



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

June, 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.- 9:15 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday - 10:30 AM

Pastor:

Nicholas Cordt

Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages

6-Weeks through

Five Years

Program Director

Danita Seamars

316-265-3033

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If I can just get through (insert milestone here), then I can (insert next milestone here). How many of us are guilty of living our lives with this “if/then...” approach? I certainly am! For the past month, I kept telling myself that once we get through Confirmation, then things will calm down and I’ll be able to start working ahead on things.

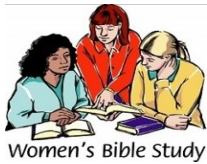
It sounded like a good plan until I remembered that we are receiving a new family into membership this Sunday, my (and Tonya’s) 20th anniversary is the following week, and we have a couple of baptisms scheduled on Father’s Day.

And while it’s good to plan for the future, we need to remember that the future belongs to God. James 4:14 reminds us: “Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” For someone like me who loves plans and schedules (and I know I’m not alone in this), verses like that can be frustrating. But instead of getting frustrated, we should instead be humbled (in a good way).

At a recent graduation party, I saw a cute ‘Precious Moments’ figurine of a graduate in cap and gown with the inscription on the base saying: “The Future Belongs To You”. I know the sentiment was meant to be encouraging, but it has the potential to be anxiety inducing. Our hope isn’t found in the words of a tiny statue, but rather in Jesus’ promise that He is with us each and every step of this journey we call life. Go ahead and plan for the future, but never forget Who is already there. God knows what He’s doing (and He hasn’t been wrong yet)!

Yours in Christ,





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. We are not going to meet until September. Have a great summer!

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. **Walking and Talking group:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm, in the Activity Center. Temporarily walking in the sanctuary while Activity Center is being used for ECC.

Dehncke, Rhonda E.	6/1
Mann, Erin M.	6/2
Thompson, Carell D.	6/3
Francis, Sidney J.	6/6
Schrahl, Joni L.	6/7
Brummett, James D.	6/10
Jones, Nathan K.	6/10
WELTY, Jace	6/10
Lewis, Caven J.	6/11
Walsh, Jerome A.	6/17
Colby, Jennifer	6/21
Welty, Miah	6/23
Shipman, Richard D.	6/24
Merrick, Brandon L.	6/25
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
Winter, Mitchell D.	6/8
Wise, Sandra	6/13
Dehncke, Mark D.	6/14
Jahnke, Jered D.	6/18
Schultz, Mike	6/18
Mann, Erin M. (Erin)	6/20
Schulz, Colton K.	6/20
Bolin, Taryn K.	6/22
Hampton, Marcia L.	6/22
WELTY, Jace	6/25
McDonald, Emily J.	6/27
Shipman, Gage W.	6/28



Parmenter, Michael G. (Mike) and Judith J. (Judy)	6/3	30 yrs
Bolin Jr., Billy J. and Toni	6/5	33 yrs
Meyer, Douglas W. (Doug) and Sheri L.	6/5	42 yrs
Cordt, Nicholas R. and Tonya L.	6/12	20 yrs
Lewis, R. Heath H. and Denise R.	6/15	28 yrs
Welty, Jordan T. and Camber	6/20	4 yrs
Hankins, Brian L. and Elizabeth K.	6/24	46 yrs
Horn, Arlen J. (A.J.) and Ruth	6/25	29 yrs
Pasewark, Steven and Vicki L.	6/28	49 yrs



Greeters

June

2: Mike & Judy Parmenter
 9: Steve & Vicki Pasewark
 16: Gary & Linda Puls
 23: Steve Reiling
 30: Amy Salazar

July

7: Ron Schaefer
 14: Erich & Carol Schieber
 21: Tim & Joni Schrahl
 28: Melanie Schreffler

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 / Lesson and Activity time following in the Youth room in the basement

June 2	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien	July 7	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
June 9	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty	July 14	Deb Welty, Helper-Tonya Cordt
June 16	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	July 21	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien
June 23	Deb Welty, Helper-Tonya Cordt	July 28	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty
June 30	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien		



Altar Guild

Fill

May 5 & June 2	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
May 12 & June 9	Doris Cannon
May 19 & June 16	Amy Salazar
May 26 & June 23	Laurie Carrell
June 30	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

June

David Funke
 Roger Obermueller
 Eric Schieber

July

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.



June

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

July

7: 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.

Stewardship Report:

Time, Talents & Treasure

Thanks to all who help with many different things at the church. Many help! All is very much appreciated!

Any questions: contact Bill Bolin.

	Time, Talents & Treasures February and Year To Date			
	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	April	Jan.- Ap.	April	Jan.-Ap.
Revenues	\$26,284.25	\$108,785.46	\$18,676.34	\$82,846.13
Expenses	\$40,711.50	\$118,668.98	\$20,579.61	\$88,774.19
Balance	-\$14,427.25	-\$9,883.52	-\$1,903.27	-\$5,928.06
TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2024				-\$15,811.58
<p>1. The April deficit is due to January through April's credit card expenses all being expensed in April. Procedures are now in place to prevent a recurrence.</p> <p>2. The year is one third over and the church has received 37% of its budgeted offering revenues.</p> <p>3. Through the first quarter, the ECC has received 24% of its budgeted revenues.</p> <p>4. Update of the Infant Room Grant: There have been two draws from the line of credit. They totaled \$40,000. Grant expenses through April total \$28,654.50.</p> <p>5. On April 29th, the ECC raised its prices for all age brackets.</p> <p>6. The ECC requested and received an amendment to the Infant Room Grant to pay 43.03% of the cost of church's utilities and insurance through June 30th. The transfer of the costs from December through April are reflected in this report.</p> <p>7. The ECC will be requesting a second amendment to the Infant Room grant. That amendment will allow the grant to reimburse the church for some of the remodeling costs of the infant room.</p>				

Trustees Report

Hello, summer! We are thankful for the rain! With that brings growing grass and flowers. Thankful for those that keep things looking GREAT!



Replacement water heater has been fully funded, through donations, with the balance going into the yet to be named matching fund. Thank all who donated!

Upon inspection of our boiler it has obvious issues. Ones that could require substantial repair. That said, it is our opinion NOT to spend too many dollars to repair. We hope to get another year of use before retiring the system. That means we must actively pursue options to provide heat to the north wing at Bethany. Which we will be engaging with qualified people to provide info. Stay tuned.

As always we strive to keep the property in good condition.

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, Proverbs is currently being studied.

YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL includes ages Preschool to age 17. Teachers are Deb Welty, Julie O'Brien, Jeannetta Bolin and 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.



Early Childhood Center Update

Our new Infant room will be open any day now. The delays of the government agencies who regulate us have been very frustrating. Our work on the new Infant room and the remodeled Toddler room is all done now, and WE have been ready to open for a couple of weeks. The State Fire Marshall finally finished their last inspection and they have given us the go-ahead to open. Now we are waiting on our #1 regulator, the Kansas Dept of Health & Environment (KDHE) to give us our final inspection and official okay to open. Well, they say they are delayed by a State-level

cybersecurity breach. Previously, both agencies had lost our paperwork at one point or another. So, our date to open has been pushed back and pushed back, but we now have the necessary staff and the new rooms are done -- WE are ready to go!

Meanwhile, we have added 6 new children to our enrollment this month. The day we open our Infant room we will add 8 more.

Please continue to pray for us as we navigate these governmental obstacles to our success. THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support!!

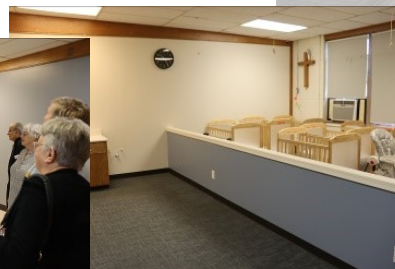
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*



Our OUTSTANDING Daycare had an OUTSTANDING event for families. Fiesta family night was a roaring success!



Welcome to New Members: Laurie Carrell, Marilyn & Arlee Fesler Dedication of the new sign and the ECC classrooms:





Bethany's Community Garden

May is the busiest month to plant vegetables that grow best in warmer temperatures. The

cabbage is almost ready for harvest. This year, the cabbage heads are larger than they have ever been. The sugar snap peas are blooming and the pods are maturing. Soon we will be enjoying those crunchy delights. The potatoes and tomatoes are getting bushier and taller. Some rose moss flowers are blooming. I have sunflower seeds for five different varieties that will produce multiple branches and will bloom up to the first frost. I am hoping for plenty of cut flowers. I truly appreciate everyone that has given their leaves, grass clippings, horse manure and hay. Now, I have plenty. However, the composter needs a steady supply of kitchen scraps all season. This year has not been without challenges and disappointments. The peppers had to be replanted. Regardless, we keep moving forward. Keep watching for the wonders God will bless us with. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207



Middle raised bed has sugar snap peas.

Community Garden Compost Materials

A. Safe to add to compost: Vegetable peelings and some fruit peelings, Used coffee grounds, Used tea bags, Egg shells, Green grass clippings (Exception: Lawn treated with weed and crab grass killer), Animal manure, Crushed dead tree leaves, Straw, Coffee filters

B. Do not add to compost: Meat products, High fat content such as oils and grease, Dairy products, Baked goods, Raw eggs, Citrus fruit or peelings (Oranges, Grapefruit, Lemons, Limes, etc.), Diseased or pest infested plants, Black Walnut, Eucalyptus, Oak, or Beech tree leaves, Chemically treated yard clippings and other plants.

If you have any questions contact Vicky Collins at (316) 771-1207



Sunday, June 9th

11:30ish (after Education Hour)

Main Course, Hot Dogs

(Provided)

Bring One Item to Share:

(Salad, Side or Dessert)



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 4:00pm for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All women of the congregation are welcome. For more information call Ruth Valdez. Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. There have been 106 quilts finished this year so far. Backpacks are being sewn now also. As a "Heads UP for Sales in July and August" we will need notebooks, pink erasers and rulers for school backpacks.

Summer has arrived! We will continue to collect eyeglasses, sunglasses, reading glasses and soft eyeglass cases through the summer months. They can be placed in the chest in the "donation hallway" across from the church office. If anyone has any "pre-quilted fabric (see the sample on the chest by the eyeglasses), it is perfect fabric to use to make soft eyeglass cases if you would like to donate it. Thank you for all your donations of any of these items to MOST Ministries.

Even though our Grant was not selected at the Biennial LWML Convention in April, we will begin to gather school supplies to donate to the three apartment complexes closest to our church. They are Kingston Cove, KingsBorough, and Eagle Trace. We will be putting together a list of supplies and will be asking for your help with this project very soon.

There is still time to pick up a Baby Bottle for EMBRACE. The bottles are located in the "donation hallway". All coins, dollars or checks are welcomed, or you can give online. Go to EMBRACEWICHITA.ORG or pick up one of the QR code cards, also available by the bottle box. The bottles can be turned in any time between now and Father's Day.



There are still many open dates on the Flower calendar if you would like to sign up. Just let Ruth know if you want to furnish flowers yourself or if LWML will be getting them for you. Either way we thank you.

The next LWML meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th beginning at 4:00 pm with a short business meeting followed by Bible study from the new LWML Quarterly and fellowship. These meetings are for all women of the congregation and we would love to have you join us. --Ruth Valdez, LWML President

Fly Fishing Club May was a busy month for us so the decision was made that there would not be an activity. We are planning a June activity and will send this information when finalized. Thank you Bethany Fly-fishing group.

Westside UMC Food Pantry, 1313 W Lydia St: 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 chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208 Learn more at www.fairmountministries.org.

The Young Adult Bible Study is held on Sunday from 6:00 to 7:30pm at Fairmount Ministries. The next session will be held on Sunday, June 2. 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. The next session will be held

on Sunday, June 16.

The Fairmount Coffee Co.(Coffee House) has at the entrance a "Blessing Box" where people can donate and take food items. Fairmount is asking for the following food items to be donated if you are willing and able: granola bars, individual fruit cups, cereal, and snack mixes.



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*

Aubrey Cordt

Confirmation - May 26th, 2024



From Tonya: "Today was beautiful with family and friends to celebrate Aubrey confirming her faith! Thank you for all your love, support, prayers and guidance for our sweet girl and family!"



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Sunday Mornings

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

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: 12:00 - 1:00p.m.
Closed: 5:00 p.m.



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