



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: June 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church
1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217
Church Phone 316-265-7415
BECC Phone 316-265-3033
www.bethanylutheranwichita.org

Worship Service
Sunday - 9:00 AM
ECC chapel -
Wed.- 9:15 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

June 2023						
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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Details matter. I know I'm not alone in wanting to know specifics of what's going on (especially when it involves me). Right now as a church family, there are a lot more questions than answers about what the short-term and long-term future of our congregation is going to look like. But let me assure you, nothing is being done behind closed doors and the Management Team is not keeping things "close to the vest". We simply don't have all the details worked out.

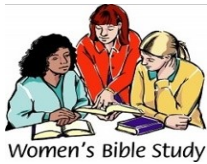
For example, we WILL be starting a capital campaign later this Summer and WILL be adding on to the building. If the Daycare expansion grant is approved, we'll explore moving forward in that direction. If it is not approved, we'll be considering either a pared down version of the Daycare expansion/renovation or the possibility of expanding the Narthex and adding the circle drive. Come early July, we'll have a much clearer picture of that aspect of our future plans.

We're also looking into restarting Wednesday evening ministries. One concept is to (potentially) have VBS on the four Wednesday evenings in July. Based on the response from both the community and the congregation, we'll evaluate making Wednesday evenings a regular event. Who is going to come? What activities are we going to do? Who is going to lead everything? These are all great questions that we're working on answering in the very near future.

We have so many opportunities before us and lots of things we'd like to do and at times it might seem daunting. But the heart of Bethany is loving and serving others and that passion will fuel whatever God has planned for us. Be patient, be faithful, and most of all, be excited about tomorrow (whatever it might look like).

Your fellow servant on the journey,
~Pastor Nick





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** New study beginning in June is "All Things New, A Study on 2 Corinthians" from The Living Room Series by Kelly Minter. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Come and join us and bring a friend.

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 or send an email to pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org



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.

Dehncke, Rhonda E.	6/1
Mann, Erin M.	6/2
Francis, Sidney J.	6/6
Schrahl, Joni L.	6/7
Baldrige, Shane M.	6/8
Brummett, James D.	6/10
Lewis, Caven J.	6/11
Croft, Jordyn C.	6/12
Walsh, Jerome A.	6/17
Williamson, Dominic J.	6/19
Colby, Jennifer	6/21
Welty, Miah	6/23
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Shipman, Richard D.	6/24
Pasewark, Steven	6/25
Adams, Lois	6/30
Albright, Paul D.	6/30



Macormac, Troy S.	6/2
Larson, Sydney E.	6/3
Schrahl, Chelsea A.	6/5
Washburn, Katie L.	6/6
Hood, Mariah A.	6/7
Lang Jr., Dean A.	6/11
Wise, Sandra	6/13
Dehncke, Mark D.	6/14
Schultz, Mike	6/18
Mann, Erin M.	6/20
Bolin, Taryn K.	6/22
Hampton, Marcia L.	6/22
McDonald, Emily J.	6/27
Shipman, Gage W.	6/28

Parmenter, Michael G. and Judith J.	6/3	29 yrs.
Bolin Jr., Billy J. and Toni	6/5	32 yrs.
Meyer, Douglas W. and Sheri L.	6/5	41 yrs.
Cordt, Nicholas R. and Tonya L.	6/12	19 yrs.
Lewis, R. Heath H. and Denise R.	6/15	27 yrs.
Hankins, Brian L. and Elizabeth K.	6/24	45 yrs.
Horn, Arlen J. and Ruth	6/25	28 yrs.
Pasewark, Steven and Vicki L.	6/28	48 yrs.



Greeters

- | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> |
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| 4. Steve & Vicki Pasewark | 2: Erich & Carol Schieber |
| 11. Gary & Linda Puls | 9: Tim & Joni Schrahl |
| 18. Steve & Margie Reiling | 16: Melanie Schreffler & Fern Neumiller |
| 25. Amy Salazar | 23: Rick & Stacy Shipman |
| | 30: Gene Sommerhauser |

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 and Activity time in Youth room in basement

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| May 7 Ruth Valdez | June 4 Ruth Valdez |
| May 14 Deb Welty | June 11 Deb Welty |
| May 21 Ruth Valdez | June 18 Ruth Valdez |
| May 28 Deb Welty | June 25 Deb Welty |



Altar Guild

- | | <u>Fill</u> | <u>Cleanup</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| May 7 & June 4 | Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton | Toni Bolin |
| May 14 & June 11 | Doris Cannon | Julie O'Brien |
| May 21 & June 18 | Lois Adams & Amy Salazar | Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly |
| May 28 & June 25 | Doris Cannon | Vicki Pasewark |

Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, please contact Doris Cannon.



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

- | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> |
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| Bill Fromm | Mark Dehncke |
| David Funke | Larry Moore |
| Doug Meyer | 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.



- | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> |
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| 4: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie | 2: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick |
| 11: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick | 9: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty |
| 18: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty | 16: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie |
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| | 30: 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

Happy June!!

We are on track to upgrade our visits to our Grace Blessings members. All of you can offer prayers to that effort! Make a phone call or send a card. It is an extremely gratifying experience!

Keep Pastor and family in your prayers.

Looking forward to the Bible/Brat/Brotherhood event June 17.

Look for the flyer and more info on page 8. Event is to highlight our ECC.

Stay in touch, pray constantly and praise Him!! SLT



Trustees Report

Happy June!!

You might notice some “open” space on the street in 26th. Unfortunately, some of the trees have not survived. Joe Moore has removed the dead trees and removed the stumps. Also, cleaned up the dead wood in the other trees. The cost has been donated. Thank God for our faithful members!

You will also see small changes in the look of our property. All in the purpose of moving forward!

Awaiting the parking lot crew to schedule repairs.

Thanks go to the dedicated crew that spend time keeping Bethany looking good!

Later, Trustees

Parish Ed Update

Everything is going smoothly. Sunday School is working well with kids and teens together. Hope to have more so we will need to separate but for now it's working to teach God's word to all.

Women's Bible Study is starting a new book in June. “All Things New, A Study on 2 Corinthians” from The Living Room Series by Kelly Minter.

Pastor Nick has started a study during Sunday School hour, meeting in the Activity Center.

God's People, Walking and Talking group would like to see more join them. Walking is good for the mind.



SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

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

- **PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin** leads a study on how the Lutheran Church differs in its understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism from other Christian groups and on what biblical writings that understanding is based.
- **SECOND CLASSROOM— Mark Dehncke** leads a study of the book entitled “Why I Believe” by Chip Ingram. The book examines 5 questions of belief: Life after death, resurrection, the Bible, creation and the God of the Bible. Join the group for discussion on these topics.
- **ACTIVITY CENTER-** Pastor leads a class with video and questions about various topics.
- **Youth and Kids - Sunday School includes ages Preschool to age 17. Currently all meet together. Teens helping with the lesson.** Teachers are Ruth Valdez and Deb Welty with assistance of Tonya Cordt. An opening is held at 10:30 in the back of the Sanctuary with music led by Sandy Tope. Lesson and activity is in the Youth Room in basement. “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

This has been a challenging month for our Center and Ministry Team. We have been really concerned for our staff member, Rachel Parmenter-Sells, as she fell seriously ill a couple of weeks ago and had to be hospitalized. She IS recovering, but slowly. She will have some work to do before she can get healthy enough to rejoin us. We appreciate everyone's prayers and concerns for her.

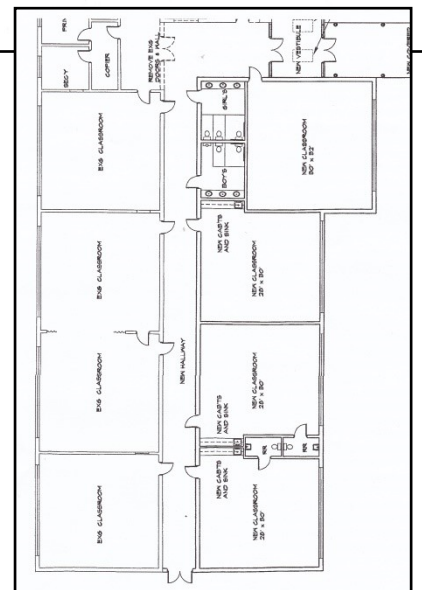
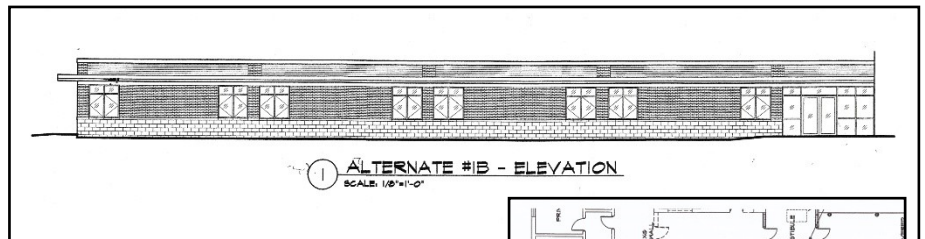
Our ECC Ministry Team had a really busy month working on the grant opportunity. The application for the grant has been submitted, and now we are waiting to see if we get approved for the grant, which will be decided in late June.

Here is what the grant is: Called the Daycare Capacity Accelerator Grant, this is Federal money given to the State, and disbursed through a contractor for DCF. The whole purpose is to add capacity to child care centers. We are hampered by a lack of space and staff for the birth-to-12-month age group, so we often have to turn families away because we can't take their babies, so we lose the older children with those families as well. That means that we lose out on that potential additional income.

If we were to receive this grant, we could address that handicap our Center faces. This would add 37 slots to our program. They have \$22 million to give away, preferably in amounts of \$250,000 to \$2 million. The grant is a 75% matching-fund grant, so we would have to come up with the other 25% to make it work. That would require a fund drive and a loan, upon Congregational approval. This is a competitive grant, so the daycare operators who apply for it will face a scoring process of their applications, and the proposed projects the board likes best will be chosen to receive funds. That means that we may or may NOT get the grant -- we will find out at the end of June.

Our proposal for the grant is to finish-out the existing classroom wing by adding 4 new rooms along the south side of the breezeway and enclosing the breezeway to make it a hallway. The plans are not final as we would have to work with an architect IF the grant is approved. If approved, this is estimated to be a \$1.6 million project, so the grant would be a \$1.2 million grant (\$1,200,000) which means we would have to arrange for the other \$400,000 through a combination of funds we raise and a low-cost loan through LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund.) The grant would include some money to pay for the additional staff for the first several months of operation.

Here are the general preliminary plans, so you can have an idea of what the building addition would look like. This is not the final plan, as we would have to hire an architect to draft full plans to city code.



We thank you for your continued prayers and support!
For the Early Childhood Ministry Team of Bethany,
Jim Merrick



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo



Our Garden is Growing!!

The Community Garden is looking like a garden. Berries are coming. Anyone with experience please share your tips and tricks for healthy plants. Cabbage is close to harvest. Tomatoes are loving the weather. I'm looking forward to

delicious tomato sandwiches. I can't hardly wait! How about you? Vicky Collins: 316-771-1207



Cabbage, almost ready to harvest



Kohlrabi



Tomatoes



Potatoes & Onions



Lettuce



And Still More to Plant!!



Stewardship Report

Here is the accounting report for April. It was another good month for envelope income and almost 14K in government grant funds. But as always it looks like May will be a slower month for us but we will see.

The **Tuesday grounds keepers** are back at it and the courtyard lawn is looking good thanks to the recent rains. Two of the ten trees that were planted in honor of Bethany's 10th anniversary did not survive last summer's hot and dry conditions and were cut down last week and the stumps ground down. Hopefully the bermuda grass will spread and cover the area now that there is more sunlight there. The moles and gophers are also getting more active leaving us piles of dirt in different places but especially along the curbs which makes it difficult to mow. As always the weeds are off to a great start in the playground

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	4 mo budget
BASE OPERATIONS	\$14,665	\$23,300	\$23,220	\$12,569	\$0	\$0	\$73,754	\$59,931
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$3,996	\$4,440	\$5,640	\$7,980	\$0	\$0	\$22,057	\$43,190
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$15,637	\$21,355	\$21,464	\$21,772	\$0	\$0	\$80,228	\$84,087
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,329	\$49,096	\$50,324	\$42,322	\$0	\$0	\$176,070	\$152,226
OFFERINGS	\$21,388	\$22,282	\$25,692	\$24,955	\$0	\$0	\$94,317	\$80,000
ECC INCOME	\$19,416	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$17,808	\$0	\$0	\$69,687	\$64,268
ECC GRANT FUNDS	\$8,693	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$13,827	\$0	\$0	\$49,979	\$83,800
TOTAL INCOME	\$49,543	\$43,985	\$64,264	\$58,540	\$0	\$0	\$216,332	\$175,133
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$15,214	\$5,110	\$13,940	\$16,219	\$0	\$0	\$40,262	
ECC INCOME/LOSS	\$12,473	\$6	\$17,109	\$9,863	\$0	\$0		



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women in Mission organization is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. At Bethany, they meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. So far there have been 80+ quilts finished since November, 2022. During the year they also make School Kits, Health Kits and Baby Kits and hold fundraisers. Through the years our LWML chapter has bought furnishings and appliances for the kitchen, dining room and sacristy. They also support seminary students. LWML also meets once a month for a business meeting and Bible study and fellowship. Any woman is welcome to join in the fun and mission service to the Lord. For more information call Ruth Valdez at (316) 213-0177. Every year in October, Bethany has an LWML Sunday and displays on our pews the hard work and talent of the ladies with the quilts they have made since the previous October.

The box for eyeglasses is now empty so if you still have some old glasses or sunglasses they can be placed in the box for MOST Ministries. These eyeglasses are sent on mission trips to various areas of the globe and given to those in need of glasses. Stamps for missions box is also an ongoing project. There is a sheet describing the types of stamps that are acceptable as well as those that cannot be used.

We will be hosting a **KITCHEN SHOWER starting in June**. *Towels, Dish rags, Scrubbers, Drinking Glasses, Potholders, Utensils, Measuring Cups, Silverware, Baking Pans, Food Containers, Knives, Coffee, Skillet, Toaster, Teas, Water Flavors, Walmart or Dillons Gift Cards*. These items will be given to "PASSAGEWAYS", a non-profit that helps veterans find homes and furnish them with much of what they need to get started in a home.



<p>462,262 QUILTS & KITS IN 19 COUNTRIES</p> <p> 220,317 QUILTS 1,650 BLANKETS 94,060 PERSONAL CARE KITS 90,860 SCHOOL KITS 46,560 BABY CARE KITS 8,815 FABRIC KITS 31,950 FACE MASKS </p>	COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS
		ANGOLA	Maryland	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230
	ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
	BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
	DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
	GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
	GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
	HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
	JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
	LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
	MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
	NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
	PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
	POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
	SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
	SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
	SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
	TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
	UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
	TOTAL		220,317	1,650	90,860	94,060	46,560	8,815	31,950

BLESSL

(Bethany Lutheran English Studies as a Second Language): We are currently teaching a Sunday evening and a Friday evening class at 6:30pm.. Vicky Collins is teaching a Thursday afternoon class in a women's home on Thursday at 1:00pm. If you know someone who is looking for free English instruction and is free at those times, let them know about the Bethany classes.

Looking for a **Bethany School t-shirt** please!!!!Size doesn't matter. It will go into a quilt. Contact Deb Welty.



Brats, Bibles & Brotherhood

Saturday, June 17
Starting Late Afternoon
More Information coming soon



Located directly between WSU & Fairmount Neighborhood, our community ranges from all ages and backgrounds. Have had the opportunity to engage thousands of students with the Gospel of Jesus and opportunities to grow in faith and Christian community!
Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208
Learn more at www.fairmountministries.org.



Change For Life Fundraiser:

We received our supply of baby bottles for the annual "Change For Life" fundraising campaign for Embrace. Their organization helps women with unexpected pregnancies. Their representative said that 88 local churches participate in this campaign. We have posters around the building and bulletin inserts. The campaign begins on Mother's Day, May 14, and ends on Father's Day, June 18. Pick up your bottle in the Narthex and return them to the office.



Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room.

More information: contact Darlene Nuse www.southwichta.com

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9am Eucharist Ser	1pm GPWaT		1pm GPWaT	7pm For Women	6:30pm BLESSL	
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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.



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