

# BETHESDA NEWS

## Welcome to Worship!

### September 7, 2025

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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

Pastor Andrea Wall:

Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

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## CONTACT US

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BMC Website: [www.bethesdamc.org](http://www.bethesdamc.org)

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

<i>Sunday, September 7</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship – Faith Formation Sunday First Graders receive Bibles 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, September 8</i>	7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons & Pastors
<i>Tuesday, September 9</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
<i>Wednesday, September 10</i>	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due 2:30 p.m. Legacy Square 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Midweek 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, September 12</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
<i>Sunday, September 14</i>	9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist; 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, Shirley Thayer, Lisa Friesen, Hester and Rafael Heide, Bryan Bechtel and the family of Lynette (Byron) Siebert.  
Full Time Ministry Connection: Brett Klingenberg, Pastoral Team – Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, Kan.

**Death**

Lynette Siebert, age 69, died on August 24, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband Byron; children, Hannah (Ben) Glaser of Chicago, Ill., Cole (Veronica) Siebert of York and Carter Siebert of Henderson; grandchildren, Elliot Siebert of Ansley and Fancie and Jonah Glaser of Chicago, Ill.; brother, Gary (Mary) Rathje of Denver, Colo.; sister, Gloria (Ron) Boyes of Geneva; sisters-in-law, Karen Kroeker of Henderson, GayAnn Wagner of Lincoln and Shelly Siebert of Las Vegas, Nev. and brother-in-law, Kevin (Teresa) Siebert of Seward. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

## Birth

A son, Dean Walter, was born on August 29, 2025, to Cameron and Molly Quiring. He joins big brother, Declan, at home. Grandparents are Gary and Bev Quiring and Doug and Deb Ocker.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.*

## 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®

# sunday school

NEW CLASSES START TODAY!

## Today is Faith Formation Sunday!

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!

## **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](http://myslcc.com). More info and sign-up sheet on the BWM Bulletin Board. Questions? Contact Carol Janzen 402-366-7984.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

The Board of Education and Sunday School Committee invite all teachers and their families to a Teacher Appreciation Lunch today, Sunday, September 7, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



### **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](https://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.

**YOUTHMINISTRIES**

**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.

**GIVINGATTENDANCE**

Sunday, August 31, Worship Attendance: 218  
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Worship Offering: August 31, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$6,966.00
Sunday School Offering	\$101.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$7067.00

# 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. 30<sup>th</sup> Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto: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](https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge)**



# Jesus is the True Vine

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obey	true	vine		

# 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...