



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

August 2022

## Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Wichita, KS 67217

Church Phone 316-265-7415  
BECC Phone 316-265-3033

## Worship Service

Sunday - 9:00 AM  
ECC chapel -  
Thur. - 9 AM

## Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday - 10:30 AM  
Pastor:  
Aaron Schnelle

## Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages  
One through Five  
Program Director  
Danita Seamars  
316-265-3033

## August 2022

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## “AWESOME!”

*Psalm 66:5-6 - Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land: they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him.*

The psalmist invites us to come and see what God has done, to celebrate the Lord's awesome deeds among His people. So where does the psalmist start? What is the first awesome deed mentioned? There are, after all, so many. The psalmist might have spoken of the creation of the world, when God called light into existence and formed a man from the dust of the earth. Our attention might be drawn to God's acts of judgment in the Flood or at the Tower of Babel, deeds both awesome and terrible. Another awesome deed was the Lord's gracious covenant promise made to the patriarch Abraham, whose descendant would be a blessing for all nations.

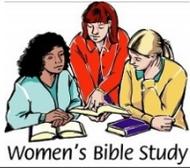
Those are awesome deeds, but we do not hear about them in this psalm. The psalmist begins with Israel's exodus from Egypt, when they crossed the Red Sea and finally arrived at the Promised Land's Jordan River. God "turned the sea into dry land," and "they passed through the river on foot." With mighty acts of power God delivered His people from slavery. The blood of the slain lambs saved them on the night God destroyed the firstborn of Egypt. Trapped at the Red Sea and facing certain death, God made a way through the water. The Israelites passed through in safety, and the sea returned to its place, drowning the pursuing enemy. When they came to the flooding Jordan, God caused the waters to pile up so that the people could cross the river on dry ground. These were the awesome deeds of the Lord as He led His people through water into freedom and new life.

Suppose that we extended the same invitation to others: "Come and see what God has done." Where would we begin? We might choose the place where God's awesome deeds began in our own lives, at the baptismal font. There, through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the water and the Word, we were buried with Christ and raised to new life. From that day forward, the mighty deeds of the Lord continued in our lives.

But perhaps we should go back to earlier awesome deeds. We might start at the foot of the cross, where the Lamb of God was slain to save us from death and our slavery to sin. In a mighty act of power, Jesus was raised from death, a victory that is now ours by faith. At the empty tomb, an angel said to the women who had come seeking the Lord, "Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:6b-7a). Standing by faith at the cross and empty tomb, we invite others to meet our crucified and risen Lord: "Come and see! This is awesome!"

Here is a sample of a daily devotion that you can find on the Lutheran Hour Ministries website (LHM.org). Each devotion has a theme written on a topic followed by a prayer, a set of questions to help reflect on the devotion, Bible readings and the name of the author of the devotion. This is a simple way to study God's Word daily, available at no matter what time of day. If you do not have a computer or smart phone, there is always Portals of Prayer available to take home and use. God's blessings.





**Women's Bible Study** meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** The current study has been finished and there will be no meetings in July and August. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Look for more information about the next study in the next month or so. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for details.

**Pastoral Visits and Contact:** Pastor Schnelle 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.

**In the event of an emergency or urgent matter outside of church office hours, call Pastor at 217-416-6972.**



**Fellowship Update:** "God's People: Walking and Talking" continues. Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm in the Activity Center at Bethany. Come when you can and enjoy the fellowship and get some exercise at the same time. LWML meets on August 16th, 4pm. Another chance for fellowship with some great ladies!

Enjoy the rest of summer! Look for information coming soon on an event in September!!



**Seniors' Activities: Breakfast:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca. **Afternoon Games: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays:** 1:00-3:00pm at the church. **"God's People: Walking and Talking":** Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm.

Stewart, Ariauna K.	8/1
Brockmeyer, Randall D.	8/5
Macormac, Joshua L.	8/5
Lewis, R. Heath H.	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
Crossman, Diane	8/13
Fritz, Jay L.	8/13
Larson, Corbin A.	8/13
Reiling, Juliana M.	8/14
Welty, Dwan S.	8/14
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
Edgar, Jordan S.	8/26
Walsh, Kenneth R.	8/28
Schnelle, Kyan	8/29
Hood, Malachi J.	8/30



## AUGUST



Kahmeyer, Harriette	8/2
Horn, Andrew J.	8/5
Horn, Stephanie R.	8/5
LaRouche, Jordyn M.	8/8
Walsh, Jerome A.	8/8
Zink, Cody N.	8/9
Chamberlin, Kevin L.	8/11
Bolin, Phillip A.	8/12
Williams, Ashley R.	8/16
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
Pasewark, Heather R.	8/21
Smith, Garrett L.	8/23
Schrahl, Sidney L.	8/25
Morton, Matthew P.	8/26
Nowak-Moore, Aurana S.	8/29

Sommerhauser, Eugene M. and Ethel	8/9	37 yrs
Hasenbank, Scott C. and Kathleen M.	8/14	40 yrs
Hampton Jr., Melvin C. (Curtis) and Marcia L.	8/16	52 yrs
Terhune, Jeffery J. and Jill L.	8/21	18 yrs
Kester, Dale C. and Pamela K.	8/27	39 yrs



## Greeters

### August

7: Steve & Margie Reiling  
 14: Amy Salazar  
 21: Erich & Carol Schieber  
 28: Tim & Joni Schrahl

### September

4: Melanie Schreffler  
 11: Rick & Stacy Shipman  
 18: Don & Betty Stoltenberg  
 25: Curtis & Michelle Tucker

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

No Children's Sunday School during July and August.

Enjoy the rest of summer!!!



## Altar Guild

### Fill

July 3 & August 7  
 July 10 & August 14  
 July 17 & August 21  
 July 24 & August 28  
 July 31

Margaret Baldrige  
 Doris Cannon  
 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar  
 Stacy & Bailee Shipman  
 Robert Ohmie

### Cleanup

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

Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, please contact Lois Brockmeyer or Doris Cannon. This is help with organizing or help with Filling and Cleanup.



## Head Usher – Alan Keimig

### August

Mark Dehncke  
 David Funke  
 Bruce Kester

### September

Doug Meyer  
 Larry Moore  
 Eric Schieber

*If you cannot be usher on the Sunday/month you have been assigned, please talk to Doris Cannon. If you would prefer not to be an usher, please tell Doris. Or if you would like to be an usher and you're not on the list, contact Doris.*



### August

7: Robert Bolin  
 14: Jim Merrick  
 21: Richard Vinroe  
 28: Mark Welty

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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.

## Trustees Report



Bethany,

We need to inform all re: sanctuary A/C.  
One of the units compressor has failed and needs to be replaced. It is on order and possibly could be installed by Friday July 29.

We also have had Five Star clean all of the outdoor units. Yearly maintenance is a must to get the best life of the units.

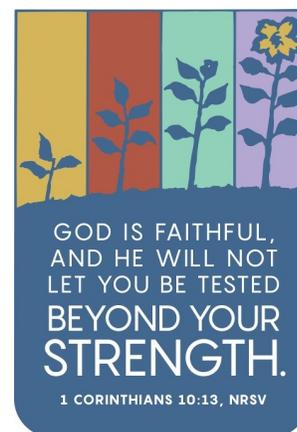
Now the “ouch” factor... the cost to replace the compressor will be \$ 3700.  
We do our best to fund maintenance each year. Big ticket items are usually not included.

If you desire to help fund this particular maintenance item, we would be thankful!  
Earmark your donation “A/C Repair”.

A heartfelt “Thanks” to all who volunteer to help keep Bethany looking nice and in repair!

The new East door is gaining ground as parts arrive. It will provide better security and seal out the weather.

Until next time,  
God’s Peace  
Trustees



## SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

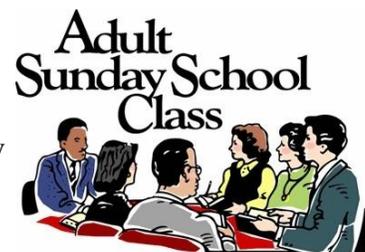
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30 AM

**ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Schnelle** leads a study of the book “The Messiah”. In 8 sessions, the study helps participants see Jesus revealed in the Old Testament. The book includes daily readings, questions and discussion prompts.

**PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin** leads a study of the book entitled “God’s Law & Gospel” which explores knowing the difference between them, and how to avoid mixing them; and how the Holy Spirit works through both to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and keeps them there.

**SECOND CLASSROOM– Mark Dehncke** leads a study of the book entitled “Grace - An Invitation to a Way of Life”. The book offers that most Christians understand the concept of being saved through grace, but fail to understand that grace is a daily experience under which they live.

**THIRD CLASSROOM - Children’s Sunday School.** There will be **no children’s Sunday School during July and August.** Will begin again in September. Look for more information to come.





## Early Childhood Center Update

The Bethany Early Childhood Center is busy fulfilling its mission of ministering to families in our area by caring for their young children during the work day and introducing those children to the most basic concepts of Christianity.

Currently, we are full-up to capacity for the number of Teachers that we have. And that's our problem. We don't have enough Teachers. We can currently take 44 children, given our current Staff. But our license is for 60 kiddos!

Additionally, since we have barely enough Teachers now, we are in danger of having to temporarily close a classroom if we have a Teacher get sick or otherwise become unable to work for more than a day. We just have no wiggle room right now. So, we really NEED to hire a new full-time Teacher. And we are trying... If you know anyone who is qualified under KDHE guidelines to be a Lead Teacher, please send them our way!

In late June, we were able to hire Anne Eason as a Teacher's Aide. With some more classroom time and certification, Anne will be able to become a Lead Teacher. But we still need one more! Anne is a wonderful lady who is doing very well in our Daycare. Being differently-enabled in her hearing, she has been teaching sign language to the children in her care. This is a bonus to those children, as it gives them a head-start in improved communication skills that can give them an advantage as they move up in school.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of our mission... And if you know anyone who is interested in working in child care, have them give us a call!

*Jim Merrick*, for the  
**Early Childhood Ministry Team  
of Bethany Lutheran Church**

Group masterpiece in Preschool 1



Working on Cutting Skills



## LWML Quilting Ladies need your help

with supplies for the School Kits, Health Kits, Baby Care Kits that have been made and will continue to be made for Lutheran World Relief:

School Kits: 70ct spiral notebooks, pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers in inches and centimeters, 24ct crayons and #2 pencils.

Sewing Kits: 3 yards of 44/45" cotton or cotton blend material and matching thread.

Health Kits: Dark color bath towels, soap and toothbrushes.



Baby Care Kits: gowns, T-shirts, receiving blankets, sweaters, cloth diapers, socks and gentle soap.



## Ks District Older Adult Ministry

The Kansas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a ministry dedicated to older adults. You can go to the KS District website to learn more. One of the available resources is a quarterly newsletter entitled "Senior Moments". There are copies of this newsletter now available for you to take and read, located on the usher's stand in the narthex.



**Southwest Neighborhood Association:** Regular SWNA Meeting August 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Come and see what's happening in the neighborhood. [www.southwichita.com](http://www.southwichita.com)



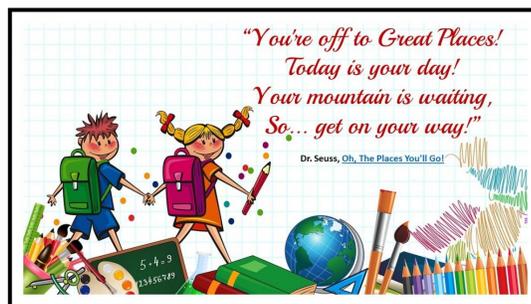
**Stewardship Team update:** Here are numbers through June. It is presented this way so that the congregation knows where we stand. We have a negative balance for all months except January. We had expenses for quilting room repair in February, building insurance in March, normal expenses in April but still a loss, additional room repair expenses in May and a 3 payday month in June. Any questions with this report contact Roger Obermueller or Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	Budget 6 mo
<b>BASE OPERATIONS</b>	\$12,347	\$35,036	\$28,138	\$12,706	\$25,082	\$14,894	<b>\$128,203</b>	\$79,523
<b>WORD &amp; SACRAMENT</b>	\$10,274	\$9,415	\$9,477	\$9,595	\$10,868	\$13,695	<b>\$63,325</b>	\$64,522
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR</b>	\$15,649	\$16,038	\$20,726	\$18,883	\$18,585	\$24,310	<b>\$114,190</b>	\$105,247
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$38,301	\$60,489	\$58,454	\$41,185	\$54,535	\$53,024	<b>\$305,988</b>	\$228,340
<b>OFFERINGS</b>	\$20,652	\$17,498	\$19,524	\$20,718	\$17,923	\$20,668	<b>\$116,983</b>	\$140,000
<b>ECC INCOME</b>	\$17,316	\$16,079	\$29,259	\$15,521	\$21,360	\$19,043	<b>\$118,577</b>	\$90,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$63,277	\$46,417	\$48,852	\$36,344	\$39,439	\$39,741	<b>\$274,070</b>	\$247,250
<b>MONTHLY BALANCE</b>	\$24,976	<b>\$14,072</b>	<b>\$9,602</b>	<b>\$4,841</b>	<b>\$15,095</b>	<b>\$13,283</b>	<b>\$31,918</b>	

## Board of Parish Ed Update

Meetings are being held in August to determine what the Sunday morning activities and possibly Wednesday night activities will look like beginning in September. Look for information in the Sunday News Notes and for updates.

Pray for students starting a new school year mid August. Pray for a great learning year and a safe year for all students everywhere!



## “God’s People: Walking & Talking”

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. Some days the conversation is therapeutic! Let’s get to know each other and help our health improve or stay the same. We also have a devotion time and lately have been examining the Hymnal and all that it has to offer us that most of us didn’t realize. Learning is good. We’ve also gotten a grant for some things to help with the exercise part - 1 lb weights, resistance bands, pedometers.

**Come join us!**



# FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

You’re invited to The Gathering! This year’s event will be at the Kansas Aviation Museum on Friday, September 16 at 5:30pm. It will be a night to remember with a catered dinner and auction, an update on the happenings at Fairmount Ministries and how you can help, and a great time to catch up with family and friends. We give a special thank you to Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Risen Savior Wichita for sponsoring this event. Tickets are \$75 per person, and will go on sale beginning

July 19! Visit [www.fairmountministries.org/gathering](http://www.fairmountministries.org/gathering) to learn more and get your tickets, or send a check for your tickets (Memo: Gathering - Guest Names) to Fairmount Ministries at 3817 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208.

## The Gathering

a Benefit for Fairmount Ministries

**Westside UMC Food Pantry:** We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist’s food pantry, located at 1313 W. Lydia. If you would like to donate, place items in the tub beneath the “Food Contributions” sign located in the hall between the office and Prayer Center at Bethany.

**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](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**This year is LWMLs 80th year** since beginning in 1942. We are encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something to share. We at Bethany have decided to share our 80 something with Orphan Grain Train and are working to decide what our 80 something will be. If you have any suggestions, feel free to share your ideas.

PS. Our next meeting will be on August 16 at 4pm in the Prayer Room. We have a short meeting followed by a Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly. (Copies are available on a table in the narthex). All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Quilting Ladies** meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-12:00 and Saturday mornings, 9:00-12:00. Contact Amy Salazar or Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information about Quilting. Not only is there a lot of work done for world relief, the fellowship is great. There have been around 90 quilts made so far this year. They also make School Bags, Sewing Kits, and Health bags. School Kits finished are 23, Healthcare Kits are 20 and 12 Baby Care Kits so far this year.



QUILTING GROUP

See Page 6 for supplies needed for these items.



**School Starts Soon** for Wichita and surrounding schools. We pray for a successful year for all students. And let them all be safe.

## Congratulations!

Tiffanie and Casey Whitney  
Wishing you many  
happy years ahead!



## Bethany's Community Garden

is continuing to grow and produce. God willing, there will be ripe produce available for the congregation and the community. This heat has been vicious. Continued thanks to the volunteers, especially Vickie Collins, for their dedication in keeping the Garden watered, picked, etc. and working the hours it takes to keep it producing.



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## 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



Pray for All Students  
Returning to School

Safety and Success in Learning

## Church Office Hours

Open: 8:30am  
Closed for Lunch: 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.  
Closed: 5:00 p.m.

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