hotel-like lodgings (linens provided)
- Free time for nature walks, kayaking, reading, visiting, napping, board games, naps, etc
- Shopping Ten Thousand Villages and Faith & Life books



September 19-20, 2026

Registration: \$120

Online: myslcc.com/register

Call: (605) 326-5690

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.

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

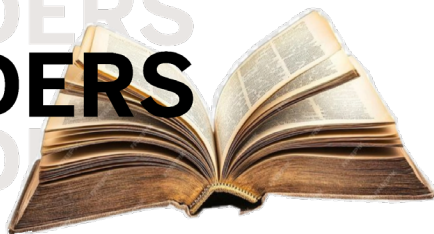


Driving History/
Record Release

FIRST GRADERS FIRST GRADERS

In conjunction with Faith Formation Sunday our First Graders will receive their first Bibles on Sunday, September 13.

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!



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.

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WEEK
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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

A photograph of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a purple sweater, pointing towards the camera. The child is in a classroom setting with wooden desks and shelves in the background.

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 23 Worship Attendance: 175
Sunday, August 23, Sunday School Attendance: 71

Worship Offering: August 23, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,055.00
Sunday School Offering	\$180.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,235.00

MISSIONSLOCAL/GLOBAL

Bethesda School Kit Night

Sunday, November 15: Mark your calendars for this year's School Kit Night. We will gather for a fundraiser meal for the high school youth 2017 service project. Then together we will pack school kit bags with pencils, notebooks and more. More details to follow.

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.

Matthew the disciple

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Disciple

Sinners

Guest

Relationship

scripture

Banquet

Matthew

Jesus

sacrifices

Pharisee

Apostle

mercy

God

PACKED WITH FAITH

My Words Matter

I CAN USE KIND WORDS
EVERY DAY

Write three kind
things you can say
at school.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Let your
light shine
before
others.

Matthew 5:16

DRAW A PICTURE

How can you use kind
words to encourage
a friend?

FAITH LESSON

Our words are powerful! Kind words
can build others up and show God's love
to everyone around us.

A PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
Help me to use words that are kind,
loving, and true.
Help me encourage others
and always speak with love.
Amen.

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

"Have Mercy"

Pastor Andrea Wall

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)