



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

July, 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

July 2024

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Some things change: sod was finally installed in front of the church. Some things remain the same: we're still waiting on KDHE to approve the remodel of the Toddler and Infant Rooms so we can move the toddlers out of the Activity Center and begin enrolling infants. (and it goes without saying that I am writing this article on the 28th even after telling myself I would have it done sooner this month).

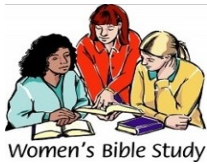
With that out of the way, this week we celebrate our nation's Independence Day. Like most national holidays, its meaning has turned into barely more than a day off work and an excuse to have people over and BBQ. Retailers have taken what was originally intended to be a day to remember the bravery, dedication, and sacrifice of those who fought for our country's independence, and turned it into another reason to have a 'sale'.

My reason for pointing all this out is to use it as a caution to not let that happen when it comes to church. Sundays are more than an hour or two at church, but the temptation is always there to get sedated by the routine and just go through the motions. On the calendar, we celebrate Easter Sunday once a year, But the reality is we should be celebrating the Resurrection every Sunday. As Christians, it's our Independence Day, not from any earthly power but from sin, death, and the power of Satan, won for us solely by the work of Jesus on the cross.

Celebrate the 4th, but don't forget to celebrate the 8th (day) when Jesus restored us to eternal life with Him.

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.

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| Williams, Ashley R. | 7/2 |
| Mittlestadt, Thomas J. | 7/3 |
| Fisher, Lilly M. | 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 |
| Mellard, Shelley L. | 7/17 |
| Parmenter, Judith J. | 7/17 |
| Albright, Kevin D. | 7/18 |
| 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 |
| Miller, Aaron | 7/29 |
| Triplett, Rebecca S. | 7/29 |



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| Bolin Jr., Billy J. | 7/1 |
| Hayes, Jackson C. | 7/1 |
| Larson, Olivia J. | 7/3 |
| Laska, Dastyn M. | 7/3 |
| Cook, Kyle A. | 7/5 |
| Fisher, Lilly M. | 7/6 |
| Rowley, Jazmin | 7/7 |
| Schieber, Carol | 7/7 |
| Miller, Melissa | 7/8 |
| 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 |
| Winter, Dawson L. | 7/15 |
| Winter, Destiny A. | 7/15 |
| Brummett, James D. | 7/18 |
| Brummett, Vera K. | 7/18 |
| Merrick, Brandon L. | 7/19 |
| Terhune, Jaxen C. | 7/20 |
| Lewis, Caven J. | 7/22 |
| Castillo, Modesto | 7/27 |
| Schreffler, Spencer T. | 7/31 |

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| Dunkel, Shannon and Jodee D. | 7/3 | 31 yrs |
| Moore, William D. and Herheim, Sylvia E. | 7/3 | 3 yrs |
| Miller, Aaron and Melissa | 7/4 | 10 yrs |
| Schieber, Erich and Carol | 7/7 | 34 yrs |
| Moore, Larry D. and Mable A. | 7/18 | 26 yrs |
| Vinroe, Richard L. and Dorisann L. | 7/18 | 60 yrs |
| Washburn, Matthew and Katie L. | 7/22 | 18 yrs |
| Albright, Kevin D. and Annette | 7/23 | 41 yrs |



Greeters

July

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

August

4: Stacy & Bailey Shipman
 11: Ross & Kim Stark
 18: Curtis & Michelle Tucker
 25: Ray & Ruth Valdez

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

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| July 7 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin | Aug 4 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin |
| July 14 Deb Welty, Helper-Tonya Cordt | Aug 11 Deb Welty, Helper-Tonya Cordt |
| July 21 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien | Aug 18 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien |
| July 28 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty | Aug 25 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty |



Altar Guild

Fill

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| July 7 & Aug 4 | Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton |
| July 14 & Aug 11 | Mable Moore |
| July 21 & Aug 18 | Amy Salazar |
| July 28 & Aug 25 | Laurie Carrell |

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

July

Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer
 Larry Moore

August

Roger Obermueller
 Eric Schieber
 David Funke

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

7: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 14: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 21: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 28: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

August

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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

Happy Independence Day. We pray for continued blessings from God for our nation. We pray also, that we look to Him and to His will. We look to Him for guidance and to know His path for us through these times, as a country. Trust in the Lord. God is good. And have a great Fourth of July .



Yours in Christ,
The SLT

Stewardship Report:

Time, Talents & Treasure

Thanks to all who help
with many different
things at the church.

Many help!

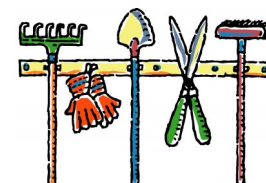
All is very much appreciated!

Any questions:
contact Bill Bolin.

| Stewardship Report: | | | | |
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| Time, Talents & Treasures | | | | |
| May and Year To Date | | | | |
| | Bethany Lutheran Church | | Early Childhood Center | |
| | May | Jan. - May | May | Jan. - May |
| Revenues | \$24,281.09 | \$133,066.65 | \$34,504.35 | \$113,078.48 |
| Expenses | \$17,551.75 | \$136,180.73 | \$30,499.99 | \$115,002.18 |
| Balance | \$6,729.34 | -\$3,114.08 | \$4,004.36 | -\$1,923.70 |
| TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2024 | | | | -\$5,037.78 |
| 1. May's expenses were reduced by \$8,981.76. Past years' memorial fund expenses were charged to the church's general fund without the funds being transferred. That is in the process of being corrected. Some of those funds were used to pay part of this year's Non-Budgeted charges. | | | | |
| 2. Update of the Infant Room Grant: By early June, a total of \$59,407 had been requested in grant reimbursements. | | | | |

Trustees Report

Thanks to all who generously give of their time and talents to keep the church and the church grounds in excellent condition.



Sunday Mornings

Service 9:00AM Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30AM
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM



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

Good news and frustration are carrying our Early Childhood Center into summer. The good news is that enrollment has increased over the last couple of months, so we now have 47 children enrolled. The frustration is that while we have had our new Infant room ready for weeks and weeks, it is still not open for 1 (one) reason only -- the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment (the state regulator of all daycare services) has not given us our final inspection and official okay to open. They blame a cyber-breach of their system for the delay. Our local KDHE Surveyor (Inspector) feels badly about this and has promised to come and give us the inspection and approval to open the same day she gets the call from Topeka authorizing her to do

so. The very next day, we will have that new room OPEN to take in 8 babies, for a total enrollment of 55. Meanwhile, the grant funding has allowed us to fully prepare for the new Infant room AND it has allowed us to add Teachers so that we can have more kids in the older-age classrooms. Before, we were topped-out at 40 children as that was all we could have with the number of Teachers we had. With the new hires funded by the grant, we have already added 7 kids and we have room for 5 more. Our current license limits us to 60 children in total.

Please continue to pray for us, and ask for an end to the bureaucratic roadblock we are currently experiencing. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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

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The Young Adult Bible Study and College Age Study are taking a break for the Summer. Stay tuned for any special events.

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, July 21.

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.

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.



Bethany's Community Garden

On June 17, five children from the ECC watched me plant okra seeds. The sprouts are two inches tall. The children wanted to see them. They are fired up about the garden. I explained to them that the little sprouts will grow to be six

feet tall. They say they are ready to eat some okra.

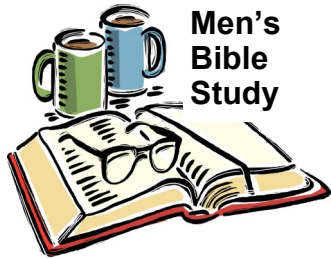
In the month of June, I spent four days in the hospital with pneumonia. It took a total of 16 days before I could even set in a chair and watch everyone else work in the garden. Today is June 25, and I'm able to do more and more each day. Without the dedicated workers who love the garden as much as I do there would be no garden. They spent hours and days keeping the grass and weeds under control. Taking care of young plants so they grow up to be healthy. There is always something more that needs to be done. Feel free to stop by the garden to see what is growing. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207



Last Wednesday the daycare children came out to the community garden to watch us plant okra. Today they got to come out to see the seedlings that have emerged.



Men's Bible Study



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1st & 3rd Tuesdays, starting July 2nd, 9:00am at the church. Will meet in the Library. Motivational/Inspirational Gathering. All welcome! For more information, contact Curtis Tucker, David Funke or Pastor Nick.

Fly Fishing Club

The Bethany Fly Fishing Club took a road trip to Lyon County State Fishing Lake on Wednesday, June 19th. We set out at 5:30am on a dark and rainy morning, headed to the Emporia area. As "windshield wipers slappin' time", the group shared stories and kept an eye on the weather forecast. We got to the lake at 8am, rain free, and broke out our gear. Mark Welty took 1st honors with a crappie. Doug and Dwan soon got hits (Dwan's in picture). We caught a combination of blue gill and bass. Doug mostly bass. We used the early release method for the bass. The method comes down to this: the fish got away before we could land them. The rain came back a little and left; the fish did likewise. We headed home at 12:30pm and had a great day despite the rain.



The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 20, from 9:00am to noon. The agenda will be casting practice for different situations and fly-tying. If you think this sounds like something you might enjoy, talk to Dwan Welty, Doug Meyer, or Robert Bolin.



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 contact Ruth Valdez.

Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. There have been 116 quilts finished this year so far. Backpacks are being sewn now also.

Even though it's the middle of summer, it is time to think about school supplies. Here is what is needed to complete Lutheran World Relief School Kits:

- Rulers with inches & centimeters,
- Scissors - blunt tip preferred,
- Pink Erasers,
- Pencil Sharpeners,
- Notebooks - 70ct, spiral,
- Pens - blue or black ink - no gel ink.



There will be a container in the "Donation Area" across from the office. Thank you for your past participation.

LWML will not be meeting during July and August. However, we will continue collecting MITES and eyeglasses, reading, sunglasses and soft eyeglass cases. MITES can be placed in the large MITE box on the LWML table in the Narthex and the glasses and cases in the wooden chest on the "donation table" across from the church office. We also encourage women to take a copy of the LWML Quarterly from the LWML table if you would like a copy. There are several articles of interest as well as Bible Studies in the Quarterly.

We will resume our monthly meetings in September. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 4 PM in the library.



There are several openings available on the flower calendar over the remaining months of the year. If you would like to furnish flowers, simply pick a date, write your name and just let Ruth Valdez know (316) 213-0177) if you wish to pick up flowers yourself or if you want LWML to get them for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our sanctuary on Sunday morning.



Fellowship/Outreach News

Nothing is planned for July but Movie Night is coming in August. If you have any movie suggestions give them to Jenny Colby or Deb Welty.



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 at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



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*

Baptism

June 16, 2024



Jackson Carrell, Gage Bolin, Marilyn & Arlee Fesler



Bethany Veterans

(Current as of 6-25-24)

- Deceased

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| • James Adams | SSGT | Air Force |
| • Randy Adams | SFC | Army |
| • Jeff Albright | CPL | Marine Corps |
| • Harold Albright | TSGT | Air Force |
| • Les Bleier | SGT | Army |
| • Bill Bolin Jr. | SP5 | Army |
| • Bill Bolin Sr. | SSGT | Marine Corps |
| • Don Brockmeyer | | Navy |
| • David Cannon | COL | Army |
| • Jack Cannon | MSGT | Air Force |
| • Mark Cannon | SSGT | Air Force |
| • Sean Cannon | SSGT | Air Force |
| • Nick Cordt | SSGT | Air Force |
| • Scott Francis | SGT | Army |
| • Jay Fritz | SMSGT | Air Force |
| • Rodney Fritz | SSGT | Air Force |
| • Billie Fromm | SFC | Army |
| • Robert Funke | TSGT | Air Force |
| • Francis Gansbauer | SN | Navy |
| • Lloyd Giesen | | Navy |
| • Victor Hasenbank | PFC | Army |
| • Mark Hembree | AT3 | Navy |
| • Kenneth Janne | SSGT | Army |
| • Dale Kahmeyer | PFC | Army |
| • Bruce Kester | HTFN | Navy |
| • Jack Kester | SN | Navy |
| • Kenneth Kester | SSGT | Army |
| • Regina Kester | AMN | Air Force |
| • Milt Krenke | TSGT | Army |

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| • Ed Kuehn | | Navy |
| • Raymond Kuehn | | Army |
| • Dale Mason | CPO | Navy |
| • Wayne Mayhugh | A1C | Air Force |
| • Jacob Merrick | SSGT | Marine Corps |
| • Glen Mishler | PFC | Army |
| • Kyle Moore | LCPL | Marine Corps |
| • Matt Morton | CPL | Marine Corps |
| • Elmer Obermueller | PFC | Army |
| • David Owen | | Air Force |
| • Charles Parmenter | SSGT | Army |
| • Charles J. Parmenter | CPL | Army |
| • Steve Pasewark | SN | Navy |
| • Emily Schaefer | SP4 | Army |
| • Verlyn Schaefer | SSGT | Army |
| • Richard Schott | A1C | Air Force |
| • George Schultz | CMSGT | Air Force |
| • Gene Sommerhauser | SP3 | Army |
| • Don Stoltenberg | PO1 | Navy |
| • Junior Storck | CPL | Army |
| • Gerald Stukey | PO1 | Navy |
| • Walt Trarbach | AM3 | Navy |
| • Ray Valdez | A3C | Air Force |
| • Jean Valle | PO3 | Navy |
| • Fred Westphal | CPL | Marine Corps |
| • Don Williams | MSGT | Army |
| • Dwayn Williams | PO1 | Coast Guard |
| • Sid Wise | 1LT | Air Force |
| • Elmer Wortman | CPL | Army |

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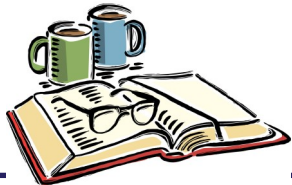
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Service at 9:00 AM
(also online: Facebook Live, YouTube)

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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