



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

August, 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

August 2024

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For the record: I just want to point out that I had my newsletter article done almost a week before it was due. (I make no promises moving forward, though)

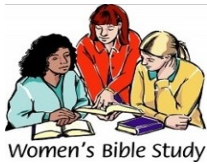
Something else that was a long time coming was the opening of our Infant Room. The remodel was completed back in April but it took KDHE close to three months to finally approve things and we have our first baby starting on Monday. For those of you wondering when the temporary wall is coming down: Due to frustrating bureaucracy, it will still be several weeks.

The last announcement this month is that David Funke is retiring at the end of September after nine years as Bethany's Secretary. We'll have reception and (of course) a pot luck on Sunday September 29th (tentatively). To fill his shoes, the Management Team has hired Julie O'Brien to be our new Administrative Assistant beginning the last week of September. Julie brings with her years of experience and we anticipate a seamless transition.

With all these changes happening, it's a good time to pause and remember that we serve a God who never changes. We pray that everything that we do and every decision that we make is in line with God's will. But we also take comfort knowing that no matter what happens, God is still, and will always be reigning on His throne. When Jesus said "I am with you always", He meant it.

Yours on the journey,





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.

Stewart, Ariauna K.	8/1
Schaefer, Ronald C.	8/3
Brockmeyer, Randall D.	8/5
Lewis, R. Heath H.	8/7
Winter, Sharon A.	8/7
Mellard II, Richard W.	8/8
Morton, Matthew P.	8/9
Stanberry, Owen N.	8/9
Carrell, Jackson T.	8/11
Macormac, Crystie A.	8/11
Swiggart, Melissa A.	8/11
Crossman, Diane	8/13
Fritz, Jay L.	8/13
Larson, Corbin A.	8/13
Reiling, Juliana M.	8/14
Welty, Camber	8/14
Welty, Dwan S.	8/14
Miller, Axel	8/15
Hankins, Elizabeth K.	8/18
Burl Sr., Darnell B.	8/19
Burl Jr., Darnell B.	8/20
Sporn, Randy J.	8/22
Reyes, Angela R.	8/24
Anton, Courtney N.	8/25
Walsh, Kenneth R.	8/28
Hood, Malachi J.	8/30



Croft, Jordyn C.	8/1
Kahmeyer, Harriette	8/2
Miller, Aaron	8/2
Horn, Andrew J.	8/5
Horn, Stephanie R.	8/5
Walsh, Jerome A.	8/8
Zink, Cody N.	8/9
Chamberlin, Kevin L.	8/11
Bolin, Phillip A.	8/12
Hampton, Troy C.	8/17
Moore, Kristen M.	8/17
Merrick, Leona M.	8/18
Triplett, Rebecca S.	8/19
Larson, Tara M.	8/21
Smith, Garrett L.	8/23
Schrahl, Sidney L.	8/25
Morton, Matthew P.	8/26
Stanberry, Claire N.	8/28
Nowak-Moore, Aurana S.	8/29
Owen, Angelica M.	8/31



Hasenbank, Scott C. and Kathleen M.	8/14	42 yrs
Hampton Jr., Melvin C. (Curtis) and Marcia L.	8/16	54 yrs
Terhune, Jeffery J. and Jill L.	8/21	20 yrs



August Greeters

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

September

- 1: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe
- 8: Dwan & Linda Welty
- 15: Mark & Debbie Welty
- 22: Sandy Wise
- 29: Robert & Pam Zindel

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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| Aug 4 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin | Sept 1 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty |
| Aug 11 | Deb Welty, Helper-Tonya Cordt | Sept 8 | Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien |
| Aug 18 | Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Julie O'Brien | Sept 15 | Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin |
| Aug 25 | Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty | Sept 22 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty |
| | | Sept 29 | Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt |



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

August

- Roger Obermueller
- Eric Schieber
- David Funke

September

- 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.



August

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

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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
 June and Year To Date
 Any questions: contact Bill Bolin.

Throughout the remainder of 2024 and through 2025 the Early Childhood Center will continue to pay a proportionate share of the utility and insurance costs.

The Management Team has approved a policy of keeping track of the church's general fund and the ECC's funds. At the end of the fiscal year both will be examined: If one side has a gain and the other a loss, the side with the gain will contribute to the other side until it has a zero balance any remaining funds will be put in a separate account. If both sides have a loss, the losses will be carried forward to the next fiscal year. If both sides have a gain, a separate fund will be set up for each.

	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	June	Jan.- June	June	Jan. - June
Revenues	\$24,311.75	\$157,378.30	\$23,560.66	\$136,639.14
Expenses	\$13,075.13	\$136,359.34	\$19,324.88	\$134,327.06
Balance	\$11,236.62	\$21,018.96	\$4,235.78	\$2,312.08

TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2024

\$23,331.04

- 1 \$7,480 in additional Memorial Funds were transferred in June.
- 2 Update of the Infant Room Grant: By early July, all of the remaining grant had been requested.
- 3 The Infant Room Grant paid over \$12,000 in utility and insurance costs.

It is time to look at ordering offering envelopes. These will be automatically reordered for you unless you are currently electronically paying, or you do not want the envelopes. If you do not want them please contact the church office or Bill Bolin.

Trustees Report

Many thanks to Bethany for funding the replacement units in the sanctuary! We will not be using loan dollars for this expense.

Lawn irrigation system all functional and the grass looks great! Thanks to the volunteers that keep the grounds looking good!!

We have replaced the age old mop sink in the janitor closet. Upgrade will make things easier for staff.

Plenty of items on the "to do" list. Again, thanks to all who help out at Bethany!!

Trustees



Welcome to new members

Jennifer and Craig Boehlke, Retired Pastor formerly at St. Andrews Lutheran. After visiting several churches, they decided to transfer membership to Bethany. We welcome you both to our congregation.



Early Childhood Center Update



(1) WE'RE OPEN !!!

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and support through our (unexpectedly) long process of expanding our Daycare program. It has paid off! Our new Infant room will now be OPEN this Monday, the 29th of July! Praise the Lord! Miracles do happen!

Not only is our Infant room open, but we have the Teachers on staff now to allow us to fill our other rooms to our licensed capacity. Our enrollment has already increased, and we will add 8 babies to our enrollment through the addition of the Infant room.

This has been a longer process than anyone imagined when we started out, partly because of bureaucratic rigamarole as well as the tough state of today's employment market. From the Fire Marshall losing our paperwork to KDHE being hit by a cyber attack, in between all the inspections and approval processes, we were faced with delay after delay. But that is all behind us now, and we are OPENING our new services. We now offer a full range of child daycare from 6 weeks of age to 5 years old. The demand for care from families with babies and older children certainly exists, and we are now one of too few Centers that offer Infant care.

(2) IT'S PAID FOR!

At the end of June, we came to the end of the Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund grant...and we were able to claim all of the \$109,000 we were awarded through the grant. That money was dedicated to specific areas: Paying the salaries of our new Staff members during this time of transition, paying for their hiring costs (job ads, etc), buying supplies and materials for the newly remodeled rooms, paying for some Teacher training, paying for the ECC's share of utilities and insurance during the expansion process, and paying for an expansion and rehabilitation of the playground. The expansion of our Early Childhood (Daycare) program has been carried out without a net cost to the Church's budget, and now we are positioned to take in enough children to actually make our ECC profitable. With the opening of Infant care, we revamped (raised) our tuition rates to match going market prices. This will result in more income for the same number of children enrolled. If our enrollment meets projections, our Daycare will not be a financial burden to Bethany like our Day School used to be, but rather it will provide positive income for Bethany.

(3) PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The grant ended up paying for some new play equipment, some repair to existing equipment, a new, bigger and better fence, and rubber mulch (12 tons of it) for the play surface. These items are not here yet -- they have been ordered and should be installed over the next month or two. Watch for these improvements to the playground!

(4) THANK YOU!

We want to thank Mark Welty and his Trustees for all the construction work that had to be done to make all of this happen. We want to thank individual donors who donated materials to help make the construction happen.

We want to thank our Danita (our ECC Director), Pastor Nick, and Mark Welty for their patience in dealing with the many bureaucratic headaches and hassles. We want to thank Bill Bolin, Jr., for his help with budgeting. We want to thank all of YOU for your continued support and prayers throughout this effort!

And most of all, we thank and praise God, from whom all blessings flow! May His purpose for Bethany be fulfilled! This is truly a team effort, and with this great team of ours, we (God and you) have made it happen! THANK YOU!

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

Colored Ice, Sprinklers, Pools, and Popsicles
Made Water Day Fun for Everyone!

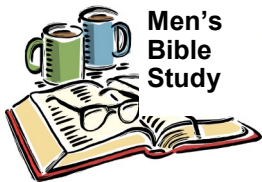




Bethany's Community Garden

On the 25th of July, several children from the ECC gathered and I showed them how to water the plants, how to pick a ripe tomato, and how to pick a summer squash.

The tomato production has slowed down a little because of spider mites affecting the plants. We are using a home made remedy of soap and herbs. The summer squash and zucchini are producing. So are the sweet peppers and eggplant. Soon we will have cantaloupe and watermelons. We harvested a good crop of Irish potatoes. Two new additions to the garden are strawberries and blackberries. We will be picking them next year. We have been planting seeds for a fall garden. There will be more cabbage, green beans, Irish potatoes, beets, cucumbers, okra, lettuce, spinach, radish, etc. The excessive heat is always a challenge. We have several shade cloths that were donated by members and we are mulching with dried leaves and straw. Feel free to stop by the garden to see what is growing. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207



Men's Bible Study/Fellowship

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:00am at the church. Will meet in the Meet and Eat Room. Motivational/Inspirational Gathering. All welcome! For more information, contact Curtis Tucker (316-942-5060) David Funke (316-516-7775)

Fly Fishing Club

We spent time with casting and different casting variables. We then watched a video on Euro style casting. August meeting activity and date are still in the works. Any questions talk with Dwan Welty, Doug Meyer, or Robert Bolin.

Lutheran Women in Mission

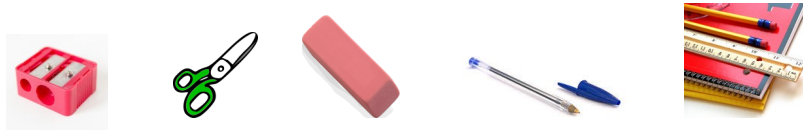
Lutheran Women in Mission is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All women of the congregation are welcome. For more information contact Ruth Valdez.

Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. There have been over 135 quilts finished this year so far. Backpacks are being sewn now also for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

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 in August, but will begin meeting on September 10th at 4PM in the Library. If you have MITES, please place them in the large MITE box on the LWML table in the Narthex. Reminder: Our meetings are open to all ladies of the congregation and the MITE boxes are available to anyone who wishes to contribute your change or dollars to help with our many projects both locally, nationally and internationally.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT WAS SENT to MOST Ministries of eyeglasses, sunglasses, reading glasses, as well as a total of 53 soft glass cases. Thank you to all for your contribution to this worthwhile ministry. We continue to collect these glasses and cases and they can be placed in the wooden chest on the right side on the "donation table" across from the church office.

THERE ARE STILL several openings on the altar flower calendar. If you would like to furnish flowers, simply pick a date, write your name by the date, and let Ruth Valdez (316) 213-0177, know if you wish to pick up flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you. NOTE: If you pick up plants, please be sure that they have water so they will be fresh for Sunday morning. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



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 an in-depth study from CPH on the book of Revelation. If the last New Testament book interests you, 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 will lead a study of the Old Testament prophets. Begins July 28.

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.



Movie Night (Afternoon)

Planning a group visit to the Warren West Theatre to see the movie “Daniel”. This is a biblical story that will only be shown one weekend. We’re planning to go to the afternoon showing on Sunday, September 1st. Contact Deb Welty and/or watch for more information in the Sunday NewsNotes.



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.

Food Donations



Concordia Academy-Wichita 909 S Market St Wichita, KS 67211

www.concordiaacademywichita.org, a 9th-12th grade Lutheran Liberal Arts High School is located in the heart of Wichita. Uncompromisingly Classical, Intentionally Christian, Particularly Lutheran



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*



Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208 Learn more at www.fairmountministries.org. Fairmount Ministries and Coffee Co. will be installing a new DCE, Hannah Elsey on August 11 at 2 pm. Her title is Director of Discipleship and Engagement. T.O.T. (Theology On Tap) meets once a month on Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, KS 67067.

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.

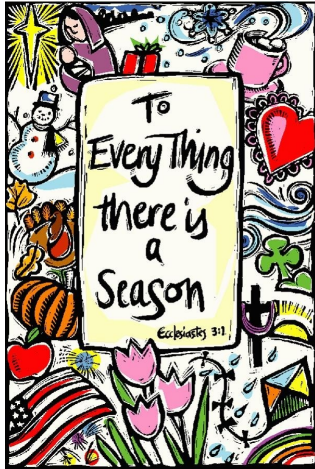
Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast as well as Internet and print communications, 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.

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ECC: See pg 5



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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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