



Morning Worship

July 6, 2025

Seeking to glorify God in all things through His son Jesus Christ.

Worship Service 10:30am

Metropolitan Baptist Church warmly welcomes our visitors today. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the card located in the pew/rack and place it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.

Call to Gather	“Great And Mighty”	#129
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Call to Worship/Church in Confession	Psalm 66:16-20	
Communion Hymn	“Come to the Table”	#464
Communion	Pastor Steve/Deacons	
Congregational Hymns	“I Will Enter His Gates”	#214
	“Praise Ye the Lord Hallelujah!”	
	“Thy Loving Kindness”	#706
Psalm Reading	Psalm 78:1-7	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Steve	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn		#786
	“Count Your Blessings”	
Scripture	Jeremiah 29:1-14	
Message	Pastor Steve	
	Living in Light of Darkness	
Closing Hymn	“Seek Ye First”	#713
Benediction	Romans 15:13	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Sue M., Jared & Kristen M.
Next Week’s Volunteers - July 13 - Arlette B., Jon & Ruth W.
No Children’s Church for the Summer Months
Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service.
Quiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.

The Church in Prayer

NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week

River City, Fargo, ND


Jake (Amy) Peterson, Lead; Marty (Kelly) Lindstrom, Care & Community;
Charlie (Andrea) Hogstad, Elder; Liz (Jon) Grandon, RC Kids Director

MBC Supported Missions

Hockey Camp - HMI- Metropolitan was the first church to bring a 5 day HMI Christian Hockey camp to Fargo in 2007. Hockey Ministries International does over 30 camps each summer around the world for boys and girls ages 9-17 using former and current pros from the NHL and University levels as on-ice coaches. The 2025 Camp was held June 22-27, in Bemidji, MN at the Bemidji Community Arena. These camps are a great tool for evangelism, as church youth bring friends for excellent training and a most excellent gospel message from the pros. To find out more information or help support this unique ministry, go online to www.hockeyministries.org

Jail Chaplains - “Restoring lives to the community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.” Jail Chaplains’ mission is to provide inmates with spiritual guidance and support by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging the inmates to grow in Christ; helping bridge the gap between the inmate and their family, and a local church, and to assist and help in practical ways, to encourage and help their graduates in a positive spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. For more information see their website at www.jailchaplains.com

NAB Missionary of the Week



Scott & Kimberly Lackey
New Story Church in Buffalo, New York
Scott has felt called to plant a church since he was a senior in high school. Both Scott and Kim have previous experience with church planting, him as a youth pastor and her as a volunteer. Together, they are excited to be part of God’s plan of writing a new story of hope in the city of Buffalo and helping people step into the new story Jesus has for their lives. Pray for wisdom concerning their growing children’s ministry and for the church to grow in Christlikeness as they are implementing practicing The Way. Pray as well for financial provision, as giving has been down this year. For more information go to: newstorybuffalo.com

Youth News



Upcoming Youth Events
Watch your emails for details

“Change to Make a Change” The Youth Group Missions Donation Box is located in the back of the sanctuary. Drop your spare change or donations in the box to help us make a change in the world through missions; for future Youth Mission trips.
Every penny helps!! **Thank You!! MBC Youth Group**

Prayer & Praise Items

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2 ESV

- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to the country.
- Pray for the **Russia-Ukraine** conflict. Pray for peace.
- Pray for **Israel**. God’s will be done. Pray for peace and rebuilding.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state, and city. May they see their need for a Savior and seek Him!
- Continue to pray for salvation** for all those we know who need the Lord; family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for Vacation Bible School, **“Bible in the Park”** July 28 - August 1
- Pray for **Darlene Wahl**; that her back issues can be resolved.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise that **Arlyn Anderson’s** lab numbers continue in a downward trend.


Announcements

“Mondays in the Summer”

Men’s Reading Group
Monday, July 7th - 6:30pm

reading through **J.I. Packer’s** book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”**

Chapter 6



One-on-One Prayer

at the Red River Valley Fair . . .
Sunday, July 13, 7:30 pm

Sign-up & more information at the Resource Center or ask Pastor Steve

2025 Vacation Bible School ~ “Bible in the Park”


Monday, July 28th through Friday, August 1st
Brunsdale Park, 1702 27th Ave. S., Fargo
6:00-8:00 pm - light meal provided

We are partnering with **Child Evangelism Fellowship**

Scan the QR code on the flyer to pre-register

Volunteer Sign-Up sheet available at the Resource Center

Please be in prayer for this outreach event



Announcements Continued

2025 Summer Camps @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp
Family I Camp - July 3-6 (registrations were due by 6/19)
Pathfinders Camp - Students completing grades 4-5
July 7-11 (registrations were due by 6/23)
Family II Camp - July 18-20 (registrations were due by 7/4)
Senior High Camp - Students completing grades 9-12
July 21-26 (registrations due by 7/7)
Adventurers Camp - Students completing grades 5-6
July 28 - Aug 1 (registrations due by 7/14)

2nd SACK LUNCH Sunday of the summer - July 20th after church.
Think of it as a picnic, indoors, without the ants!!
You are invited to bring your own food and enjoy the fellowship of others instead of eating by yourself. Mingle with those you know & meet those you don't know! Coffee and juice will be provided.

Save the Date ~ 2025 All-Church Picnic, sponsored by WMF
August 17th, 5 - 8pm
Lindenwood Park, Fargo - Rotary Shelter
More details to come
Food - Fun - Fellowship






MBC Prays is looking for **additional** pray-ers. A sign-up sheet is at the Resource Center with your preference of a one hour time slot. Please sign up so we know who to get helpful prayer booklets to!
The new year starts **September 12th.**

Park Christian School is a growing, thriving K-12 Christian school serving over 600 students. We are looking for passionate, motivated teachers and professionals to join our expanding staff in our mission "to equip students to think biblically, live wisely, and serve faithfully."
Visit the website at <https://www.parkchristianschool.org/about/employment> for details and application.

The Mission Board is interested in knowing if anyone would like to host Shan Reed, or Paul & Tanya Gericke, during the Missions Conference, October 10-12. Please see a Mission Board Member for more details: Ron Degges, Ruth Wolhart or Aleksia Anderson
Thank you - MBC Mission Board

Do you anticipate extra garden produce? A box can be found in the church entryway, so that others can share in your bounty! Plan on helping others in need with your harvest this season.
Thank you, from your Outreach & Evangelism Board

White Cross Goal for Summer 2025: 30 layettes by August 3rd
Layette?? A baby blanket, baby diaper, footed sleeper, and a baby hat.
Needed at this time:
10 footed sleepers: size 3-6 months, **zippered**, cotton, flannel, or fleece, in colors and patterns (please, no owls, chameleons, or solid white)
6 baby hats: knitted, crocheted, or sewn
Questions? Reach out to Susan Degges



This Week

Today
No Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship

Monday-Friday, July 7-11
Pathfinders Camp @ CSBC

Monday, July 7
6pm Trustee Board Meeting
6:30 pm 'Mondays in the Summer'

Thursday, July 10
6:30 pm Deacon Board Mtg.

Saturday, July 12
12 am - 11:59 pm MBC Prays

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Bluel Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell Pastor of Outreach & Evang.
Nancy Harsch Worship Coordinator
Neal & Erica Anderson Youth Coordinators
Sue Mavis Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for June	89
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
June 22, 2025	\$3,551
Online week of 6-22-2025	\$421
June 29, 2025	\$6,928
Online week of 6-29-2025	\$830

Are you continuing to read the MBC Evangelism & Outreach Minutes?
Watch your email, weekly on Tuesday mornings, for an inspiring, short thought to motivate and enhance your witness.
"One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven . . ."

Upcoming Events


July 2025
6 - No Sunday School
6 - Communion
7-11 - Pathfinders Camp @ CSBC
7 - Trustee Meeting
10 - Deacon Meeting
12 - MBC Prays
18-20 - Family II Camp @ CSBC
20 - Sack Lunch Sunday
21-26 - Sr. High Camp @ CSBC
28-Aug 1 - VBS - "Bible in the Park"
28-Aug 1 - Adventurers Camp @ CSBC
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting July 27, 2025

### Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
Arlene Franchuk (Monday)  
Kevin Preston (Tuesday)  
Karen Parrott (Thursday)  
Lance Nitschke (Saturday)

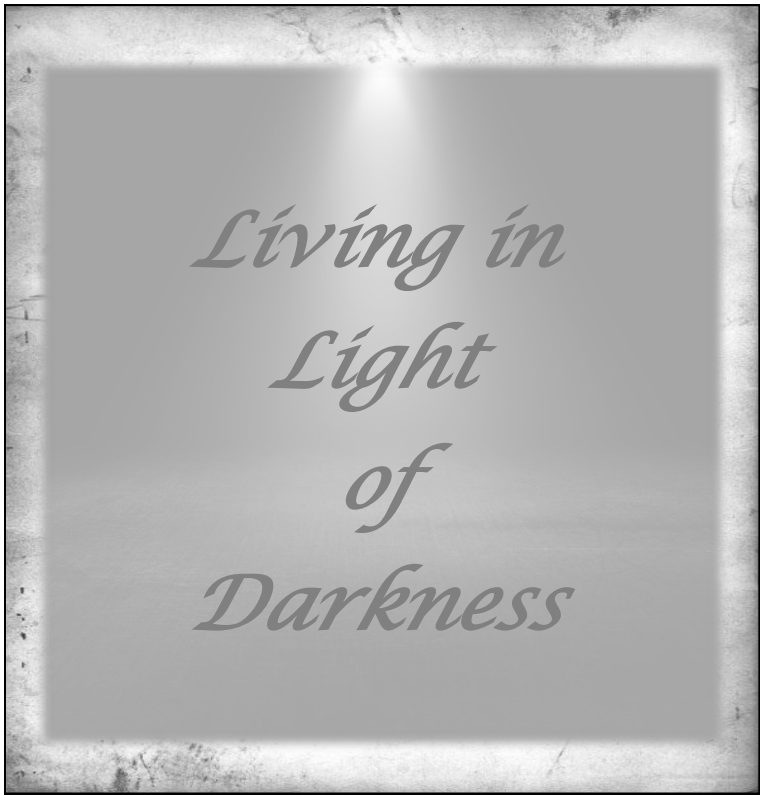
**Family of the Week**  
Heldur & Kathy Hakk

**Caring Person for July**  
Janet Kirsch




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*Jeremiah 29:1-14*

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