

Life Enrichment

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This series is especially designed for adults age 60 and over.

The schedule is also available at www.bethelks.edu/life-enrichment

Cost: \$40 per semester or \$4 per week

Time: Wednesdays, 9:30–11:50 a.m.

Location: All sessions will be in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College unless otherwise indicated.

Donations help cover our costs for coffee and cookies.

Lunch is served in the Schultz Student Center cafeteria, “The Caf.”

Lunch cost: \$7 full meal; \$5 soup/salad/dessert

Please purchase tickets for lunch by 10:30 a.m. with cash or check payable to “Elior Collegiate Dining.”

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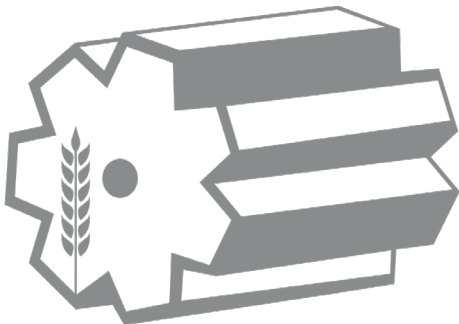
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2026 SPRING SCHEDULE

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2026 Spring Schedule

Feb. 4

- 9:30 "Voices of Change: How Ordinary Kansans Build Extraordinary Communities," Larry Hatteberg, Hatteberg's People, KAKE TV News, Wichita
- 10:50 "27 Years Abroad: Stories and Facts About Teaching in Overseas American Schools," Joe Fred Perez, Brownsville, Texas

Feb. 11

- 9:30 "Handpan Dan," Daniel Baird, performer of therapeutic music that enhances wellbeing via idiophone, Wichita
- 10:50 "Healthy Minds, Healthy Memories: Kansas Learning Center for Health Experience," Chelsea Graber, health instructor, Kansas Learning Center for Health, Halstead

Feb. 18

- 9:30 "League of Women Voters of Kansas: The Kansas Historical Society of the Suffragist Memorial near the State Capitol in Topeka, Kansas," Donna Becker, program vice president of the Kansas American Association of University Women, Newton
- 10:50 "Travel with a Wiseguy Exploring Off Beaten Paths," John Wise, travel YouTuber, Wichita

Feb. 25

- 9:30 "Prisoner of War Stories: WW2 POW Camp in Peabody," Marcia Sebree, Peabody Historical Society
- 10:50 "Importance of a Free Press in a Democratic Society," Doug Anstaett, former editor and publisher of The Newton Kansan and former executive director of the Kansas Press Association, Newton

Mar. 4

- 9:30 "Giving Garden Donates Produce to Salvation Army," Scott Eckert, Harvey County Extension horticulture agent and master gardener, Newton
- 10:50 "'Voices Not Forgotten': MMIP (Missing / Murdered Indigenous People) Community Awareness and Action," Sharon Fischer, Newton, and Laurie Dove, Valley Center, indigenous advocates

Mar. 11

- 9:30 "The Historical Roots of Putin's Russia," Matt Cotton, adjunct professor, McPherson College
- 10:50 "How to Protect Earth's Biodiversity Forever: Lessons from Maitreya Buddha, Pharma Bros, and Yucca Mountain," Dr. Adam Smith, global change conservation scientist, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis

Mar. 25

- 9:30 "Hippie, Inc: The Misunderstood Subculture that Changed the Way We Live," Dr. Michael Klassen, author, professor emeritus of marketing, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
- 10:50 "Mennonite Disaster Service Cabinet Shop Operation," Cleo Koop, project director of the MDS Cabinet Shop, Goessel

Apr. 1

- 9:30 "RAILEROBOTICS: Inspiration of Today, Technology of Tomorrow," Newton High School robotics team
- 10:50 "Looking Through the Lens of a Photographer," Jim Stucky and Nola Stucky, retired professional photographers, Newton

Apr. 8

- 9:30 "Monarch Butterfly Conservation: Photo Highlights from Michoacan, Mexico," Jim Mason, retired biologist, Kansas Wildlife and Parks, Wichita
- 10:50 "Walking Through Greece on Paul's Journeys," Marcia Zuercher, history teacher, Central Christian Academy, Wichita

Apr. 15

- 9:30 "KIPCOR: C. Henry Smith Peace Oratory Contest," Bethel College student entries
- 10:50 "Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas," Leo Oliva, historian, Woodston (Humanities Kansas speaker)

Apr. 22

- 9:30 "Expedition Cruise to Greenland & Canadian High Arctic NW Passageway," Carol and Donley Duerksen, Hillsboro
- 10:50 "Be Useful: The Tricky Ethics of a Mennonite Showgirl," Rachel Kasper Fitzsimons, Broadway performer, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Apr. 29

- 9:30 "Cars That Drove Me," Mark Janzen, author, lifelong car enthusiast and self-taught mechanic, North Newton
- 10:50 "A Hint of Jazz," Dr. Christina Liu, associate professor of music and piano and chair of the Bethel College music department, and Dr. Brett Janssen, instructor of music at Central Christian College, McPherson, and adjunct instructor of piano at McPherson College