



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: April 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

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www.bethanylutheranwichita.org

Worship Service

Sunday - 9:00 AM

ECC chapel -

Wed..- 9 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday - 10:30 AM

Pastor:

Nicholas Cordt

Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages

One through Five

Program Director

Danita Seamars

316-265-3033

April 2023

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For those of you who we haven't had the privilege of meeting yet, let me introduce my family. Aubrey is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Middle School, Braden is a sophomore at Eisenhower High School and Tonya is my bride of 18 years. I am a product of Concordia Seminary – St. Louis and before being installed at Bethany, I served 6+ years as Assistant Pastor at Risen Savior in NE Wichita.

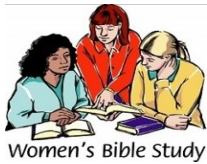
It's only been three weeks, but this place is already family and I feel like I've known many of you for a long time. Often times people try to give a good first impression to "the new guy" but having been around the block a time or two, it's become pretty easy to tell the difference between someone putting on a show and who people genuinely are. The thing that has struck me the most about this congregation is that what you see is what you get. I am surrounded by an authentic group of people who mean what they say and do what they say they're going to do. That attitude/mindset is going to have a positive impact on the future of the ministry God has given us.

Being in a city where there are 9 other LCMS churches within 15 miles of us, there's a great temptation to compare ourselves to our sister churches. And if you missed my soap box speech during Bible Class last Sunday, let me reiterate that striving to be like someone else is a waste of time and ignores our true purpose. God put us here to fulfill a mission that He didn't give to any other church. We are Bethany and I can't wait to see what God has planned for us moving forward.

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Nick





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** The study is "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Come and join us and bring a friend. No meeting on April 6. Hope you attend the Maundy Thursday service.

Pastoral Visits and Contact: Pastor Nick Cordt is delighted to visit: to get acquainted, have devotion and prayer, and talk and pray over matters of concern in life. Please, feel free to contact the church office between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday, to arrange a day and time to do so. If Pastor is not available at the time you call, leave a message with the office secretary, David Funke.



Seniors' Activities: Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca. **"God's People: Walking and Talking":** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm, in the Activity Center and the Dining Room. All are invited to join these events.

Westside UMC Food Pantry: We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry. If you would like to donate, place items in the tub beneath the "Food Contributions" sign located in the hall between the office and Prayer Center at Bethany.

Obermueller, Anne R. (Anne)	4/2
Guenther, Sharon	4/7
Setchell, Kimberly A. (Kim)	4/7
Hood, Marlena M. (Marlena)	4/8
Francis, Scott E. (Scott)	4/9
Merrick, Timothy J. (Tim)	4/13
Terhune, Jaden W. (Jaden)	4/13
Burl, Arie J.	4/15
Cannon, Doris S. (Doris)	4/15
Valdez, Ruth M.	4/17
Edwards, Brian	4/19
Schreffler, Sydney J. (Sydney)	4/20
Kester, Kenneth R. (Kenny)	4/21
Moore, Kyle D. (Kyle)	4/21
Zink, Nancy A.	4/22
Karnes, Victor M. (Victor)	4/26
Lewis, Denise R.	4/26
Setchell, Sarah I. (Sarah)	4/27
Farmer, Shannon D.	4/30
Swiggart, Darrick L. (Darrick)	4/30



Lang, Nina S.	4/1
Williamson, Ashley L. (Ashley)	4/2
Bolin, Breeanna M.	4/4
Giles-Dunkel, Caige A.	4/4
Shipman, Stacy R. (Stacy)	4/9
Vickers, Melissa H. (Melissa)	4/11
Vinroe, Kali A.	4/11
Fisher, Sophia G.	4/14
Anton, Jason W. (Jason)	4/16
Snow, MaKayla L. (MaKayla)	4/17
Stoltenberg, Betty J. (Betty)	4/17
Swiggart, Ryan C. (Ryan)	4/18
Swiggart, Melissa A. (Misse)	4/19
Lewis, Ava R. (Ava)	4/23
Swiggart, Matthew L. (Matt)	4/25
Hood, Makayla S.	4/26



Albright, Dennis L. and Debra S.	4/2	47 yrs
Puls, Gary and Linda K.	4/13	39 yrs



Greeters

April

- 2. Jim & Leona Merrick
- 9. Doug & Sheri Meyer
- 16. Dale & Sylvia Moore
- 23. Larry & Mable Moore
- 30. Mary Morton

May

- 7. Steve Nienke
- 14. Roger & Sherri Obermueller
- 21. Robert & Barbara Ohmie
- 28. Mike & Judy Parmenter

You are the first point of contact for our guests! Welcome them by smiling. If this is their first visit to our church, thank them for joining us in worship. Alert one of our ushers that they are first time visitors so that any questions regarding our service can be answered. If you cannot be greeter on the Sunday you have, please talk to Doris Cannon and she will contact someone else. If you would prefer not to be a greeter, please tell Doris .



Children's Sunday School Teaching Schedule

Opening in the back of the Sanctuary, class following in 3rd classroom

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| April 2 Deb Welty | May 7 Ruth Valdez |
| April 9 No Sunday School | May 14 Deb Welty |
| April 16 Deb Welty | May 21 Ruth Valdez |
| April 23 Ruth Valdez | May 28 Deb Welty |
| April 30 Deb Welty | |

Altar Guild

Fill

- March 5 & April 2 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
- March 12 & April 9 Doris Cannon
- March 19 & April 16 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
- March 26 & April 23 Doris Cannon
- April 30 Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

- Toni Bolin
- Julie O'Brien
- Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Maily
- Vicki Pasewark
- Melanie Schreffler & Fern Neumiller

Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, please contact Doris Cannon. This is help with organizing or help with Filling and Cleanup.



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

April

- David Funke
- Bruce Kester
- Doug Meyer

May

- Mark Dehncke
- Larry Moore
- Roger Obermueller

If you cannot be usher on the Sunday/month you have been assigned, please talk to Alan Keimig. If you would prefer not to be an usher, please tell Doris Cannon. Or if you would like to be an usher and you're not on the list, contact Doris.



April

- 2. Mike Parmenter/ Robert Ohmie
- 9. Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 16. Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 23. Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 30. Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick

May

- 7: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 14: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 21: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 28: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty



There is a lot of **behind the scenes work** that is done for our *worship services, Bible Studies, Children's and Youth Ministries, greeters, ushers, altar guild, music ministry*, and so many more ministries that we need help with. Most of these do not take much time out of our busy schedules to be part of. **Is God calling you to be part of something but you don't know where to start?** Be an usher! Prepare the communion! These are very important jobs that only require a little bit of you. Please contact an elder listed in this newsletter to see where YOU can be of service to God's kingdom.

Spiritual Leadership Report



Easter is soon upon us!

Join us for laying of the palms Sunday, 4/2/23 at 9 AM.

Easter Sunday Activity: SonRise service at 7 AM, no communion. Then join us for the Men's Easter Breakfast! 8 - 8:45. Sausage gravy/biscuits, Sausage Patties. Or, sausage/biscuit sandwich.

9 AM communion service.

No Sunday school hour.

Bring the family!!

Peace! SLT



Trustees Report



Bethany,

Greetings in April!

Trustees are gearing up for the grass to grow...(kind of)!!

Typical trustee work ongoing. Building a separation wall in the toddler ECC room. Blessed with grant monies to make room for more kiddos. Courtyard sprinkler system should be ready to go. Last cold weather caused a broken pipe.

Pastor Nick is working on upgrades for visitors. We will implement as things progress.

Action... anyone that would like to polish up our cross, candle holders or general furniture polish, speak up! Hoping to brighten up the sanctuary for Easter!!

Thx, Trustees

Management Team Report

Working on updating some computer equipment and procedures. With Pastor Nick's help will be updating directory and website. We welcome his knowledge in technology. Will keep congregation informed when changes take place.

We are very positive about the future of Bethany and as a Management Team look forward to the future.

If anyone has questions don't hesitate to ask.

SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30 AM



- **ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Cordt** will meet with everyone on April 2 to continue the planning and get to know everyone meeting. No Bible Study on Easter.
- **Pastor Cordt's class** for all adults will begin on April 16.
- **Robert Bolin** and **Mark Dehncke's classes** will resume in Mid-May.
- **THIRD CLASSROOM - Sunday School** is lead by Ruth Valdez and Deb Welty. An opening is held at 10:30 in the back of the Sanctuary with music led by Sandy Tope and Small Catechism items presented weekly. "Enduring Faith" curriculum is being used. This begins with creation and continues weekly with God's plan of salvation throughout the entire Bible—pointing students to Jesus, their Savior.



Early Childhood Center Update

Life is good in our ECC Child Daycare.

While we are not full yet, enrollment continues to be healthy and stable, and our financial income reflects that. Please pray that some more families find us, so they can have their needs filled and we can be full to capacity.

We bid a reluctant farewell this week to Jennifer Gallacher, a full-time Assistant Teacher who has been with us these past 3 months. She now has to devote herself to being a full-time caretaker for her mother, who was abruptly hospitalized over the weekend. We hope that Jennifer can return to us eventually. Please pray for Jennifer, her mother, and their family.

Meanwhile, we are still fully-staffed for now, as Taryn is back at work after the birth of her son...and Alyssa (who we hired part-time in January to train as an Assistant) is now a certified Assistant. While we hate to see Jennifer go, our staffing decisions we made this past winter have resulted in an ability to maintain full staffing even when something unexpected happens. That is a blessing, for sure!

Please continue to pray for our Early Childhood Center, and as always, we THANK YOU for your support! For the Early Childhood Ministry Team, *Jim Merrick*



Enjoying today's weather, doing some art outside.



Stewardship Report

Pastor Cordt is now on the payroll as of March 19th. This will mean our monthly expenses will return to normal for a fulltime Pastor with retirement and disability. We are fortunate that he is able to be on his wife's insurance plan

which will save us almost \$20,000 per year. Thanks be to God.

Any suggestions or any questions, contact Roger Obermueller, Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

If you want to be included in Time and Talents Stewardship, contact the office and/or leaders of the teams.

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	2 mo budget
BASE OPERATIONS	\$12,675	\$18,139	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,813	\$29,965
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$3,996	\$4,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,437	\$21,595
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$15,637	\$21,355	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,992	\$42,043
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,339	\$43,934	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,273	\$76,113
OFFERINGS	\$21,388	\$22,282	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,670	\$40,000
ECC INCOME	\$19,416	\$14,518	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,934	\$32,134
ECC GRANT FUNDS	\$8,738	\$6,831	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,569	\$41,900
TOTAL INCOME	\$49,543	\$43,985	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,528	\$87,567
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$17,204	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,255	
ECC PROFIT/LOSS	\$12,518	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

An opportunity to support an important mission

I have the awesome opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Tanzania from June 20 to July 5, 2023. We will travel to Arusha Tanzania, with our base at Agape Christian College. This is my first mission trip. I will be going with a group of 10 from Freedom Church in Augusta. The leaders of our group were missionaries there for 5 years.

I am excited for this mission trip. The outreach projects touch my heart. As you know children are special to me, we will be helping school age children and special needs children. We will be having classes to discuss women's health with widows. There will be an eyeglass clinic that our group will conduct. Oh, I can't forget the Praise and Worship Services. I do love a good song to sing and dance a jig to! We will end the trip by going on a Safari.

Your spiritual and financial support is welcome. I ask that you would pray for the team and myself. If you would like a prayer calendar, send me a request and I will send it once the finalized schedule is available. Total cost for this mission trip is \$3500.00. The airfare is \$2000.00 and is due by March 22. If you would like to financially support me on this adventure you may make your donation one of following ways:

Make check payable to I WILL GO Ministries, Inc and mail to

I WILL GO Ministries, Inc or Linda Welty
500 Adams Avenue 12006 Rolling Hills
El Dorado, KS 67042 Wichita, KS 67235

Attach a sticky note with my name, Linda Welty, on it. **Please DO NOT write my name anywhere on the check in order for your contribution to be tax deductible.**

Go to www.iwillgoministriesinc.org, place Tanzania in subject box and Linda Welty, in comment box.

(Paypal does deduct a small fee from your gift.) *Thank you for your prayers and support Linda Welty*



Help Our Garden Grow

Spring is springing! Our garden needs help to grow good food and expand. Current needs include support trellises, plants, twine, fertilizer, compost and peat moss.



How can you help? Donations in the form of cash or visa gift cards can be left in the Donation Bucket during Fellowship time. Help with planting, weeding and maintenance will be coordinated by Vicky Collins. We have big plans, keep watching our garden!

From Vicky: "We have begun getting the soil ready to plant cabbage and snap peas. Thank you all very much for all the donations and the votes of confidence in a successful community garden." Vicky Collins: 316-771-1207



Sausage & Bratwurst Fundraiser: Pre-Order Specialty Bratwurst and Sausage and support the campus ministry and community outreach of Fairmount Ministries! 100% of proceeds go to Fairmount Ministries, thanks to a generous donor! 4 flavors available: Blue Ribbon Brat, Philly Brat with Cheddar Cheese, Supreme Pizza with Mozzarella, and Hatch Green Chili. Single Packs are available for \$8.00 plus tax or order 4 packs in bulk for \$28 plus tax. Pickup is

scheduled at Risen Savior Lutheran on April 22 from 2-5pm or April 23 from 12-3pm. Learn more and pre-order by April 11 online at www.fairmountministries.org/bratwurst-fundraiser.

Located directly between WSU & Fairmount Neighborhood, our community ranges from all ages and backgrounds. Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 4PM for our regular meeting with business and Bible Study from the LWML Spring Quarterly.

Doris Cannon, Mary Morton and Ruth Valdez attended the LWML Prayer Service "My Soul Rejoices", March 25 at Risen Savior Lutheran, co-hosted by Peace Lutheran, Andover. This was a wonderful day spent with our LWML sisters. Pastor Nick installed our new officers and had the closing. Come to our meeting in April and we will share it with you!

Stop by our LWML table in the Narthex. We have added two boxes. One is for the collection of eyeglasses that you may have no further need of. These will be shared with MOST Ministries who take them to people in different parts of the world who are in need of eyeglasses. The other box is collecting used postage stamps. If possible, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch on each side. These stamps are LWML Texas District Stamporee Project. There is more information on the stamps by that box. Thank you for your help with these projects.



QUILTING GROUP

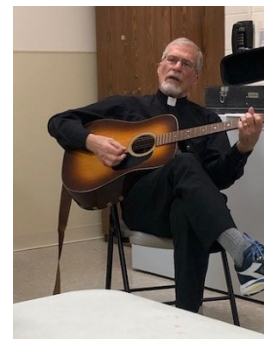
Quilting Ladies meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-12:00am and Saturday mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm. We've finished 63 quilts so far since November. Contact Amy Salazar, Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information on Quilting.

Board of Parish Ed Update

"God's People: Walking & Talking" Mondays and Wednesdays *AND Fridays, too*, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center and Dining Room. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. Have been 5-12 in attendance. We have music playing. A time to get to know each other and keep active, too. We usually have a short devotion or discussion. Enjoyed music with Pastor Meyer.

Adult Sunday School will meet with Pastor Nick for a few weeks. Look for more information on when Robert and Mark's classes will start again. Watch the Sunday Newsnotes for more information.

Women's Bible Class continues with a new book to be decided on in April.



Concordia Academy-Wichita

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<https://www.concordiaacademywichita.org>

Fundraiser:

April 21, "Friends of Concordia Annual Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction, The Phoenix Rising". Doors open at 6pm for registration, social hour and cocktails with auction preview. Dinner at 7pm with keynote speakers Dr. Gene Edward Veith & Rev Brandon Koble.



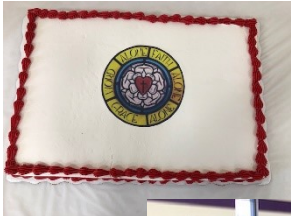
We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next SWNA Meeting will be April 25th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. here at Bethany in the Activity Center. Come join us and see what is going on in the neighborhood. Generally our Community Police Officer, the Firemen and the elected officials attend, along with others in the area.

We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room.

More information: contact Darlene Nuse

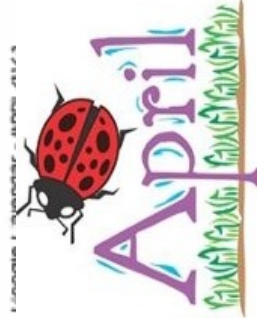
www.southwichita.com

Pastor Nicholas Cordt Installation



Wonderful fellowship with members and guests attending.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	FRI	SAT
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Holy Week:

Palm Sunday Service: April 2nd, 9:00am

Maundy Thursday: April 6th, 7:00pm

Good Friday: April 7th, 7:00pm

Easter, April 9th:

- Sunrise Service 7:00am
- Breakfast served by Men's Group after Sunrise Service
- Divine Service 9:00am
- No Education Hour

Sunday Mornings

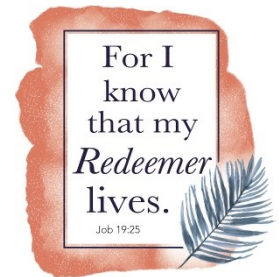
Service at 9:00 AM
(also online: Facebook Live)

Fellowship time:
10:00AM to 10:30AM
Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM to 11:30AM

Church Office Hours

Open: 8:30am
Closed for Lunch:
12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
Closed: 5:00 p.m.

Easter



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