Through the month of August, Sunday morning worship services will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served prior to the services. Did you know we serve 28 dozen cookies each Sunday during the summer when we meet in the Fellowship Hall? Volunteers are needed to serve coffee as well as bring cookies or bars. Individuals serving coffee throughout the year enjoy a break through the summer months, so please keep that in mind when you sign up on the east bulletin board. Thank you for your service!

In the absence of the Pastors, the Deacons will be available to respond to church members, the hospital and those in care centers. Marlene Ott will be on call Sunday and Monday, August 4 and 5.

Safe Congregation Changes…
You may have noticed some changes around the church lately…the box for bulletins outside the east door, panic bars and locks on the east, north and south doors, cameras etc. These changes are all part of the Safe Congregation Policy that will eventually be put into place at Bethesda. Although no policy or knowledge of the issues can absolutely guarantee safety in our congregation under all circumstances, we can take pro-active steps to create an environment that is safe. Developing a Comprehensive Safe Congregation Policy is a significant and meaningful process to educate the congregation and build safer communities. The delegates at the Mennonite Church USA 2013 convention in Phoenix affirmed a resolution entitled “Protecting and Nurturing our Children and Youth” which encourages congregations to take steps to create an environment that is safe. More information will be coming and you will have opportunity for questions and discussion at a congregational meeting in early September.

Templo Alabanza Update – In June the Bethesda VBS children raised money to renovate the classrooms at Templo Alabanza Church in Moline, Illinois. We just received a thank you note and some pictures of the progress of the project. You can check out the pictures in the Powerhouse room, on Bethesda’s Facebook page and on Pinterest.
WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, August 4
8:50 A.M. Deacons
8:55-9:15 A.M. Prayer Time
9:30 A.M. Worship Service/Fellowship Hall
10:40 A.M. Sunday School

MONDAY, August 5
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Swimnastics

TUESDAY, August 6
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
Pastor Sherm Kauffman returns.
7:00 P.M. Bethesda Women’s Ministry – Heritage Park

WEDNESDAY, August 7
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Swimnastics
12:00 P.M. Bulletin Announcements Due
8:00 P.M. Music Committee

FRIDAY, August 9
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Swimnastics

Please send your bulletin announcements to the office by noon on Wednesday to expedite the printing of the bulletin. If emailing, please send to Carrie Bergen at bmcoffice@mainstaycomm.net.

Next Sunday, August 11, 2013
Sermon – Pastor Sherm Kauffman
Offering – Local Church
Pianist – Laura Steingard
11:45 A.M. CC/Tech Upgrade
4:00 P.M. Philippines Sharing

College Students:
You are invited to a College Send Off at Starbucks next Wednesday, August 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the York Starbucks. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee!  Pastor Andrea
OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for those among us who have health concerns, grief or family needs.

Hospitalized:
Dianne Buller  Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Prayers:
Kara Buller
Brian Thieszen
Phyllis (Roy) Friesen, sister-in-law of Audrey Janzen. Their address is 2103 28th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

Special Prayer Request:
Flora Mae, foster daughter of Dr. Sam and Sherri Evans, has fallen and broken her weak leg again. She is in need of specialized surgery in the United States. A special fund has been established for this surgery under REACH International. If you wish to contribute to this fund, write your check to Bethesda and mark it for Flora Mae Fund. If you have questions, please contact E. James Friesen.

Birth:
Braden and Aislnn Conrad-Hiebner are the proud parents of a son, Silas Keane, born Thursday, August 1. Congratulations to the parents, grandparent Robert Hiebner, and great grandmother Martha Hiebner.

Please take note of the July newsletter from Brandon on the east bulletin board.

Mission Update
Hannah Epp arrived home safely from South Africa Tuesday, July 23. She will be sharing a report on her time serving in the SALT program through Mennonite Central Committee. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Pastoral Search Prayer Support
Please join us for prayer each Sunday morning as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our search for a new lead pastor. We gather in the northwest adult classroom, across from the Preschool, at 8:55 a.m. and dismiss by 9:15 a.m. We need your prayer support as we continue our search.

~Pastoral Search Committee

The Prayer Board, located near the church office, is a place to post prayers that come to the office. If you wish to have a prayer matter posted, please call the church office, Pastor Jim Voth or email him at jim@mainstaycomm.net. These may be prayers of praise, thanksgiving or
intercession. If you wish to post a prayer for someone other than yourself, please request their permission. Thank you.

**Coming Events….**

As participants on the mission trip to the Philippines to work with Dr. Sam and Sherri Evans, we wish to thank the Bethesda congregation for your prayers and gifts as we experienced life in a culture different than ours. We are planning a report to the congregation on **Sunday, August 11, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Engage the Mystery! Advent worship planners, you have a special opportunity to learn about the Advent 2013 Leader materials from those who wrote them! Join us at Manson Mennonite Church on Saturday, September 7, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for **Engaging the Mystery**. Cost is $25.00 per person.

MCC has informed us that School Kits are their most asked for item. We will again plan to pack 1,000 kits. The supplies have been ordered and a work night will follow in fall. There will be more bags that will need to be sewn and funds for the project can be given in the regular offering, marked School Kit Project. More information can be found in the **Visitor**. Thank you for keeping this important project in mind as we give to those who have so much less. For more information, please call Lindy Siebert or Adeline Huebert.

**Weekday Christian Education Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with midweek which will begin at the end of August (definite date to come soon). We are adopting a heavily bible based curriculum from Bethel Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. It will be a different format than what we have done for the past several years and we are excited about it! Please call or text Tara Maltzberger at 620-205-9463 or email her at tmaltsb@mainstaycomm.net if you are interested.

**Women, do you ever feel stuck?** Stuck in sadness or trying to seem perfect or something you can't even name? God has a plan for these stuck spaces inside of us, the places we feel broken, but we have to go to Him. The women's bible study titled **Stuck**, by Jennie Allen will be led this fall (September and October) by Kara Janzen on Thursday mornings. **Stuck** is a journey to take an honest look at the fight going on inside, leading us to the God who has a plan to restore it, to restore us. If you are interested in joining, please call Kara at 402-723-5683.
First Tuesday Gathering
THIS WEEK!
August 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Meet at the Mennonite Heritage Park
North of Henderson (702 Road B)
We will gather in the church (at the north end of the Park)
for our Lesson and Feature:
"Our Spiritual Heritage" by Adeline Huebert and Marjorie Smith
Refreshments will follow as usual!

Save the Date!
September 21 & 22, 2013
Swan Lake Christian Camp - Viborg, South Dakota
A weekend retreat just for women?

How fun would it be to spend a weekend at Swan Lake Camp with your friends? Just ask your children!

This retreat will feature TWO special speakers (watch the August Visitor for more information on them) as well as free time to spend as you prefer: taking part in a ‘special feature’ or craft, enjoying nature on your own or sneaking in a much needed nap! The theme for the weekend is “Power Made Perfect; How’s a Woman to Live?”

Registration forms are available on the Bethesda Women’s Ministries bulletin board or on the church website.

The August Bethesda Women’s Ministry Birthday Celebration will be held on Monday, August 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess for the evening is Arylis Huebert. If you have an August birthday, please sign up on the east bulletin board.
Preschool News

Welcome Kori Lewis as the new Director/Teacher for the Bethesda Preschool! She is the daughter of Curtis and Nancy Friesen, and grew up in Henderson in the Bethesda community. She is happy to be returning to Henderson with her husband, Jason, and their two children. Kori received her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska. She has worked in various childcare centers with children under the age of five for the last 14 years. Her teaching experiences range from being Lead Teacher for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to an Infant/Toddler Program Director. As Kori begins her new adventure at the Bethesda Preschool, she is looking forward to working with and helping parents teach their children. “Children are such amazing little people, and I am so excited to help them learn and grow through Christ.”

The Bethesda Preschool still has several spots available for the 2013/2014 school year! If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5 or know someone who does, please consider the Bethesda Preschool! Class schedule is as follows:

- 3/4 year old class is Tues/Thurs from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 4/5 year old class is Tues/Thurs from 12:15-3:15 p.m.
- Pre-K class is Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

I am also looking for any kid-loving, big-hearted adults who may have prior experience with young children for volunteers! Hours can be in the classroom helping with projects, preparing projects for future use, or assisting on field trips. Just let me know what you are interested in helping with and I will find the perfect spot for you! You must fill out a felony misdemeanor statement in order to help. Thank you!

Please contact Kori Lewis: Preschool Director/Teacher for more information at bethesdapreschoolers@gmail.com.

"The plastic house in the preschool playground is available to anyone who wants it. (First come, first served). It needs to be removed THIS WEEK so if you want it, help yourself today!"
Bethesda would like to stay in contact with you when you leave for college. Please give us your new address. You will find green college address forms in one of the baskets located at the Coffee Spot or outside the church office.

Thank you!

Mennonite Women USA is proud to announce a completely redesigned website that features the following:

- Easier navigation around the site
- Newly launched blog *Mennonite Women Voices*
- Beautiful images
- Stronger focus on the organization's logo
- A site search
- Much, much more!

We're thankful to the design firm, NADA GLOBAL for answering our call for a re-visioning of our web presence. We believe this new website fully aligns with our vision which invites women across generations, cultures, and places to share and honor our stories, care for each other, and express our prophetic voice boldly as we seek to follow Christ. Visit our new site today at mwusa.org.
FINANCIALS

Worship Offering Last Sunday, July 28, 2013
Worship Attendance – 345
Sunday School Attendance – 121

Temporary Holding Accounts
Swan Lake Christian Camp – Building Project .............................................. $815.00
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary ....................................................... 250.00
Dayspring – Congo ....................................................................................... 100.00
Dayspring – Thailand ................................................................................... 100.00
Reach – Philippines Trip ............................................................................. 280.00
Reach International – Sam/Sherri Evans....................................................... 150.00
Campus Crusade Service Workers ............................................................... 500.00
Sunday School Offering ................................................................................ 175.78
General Operating Receipts .......................................................................... 19,404.00

Total Worship Offering .................................................................................. $21,774.78

Bethesda Operating Fund: January 1 – July 31, 2013
Approved Operating Budget – through July 31, 2013 $370,835.00
Offering Receipts – through July 31, 2013 .................................................. $283,021.00
**We have received 76% of our Approved Budget.

Operating Expenses – through July 31, 2013 ............................................. $333,107.00
**We have spent 90% of our Approved Budget.

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