



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

November, 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

November 2024

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I don't often get the opportunity to have a short newsletter article but with everything happening during the next two months, we needed the space to include a schedule with all the upcoming events and activities. This is just an overview and we'll have more details about each event on our website and in the (newly redesigned) "News Notes" as they get closer.

Be sure to invite your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, or whomever to be a part of what God is doing here at Bethany.

Yours in Christ,

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

(Events happening in addition to regular Sunday morning schedule)

Wed. Nov. 27	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service Pie/Fellowship Time
Thu. Nov. 28	(Office & ECC Closed)	
Fri. Nov. 29	(Office & ECC Closed)	
Tue. Dec. 3	8:45 AM	Circuits 10 & 11 Winkel (Monthly gathering of Pastors)
Wed. Dec. 4	5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Advent Soup Supper Bells Practice Wed. Eve. Advent Service Choir Practice
Wed. Dec. 11	5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Advent Soup Supper Bells Practice Wed. Eve. Advent Service Choir Practice
Sat. Dec. 14	8:00 AM	SWNA Neighborhood Breakfast
Wed. Dec. 18	5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Advent Soup Supper Bells Practice Wed. Eve. Advent Service Choir Practice
Tue. Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (w/ Holy Communion)
Wed. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Service (w/ Holy Communion) (Office/ECC Closed. No other activities scheduled)

Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library.** 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:** Nov. 3rd and 17th.

Men's Bible Study: 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) or David Funke (316-516-7775)

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. We are back walking in the Activity Center!!

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, Julie O'Brien, or send an email to pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org

Albright Jr., Kevin D. (Kevin)	11/2
Bolin, Amber M.	11/4
Parmenter, Caleb M. (Caleb)	11/4
Horn, Alexander J. (Alex)	11/4
Tucker, Michelle (Michelle)	11/14
Neumiller, Fern	11/15
Miller, Archer	11/16
Vinroe, Richard L. (Richard)	11/18
Anton, Lilli	11/18
Baldrige, Margaret D.	11/19
Albright, Keely B.	11/19
Storck, Shirley J. (JoAnn)	11/20
Shipman, Bailee R.	11/20
Lang, Dolores M. (Dolores)	11/21
Ohmie, Matthew B. (Matthew)	11/22
Cannon, Jacob A. (Jacob)	11/23
Cannon, Zachary B. (Zack)	11/24
Fromm, Billie	11/25
Nienke, Doris A. (Doris)	11/29
Miller, Melissa	11/30



Anton, Travis D. (Travis)	11/8
Keimig, Alan R. (Alan)	11/13
Bolin, Amber M.	11/17
Anton, Lilli	11/17
Nienke, Steven A. (Steve)	11/19
Hampton Jr., Melvin C. (Curtis)	11/22
Merrick, Ron	11/25
Lang, Dolores M. (Dolores)	11/27



Bolin, Robert A. and Jeanetta K.	11/17
Ohmie, Robert R. (Robert) and Barbara S. (Barb)	11/23
Schaefer, Ronald C. (Ron) and Mary Jo (Mary Jo)	11/23
Albright, Joseph L. (Joe) and Teresa	11/27

Greeters



November

3: Craig & Jennifer Boehlke
 10: Bill & Toni Bolin
 17: Phillip & Gage Bolin
 24: Robert & Jeanetta Bolin

December

1: Lois Brockmeyer
 8: Jim & Vera Brummett
 15: Doris Cannon
 22: Jenny Colby
 29: Dean & Diane Crossman

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

Nov 3 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Dec 1 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Nov 10 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Dec 8 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Nov 17 Julie O'Brien Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Dec 15 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Nov 24 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Dec 22 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
	Dec 29 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin

Altar Guild



Fill

Nov 3 & Dec 1	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Nov 10 & Dec 8	Mable Moore
Nov 17 & Dec 15	Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield
Nov 24 & Dec 22	Laurie Carrell
Dec 29	Doris Cannon

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

November

Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer
 Larry Moore

December

David Funke
 Roger Obermueller
 Eric Schieber

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

3: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 10: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 17: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 24: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty

December

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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 & Treasures September and Year To Date				
	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	September	Jan. - Sept.	September	Jan. - Sept.
Revenues	\$32,075.21	\$228,085.16	\$30,636.74	\$209,536.09
Expenses	\$21,081.66	\$213,039.15	\$33,908.26	\$230,627.46
Balance	\$10,993.55	\$15,046.01	-\$3,271.52	-\$21,091.37
TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024				-\$6,045.36
NOTES:				
1	THE LOAN AND LINE OF CREDIT WERE PAID OFF THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER.			

Trustees Report

We welcome cooler weather. Grass mowing is winding down. Might allow us to work on interior tasks. Work is about to begin with painting of the south canopy and main entrance. Three to four days for the contractor to complete. Decades old need to make our entrance attractive. Should not hinder access. We have been blessed with circle drive funding to continue the upgrades. The gutter on the canopy needs replaced. Too much rust to patch/paint. This is under bid for cost to replace. 1958 to present is quite a life span!!
Thx, Trustees

Fly Fishing Club

The Fly Fishing Club will meet in November, although NO definite date, time or location has been determined. The tentative activity is a day of fishing! For more information talk with Robert Bolin, Doug Meyer or Dwan Welty.

Sunday Mornings

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

LIBRARY: Robert Bolin leads an in-depth study from CPH on the Book of Revelations.

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. Currently studying the book of Romans.

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.

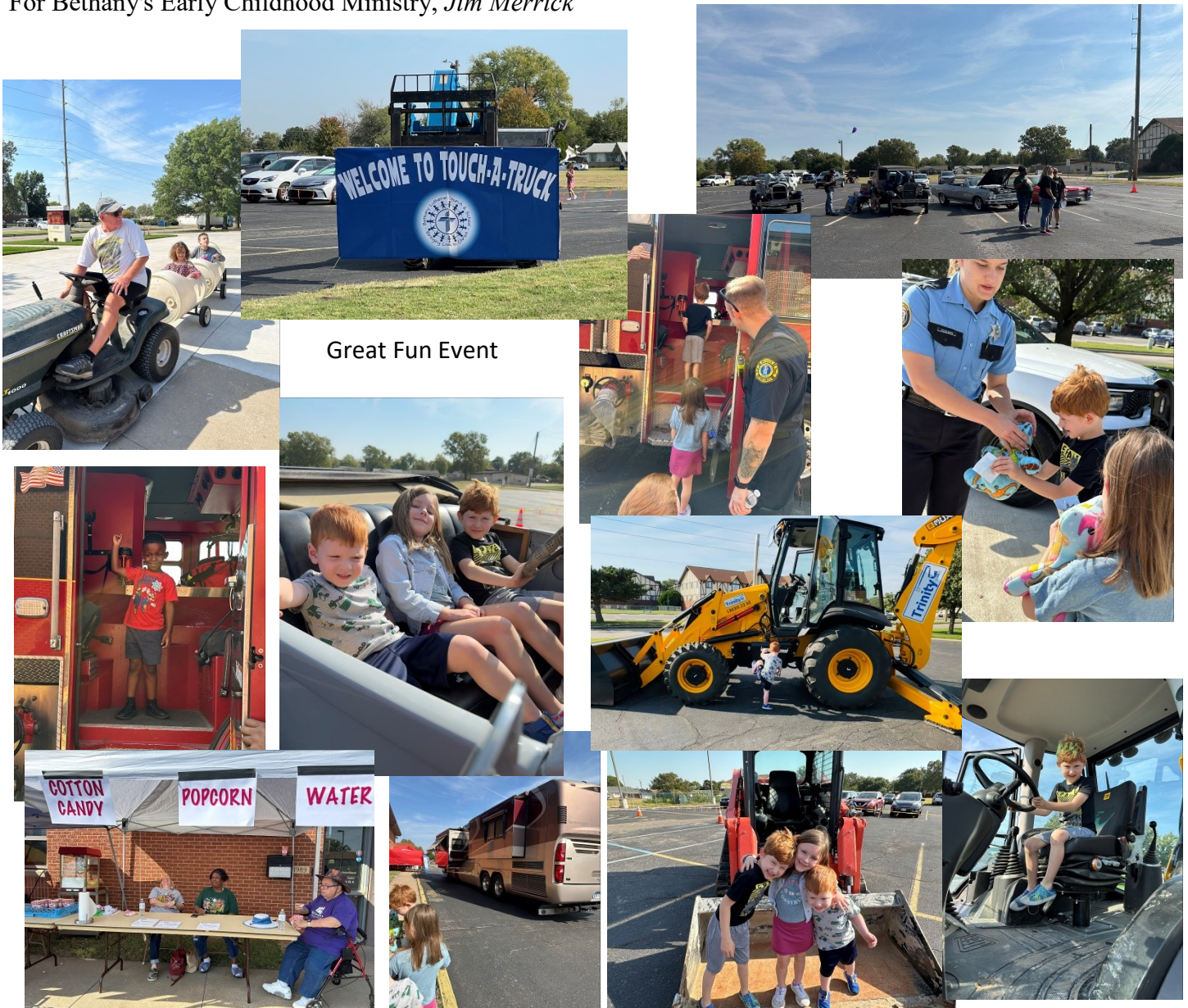


Early Childhood Center

Well, we are holding our own, and the future looks bright. Our enrollment was kind of down for a while as the summer ended, but it is trending upward now. We were hurt by KDHE's long-drawn-out approval process for our new Infant room, as we HAD a waiting list for that room but it took so long for KDHE to do their thing that families just couldn't wait anymore, so they went somewhere else (in some cases taking their older kids with them.) We have had some new enrollees, and as soon as their payment methods get set up, they will be here in November. When that happens we will have 42 children, up from our current 40. We now have 4 babies attending, and November will see us with 5 babies. We have 8 spaces for babies.

We have been hard at work to find new families for our Daycare... We have just been approved to be on the referral list for the McConnell AFB daycare center, which is FULL. Air Force families looking for daycare will now receive our information as a suggestion for care for their kids. We also have just now purchased a Google ad. We found that a simple Google search for daycare in our area did NOT show us (by design -- thanks, Google) so we are fixing that by buying an ad. People who search for daycare within 8 miles of our building will now see our ad pop up, and Google promises us up to 360 ad clicks a month. The ad will be "live" any time now.

As always, we are SO grateful for your support! Please keep praying for us...
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*





Bethany's Garden Come Grow with Us!

The Average First Frost Date in our area is on the 28th of October. But that does not explain the overnight temperature of 31 to 35 degrees we had a couple of weeks ago. Toni and I tried to cover plants that we could in desperation because the wind was blowing in the 40 mph range. We wanted to cover the okra with a tarp and even Robert O. tried but we had to give it up. Someone should of taken a video. The okra did okay anyway. Put down a lot of straw around the plants. Cold damage was minimal. The twenty green cabbages and the eight red cabbages thrive best in this kind of weather. So, does the eight red Kohlrabi.



One of the worst challenge I have ever had is the moles that have found the garden. They destroyed the bush green bean plants. I was

harvesting a gallon every other day. I sure hated to see that. When they finished the beans they headed for the okra. The moles tried the sunflowers but I don't think they cared for the smell. I hope the moles don't destroy the cabbage plants. I have been spreading used coffee grounds around plants because moles don't like the smell. What the problem is when I water the smell is diluted. So the moles just go back and forth. We are planting tulips, daffodils, and irises. We will be enjoying blooms from February through May. An idea I have is to use chicken wire around the bulbs to protect them from the moles. Any other ideas are welcome. Keep watching for the wonders God is blessing us with. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207



Please join us for pie and fellowship immediately after the Thanksgiving Eve service, November 28th. If you would like to donate a pie or ice cream please contact Jenny Colby, 516-2279.



Bethany Youth Will Be Serving Advent Meals on:

- December 4 Vegetable Beef
- December 11 Chili
- December 18 Chicken Noodle

Freewill offering for youth gathering in 2025.



Lutheran Women in Mission

WE ARE STILL collecting eyeglasses and our box is empty. If you have any extra glasses, sunglasses or soft glass cases that you wish to contribute, please bring them and place them in the chest on the "donation table" across from the church office.

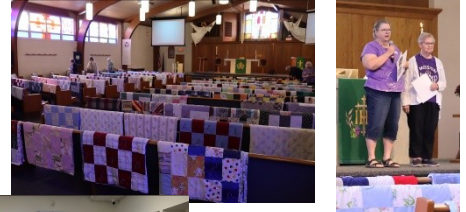
MEETINGS ARE on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on November 12th at 4:00 in the Library. We would love to have you join us.

LWML WILL again be having a **Bake Sale in mid-December**. Proceeds from this year's sale will be split between helping our youth toward their expenses for next year's National Youth Gathering and MITES. Watch for more information on this and hopefully we will have lots of our wonderful bakers take part again this year.

MITES: if you are in need of a MITE box or would like to have a new MITE box, please stop by our table in the Narthex and pick one up to help support our Mission projects.

THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS on the altar flower calendar. If you wish 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. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Here are the totals that we shipped to Lutheran World Relief October 22. **Quilts - 169 , School Kits - 86 , Baby Care Kits - 15, Sewing Kits - 15** And, we donated \$550.00 to the Lutheran World Relief shipping fund. *Thank you to all who helped make this possible.*



David Funke Retires



Retired
But Still an
Active Member.



Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.



SWNA Annual
Neighborhood Breakfast

8am to 11am

FREE
BREAKFAST

Bethany Lutheran Church
1000 W 26th St South

December
14th

SouthWichita.com

316-260-0223



Movie Night and Second Saturday

No Movie night or Second Saturday Cleaning in November. Look for more information in Sunday NewsNotes. If you have suggestions of movies for future months, contact Deb Welty.



Management Team Update

On Sunday December 8th (following Sunday School and Adult Bible Class) we'll have our annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck.

The Treasurer will present the 2025 Budget for approval and President Robert Bolin and Pastor Nick will give updates about current happenings and future plans for the congregation.

More details will be shared via e-mail and in the News Notes in the coming weeks.

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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Food Donations

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.



The "College Age Bible Study" will be meeting each Tuesday combined with the "Young Adults Group" at 6:47pmm. They will be studying Luke. T.O.T.(Theology On Tap) meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, KS 67067.

Concordia Academy in partnership with Fairmount Ministries will be hosting their Second Annual Concert Series on Friday Nov 15 at 7:30pm This event is produced by Wichita Grand Opera and will feature 2 of J.S. Bach's Cantatas. A student art show and light reception will follow the performance. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
27	9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible 4pm - Reformation Fest	28	1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6:30pm - MGMT Team	29	10am - LWML - Quilting	30	9:30am - ECC Chapel. 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6pm - Bells - Practice 7pm - Choir - Practice	31		1	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	2	9am - LWML Quilting 5pm - Jordan Weity -
3	9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	4	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	5	10am - LWML - Quilting	6	9:30am - ECC Chapel. 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6pm - Bells - Practice 7pm - Choir - Practice	7	9am - Men's Fellowship	8	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	9	9am - 2nd Saturday Work 9am - LWML Quilting
10	9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	11	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	12	10am - LWML - Quilting	13	9:30am - ECC Chapel. 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6pm - Bells - Practice 7pm - Choir - Practice	14		15	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	16	9am - LWML Quilting
17	9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	18	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	19	10am - LWML - Quilting	20	9:30am - ECC Chapel. 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6pm - Bells - Practice 7pm - Choir - Practice	21	9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Women's Bible	22	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	23	9am - LWML Quilting 11am - A.C. Reserved
24	9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	25	1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6:30pm - MGMT Team	26	10am - LWML - Quilting 7pm - SWNA Meeting	27	9:30am - ECC Chapel. 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 7pm - Worship - 7:30pm - Pie Time!	28	OFFICE/ECC Closed Thanksgiving Day 10am - A.C. Reserved	29	ECC Closed 1pm - GPWaT (God's)	30	9am - LWML Quilting

November



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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