



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

January, 2025

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

January 2025

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Pastor Nick’s January 2025 Newsletter Article

Happy New Year! We made it through another Advent/Christmas season. Last week, on Christmas Day, my family spent the afternoon at the in-law’s house having lunch, opening presents, and watching the Chiefs beat the Steelers. My mother-in-law commented to Tonya that I was much more quiet and reserved than normal. Her response: “Well, he did just get done writing and preaching 6 different sermons over the past 7 days.”

I share that not to garner sympathy but rather to point out all the hard work Julie, Sandy, our ushers, readers, Elders, greeters, decorators, Fellowship team, and many others put in over the past month. So to all those who used their time, talent, and treasure, if I haven’t told you already, thank you!

One of the sentiments that I see often around Christmas is: “Jesus is the reason for the season.” While I wholeheartedly agree with that statement, we need to remember that the Child in the manger went on to become the Savior on the cross. And because of His death and resurrection for our sake, we have been given the gift of eternal life with Him. So, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ,



Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library.** We will meet again on Thursday, January 16. The new study is Donna Snow's "Unshakable" See pg 7 for more description of study. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.

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.

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

Zindel, Pamela (Pam)	5-Jan
Welty, Linda D. (Linda)	8-Jan
Tope, Sandra (Sandy)	11-Jan
Kester, Regina (Regina)	13-Jan
Bolin, Robert A.	19-Jan
Horn, Arlen J. (A.J.)	19-Jan
Merrick, Leona M. (Leona)	24-Jan
Ohmie, Barbara S. (Barb)	25-Jan
Valdez, Ramon E.	29-Jan
Horn, Ruth (Ruth)	30-Jan



Baptisms

Vinroe, Dorisann L. (Dorisann)	1-Jan
Schrahl, Timothy G. (Tim)	1-Jan
Parmenter, Michael G. (Mike)	6-Jan
Obermueller, Marilyn M. (Marilyn)	7-Jan
Zindel, Pamela (Pam)	28-Jan



Brummett, James D. (Jim) and Vera K.	21-Jan
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Greeters

January

5: Laurie Carrell, Marilyn & Arlee
 12: Vickie Collins
 19: Linda Firsching
 26: Esther Fisher

February

2: Jay Fritz
 9: Billie & Vergene Fromm
 16: David Funke
 23: Sharon Guenther

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 are scheduled, 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

Jan 5 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Feb 2 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Jan 12 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Feb 9 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Jan 19 Julie Obrien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Feb 16 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Jan 26 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Feb 23 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt



Altar Guild

Fill

Jan 5 & Feb 2	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Jan 12 & Feb 9	Mable Moore
Jan 19 & Feb 16	Amy Salazar
Jan 26 & Feb 23	Doris Cannon

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

January

Braden Cordt
 Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer

February

David Funke
 Larry Moore
 Curtis Tucker

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.



January

5: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 12: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 19: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 26: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty

February

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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 and Treasure

November and Year-To-Date

	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	November	Jan. - Nov.	November	Jan. - Nov.
Revenues	\$22,964.94	\$271,982.91	\$44,060.07	\$281,036.62
Expenses	\$23,863.09	\$263,363.28	\$37,010.33	\$316,130.16
Balance	-\$898.15	\$8,619.63	\$7,049.74	-\$35,093.54
TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024				-\$26,473.91

In line with the approval of the congregation to use a line of credit to help pay the ECC's expenses until it has turned the financial corner, \$20,000 has been drawn and is reflected as part of the ECC's November income. All of the parents, as of December 23, are current in their payments. Through December 22 the ECC's revenue is \$28,347.83. The ECC had 42 children enrolled in November and as of December 23 the enrollment is up to 46 children (four were added the week of December 16). At the end of December, any positive church revenues will be used to pay ECC expenses.

Trustees Report

Bethany...

We pray for all to know and to celebrate the baby Jesus!!

As we journey into the new year, we are thankful for the volunteers and members that keep our church and grounds in check. A formidable task!!

Ongoing upgrades and repairs are in the works.

Please understand our shared info as we attempt to fund and complete many items long overdo!

After the holidays, we will try to create a priority list, with general costs to present to the congregation.

We understand things take time and prayer for consideration.

For now , we wish you and yours a Happy New Year!!

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. Currently studying other religions and how they differ from the Lutheran church beliefs.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Nick leads a class. Topic changes. Just finished study on The Apocrypha.

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

Child Care serving children 6 weeks up to 6 years (if they have not attended kindergarten). We provide formula for infants and breakfast, homemade lunch and afternoon snack for all.

We hope that your Christmas and New Year's have been blessings to you! For us here in the ECC, the holiday break, and absent children while their families take some time off, are a blessing of rest to us. Now, though, everybody is coming back, and we are getting busier again...

Our big project for right now is to hire a new Teacher for our Infant room. After losing one Teacher last month to a higher-paying job, we were able to cover for her for a little while, but we can't keep moving Teachers

to cover for that one position, so we have begun the hiring process. We are advertising the position, and have gotten a batch of applications, so now we are working our way through those to find people to interview, and - we hope- to hire. Please pray for a speedy and successful hiring process.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Jim Merrick, Early Childhood Ministry Team of Bethany Lutheran Church.

O Lord, let my
New Year's resolution
be to
follow you
more closely
and to
trust in your
loving guidance.



Movie Night and Second Saturday Cleaning

Cleaning:

January 11th, 9:00am

Will work on the Kitchen
cabinets.

Movie Night:

January 11th. 6:30pm

Movie Title to Be Determined



Look for more information in the Sunday NewsNotes.

If you have suggestions of movies for future months, contact Deb Welty.



Bethany's Garden - Come Grow with Us!

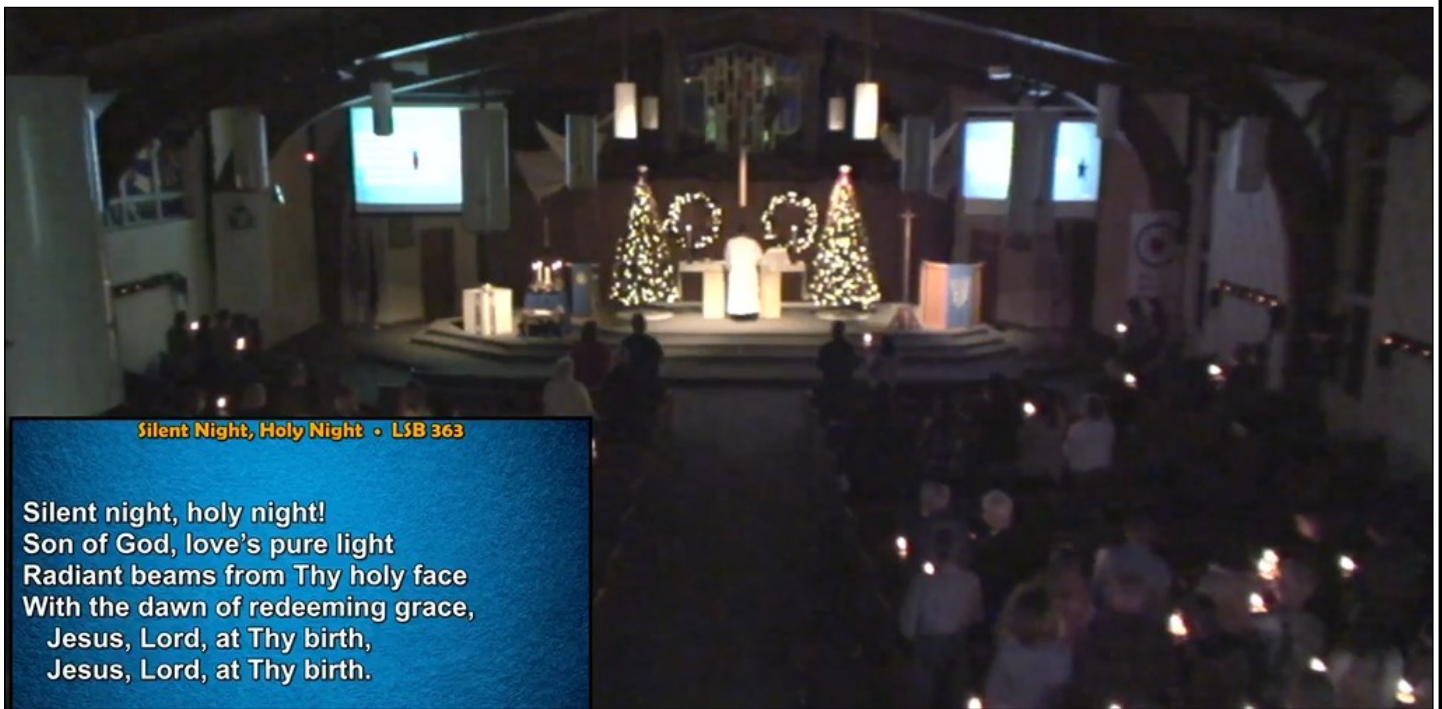
Bethany's Garden Now is the time to reflect on 2024. The challenges and accomplishments provide us lessons learned about what worked and what to do differently. We planted tomato plants that produced slicers weighing 8 ounces to 16 ounces and the skin was yellow, red, purple and pink. This year eight red cherry tomatoes from last year's seeds came up on their own. We call them volunteers and they are free. We used shade cloths for all of the tomatoes and that was a huge success. This helped to keep the plants healthy even in the extreme heat. First time to plant a melon patch that was 12 feet by 30 feet. The spring cabbage was the best we have ever grown. One head weighed 4 pounds and 4 ounces. The only two disappointments with production are the garlic and cucumbers.

We all should say thank you to the individuals that donated their time and worked very hard. One person can't do it all. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207

Christmas Eve Service



Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid



Silent Night, Holy Night • LSB 363

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the bake sale a great success. Without all your help and support this mission project for our youth and mites would not have been possible, so again thank you!!

We have been fortunate to receive a very large supply of soft eyeglass cases from a member of Ascension, Wichita. As a result, a box containing only soft cases was shipped to MOST Ministries shortly before Christmas. They are very appreciative to receive the boxes we send them as we continue to collect eyeglasses and soft cases in the chest across from the church office.



If anyone would like to have one of the Thrivent t-shirts that you may have seen some of us wearing the day of the bake sale or before, we have several available for no charge. Check with either Ruth Valdez or Jeanetta Bolin if you would like one.

LWML will again begin having our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, 4:00 PM in the Library. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

If you wish to furnish flowers for any Sunday this new year, feel free to check the flower calendar and simply pick a date, then let Ruth Valdez know (316) 213-0177, if you wish to get flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you.

QUILTING GROUP has been busy. There have already been 37 quilts finished since October. Come and join us on Tuesday mornings and Saturday mornings.



New Women's Bible Study starts January 16th at 7:00pm in the Library at Bethany. Come and bring a friend. Contact Jenny Colby for more information.

This Bible study guides participants through the lives of 8 remarkable men and women whom God shook to the core, then used to point people to the hope of salvation. Learn their history, peer into their struggles, and see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today.

Each of these men and women thought that they would lead normal, ordinary lives, but God had unique, extraordinary plans for each of them. Somewhere in this cast of characters, we will find ourselves. In each person, we will see how the Lord gave them the faith to survive and thrive. The Lord provides that same strength and grace to 21st century believers, as well.

Throughout this study, the Bible shows us how, through both practical and spiritual lessons, to face and navigate life's hardships and heartaches with UNSHAKABLE faith. Being shaken is part of a believer's life: but because of Jesus' victory over death and sin, standing on shaky ground is not how our story ends.

Fly Fishing Club

Look for more information about December meeting in Sunday News Notes. Any questions please talk with Doug Meyer, Robert Bolin or Dwan 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 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.*

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 9:00 AM (88.7AM)**. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

Issues, Etc.

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY... Many Christians struggle with prayer even though it is an essential part of the Christian life. What should I Pray for? Or How should I pray? What if my mind wanders? This book is a modern translation that brings Luther's Practical instruction to us. Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession and Prayer. This method anchors prayer in the catechism and allows the Holy Spirit to prompt thoughts via the Word.



FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

Address: 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208

Phone: 316-684-5224 www.fairmountministries.org

The "College Age Bible Study" will be meeting each Tuesday combined with the "Young Adults Group" at 6:47p m. They will be studying Romans.

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. About Theology On Tap: This is a Social time and a discussion about a theological or spiritual topic. Some of our topics that we have discussed at most recent events are: Social Justice, End Times and the book of Revelation, Gender & Identity, Consumerism, Patriotism and the Bible, Angels and Demons, and a fan favorite, Ask the Pastor Night!



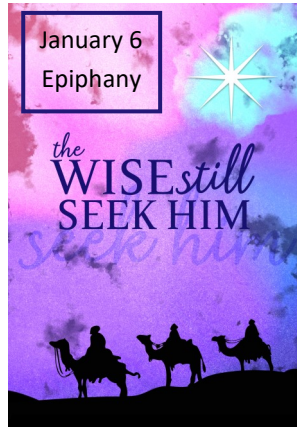
Sunday Mornings

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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