

BETHESDA NEWS

Welcome to Worship!

November 2, 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."

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BMC Website: www.bethesdamc.org

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, November 2</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
<i>Monday, November 3</i>	9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, November 4</i>	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. BWM Women in Mission 7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons & Pastors
<i>Wednesday, November 5</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. Messiah Rehearsal 9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Church Offices Closed
<i>Friday, November 7</i>	
<i>Sunday, November 9</i>	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet 9:30 a.m. Worship Message: Pastor Andrea Wall Music: Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist; Worship Band Offering to God 10:40 a.m. Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Potluck 5:45 p.m. Youth Fundraiser Meal 7:00 p.m. 20 th Year Celebration and Packing of School Kits

CHURCHFAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs:
Rachelle Schweitzer, Lisa Friesen, Bryan Bechtel, Wyona Friesen, Jan Friesen, Kathy Epp, the Family of Leanna Kroeker and the Family of Adeline Huebert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Choir

Wednesday, December 24: Looking for volunteers of all ages to participate in a choir on Christmas Eve. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings starting November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you love Caroling or haven't for a while, this will be a warm experience (AKA indoors). Thank you!

The Christmas Eve Committee

Women's Bible Study

Monday, November 3: Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 3 in the old choir room and will be discussing Acts 14. The final Bible Study will now be held on Monday, November 10. All are welcome!



School Kit Night

Sunday, November 9: People of all ages are invited to come pack over 1,000 school kits on Sunday, November 9. Over the last 20 years we have packed over 20,000 kits for kids around the world in need of school supplies. Come at 5:45 as we begin serving the taco meal and at 7:00 p.m. we will have a 20 year celebration and then start packing the kits. Volunteers are needed at 2:00 p.m. for set up. If you have any questions, please call Lindy Siebert at 402-723-4376.

Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 16: Sunday, November 16 will be a church wide Thanksgiving meal following Sunday school. It will include turkey and all the fixings. Mark you calendars to join the Bethesda family for this meal.



MCC Meat Canner Volunteers Need

November 21, 22, 24 & 25: Every year MCC's Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken, and pork to be sent around the world. Over 30,000 people a year volunteer to fill, weigh, wash and label every can. This year,

the canner will be coming to Bethesda Mennonite Church November 21, 22, 24 and 25, 2025.

Set up for the canner is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 time TBD, and we could use some assistance with set up.

Workers for the canner truck will be needed starting Friday at 6 a.m. and then throughout the day for Friday and Saturday, Sunday we will be off, and then Monday and Tuesday. The plan this year is to can four rounds of meat per day, compared to the five rounds we usually do, so we should be finished earlier in the day compared to previous years. We also need people to grind meat, make boxes, dry cans, and move cans to the truck. We have jobs for people of all ages, and you can come and go as you please. Please join us for this rewarding and fun project.

Information is posted on the Bethesda Mennonite MCC Meat Canning Facebook page (@BethesdaCanning), on Twitter (@BethesdaMcc) including the work to be done, truck start times, and when assistance is needed. Please follow, and share. Questions to Jay Dee Janzen, 402-362-0512 or Jason Lewis 402-363-9745.



Messiah Chorus Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.: Messiah Chorus rehearsals are currently underway but it's not too late to join! All rehearsals will be from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday until the performance. Chancel Choir rehearsal will follow from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Messiah performance will take place on Sunday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Piano Night at the Lake

Sunday, November 23: Join us at Swan Lake Christian Camp for dinner and music on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. when we host Piano Night at the Lake. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going toward progress on the camp Worship Center/Dining Hall. For reservations contact campoffice@myslcc.com or call 605.326.5690.



AMBS Online Short Courses

Have you ever considered taking a course at AMBS but enrolling and learning on campus was not an option for you? Did you know that AMBS offers online short courses. This is just one available for 2026. "Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?" taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD.

In the 16th century, Anabaptists approached Scripture in ways that were both similar to and different from Catholics and other Protestants. This course will seek to understand those similarities and differences in light of today. What historical and theological developments in the centuries since the 16th century have influenced today's Mennonites more profoundly than did the Reformation?

Students read assigned materials and complete short assignments, writing in an online discussion forum on their own time to meet assignment deadlines. Includes an optional video conference meeting with professors each week of the course, also recorded for participants to watch at their convenience.

The course will be offered January 28 through March 10, 2026. The early registration deadline is January 7, 2026 and the cost is \$300. The final registration deadline is January 21, 2026 and the cost is \$350. Participants should expect to pay for one or two textbooks.

If you want to know more, contact AMBS or Carol Janzen your AMBS Advocate 402-366-7984.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Meat Donations Needed

Sunday, November 9: For School Kit Night, Sunday, November 9, we are still in need of 35 lbs. of hamburger for the youth taco fundraiser. Please call Lavonne at 402-362-9264 if you are interested in donating some or all of the meat.



Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner

Wednesday, November 19: Do you like cooking, hosting, and youth? The high school youth are having their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers who would

be willing to host a dessert at their house OR contribute a side dish for their main meal held at church. If you are interested or have questions, contact Hillary Lee at 309-569-0471.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7: It's time to start practicing for the Children's Christmas Program planned for Sunday, December 7 at Bethesda. This year the kids will be presenting "The Mystery of the Missing Manger". Sunday School classes started rehearsing their music last week during Sunday School but it's very important that you rehearse with your children at home. All of the music can be found on the Bethesda Mennonite Church website, bethesdamc.org, just click on the Menu bars in the upper right corner and then click on "MINISTRIES" and then "Children" and all of the songs will be there.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women in Mission

Tuesday, November 4: Our November first Tuesday meeting of Women in Mission will be a celebration, the blessing of the bowl. We would like each of you to bring your favorite soup bowl and it will be filled. Filled with blessings, love from Jesus, love from your fellow women in mission, and with soup. Soup is the universal language of comfort and love. It has stood the test of time, and it has a history. May you be filled with blessings as we meet on first Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



MISSIONS LOCAL/GLOBAL

2025 Hope Gospel Rescue Mission Celebration Banquet

Monday, November 10: Hope Gospel Rescue Mission in York will be holding their 2025 Celebration Banquet on Monday, November 10 at the Holthus Convention Center in York. Join us for an inspiring evening to celebrate the amazing work God is doing through the Hope Gospel Rescue Mission. Hear powerful testimonies and enjoy a message from Marcellus Casey, Chaplain, Kansas City Chiefs. Seating will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be provided by Kerry's Restaurant & Catering. This event is free to attend but reservations are needed in order to ensure they have adequate amounts of food. Call 402.362.0127 or visit hopegospel.org to make a reservation.

Save the Date!

Central Plains Mennonite Conference and the Ecuador Partnership will host an 11-day service trip and learning tour to Riobamba and Quito, Ecuador, from March 13 - March 23, 2026. We are looking for up to 10 volunteers. The group will assist the Anabaptist Mennonite Christian Church of Ecuador (ICME) churches in Riobamba with building projects for their respective facilities. More details will be coming soon. If you have any interest, please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/N1HEzfSxKjs5Msb98> by **November 23**, so we can add you to the list and ensure you receive all future communications regarding the trip. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joel Beachy (joel.beachy@eastunionmennonite.org).

GIVING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 26, Worship Attendance: 252

Sunday, October 26, Sunday School Attendance: 110

Worship Offering: October 26, 2025

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	\$7,019.00
Sunday School Offering	\$270.25
Total Sunday Offering	\$7,289.25

Adeline Huebert Memorials

Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park: \$250

Bethesda Mennonite Church School Kits: \$3,225

Total: \$3,475

Bethesda Operating Fund	
January 1 through October, 2025	
2025 -- Approved Annual Operating Budget	1,059,046
Bethesda Income	656,493
** We have received 61.99% of our approved budget.	
Operating Expenses	772,151
** We have spent 72.91% of our approved budget.	
Income Minus Expense	-115,658

Jesus, Be the Center

BETH CENTRE Irregular

Verses

D G/D D A7sus

1 Je - sus, be the cen - ter, be my source,
 2 Je - sus, be the cen - ter, be my hope,
 3 Je - sus, be my vi - sion, be my path,
 4 Je - sus, be the cen - ter, be my source,

G/D D Last time to Coda 1 2, 3

be my light, Je - sus.
 be my song, Je - sus.
 be my guide, Je - sus.
 be my light, Je - sus.

Refrain

A7sus D

Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind
 in these sails. Be the rea - son that I live,
 Je - sus, Je - sus.

Coda

A7sus G/B D

Be my source, be my light, Je - sus.
 Je - sus. Je - sus.



Corinthians 1 word search

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new testament

corinthians

freedom

heaven

Wisdom

widow

Jesus

Grace

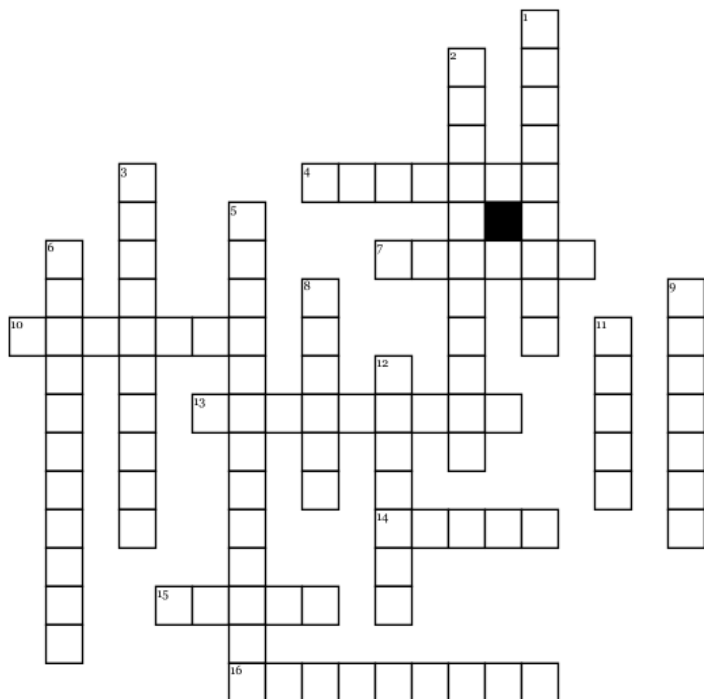
Peace

Lord

love

Paul

1 Corinthians



Across

4. Succeeded Paul as the spiritual leader of the Corinth congregation.

7. Aramaic name for the Apostle Peter given to him by Jesus

10. Leader of the Synagogue in Corinth -- his name means curly

13. Written by Paul

14. Written by Paul

15. the undeserved acceptance and love of God.

16. One of Paul's first converts in Achaia.

Down

1. Written by Paul

2. Written by Paul

3. Written by Paul

5. Written by Paul

6. Written by Paul

8. Written by Paul

9. Written by Paul

11. Informer of the troubles in Corinth.

12. Written by Paul

Word Bank

Ephesians

Grace

Cephas

Chloe

Apollos

Crispus

Philippians

Galatians

Corinthians

Thessalonians

Romans

Stephanas

Timothy

Colossians

Titus

Pilemon

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...

MESSAGENOTES

"Leaders, Divisions and the Jesus-Centered Community"

Nathan Luitjens

1 Corinthians 3:1-14 (NRSV)