BETHESDA NEWS
Welcome to Worship!
Sunday, November 1, 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."

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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

Sunday, November 1	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
	9:30 a.m. Worship – With Deacon Nomination Meeting Following
	10:40 a.m. Sunday School
Monday, November 2	2:00 p.m. Berdon Epp Funeral Services – 1:15 p.m. Burial at Bethesda Cemetery
Tuesday, November 3	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Preschool Committee
Wednesday, November 4	12:00 p.m. Bulletin Announcements Due
	6:30 p.m. High School Small Groups
	7:00 p.m. Cornerstone – Junior High
	7:00 p.m. Midweek – PreK & Grade School
	8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Friday, November 6	Church Offices Closed
	Pastor Andrea at Next Gen Youth Conference
Saturday, November 7	Pastor Andrea at Next Gen Youth Conference
Sunday, November 8	Pastor Andrea at Next Gen Youth Conference
	8:45 a.m. Deacons Meet
	9:30 a.m. Worship
	Message: Pastor Chelsea Vaught
	Music: Laura Steingard/Chancel Choir
	Offering to God
	10:40 a.m. Sunday School
	10:40 a.m. Deacon Nominee Meeting with Current Deacons (During Sunday School Hour)
	12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck Meal
	6:00 p.m. Piano Night at the Lake – Viborg, S.D.

CHURCHFAMILY

Please keep in prayer those with health concerns, grief, or family needs: Rachelle Schweitzer, Bryan Bechtel, Veronica Friesen, Elly Siebert (Margie Siebert's granddaughter), Olivia Landis (Audrey Janzen's great-niece), and the family of Berdon Epp.

Death

Berdon Epp, age 73, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is survived by his children, Jennifer Epp of Post Falls, Idaho, Allison (Brian) Fehr of Manhatten, KS and William Epp of Henderson; grandchildren, Gabrielle, Henry and Caroline Fehr; siblings, Amanda

(Marilyn) Fast of Goshen, IN, Arlene Pearsall of Sioux Falls, SD, LeRoy (Janette) Epp of Freeman, SD, Aldena (Ron) Ecklein of Salem, SD, and LaVonne (Rudy) Brockmueller of Freeman, SD.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2026, at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson. Interment will take place at 1:15 p.m. at Bethesda Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, November 1 from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Metz Mortuary in Henderson, with the family greeting friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please remember to keep Berdon's family in your prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Nominations

The terms of Steve Michel and Mark Janzen as members of the Board of Deacons will expire in February. Steve has served two terms and is not eligible to serve another term. Mark has chosen not to serve another term. Both Steve and Mark's terms will need to be filled.

A congregational meeting will be held today, Sunday, November 1, 2026, to begin the Deacon nomination process. Individuals do not need to be contacted for permission to be nominated. Each member may list two nominees PER POSITION. The Ballot Committee shall determine the top 15 names in order of nominations received. In the event of a tie or ties at the 15th position, the Ballot Committee shall determine the top 15 names and list them in alphabetical order.

The top 15 nominees will meet with the current deacons on Sunday, November 8, during the Sunday School hour, in the conference room to discuss the deacon experience and clarify roles and responsibilities.

Piano Night at the Lake

Sunday, November 8: Join us for Piano Night at the Lake, a Swan Lake Christian Camp dinner and worship fundraiser.

A dinner will be served along with classical music followed by a time of worship in song in the camp's new facility on Sunday, November 8 starting at 6:00 p.m.



Free-will donations received from this event will go toward the completion of the worship center/dining hall. To reserve your seat call Judi at 605-326-5690 or email campoffice@myslcc.com.

From the Treasurer



Committee Chairs are reminded to turn in their budgets by the end of October and we all boards are encouraged to meet in November for budget purposes.

-Kendra Switzer, Church Treasurer

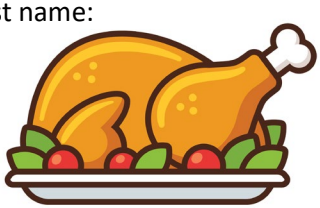


School Kit Night

Sunday, November 15: People of all ages are invited to come pack over 1,000 school kits on Sunday, November 15. Over the last 21 years we have packed kits for kids around the world in need of school supplies. Volunteers are needed by 4:00 p.m. to help set out the supplies. Youth please come at 5:00 p.m. to help set up for the meal and we will begin serving the taco meal at 5:30 p.m. and then start packing the kits. The meal is a free-will donation fundraiser for the 2027 Youth Service Trip. If you have any questions, call Lindy Siebert at 402-723-4376.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 8: On November 8 following Sunday School, we will celebrate an early Thanksgiving as a congregation with a Thanksgiving Potluck! Turkeym stuffing and gravy will be provided, and you are all invited to bring part of the meal. In order to have all parts of the meal provided, here are suggestions for what to bring based on the first letter of your last name:



A to E: Salads or Appetizers (lettuce salads, fruit salads, pasta salads, deviled eggs, etc.)

F: Bread or rolls

G to P: Vegetables or Side Dishes (potatoes, green beans, corn, casseroles, etc.)

Q to Z: Desserts (pies, cakes, bars, cookies, crisps, etc.).

Please take responsibility of having your food prepared and ready if it needs heated during the church service and/or the Sunday School hour as there will not be help in the kitchen at that time.

We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together as a church family!

- Board of Deacons and Pastors



MCC Meat Canner Volunteers Needed

November 20, 21, 23 & 24: 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 20, 21, 23 and 24, 2026.

Set up for the canner is scheduled for Thursday, November 19 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 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.

BETHESDA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

BWM November Meeting

Tuesday, November 3: Bethesda Women's Ministries will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Come and join us at 7:00 p.m. as Lisa Epp shares on Blue Valley Community Action in York. Blue Valley supports families through programs like emergency rent and utility assistance, food pantries, early childhood education (including Head Start and BRELA), and nutritional counseling. Serving as the community's resource hub, it's where neighbors go when weathering tough times or seeking reliable support with dignity.

CHILDREN&YOUTH MINISTRIES

School Kit Night Fundraiser Meal

Sunday, November 15: The youth will be serving a meal for the evening of School Kit assembly on November 15. Donations of bars are needed. Also needed are youth to help serve and clean up. If you have any questions please contact Lavonne Braun 402-362-9264.

Progressive Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 18: The high school youth are having their annual Progressive Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 18 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 Ashley Buller at 402-710-2434.

Fall Midweek

Wednesday, November 4:

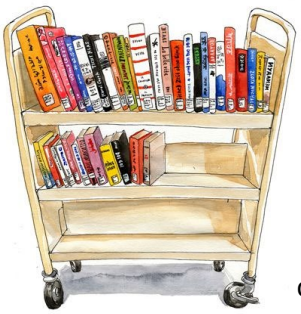
High School: We will meet starting at 6:30 p.m. with a meal in the Crossroads Coffeehouse. If you would like to join the text list please contact the office.

Junior High Midweek: Will meet in the Upper Room at 7:00 p.m.

Preschool – 6th Grade Midweek: Will meet in the "Music Room" (in the upstairs Grade 2-3 classroom) at 7:00 p.m. The kids will again this year be broken into age groups for conversations and activities following our "Sing the Bible" time and will conclude with games in the Fellowship Hall where they can be picked up.

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.

Visit the Book Cart!



In the back of the sanctuary is a library cart with books for children and youth to read during worship. Feel free to grab a book before worship, during worship or after. If you want to take it home, check it out by writing your name on the card and placing the card in the clear box on the cart. The top shelf is Shalom Readers Books – read 7 of these books and write them on the Shalom sheet on the side of the cart and turn it in to earn a free book. Enjoy reading!

Parent and Volunteer Forms

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.

Child/Youth Trip Permission Waiver

Volunteer for Children/Youth

Driving History/ Record Release

GIVINGATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 25, 2026 Worship Attendance: 213
Sunday, October 25, 2026, Sunday School Attendance: 72

Worship Offering: October 25, 2026

Bethesda General Operating Receipts	**$7,817.00**
Sunday School Offering	**$171.00**
Total Sunday Offering	**$7,988.00**

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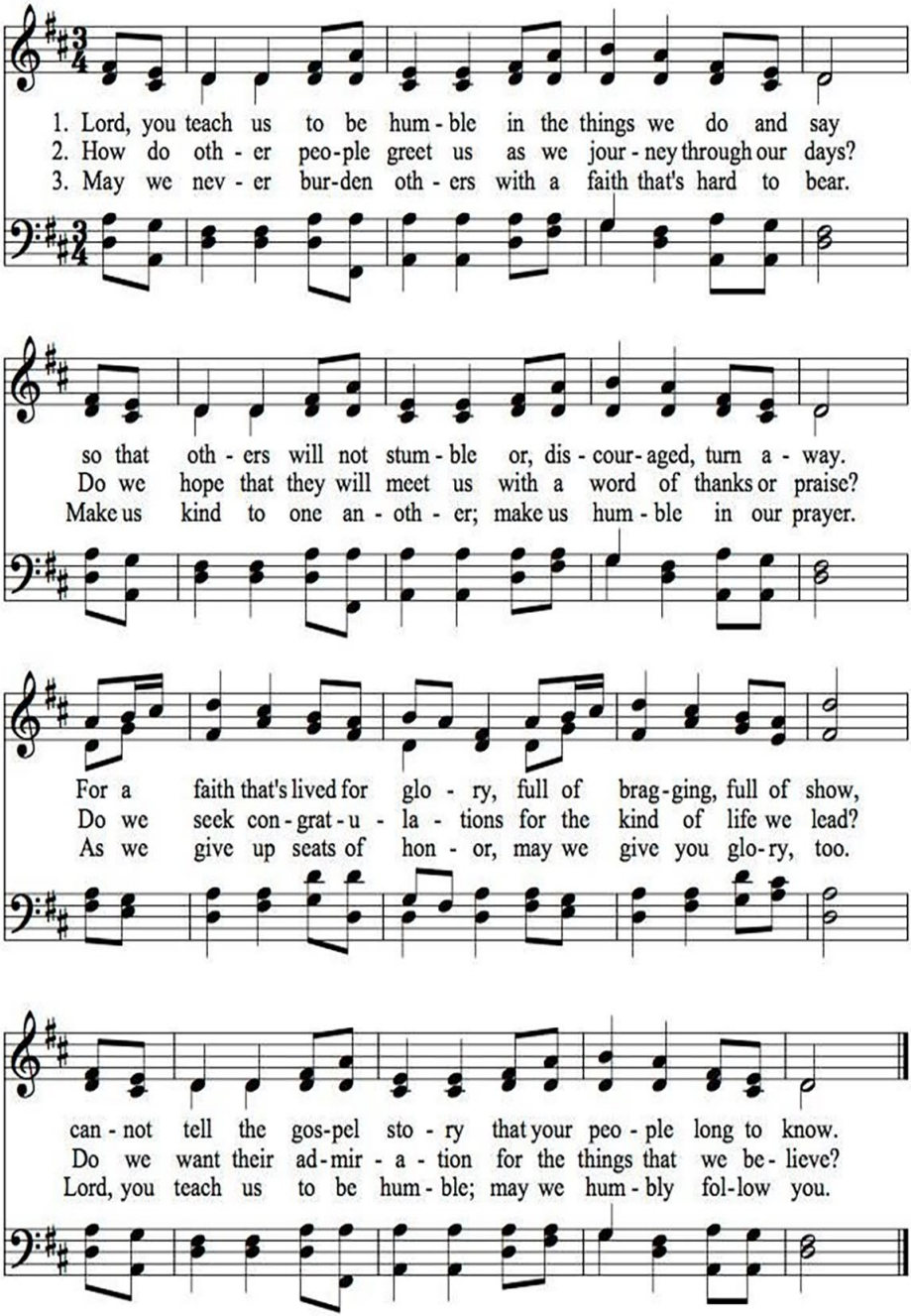
Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

Nepal flooding response: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at **mcc.org/nepal-flooding**

Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at **mcc.org/colombia-earthquake**

Lord, you teach us to be humble



WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2014 (Matthew 23:1-12)
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second,* 1813

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Practice What You Preach

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Matthew 23:3b (NIV)

Based on Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)



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HUMBLE	FATHER	HONOR	LOADS	RABBI
BROTHERS	FINGER	IMPORTANT	MOSES	HEAVY
OBEY	PREACH	LIFT	PHARISEES	BANQUETS

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…

Matthew 23:13-36

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people
out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when
others are going in you stop them. 15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make
the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.
16 “Woe to you, blind guides who say, ‘Whoever swears by the sanctuary is
bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by
the oath.’ 17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that
has made the gold sacred? 18 And you say, ‘Whoever swears by the altar is
bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that is on the altar is bound
by the oath.’ 19 How blind you are! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that
makes the gift sacred? 20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by
everything on it, 21 and whoever swears by the sanctuary swears by it and by the
one who dwells in it, 22 and whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of
God and by the one who is seated upon it.
23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill,
and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and
mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the
others. 24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!
25 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside
of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that
the outside also may become clean.
27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like
whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful but inside are full of
the bones of the dead and of all kinds of uncleanness. 28 So you also on the
outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and
lawlessness.
29 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs
of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, 30 and you say, ‘If we
had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them
in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ 31 Thus you testify against yourselves
that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then,
the measure of your ancestors. 33 You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can
you escape the judgment of hell? 34 For this reason I send you prophets, sages,
and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in
your synagogues and pursue from town to town, 35 so that upon you may come
all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the
blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the
sanctuary and the altar. 36 Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this
generation.

MESSAGENOTES

"The Way of Humility"

Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSV)