

Bethel College Mennonite Church

August 16, 2026



Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. Genesis 45:1
By Gustave Doré (1832–1883) from Doré's English Bible

Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit,
to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy,
and walking humbly with God.

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Christ Candle Lighting

Centering Music *There Is No Shadow* [VT 419] (arr. Brenda Portman)
Will Wiebe Friesen

Welcome and Opening Prayer Brad Kohlman

*Hymn *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

Children and Youth Conversation Naomi Krause

Kin-dom Report Western District Conference Assembly Ron Flickinger

*Hymn *For We Are Strangers No More* VT 409

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1-15 Jake Robb

Sermon *Trauma, Tears, and Testimony* Joanna Harader

*Hymn *We Dream of a Turning* VT 209

Receiving the Offering and Prayers of God's People

*Hymn *Between Darkness and Light* VT 808

*Benediction

Postlude *My Soul Cries Out* [VT 412] (arr. Cooney/Schwoebel)
Will Wiebe-Friesen

* You are invited to stand VT—*Voices Together*
Keyboard—Will Wiebe-Friesen Audio visual— Ben Lichti

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. The nursery at the back of the sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers.

The Week at BCMC: August 16—23, 2026

Sunday, August 16—Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader

Livestream link: <https://youtube.com/live/PLgaD8Diz1Q?feature=share>

Tuesday, August 18

9 a.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board meets in the home of Lois Goertzen, 3043 Ivy Court, NN

7 p.m. Faith Formation meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 20

7 p.m. Bethel College Women's Association meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Joanna Harader; music by Angelika Donaldson

AV update - Bill Eash and Jon Zerger met with two audio visual companies and BCMC received bids from each focusing primarily on improving sound in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. An information session about the scope and cost of an AV upgrade will be held in the sanctuary **Aug. 23, during the Sunday school hour.** All are welcome. - Margaret Toews, Moderator

You are invited to join the BCMC community at Camp Mennoscah Sat., Aug. 29 and/or Sun., Aug. 30 for a time of fellowship and worship with each other. Several members of the senior high youth group will be baptized, so this will be a very special worship service. We will do a potluck meal on Saturday night for dinner, and then breakfast and lunch will be provided on Sunday for those who are interested. Tent camping, cabin, and staff house are available for those who wish to spend Saturday night. There are Retreat schedules in the Gathering Place. If you cannot register on-line, you can contact the church office.

Many thanks to our Bethel College Mennonite Church delegates to Western District Conference Assembly: Anita Breckbill, Ron Flickinger, Francis Toews, Margaret Toews, Dale Schrag, and Joanna Harader.

Calling all singers! The Chancel Choir will soon reconvene for a new season of providing worship music for BCMC. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join us for Wednesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-8:30 and on Sunday mornings approximately twice a month. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Aug. 26, and our first Sunday to sing during worship will be Sept. 13. For more information, please feel free to contact Will Wiebe-Friesen, music co-coordinator.

Save the Date - Leadership Retreat, September 26, Dyck Arboretum 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Everyone serving on commissions and/or committees is invited! More information will be coming. —BCMC Board

Bethel College Mennonite Church is an open and affirming congregation centered in the life and teachings of Jesus. Embracing the divine within each person, we warmly welcome any and all into fellowship without regard to race, ethnic background, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, marital status, or age.

Pastor Joanna's schedule is shifting a bit as she begins teaching a section of Basic Issues in Faith and Life at Bethel College this semester. Her "day" off will be Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Her 1887 Cafe hours will be 11:45-1:30 each Wednesday.

BCMC Offering Aug. 9: Gen. \$7,636; Plant Fund \$360; Kitchen Fund \$14.

We have some amazing children who are part of our Bethel College Mennonite Church community, and you have an opportunity to spend some time and share your faith with them on Sunday mornings! We are starting to put together our Fall schedule for children's Sunday School. If you would like to serve as a teacher or helper for our preschool or elementary-aged groups, please contact Pastor Joanna (joanna@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement:

Attend the art exhibit "Alive with Wonder" at Regier Gallery on the Bethel campus by Native Kansan and Cherokee artist Hattie Lee Mendoza opening Aug. 24 and running through Sept. 17 with a reception at 6:30 on Sept. 17. See examples of her wide-ranging work at <https://hattieleeart.com>
—Raylene Hinz-Penner, Indigenous Task Group

Last Call to subscribe, with the BCMC group subscription, to Anabaptist World for \$54 and/or the "Rejoice" devotional magazine for \$39.55. If you wish to subscribe, you can pay with one check, drop in the offering plate, or bring to the church office.

Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill are on a fundraising tour for their second term at the Paris Mennonite Center with Mennonite Mission Network. You are invited to an informal conversation with Ben and Laurel at the 1887 Café on the Bethel College campus **Thurs., Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.**

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