



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: July 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

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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

July 2023

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Greetings Bethany family,

So much going on, where do I start? In June (in addition to our regular weekly schedule) we had “Bibles, Brats, & Brotherhood”, a family bike ride, a baptism, and made long-overdue repairs to the parking lot. July has even more planned so read the rest of the Newsletter for all those details.

As some of you may have heard, we did not receive the grant for the Daycare expansion project. But where one door closes, another one opens. We have a committee that has been meeting and is putting together a multi-step proposal to build the “circle drive” and do some much-needed renovations/updates to our building and ECC. The details are still being worked out and there will be a presentation during Bible class on July 30th in the Activity Center.

God has great plans for this place and according to His always perfect timing, He’ll reveal exactly what He has in store for us. Our job is to continue to look to the future and pray for God’s wisdom and guidance as we live out the lives to which He’s called us here at Bethany.

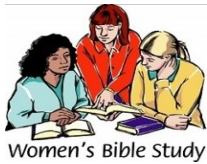
Have a fun (and safe) Independence Day as we give thanks to God for the privilege of living in these United States.

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Nick

“one nation, under God” (A work in progress)





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** Have started "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. **Games every Wednesday:** 1:30-3:30. 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.

Williams, Ashley R.	7/2
Mittlestadt, Thomas J.	7/3
Fisher, Lilly M.	7/6
Young, Jamie R.	7/6
Cordt, Tonya L.	7/7
Francis, Darren	7/7
Schieber, Erich	7/7
Swiggart, Matthew L.	7/8
Reiling, Steven	7/11
Washburn, Aubrey L.	7/11
Washburn, Brennan M.	7/11
Keimig, Alan R.	7/15
Dunkel, Cody L.	7/17
Mellard, Shelley L.	7/17
Parmenter, Judith J.	7/17
Albright, Kevin D.	7/18
Larson, Tara M.	7/23
Jones, Amanda M.	7/24
Nowak-Moore, Aurana S.	7/24
Albright, Debra S.	7/25
Herheim, Sylvia E.	7/25
Mittlestadt, Beverly A.	7/26
Smith, Garrett L.	7/27
Triplett, Rebecca S.	7/29



Bolin Jr., Billy J.	7/1
Freeman, Jamie L.	7/1
Baldrige, Shane M.	7/3
Larson, Olivia J.	7/3
Cook, Kyle A.	7/5
Fisher, Lilly M.	7/6
Rowley, Jazmin	7/7
Schieber, Carol	7/7
Wenger, Patricia L.	7/8
Albright, Paul D.	7/9
Fritz, Jodi K.	7/9
Cordt, Tonya L.	7/15
Francis, Justyn R.	7/15
Brummett, James D.	7/18
Brummett, Vera K.	7/18
Terhune, Jaxen C.	7/20
Karnes, Victor M.	7/22
Lewis, Caven J.	7/22
Castillo, Modesto	7/27
Dunkel, Kaitlynn J.	7/27
Dunkel, Cody L.	7/28
Schreffler, Spencer T.	7/31

Dunkel, Shannon (Shannon) and Jodee D.	7/3	30 yrs
Moore, William D. and Herheim, Sylvia E.	7/3	2 yrs
Fritz, Jay L. and Harriett K. (Kaye)	7/4	64 yrs
Schieber, Erich and Carol	7/7	33 yrs
Freeman, Robert and Jamie L.	7/17	15 yrs
Moore, Larry D. and Mable A.	7/18	25 yrs
Vinroe, Richard L. and Dorisann L.	7/18	59 yrs
Washburn, Matthew and Katie L.	7/22	17 yrs
Albright, Kevin D. and Annette	7/23	40 yrs



Greeters

July

- 2: Erich & Carol Schieber
- 9: Tim & Joni Schrahl
- 16: Melanie Schreffler & Fern Neumiller
- 23: Rick & Stacy Shipman
- 30: Gene Sommerhauser

August

- 6: Curtis & Michelle Tucker
- 13: Ray & Ruth Valdez
- 20: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe
- 27: Dwan & Linda Welty

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



July 2	Ruth Valdez	August 6	Deb Welty
July 9	Deb Welty	August 13	Ruth Valdez
July 16	Ruth Valdez	August 20	Deb Welty
July 23	Deb Welty	August 27	Ruth Valdez
July 30	Ruth Valdez		

Altar Guild



Fill

July 2 & Aug 6	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
July 9 & Aug 13	Doris Cannon
July 16 & Aug 20	Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
July 23 & Aug 27	Doris Cannon
July 30	Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

July

Mark Dehncke
Larry Moore
Roger Obermueller

August

Bruce Kester
Doug Meyer
Erich Schieber

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.



July

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

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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.

Trustees Report

Newsflash from the Trustees... Beginning on July 8, 9 AM -12...

Something we are calling **SECOND SATURDAY**: Each **SECOND SATURDAY** we will host a short work morning.

July 8, Deb Welty will be heading up those willing and able to put a mean clean on the tables and chairs in the Activity Center. Top/bottom/middle! We will make it easy to access the tables so no need to have gymnastic skills!

We are looking for individuals/groups/families to host a task each month.

Items on our list... Clean/polish/repair our handbells... Wash windows inside/outside of the building... Wiping down the wooden portion of the sanctuary pews... Just to name a few! If you can think of a task that would fit, let us know!!

We could have some breakfast goodies and maybe hang around for lunch from Papa Murphy's???

Keep your eyes/ears open for special announcements. We can have some great fellowship and accomplish things long overdue!!

Thank you to the faithful Bethany members... Parking lot funded and COMPLETE! Signage and striping on tap!!

Happy Fourth of July!! Trustees



Pantry Update in the future!

The trustees are planning a **pantry update** in the kitchen area. It will be exciting to see the added storage. The goal is to consolidate kitchen items so that the room next to the kitchen can remain free of kitchen and pantry items. There are many items stored in the pantry that we no longer use. The plan is to offer these items to the congregation first, then sell or donate the rest. *Keep watching for updates as this project progresses.*

Church Directory Update!

We have started updating our church records and are currently gathering members' information for name, address, current phone numbers, emails and birthdates and current photo. This information will be secure and available online to congregation members. It is also helpful to Pastor Nick as he gets to know all of us. Please see Jenny Colby or Pastor Nick during fellowship time on Sundays to make sure your information is correct.

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 Communion 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.



Early Childhood Center Update

Things are going smoothly for the Early Childhood Center. We are putting modern HVAC in two more classrooms with some of the grant money. Will update on other things including the grant application when we are notified.

Thanks for continued prayers.

Working hard making American Flags!



Drawing your friends face, but not on their face. PreK did this fun activity.



Making Butterfly Nature Art

Africa Mission Team 2023 Prayer Request

From Linda Welty: A BIG THANK YOU for all the support you have shown for my mission trip to Tanzania. Thank you for prayers already given.

Please support our team through your prayers while we are on our Mission trip in Tanzania. Please pray the team experiences good health for the entire trip and return home. Pray for each team members spiritual growth. (Charlotte, Thane, Bonnie, Gina, Sara, Rhoda, Danielle and Linda). Pray that we may hear God's voice and understand the plan he has for each one of us. Pray that our hearts will be prepared to deliver his message, that our words, actions, and gestures will be pleasing to the Lord. Pray for unity within the group and that we will be refreshed from the Lord during our quiet and worship time. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of those hearing his message to be receptive to receiving his grace. That many will come to know Christ and accept him as their Savior. Pray for possible future trips to Tanzania, if the Lord wills it, and that connections will be made that will facilitate those plans.

Bike Ride: There were 9 riders : Pastor Cordt and his family, Mark and Debbie Welty, Darlene Nuse, Alan Keimig and Alan's neighbor, Steve.

They rode south on the bike path to the Hydraulic street bridge and back for a total of 8.5 miles. 6 of the 9 finished the ride. The others returned to the church without finishing the full ride, but will be back next time..



Alan reported: "Though it was warm, it was not unbearable for we took our time and made several stops. We took 2 hours for the ride."

Next ride will be July 23, 2023. We will aim for 6:00 pm.



Garden Continues to Do Well!!

The Community Garden is looking better every day. Cabbage has been harvested. Tomatoes are looking good. Looking forward to those delicious tomato sandwiches. Have also harvested Kohlrabi, snap peas and lettuce. Close for onions, potatoes, radishes, etc.

Thanks to those who have helped Vicky.-- Steve, David, Dale, Sylvia and others I may not know about. We pray for the garden and those who care for it.



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.



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



EMBRACE: Embrace cannot give an exact count of the bottle money that we collected. However, they have come up with an average total for bottles collected this year, which is \$840. Bethany had 28 bottles returned. Our total may have been more or less than \$840, but thanks to all who participated in the campaign. A representative for Embrace is scheduling a time to give a presentation at Bethany.

Stewardship Report Here are the latest budget figures through May. There weren't any grant funds added to the general budget in May so you see the red numbers for the month. Overall we are still well ahead.

Thanks to all who help with various things at the church. Many help! All is appreciated.

	2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	5 Mos	2023 Budg
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$34,329	\$49,096	\$50,324	\$42,322	\$52,570	\$0	\$228,640	\$190,283	\$456,679
INCOME										
5000-Envelope		\$18,921	\$19,762	\$17,315	\$21,345	\$16,770		\$94,113	\$100,000	\$240,000
5001-Electronic		\$1,923	\$1,783	\$1,901	\$1,798	\$1,648		\$9,052		
5002-Loose		\$545	\$322	\$211	\$693	\$119		\$1,890	\$1,667	\$4,000
5010-ECC Income		\$19,416	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$17,808	\$18,236		\$87,924	\$104,750	\$251,400
5016-Special Services		\$0	\$415	\$1,265	\$1,119	\$0		\$2,799		
5017-ECC Grant		\$8,693	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$13,827	\$0		\$49,979	\$12,500	\$30,000
5018 Special Offering		\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,615	\$100		\$6,715		
5023-Other Fund Raising		\$0	\$15	\$0	\$315	\$37		\$367		
5070-Misc Deposit		\$45	\$339	\$0	\$20	\$0		\$404		
Total Income		\$ 49,543	\$ 43,985	\$ 64,264	\$ 58,540	\$ 36,910		\$253,243	\$218,917	\$525,400
INCOME VS EXPENSES		\$15,214	\$5,110	\$13,940	\$16,219	\$15,660	\$0	\$24,603		



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

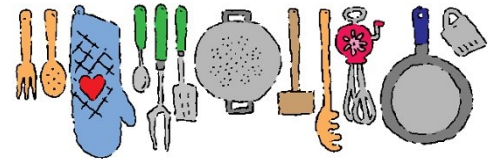
The Lutheran Women in Mission organization is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (July 11th) at 4:00 for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All women are welcome. For more information call Ruth Valdez at (316) 213-0177. Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. So far this year, there have been over 100 quilts finished. During the year they also make School Kits, Health Kits and Baby Kits and hold fundraisers. It is time to shop for those School Kit supplies since "sales before school starts" help with the cost. **We need #2 pencils, Notebooks (70ct spiral) and crayons (24ct).** Bring them to church office. We have been blessed with donations of the other things for the School Kits.

Still collecting eyeglasses 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.

KITCHEN SHOWER



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. ***If anyone wants to donate any items, please bring to the church by Sunday, July 9th. There will be a basket in the Narthex.***

New Members Welcomed & Father's Day Celebrated!



New Members:
Ron & Dian Merrick
Braden, Tonya, & Aubrey Cordt
Linda Firsching, Edith Fisher



**Biscuits & Gravy!!
Yum!!!**

Fellowship Update

Our June cookout was a success! Over 80 people enjoyed hot dogs, brats and root beer. Soft serve ice cream, cotton candy and brownies satisfied everyone's sweet tooth. 6 ECC families joined us for the festivities. We hope to plan more joint ventures in the future.



Bethany Fly Fishing Group

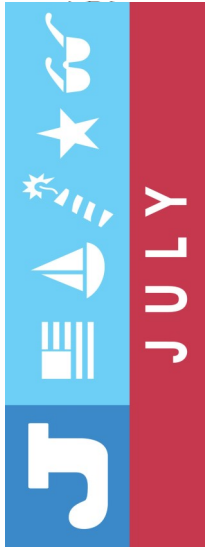
Bethany has had and still has activities designed for the single person and/or the family. In the sports field Bethany has had softball, volleyball, basketball and others. In the non-sport world Bethany had or has women and men's group, quilting, prayer groups, Logo's and many others. All were successful.

Robert Bolin, Doug Meyer and Dwan Welty want to start another Bethany activity. They are starting what will be called "Bethany Fly Fishing Group". The goals of this group would be to get people interested in the sport of fly fishing. Another is to have an activity for a family. This could be father/son, father/daughter, mother/son, mother/daughter, grandparent, aunt, uncle--the list could go on. This group would be for any Bethany member or friend that would be interested in learning more about fly fishing. Some areas that would be covered are history, equipment, casting, fly tying and more. This is a sport that local fly fishers can enjoy close to home in area waters.



If you are interested and would like more information talk with Robert, Doug or Dwan or call the church office.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
9am Eucharist Ser	1pm GPWaT	10am LWML quilting	9:15am ECC Chap		1pm GPWaT	9am LWML quilting
10am Fellowship		7pm SWNA meets	1pm GPWaT		6:30pm BLESSL	
10:30am Educ. Hr						
6:30pm BLESSL						
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9am Eucharist Ser	ECC Closed	ECC & Office Closure	9:15am ECC Chap	7pm Womens' Bib	1pm GPWaT	9am LWML quilting
10am Fellowship	1pm GPWaT	10am LWML quilting	1pm GPWaT		6:30pm BLESSL	
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10am Fellowship		4pm LWML meeting	9:15am ECC Chap		6:30pm BLESSL	
10:30am Educ. Hr			1pm GPWaT			
6:30pm BLESSL						
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9am Eucharist Ser	1pm GPWaT	10am LWML quilting	9:15am ECC Chap	6:15pm ECC Fam	1pm GPWaT	9am LWML quilting
10am Fellowship			1pm GPWaT	7pm Womens' Bib	4pm Act. Ctr Res.	
10:30am Educ. Hr					6:30pm BLESSL	
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10:30am Educ. Hr						
6:30pm BLESSL						



JULY



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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