



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

April, 2024

## Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26<sup>th</sup> 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  
One through Five  
Program Director

Danita Seamars

316-265-3033

## April 2024

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He is risen! (For the record, I started working on this article on March 2, because I knew that with Easter falling on March 31, there is no way I would have time to compose a marginally coherent article with everything going on during Holy Week.

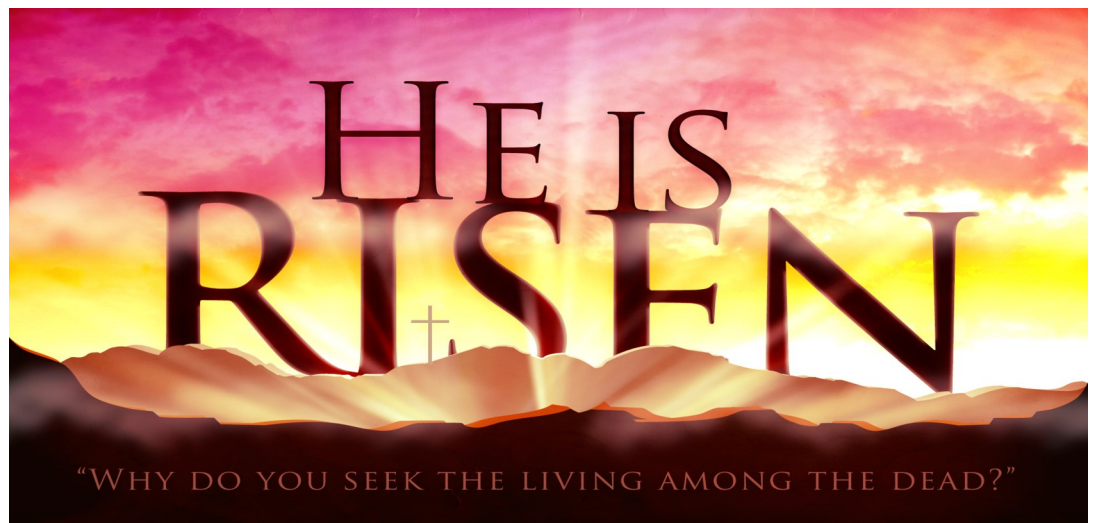
*(Fast-forward a month and I am finishing this article April 3<sup>rd</sup> ...)*

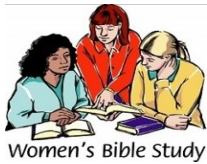
One of the traditions we have in the church is to refrain from saying “Alleluia” or “He is risen!” during Lent. And while I am a big fan of tradition and doing things “the way we’ve always done them”, I have zero hesitation in saying “Alleluia” or “He is risen!” at (supposedly) “inappropriate” times (like I did on Good Friday). This isn’t a case of Pastor Nick flippantly disregarding tradition. If you read our Lutheran funeral liturgy, it makes no mention of omitting the “He is risen. He is risen, indeed!” response during Lent. This is with good reason. We are an Easter people 24-7.

Jesus sacrificial death and glorious resurrection define who we are. Too often, we wait for Jesus’ second coming like He’s still in the grave. He’s not! The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! What’s stopping us from proclaiming what He’s done for us?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Nick





**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. Come and join us and bring a friend.

**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](mailto:pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org)



**Seniors' Activities: Breakfast:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**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.

Obermueller, Anne R.	4/2
Guenther, Sharon	4/7
Setchell, Kimberly A.	4/7
Hood, Marlena M.	4/8
Francis, Scott E.	4/9
Merrick, Timothy J.	4/13
Terhune, Jaden W.	4/13
Anton-Cannon, Doris S.	4/15
Burl, Arie J.	4/15
Hatfield, Tammie	4/16
Valdez, Ruth M.	4/17
Tucker, Curtis E.	4/18
Edwards, Brian	4/19
Schreffler, Sydney J.	4/20
Kester, Kenneth R.	4/21
Moore, Kyle D.	4/21
Zink, Nancy A.	4/22
Karnes, Victor M.	4/26
Lewis, Denise R.	4/26
Setchell, Sarah I.	4/27
Farmer, Shannon D.	4/30



Lang, Nina S.	4/1
Williamson, Ashley L.	4/2
Bolin, Breeanna M.	4/4
Giles-Dunkel, Caige A.	4/4
Shipman, Stacy R.	4/9
Hayes, Christopher N.	4/10
Vinroe, Kali A.	4/11
Cordt, Nicholas R.	4/13
Fisher, Sophia G.	4/14
Hayes, James E.	4/15
Anton, Jason W.	4/16
Swiggart, Ryan C.	4/18
Swiggart, Melissa A.	4/19
Lewis, Ava R.	4/23
Swiggart, Matthew L.	4/25
Hood, Makayla S.	4/26

**APRIL**  
 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Albright, Dennis L. and Debra S.	4/2	48 yrs
Puls, Gary and Linda K.	4/13	40 yrs



## Greeters

### April

7: Tim Merrick  
 14: Doug & Sheri Meyer  
 21: Dale & Sylvia Moore  
 28: Larry & Mable Moore

### May

5: Mary Morton  
 12: Steve Nienke  
 19: Roger & Sherri Obermueller  
 26: Robert & Barb Ohmie

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, class following and Activity time in Youth room in basement

April 7	Ruth Valdez	May 5	Ruth Valdez
April 14	Deb Welty	May 12	Deb Welty
April 21	Ruth Valdez	May 19	Ruth Valdez
April 28	Deb Welty	May 26	Deb Welty



## Altar Guild

### Fill

Mar. 3 & Apr. 7	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Mar. 10 & Apr. 14	Doris Cannon
Mar. 17 & Apr. 21	Amy Salazar
Mar. 24 & Apr. 28	Tammie Hatfield & Lois Adams
Mar. 31	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

### April

Bill Fromm  
 David Funke  
 Roger Obermueller

### May

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.



### April

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

### May

5: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie  
 12: 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.





## Men's Retreat

**Friday/Saturday: April 26th and 27th.**

**Hosted by Spiritual Leadership Team.**

Held at 8718 S Sylvia Rd, Sylvia, Ks. Sylvia is about 70miles from Wichita on US 50. (room to house five people if you would wish to spend the night.)

**Friday (4pm)...** hang out with food provided

**Saturday (8am-5ish)...** carpool from Bethany  
(meet at Bethany at 7AM to carpool)

Breakfast / Fellowship with Study / Lunch

Afternoon: Fellowship with study.

Free Time. Pistol/target shooting available.

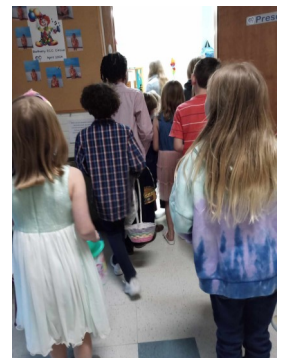
Watch News Notes for more info.

Looking forward to this day! Mark W and the SLT.

*"Let us know if you would like to carpool"*

## Management Team Update

Congregation voted to accept the Proposed Ballot. New members, Julie O'Brien and Bill Bolin, met with continuing members to discuss the Spring events and the ECC progress with Infant Room and other pertinent issues. Thanks to all who are helping with the construction - very much appreciated. Also thanks to those who made the Palm Sunday Children's presentation and Egg Hunt a success.



## Trustees Report

The volunteers are gearing up for general lawn work. Our sprinkler system needs a few tweaks to be fully operational. LED sign is on tap for mid April.

We are thankful for donations to replace the A/C unit in the sanctuary. It has been installed and functional. We have paid the contractor. To date, \$4500 of the \$6000 has been donated. If you would wish to donate, please place it in the offering, note A/C replacement, Or send/ leave donation with the office.



You might notice a storage container near the ECC playground. This is to store outdoor equipment for the ECC playground. Progress continues for the infant/toddler rooms. Volunteers are working hard towards completion. Mid to late April is the goal to ask for final inspections.



With spring, we hope to power wash the circle drive and mark parking spaces. Thx and peace, Trustees



# Early Childhood Center Update

We are continuing to work towards getting our new Infant room open. While we might or might not make our hoped-for April 15th date, we are doing all we can to get it there. The biggest drag we face is final inspection by both KDHE and the Fire Marshall -- we are at the mercy of their schedules and unforeseeable conflicts, and we have to be basically complete before we ask them to come out. Meanwhile, we have hired 2 new Teachers and a new Cook, and we are looking for 1 more Teacher and 2 Assistant Teachers. We have had a few new enrollments, which means our older rooms are getting full, so we need the Assistant Teachers so we can take in more kiddos. Please keep praying for our success!

As always, THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support!

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

## Palm Sunday



Children sang Hosanna and Jesus Loves Me. "The Week That Led to Easter" Arch book was the Gospel read by Aubrey, Madison, Marilyn, Arlee, Jackson and Jazmin. All kids did a great job!



Due to weather, the Egg Hunt was held in the classrooms. Thanks to all who donated eggs and candy and those who hid eggs.







## Bethany's Community Garden

The garden is up and growing again. For the month of March



I have planted twenty cabbage plants, strawberries, and garlic. All look great. This year the garden will have plenty of flowers to give some color and attract pollinators like honey bees and butterflies. Planting early can be complicated with the covering plants need from hard freezes. They need protection at night, but they also need sunlight during the day. That's a lot of effort but the reward is worth it. It is just so enjoyable to see all the beauty in our garden full of life. Our new composter is waiting for kitchen scraps. We can also use lawn clippings as mowing season nears, provided you do not treat your lawns with chemicals, April and May are the busiest months for planting. If anyone wants to get down & dirty while you are gardening, come see me. As Always, Vicky Collins.

### 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

## BLESSL

**(Bethany Lutheran English Studies as a Second Language):** We offer free English classes for students needing help. The six-member family I talked about last month has had to postpone their lessons due to their work schedule. Currently, we have openings for more students. If you know of anyone interested please let me know. We depend, in part, on the congregation to be our eyes and ears for opportunities which are out there. We just need to find them. Please help BLESSL grow to its full capacity. As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207

## Fly Fishing Club

Bethany FlyFishing Club met on March 16<sup>th</sup> and continued casting practice for distance. Pratt is our next destination on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Trout season is over, so we will be fishing warm water fish like bass, blue gill, and crappie (pronounced like *croppy for the uninitiated*). (*Others might think it is crappy*). Stay tuned for more details.

## 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. Check the Sunday newsnotes.

**YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL includes ages Preschool to age 17.** Teachers are Ruth Valdez and Deb Welty with assistance of 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.



# 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, fellowship and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly. All women are welcome. For more information call Ruth Valdez at (316) 213-0177. Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. There have been 77 quilts finished this year so far. Backpacks are being sewn now also. LWML would like to thank all who have made, and those who continue to make "soft eyeglass cases" for the eyeglasses and reading glasses collected for MOST Ministries. This week a total of 8 regular eyeglasses, 56 sunglasses and 46 pair of reading glasses were sent to MOST Ministries, with most of those glasses sent in the soft eyeglass cases. Those eliminated the need for bubble wrap. Our container on the donation table in the hallway, across from the church office is now empty and ready to again receive glasses and more soft eyeglass cases.

On April 13th, three of our LWML ladies, Marcia Hampton, Mary Morton and Ruth Valdez, will be attending the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel here in Wichita. Mary and Ruth are voting delegates and will be voting on 4 of the 9 God's Gracious Gift Grant Proposals that were submitted. Bethany submitted one of these Grant Proposals and if ours is one of the four grants chosen to be funded, those funds will go to provide partial school supplies and/or adult "welcome" bags for the unchurched at some of our neighboring apartment complexes closest to us. This outreach project would also provide an outreach opportunity to invite these individuals to church and to hear the Word of God. We would like your prayers that our grant will be one of the four grants chosen to receive grant monies when we vote at the convention next month. We will also be voting for up to 5 mission grants. There were 18 mission grants submitted, all of which are worthy of being selected but it will be up to the voting delegates to select the top 5 grants who will receive the funding. So again, we ask for your prayers as we attend and vote at the convention.

God's Gracious Gifts Fund (GGGF) is supported by memorials, honorariums, Thrivent choice dollars and other designated donations. The recipients are selected by delegates at the 2024 LWML Kansas District Convention in Wichita. GGGF grants are distributed immediately after the 2024 convention. Mission grants are funded from Mite Box offerings and other designated offerings. Grants are selected at the 2024 LWML Kansas District convention in Wichita. Mission grants are awarded throughout the 2024-2026 biennium as donations allow and in the order of number of votes received.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th, 4:00 pm with a short business meeting, Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All ladies are welcome to join us!

**Thanks** to everyone who remembered me with thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, texts, etc. during my absence from Bethany. I thank God for all of you! I'm looking forward to being in your presence soon.  
Lois Brockmeyer

## Stewardship Report:

### Time, Talents & Treasure

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

	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	February	Jan.- Feb.	February	Jan.-Feb.
Revenues	\$28,439.61	\$50,209.82	\$17,306.01	\$39,931.52
Expenses	\$27,564.91	\$47,198.89	\$21,035.85	\$44,250.00
Balance	\$874.70	\$3,010.93	-\$3,729.84	-\$4,318.48

NOTE: The ECC's deficit was reduced by grant funds from 2023 being used to refurbish the old pre-school room into the infant care room. Its actual two month deficit is \$6,626.45. March's ECC balance should be different. Reimbursement for expansion expenses from the most recent grant will be present in that balance.

Any questions: contact Bill Bolin.

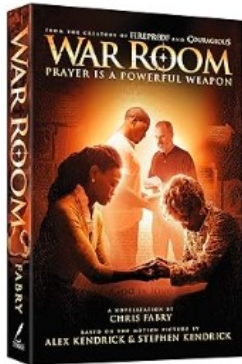


## Fellowship News

We are looking for new ideas and new helpers for Sunday morning fellowship. We need help with baking, set up before church and clean up after church. Working on a plan to establish 4 teams to allow people to serve just one Sunday morning a month.

If you are interested, please contact Jenny Colby.

A Spring Cookout is in the beginning planning stage for May. Watch for more information in coming weeks.



## Movie Night: War Room

April 13th, 7:00pm / Activity Center

Snacks Will Be Provided

A seemingly perfect family looks to fix their problems with the help of Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman

## Second Saturday: April 13th

Will be working in the old school office area and maybe other areas too!

Come and help. All are welcome. 9:00 to Noon.



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

[www.concordiaacademywichita.org](http://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

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Have had the opportunity to engage thousands of students with the Gospel of Jesus and opportunities to grow in faith and Christian community! Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208 Learn more at [www.fairmountministries.org](http://www.fairmountministries.org).

The "College Age Bible Study" meets every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm at Fairmount Ministries. The "Young Adults" group meets biweekly on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:00pm at Fairmount Ministries. 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.



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](http://www.southwichta.com)*



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# April



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War Room: See more on Page 8

**Sunday Mornings**  
Service at 9:00 AM  
(also online: Facebook Live)  
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.



Men's Retreat:  
April 26th-27th  
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Earth Day: April 22nd



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