



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

February, 2024

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.- 9:30AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday - 10:30 AM
Pastor:
Nicholas Cordt

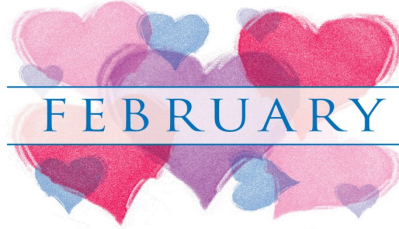
Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages
Infant through Five yrs
Program Director

Danita Seamars
316-265-3033

February 2024

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The end of the month always catches me by surprise. But I always know when it's almost time to flip the calendar to the next month because I get an (always gentle and loving) e-mail from Doris reminding me that she needs my article for the monthly newsletter.

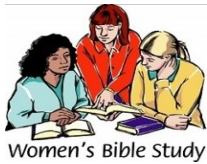
I thought I'd get a break after the business of the Christmas season, but the calendar had other plans. Our celebration of Lent begins early this year on February 14th. (Yes, that's also Valentine's Day. No, the ashes on your forehead that evening will *not* be in the shape of a heart). On Wednesday evening during Lent, our theme will be: "The Signs of Lent". The signs we're focusing on aren't metaphors or abstract, they're literal signs such as: 'Merge', 'Yield', and 'Stop'.

In other news, the LED sign is still going through the bureaucratic process but we hope to see shovels in the ground within a week or so. But in the meantime, be looking for all the opportunities to share God's love, invite someone to church, and serve others while we wait for our Savior's return.

In Christ,

Pastor Nick





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, 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.

I want to Thank everyone who ordered and supported our "That's my Pan Fundraiser". We were able to donate \$151.00 towards our Building fund. If you have any other fundraiser ideas, let me know. We will run it by Pastor Nick for approval. Thanks again, Rhonda Dehncke

McMullin, Melissa R.	2/2
Smith, Karli J.	2/3
Larson, Sydney E.	2/4
Horn, Stephanie R.	2/7
Schreffler, Robert	2/8
LaRouche, Tyler L.	2/9
Moore, Kristen M.	2/9
Vinroe, Hailey N.	2/10
Macormac, Troy S.	2/11
Shipman, Colt W.	2/12
Nuse, Darlene	2/13
Cordt, Braden L.	2/14
Kuehn, Arthur W.	2/17
Parmenter, Rachel A.	2/19
Vinroe, Christopher L.	2/19
Kester, Bruce J.	2/20
Moore, Joseph D.	2/21
Nowak, Vrailihstulighn Y.	2/22
Schieber, Carol	2/23
Castillo, Modesto	2/24
Lang, Susan M.	2/24
Storck, Junior L.	2/24
Vickers, Carol A.	2/25
Mishler, Glen P.	2/26
Fritz, Jodi K.	2/27



Meyer, Douglas W.	2/1
Owen, Teresa A.	2/1
Sommerhauser, Eugene M. (Gene)	2/1
Tope, Sandra	2/2
Stewart, Ariauna K.	2/7
Stewart, Elias R.	2/7
Bolin, Robert A.	2/9
Dehncke, Marcus J.	2/14
Albright, Annetta S.	2/16
Burl, Arie J.	2/17
Moore, Asia A.	2/17
Horn, Alexander J.	2/18
Horn, Alicia J.	2/18
Horn, Arlen J. (A.J.)	2/19
Welty, Jordan T.	2/19
Welty, Mitchell R.	2/19
Albright, Mikayla R.	2/22
Merrick, Dian	2/23
Parmenter, Caleb M.	2/23
Parmenter, Emily K.	2/23
Parmenter, Katie L.	2/23
Parmenter, Lynsi B.	2/23
McMullin, Melissa R.	2/24
Ohmie, Barbara S.	2/25

 **FEBRUARY**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Crossman, Dean and Diane	2/14	57 yrs.
Tucker, Curtis E. and Michelle	2/18	58 yrs.
Dehncke, Mark D. and Rhonda E.	2/26	30 yrs.



Greeters

February

4: Bruce Kester
 11: Art Kuehn
 18: Dean & Nina Lang
 25: Dolores Lang

March

3: Susan Lang
 10: Denise Lewis & Ava
 17: Vivian Mailly
 24: Jim & Leona Merrick
 31: Ron & Dian Merrick

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

February 4	Ruth Valdez	March 3	Ruth Valdez
February 11	Deb Welty	March 10	Deb Welty
February 18	Ruth Valdez	March 17	Ruth Valdez
February 25	Deb Welty	March 24	Deb Welty
		March 31	Ruth Valdez



Altar Guild

Fill

Jan. 7 & Feb. 4 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
 Jan. 14 & Feb. 11 Doris Cannon
 Jan. 21 & Feb. 18 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 Jan. 28 & Feb. 25 Tammie Hatfield & Lois Adams

Cleanup

Vicki Pasewark
 Toni Bolin
 Julie O'Brien
 Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

February

David Funke
 Erich Schieber
 Roger Obermueller

March

Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer
 Larry Moore

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.



February

4: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 11: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 18: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 25: 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.

Spiritual Leadership Team Report

Welcome to a bit warmer weather!

We are blessed to have opportunities to witness God's love! Pastor Nick had the opportunity to visit with a WPD officer, lately, in our parking lot. Turns out he was a member and has three children. Looking to come back for a church home. Pray for that family!

We look forward to the coming church year. Excited to see where Bethany can serve His kingdom. Peace, Mark W and the SLT



Management Team Update

Netta Albright, as Vice President, will be setting up a nominating committee for presenting a slate of Officers, Spiritual Leadership Team members and Ministry Team Leaders to be voted on by the congregation. The date for voting is tentatively set for March 3rd. If anyone is interested in running for one of the positions, talk to Netta please.

Trustees Report

Our volunteers are working steady to make repairs and maintain our facility. We had a great turnout for the Second Saturday. Decorations down and stored, General interior glass cleaned. Making progress to take care of the building, long overdue!

We are working to engage a fund to repair/ replace needed mechanical items. There is an offer to create a \$10,000 matching fund to help with costs. There is a small amount already in hand. Current needs... to replace one condenser unit for the sanctuary. Estimated cost.. \$6 -8,000. Will be scheduled early spring. We welcome donations. should the Spirit lead. Look for more details as things progress. Truly a God send to serve His kingdom!
Peace, Mark W.

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14th:

- Soup Supper at 6:00
- 7:00pm Holy communion and imposition of ashes.
- No Bells or Choir practice



Lent Wednesday evening services, 7:00pm: Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Bell practice at 6:00pm, Choir practice at 7:30pm

Palm Sunday: March 24, 9:00am, laying of the palms

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 7:00pm Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday: March 29, 7:00pm

Easter: Sunrise Service 7:00am

Brunch 8:00am

Communion Service 9:00am

No Sunday School or Bible Class

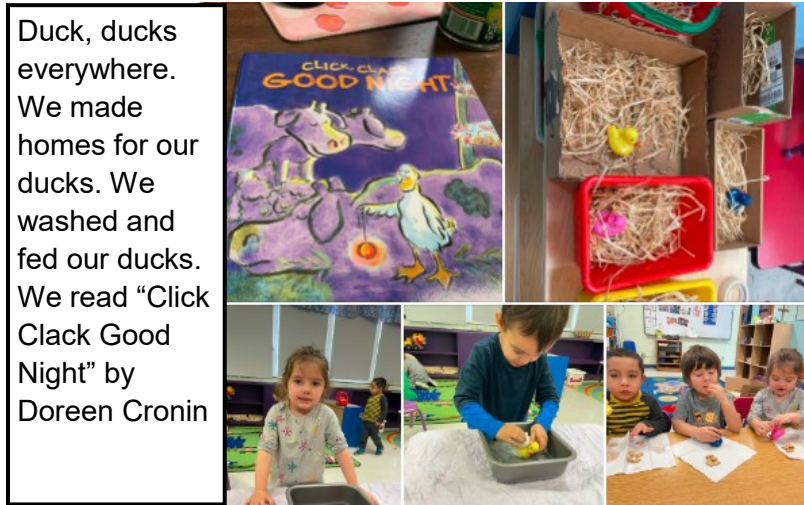




Early Childhood Center Update

Bethany's Early Childhood Center is perking right along, and life here is good. Our quest to open the new Infant room is taking longer than expected due to all the inter-coordinating layers of regulation and inspection. We have to deal with both State and Local agencies in a multi-step process. The extreme cold weather is another obstacle to work around, as opening a hole in our wall to put the new door in is not something to do in sub-freezing weather. Then the workers have to be arranged... It's quite an undertaking for what would seem to be a simple project. Our current target for opening the Infant room is March 1st. To staff the new Infant room, and to allow growth in the upper-age classrooms, we have now begun the hiring process! We need to hire a total of 5 Teachers for all the positions funded by the expansion grant through the end of June. We have an online ad out now and we are receiving applications -- please pray for our success in this process.

As always, we appreciate your continued support!
 For Bethany's ECC; Jim Merrick



Duck, ducks everywhere. We made homes for our ducks. We washed and fed our ducks. We read "Click Clack Good Night" by Doreen Cronin



Running outside and getting some fresh air.

Valentine Potluck



**Bring a Main Dish
 and a Side or Dessert!**



Sunday, February 11th, 11:30am



Bethany's Community Garden

The garlic I planted last October will be sleeping through the winter. It takes 140 days to 160 days before it is time to harvest. So come late spring/early summer we will have garlic, with God's blessings. Growing a garden the size we have can be expensive. March, April, and May are the busiest months for preparing the soil, planting the starter plants such as: cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, etc. and planting the seeds for a bountiful garden. If you can help with donations in the form of cash or Visa gift cards there will be a Donation Bucket during Fellowship time. As Always, Vicky Collins. 316-771-1207

BLESSL

(Bethany Lutheran English Studies as a Second Language): Free English classes are offered on Saturdays at 10:30am to noon or by appointment. Everyone is welcome! No matter how much English you speak. Knowing English is very important for people living in a country that does not speak their native language. The challenges are enormous such as: applying for a job or training, shopping for groceries, taking care of children, etc. We are very passionate about what we do. Just think how it would be if you were living in a country that did not speak English and you had no one to help you!! As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207

Fly Fishing Group

On Saturday, January 20, the Bethany Fly Club met with Mark, Alan, Steve, Robert, Doug and Dwan in attendance. We watched a Doug Meyer produced power point presentation of the Kanopolis Sewp Stream. The purpose of this topic is to give a preview of where our next day fishing trip will be. With weather permitting, we plan on going to Kanopolis Seep Stream on Wed., February 21. We plan on meeting at Bethany at 7:30 am and making the hour and forty five minute road trip. Those going need to bring their fishing gear, drinks, snacks, sack lunch and possible a chair In Christ

Robert, Doug and Dwan

Thank You

I appreciate all the cards that were sent to my mother, Marilyn Obermueller, for her 90th birthday. She keeps looking at them and always keeps asking how everyone is doing. Thank you so much! Roger Obermueller

Sunday Mornings

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 LCMS' understanding of the Holy Spirit differs from other Christian groups, and on which biblical passages it is based. Join the class in the Library.

MEET & EAT ROOM- Mark Dehncke leads a study. They are reviewing Luther's Small Catechism. If you need to refresh your grasp of what Lutherans believe and why, come join the class.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Nick leads a class. Topic changes. Check the Sunday newsnotes.

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 the basement.



Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Women in Mission 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. See the chart below to see where the quilts and other kits were shipped last year from Lutheran World Relief.

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				GEORGIA	Minnesota	38,080				
				GUATEMALA	Minnesota	9,520	27,840			
				HONDURAS	Maryland		12,480			
				LIBERIA	Maryland		27,300			
					Minnesota		13,282			
				MALI	Minnesota	45,798	14,500	9,300	4,200	1,800
				SRI LANKA	Minnesota		14,326			
				TANZANIA	Maryland	26,400	1,300	6,000	1,800	1,684
					Minnesota	2,040	9,860	6,200	4,200	180
				THE GAMBIA	Minnesota		13,920			
				TÜRKIYE	Maryland	11,880		14,400	5,760	
				UKRAINE	Maryland	24,750	5,460	25,200		
				TOTAL		194,983	190,043	123,920	35,490	7,264

This shipping information is from LWR's 2023 fiscal year (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023).

On Saturday, **February 17th, Medicine Lodge is hosting LWML Prayer Service** for all ladies of the congregation. The Mission speaker will be from MOST Ministries and they will be collecting used eyeglasses to donate to their organization. Zone Pastoral Counselor Rev. Seth Meyer will be leading the LWML Prayer Service. The author, Rev. Mike Mattil, has served as a national LWML Pastoral Counselor, and his wife Cheryl currently serves on the national LWML Board of Directors. The service is very well written, and we look forward to Pastor Meyer leading this time of Prayer. *Anyone who wishes to carpool to this service please let Ruth Valdez know by Sunday, Feb. 11th, so we can make arrangements.*

On March 2, Holy Cross is hosting a Women's Retreat (See info to the right). *If you're interested in carpooling to this event, let Ruth know by February 25th.*

MARCH 2, 2024

PROMISED REST *Women's Retreat*

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 N GREENWICH RD, WICHITA, KS

8:30AM REGISTRATION BEGINS
9:00AM-2:30PM RETREAT, LUNCH PROVIDED

GUEST SPEAKER
Michelle Diecks

TICKETS
\$25 EARLY BIRD PRICE
\$30 AFTER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

 SCAN TO REGISTER

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." *Psalms 91:1-2*

Stewardship Report:

Our income for 2023 was \$578,717 and our expenses were \$580,227. We were blessed by \$73,000 in child care grant funds to help cover expenses. For 2024 we will get reimbursed for what we spend on hiring new teachers and supplies to increase our daycare capacity. Unfortunately the new grant money can't be used for paying our building insurance so we will still have to come up with the quarterly premium of approximately \$4,000 plus the buydown of the deductible of approximately \$8,800 dollars by March 1st.

Time, Talents & Treasure: Thanks to all who help with many different things at the church. Many help! All is very much appreciated!

Second Saturday: February 10th

Do not know what the project is for this date, but hope you come and help!

Look for more information in the Sunday NewsNotes



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 at Fairmount Ministries. The "Young Adults" group meets biweekly on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:00pm at Fairmount Ministries. T.O.T. (Theology On Tap) meets once a month from 6:00-8:00pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, Ks 67267.

Issues, Etc.: RUTH BIBLE STUDY...The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute Bible study verse-by-verse produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Ruth. You can listen at your leisure at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM's flagship program, **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world's longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs weekly on nearly 1,800 stations. **Tune in locally Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM (1070AM) or 9:00 AM (88.7AM)**. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.



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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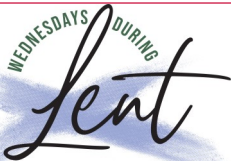
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(also online: Facebook Live)
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10:00AM to 10:30AM
Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30AM to 11:30AM

Church Office Hours

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



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