



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

November, 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

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What a month it's been. (I'm pretty sure if I looked back at past Newsletters, I've said that just about every month). Bells and Choir have started back up again and have each played/sung on Sunday morning at least once. Trunk-Or-Treat way exceeded our expectations last week.

But no matter how busy we try to be, life has a habit of getting in the way. As I've been trying to write this article for the past three days, two of our long-time members were called to their eternal reward and the newsletter took a back seat.

The timing of their deaths and our celebration of All Saints Day this Sunday caused me to pause and reflect on the big picture of why we're here. God has placed us in the here and now to be His people and to share Jesus with those around us. And while our attention is often drawn to the urgency of the 'right now', our focus needs to be on the future. Yes, God has things in store for us tomorrow, next week, next year, and beyond; but none of those things will matter as much if our words and actions do nothing to help lead others to join us in the eternity we have waiting for us.

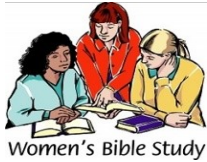
Because of Jesus death and resurrection for our sake, we don't have to get caught up in the tyranny of the moment. God has given us a perspective that the world doesn't have. So keep your eyes on the prize and look for all the opportunities God gives us to share His gift of eternity with others.

Your fellow servant on the journey,

~Pastor Nick



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life.** ROMANS 6:4



Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** Current study 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.

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 Library at Bethany.

Albright Jr., Kevin D.	11/2
Larson, Alyssa L.	11/2
Vinroe, Kali A.	11/3
Bolin, Amber M.	11/4
Cook, Evan M.	11/4
Lewis, Jade A.	11/4
Parmenter, Caleb M.	11/4
Chamberlin, Cayden C.	11/10
Zink, Cody N.	11/10
Stanberry, William N.	11/11
Cook, Joshua D.	11/13
Hasenbank, Daniel S.	11/14
Tucker, Michelle	11/14
Neumiller, Fern	11/15
Fritz, Kaylee G.	11/17
Anton, Lilli	11/18
Vinroe, Richard L.	11/18
Albright, Keely B.	11/19
Baldridge, Margaret D.	11/19
Shipman, Bailee R.	11/20
Storck, Shirley J. (JoAnn)	11/20
Lang, Dolores M.	11/21
Ohmie, Matthew B.	11/22
Fromm, Billie	11/25
Nienke, Doris A.	11/29



Albright, Annette	11/15
Anton, Lilli	11/17
Bolin, Amber M.	11/17
Hampton Jr., Melvin C. (Curtis)	11/22
Hampton, Chelsea L.	11/17
Jahnke, Michael D.	11/15
Karnes, Joseph P.	11/26
Keimig, Alan R.	11/13
Lang, Dolores M.	11/27
Mann, Andrew M.	11/9
Mellard, Carla M.	11/1
Merrick, Doris E.	11/3
Merrick, Ron	11/25
Nienke, Steven A.	11/19
Schrahl, Joni L.	11/19
Terhune, Jaden W.	11/27



Bolin, Robert A. and Jeanetta K.	11/17	34 yrs.
Ohmie, Robert R. and Barbara S.	11/23	49 yrs.



Greeters

November

5: Lois Brockmeyer
 12: Jim & Vera Brummett
 19: Doris Cannon
 26: Jenny Colby

December

3: Dean & Diane Crossman
 10: Mark & Rhonda Dehncke
 17: Mike & Verna Edgar
 24: Jay Fritz
 31: Billie & Vergene Fromm

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

November 5 Ruth Valdez	December 3 Ruth Valdez
November 12 Deb Welty	December 10 Deb Welty
November 19 Ruth Valdez	December 17 Ruth Valdez
November 26 Deb Welty	December 24 No Class
	December 31 Deb Welty

Altar Guild



Fill

Nov. 5 & Dec. 3 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
 Nov. 12 & Dec. 10 Doris Cannon
 Nov. 19 & Dec. 17 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 Nov. 26 & Dec. 24 Doris Cannon
 Dec. 31 Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

November

David Funke
 Larry Moore
 Erich Schieber

December

Mark Dehncke
 Bill Fromm
 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.



November

5: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 12: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 19: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 26: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick

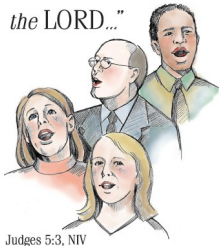
December

3: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 10: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
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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.

"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."



Special Music is Back!!!!

Sandy Tope is directing the Choir and the Bell Choir.

Come and join one or both.

Both meet for practice on Wednesday nights.

Bell Choir at 6:00pm Choir at 7:00pm

Trustees Report

The volunteers are staying busy with general building organizing, now that lawn care has slowed. Too many years of accumulated "stuff". Finding space to allocate for storage of needed items. Pastor Nick has us on task to move into the future.

Second Saturday, for November, will be dedicated to the sanctuary decor for the Christmas season. Stay tuned for dates and time frame. May not actually be the "Second Saturday".

Thankful for those that have participated in the past!

Peace, Trustees

Stewardship Leadership Team Report

Bethany, Please keep the Merrick and Fritz families in your prayers. As of this writing, Doris and Kaye remain hospitalized. SLT will keep you informed through email and announcements, as the families share status.

Pastor Nick will be on vacation during the Thanksgiving week. Contact a member of SLT or the church office with concerns that week. Mike Parmenter will be conducting service on Thanksgiving Eve, 7PM. No choir/bells practice that night. Fellowship plans "Pie Night" following service. See page 9 for details.

Peace, SLT



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.

MEET AND EAT ROOM – Mark Dehncke is leading a review of Luther's Small Catechism. If your memory of Lutheran doctrine and the biblical passages from which they are derived is a little fuzzy, join the class and refresh those memories. It's like being at the beginning of the Reformation.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Nick leads the class. We have just finished looking at the Reformation.

YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL includes ages Preschool to age 17. 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

Great news from the ECC. We have received confirmation that we have received two of the grants that we have applied for. We will be sending out further details as we get them.

A big thank-you to all of you who helped make Trunk-or-Treat a huge success. An amazing time of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was great to see the congregation and ECC staff and families working together to give the kids a great experience. Over 100 people attended and there was a total of 14 trunks that participated, Games and pizza inside and candy outside. Thanks to Bethany from the ECC staff!

Trunk-or-Treat
A Great Success!



Is that
Tonya?
➔





Bethany's Community Garden

By the time you are reading this blog the freezes will of wiped out every plant in the garden except for the cabbage. We will have an abundance of large green tomatoes and peppers. If you have never fried green tomatoes and would like to try something

new now is the time. There are simple YouTube videos showing you how. As Always, Vicky Collins.

BLESSL

(Bethany Lutheran English Studies as a Second Language): We are currently teaching a Sunday evening class at 6:30 pm and a Saturday morning class at 10:30 am to 12 pm. We have a total of eight students. Everyone is welcome to join the free English classes regardless of how much English you know. If you know of anyone that needs help learning English contact: Vicky Collins (316-771-1207).



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.

The "College Age Bible Study" meets every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm. The "Young Adults" group meets on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30pm. T.O.T. (Theology On Tap) meets once a month. Look for details in November.

Fairmount Ministries is soliciting names of LCMS Commissioned Ministers for the position of Director of Discipleship and Engagement. It is a full time position. They are open to a DCE, DCO, or a Deaconess. We are looking for someone with a heart for College Ministry. Experience in College Ministry is preferred but not required. They will accept names from Oct. 23rd until Nov. 13th. Please send names to info@fairmountministries.org. Thank you for prayers as they go through the Call process.



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

Stewardship Report: Here are the latest budget figures through September. The Budget for 2024 is being worked on and will be presented at a congregation meeting hopefully in December.

Time Talents Treasure
Thanks to all who help with various things at the church. Many help! All is very much appreciated!

	2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	Line Total	9 mo budget
BASE OPERATIONS		\$12,675	\$18,139	\$20,871	\$12,323	\$14,604	\$13,099	\$11,086	\$14,386	\$18,538	\$135,721	\$134,844
WORD & SACRAMENT		\$3,996	\$4,440	\$5,640	\$7,980	\$6,989	\$9,804	\$7,702	\$6,877	\$7,434	\$60,862	\$97,177
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR		\$15,637	\$21,355	\$21,464	\$21,772	\$22,527	\$29,841	\$20,954	\$19,797	\$21,278	\$194,625	\$189,195
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$32,339	\$43,934	\$47,975	\$42,076	\$44,119	\$52,743	\$39,742	\$41,060	\$47,250	\$391,239	\$342,509
OFFERINGS		\$21,388	\$22,282	\$25,692	\$26,570	\$18,637	\$15,560	\$26,860	\$18,420	\$19,030	\$194,439	\$180,000
ECC INCOME		\$19,416	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$17,808	\$18,236	\$18,711	\$21,509	\$19,974	\$17,976	\$166,093	\$144,602
ECC GRANT FUNDS		\$8,693	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$13,827	\$0	\$15,408	\$7,102	\$0	\$0	\$72,488	\$22,500
TOTAL INCOME		\$49,543	\$43,985	\$64,264	\$58,540	\$36,910	\$49,678	\$55,471	\$38,394	\$37,005	\$433,791	\$394,050
MONTHLY BALANCE		\$17,204	\$51	\$16,289	\$16,465	\$7,209	\$3,065	\$15,729	\$2,666	\$10,245	\$42,552	
ECC INCOME/LOSS		\$12,473	\$6	\$17,109	\$9,863	\$4,290	\$4,277	\$7,656	\$177	\$3,303		



Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lutheran Women in Mission organization is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 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.

LWML continues to collect used eyeglasses and sunglasses for MOST Ministries. If you have any old prescription eyeglasses or sunglasses that you no longer want, you can put them in the brown box on the LWML table in the Narthex. We will get them shipped to MOST Ministries, who will send them with their missionaries to countries throughout the world who spread the Good News of Jesus to people who haven't heard of Jesus. These people are very grateful to learn of their Savior. The missionaries also try to fit as many as they can with eyeglasses also. Most of the ones who receive eyeglasses have never been able to see well or never at all without the aid of glasses and they are very thankful and appreciative.

MITE BOXES: Those small cardboard boxes "mite boxes" on the LWML table are there for anyone to pick up and use. We encourage you to use these "mite boxes" for your loose change or even paper money. It's amazing how those "mites" fund most of LWML's mission projects. You don't have to belong to LWML to add your "mites". If you did not receive a card on LWML Sunday with the 2023-2025 listing of the Biennial Mission Projects adopted at the National LWML Convention, there are some available on the table in the Narthex. Feel free to pick one up. The total of these Mission Projects is \$2,350,000, and that total will be reached by the end of 2025, from those "mites" received nationally over the 2023-2025 period! That's God working through our pennies, nickels, other loose change and our dollars for our mission projects throughout the world.

A "BIG THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with supplies, making quilts, putting together layettes, health kits, and school kits this past year for Lutheran World Relief, which totaled 40 boxes sent off this past week, including 126 quilts, 90 School kits, 10 Baby kits and 10 Sewing kits. We also put together 50 school bags for Orphan Grain Train and delivered them to their local warehouse.



5 Bethany ladies (Sylvia, Ruth, Mary, Lois and Doris) attended the Wichita Zone Fall Festival at Ascension Lutheran in Pratt, Oct. 7th. Brooke Pernice gave a wonderful presentation for Lutheran Braille Workers, very inspirational.

The 2023 Christian Life Retreat will be held Nov. 10-11 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Wichita. Featured speaker is Sharla Fritz author of several Bible Studies. Theme for the Retreat is *Continuous Joy* based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

(Our Bethany Ladies have been asked to serve the wedding rehearsal meal and also help with the Wedding reception to be held on November 10 and 11th here at Bethany. We are asking for anyone who may wish to help in some way to contact either Ruth Valdez or Jenny Colby.)

LWML Sunday: Thanks to all who helped



Fly Fishing Group

Saturday, November 18th's meeting agenda has changed. The state of Kansas changed the opening date for trout fishing from that of last year. Instead of fishing, we will continue tying flies, the Clouser Minnow and the Wooly Bugger (not to be confused with the "Wooly Mammoth" Bugger which is much harder to tie AND cast).

December's meeting is scheduled for the Pratt fishing trip. Details will follow later.

Any questions, please talk with Doug, Robert or Dwan (dwan@mpmlc.net)

Let's go fishing!

Bike Ride: Our next ride will be Oct. 29th at Sedgwick County Park, 4:00pm. Pictures later.

Movie Night

"Megan Leavey"



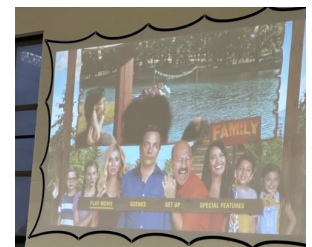
Corporal Megan Leavey (born October 28, 1983) is a United States Marine Corps Veteran who served as a Military Police K9 handler.

Saturday, November 18th. 6:30pm
In the Activity Center

Suggest you Bring your own chair, blanket, etc.

Snacks provided

A group of about 30 enjoyed "Family Camp". And the popcorn of course.



Special Service Times for the Rest of 2023.



Thanksgiving Eve: 7:00pm followed by Pie Fellowship

Advent Wednesday Eve Services: 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Service: 9:00am

Christmas Eve Service: 7:00pm (Candlelight, Holy Communion, hymns/readings, choir, bells and more)

No 11:00pm service

Christmas Day: 10:00am (No Bible Class) Holy Communion, readings, hymns

New Years Eve Sunday Morning Service: 9:00am

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship



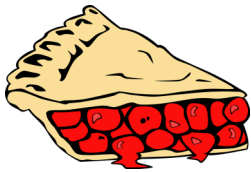
Bring a Pie!



Share a Pie!

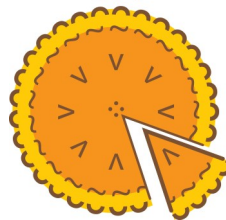
Eat a Pie!

(Bring a pie to share and/or share fellowship with all)



After the 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Service



Anybody see what the quilting ladies are trying to "get out the door"? 😊😊



That's a sweet potato, a huge one! From Art's garden.

Now that's something to talk about at Walking & Talking Group! Come join us. MWF 1-2pm



November

Fall Back
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
November 5



Movie Night:
Sat., November 18th.
6:30pm
See pg 8 for more info

Thanksgiving Eve SERVICE
7:00pm
Followed by Pie Fellowship

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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