

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

September 14, 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

MINISTRY TEAM

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Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004

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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, September 14</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, September 15</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, September 16</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 8:00 p.m. Board of Business 8:00 p.m. Board of Education 8:00 p.m. Board of Service & Outreach
<i>Wednesday, September 17</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 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
<i>Friday, September 19</i>	Church Offices Closed Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, S.D.
<i>Saturday, September 20</i>	Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, S.D.
<i>Sunday, September 21</i>	Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, S.D. 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor J Epp Music: Sandra Quiring, Pianist; Chancel 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: Brett Klingenberg, Pastoral Team – Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, Kan.

Death

Norris Kramer, 73, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at his farm near Sutton. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Evangelical Free Church in Geneva. Private burial will be at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton. Visitation will be Sunday (today) from

2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

Death

Homer Janzen, of Colorado, passed away on Monday, September 8, 2025. Survivors include his wife Jean and sister, Elvera Peters of South Dakota. Along with Elvera, Homer was a brother to Darrell Janzen, Morris Janzen and Beverly Friesen. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel College Fall Fest donations wanted

October 3 & 4: The Bethel College Women's Association is looking forward to Fall Festival, our biggest money-raising event. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, cookies, jams and jellies and other goodies. We'd love to have you donate your craft items as well! Please bring baked goods and craft donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. If you have questions, contact us at bcwa@bethelks.edu. Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

Potlucks Are Back!

Sunday Potlucks are coming back! But there's a bit of a change of schedule. Potlucks will now be held on the second Sunday of each month, still at 12:00 p.m. The next one will take place on Sunday, October 12 so start your recipe hunt now!



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 led by Linda Goertzen.

We will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. through October 27 in the Youth Department 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.

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!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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.



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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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.

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).



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. More info and sign-up sheet on the BWM Bulletin Board. Questions? Contact Carol Janzen 402-366-7984.

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 7, Worship Attendance: 214

Sunday, September 7, Sunday School Attendance: 98

Worship Offering: September 7, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,218.00
Sunday School Offering	\$165.00
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,383.00

MISSIONS LOCAL/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.

Are We Efficient?

Article by Chief Greg, Gator Wilderness Camp School

Recently one of our groups was out of state on a multiple day hiking trip. The trip was going well, but there was a situation that came up that required communication with staff. After initial communication back and forth, I did not hear anything for several hours. When I heard back from the staff member I asked, "is everything OK?" He indicated things were OK. When I asked why I was not successful in contacting him, he indicated that the phone was turned off to save the battery.

Setting aside my "what is going on" questions and worry, I had to ask myself "how often do I turn off the batteries with the Lord?" Do I make these decisions out of efficiency, potential expediency, or some other motive that short circuits God's plan for the situation?

The narrative of the Gospel provides the clear example of Jesus and His interactions with people. Relationships based upon Christ's Kingdom are often not efficient. Many times we read how Jesus took time with individuals, pointing them toward the Kingdom. Some times He restored them (Peter in John 21) after the resurrection, other times He called them out (Martha's busyness when hosting Jesus in Luke 10), and at times He condemned those who's hearts were callous towards Him. God has placed all things under Jesus and He could have done everything with efficiency. And yet, in a powerful example we often miss, He prioritized relationships with people for the sake of His Kingdom and all of eternity.

Building deep and meaningful relationships with a group of boys who have experienced failure, loss of key relationships, and tragedy in their young lives is NOT efficient. Thank you to so many of you who faithfully support the calling and mission of Gator Camp. Choosing to believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform young and often times, broken lives for Christ's Kingdom.

The full Gator Bites Summer 2025 Newsletter from Gator Wilderness Camp School, located in Punta Gorda, Florida can be found at:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/e6e78e0b901/94ac8105-032c-44bb-a774-3dd65213068c.pdf>

The Book of James

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Y A S Y C A J I E C N E I T A P O O G H C G E P
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temptation
patience
respect
mercy
love

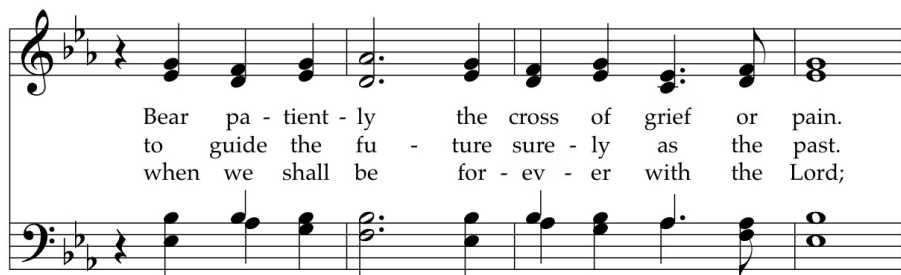
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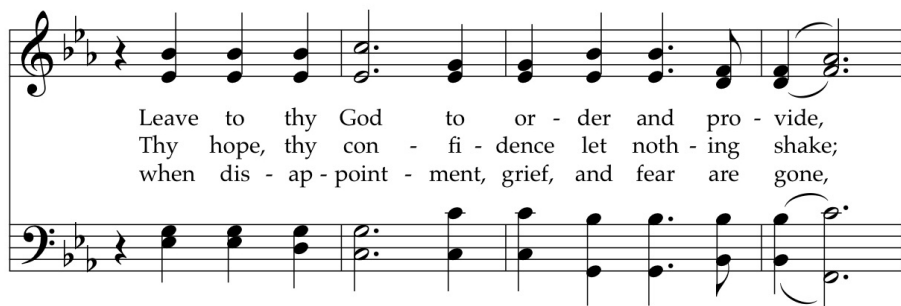
Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



love



joy



kindness



peace



patience



faithfulness



gentleness



goodness



self-control



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

"Cultivating Patience"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Galatians 5:22-23, James 5:7-11,

Colossians 3:12-13 (NRSV)