



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: August 2023

## 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

### August 2023

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What a month! (I'm pretty sure I started off last month's newsletter with the same sentiment). Let me start off by saying that the delay in sending out this month's newsletter is 100% on me. Having back to back funerals the last two weekends and working on many of the details for our "Fulfilling The Dream, Continuing the Legacy" campaign pushed my newsletter article to the back burner for a bit (Sorry, Doris).

Anyway, this past Sunday during Bible class, we presented an overview of what the future of Bethany has the potential to be. "Fulfilling the Dream" is the culmination of nearly 70 years of visioning, hard work, and dedication of hundreds (if not thousands) of Bethany faithful. The most visible piece of that is the installation of the "Circle Drive". This is something that had been cut from the initial plan and the '88 renovation; and today it's time to finally make it happen. The practical need for it is obvious but its function is bigger than that. Our main entrance should be prominent, visible, and something we can be proud of. The days of "I didn't even know you guys were back there" are over and the "Circle Drive" is just the first step. Plans are being worked out to add landscaping along the front of the building. We're exploring options for upgrading/updating the sign and are even considering the possibility of replacing the exterior cross on the SW corner of the Sanctuary with an even taller and larger one.

Many of the founders of Bethany are with our Lord but their impact is still felt to this day. "Continuing The Legacy" is building on that foundation that was started almost 70 years ago and growing it even further. Plans are underway to reconfigure the room (formerly known as the Sunflower Room), so the ECC can accommodate infants and provide for an ever-increasing need in the community, prayerfully by the end of the year. But just like the "Circle Drive", the ECC expansion is just an initial step in growing the building. More importantly, both will increase the mission and ministry of Bethany. In the weeks, months, and years to come, we're going to be expanding a legacy which will continue to bear fruit long after our pilgrimage on earth is done.

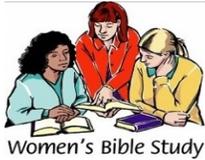
But it's not your or my legacy, but the legacy of God's faithfulness to His people and the impact His love will continue to have on our community. He's got some incredible things in store for Bethany and by His grace, we have the privilege of being a part of it.

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Nick

August





**Women's Bible Study** meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** Have started "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. **"God's People: Walking and Talking":** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm, in the Activity Center and the Dining Room.

**Westside UMC Food Pantry:** 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 tub beneath the "Food Contributions" sign located in the hall between the office and Prayer Center at Bethany.

Stewart, Ariauna K.	8/1/2023
Schaefer, Ronald C.	8/3/2023
Brockmeyer, Randall D.	8/5/2023
Macormac, Joshua L.	8/5/2023
Lewis, R. Heath H.	8/7/2023
Winter, Sharon A.	8/7/2023
Mellard II, Richard W.	8/8/2023
Stanberry, Owen N.	8/9/2023
Carrell, Jackson T.	8/11/2023
Macormac, Crystie A.	8/11/2023
Swiggart, Melissa A.	8/11/2023
Crossman, Diane	8/13/2023
Fritz, Jay L.	8/13/2023
Larson, Corbin A.	8/13/2023
Reiling, Juliana M.	8/14/2023
Welty, Camber	8/14/2023
Welty, Dwan S.	8/14/2023
Hankins, Elizabeth K.	8/18/2023
Burl Sr., Darnell B.	8/19/2023
Burl Jr., Darnell B.	8/20/2023
Higgins, Colton W.	8/20/2023
Sporn, Randy J.	8/22/2023
Reyes, Angela R.	8/24/2023
Anton, Courtney N.	8/25/2023
Edgar, Jordan S.	8/26/2023
Hayes, James E.	8/26/2023
Walsh, Kenneth R.	8/28/2023
Hood, Malachi J.	8/30/2023



Kahmeyer, Harriette	8/2/2023
Horn, Andrew J.	8/5/2023
Horn, Stephanie R.	8/5/2023
LaRouche, Jordyn M.	8/8/2023
Walsh, Jerome A.	8/8/2023
Zink, Cody N.	8/9/2023
Chamberlin, Kevin L.	8/11/2023
Bolin, Phillip A.	8/12/2023
Farmer, Alexander J.	8/12/2023
Hampton, Troy C.	8/17/2023
Moore, Kristen M.	8/17/2023
Merrick, Leona M.	8/18/2023
Triplett, Rebecca S.	8/19/2023
Larson, Tara M.	8/21/2023
Pasewark, Heather R.	8/21/2023
Smith, Garrett L.	8/23/2023
Schrahl, Sidney L.	8/25/2023
Morton, Matthew P.	8/26/2023
Nowak-Moore, Aurana S.	8/29/2023



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Hasenbank, Scott C. and Kathleen M.	8/14	41 yrs
Hampton Jr., Melvin C. (Curtis) and Marcia L.	8/16	53 yrs
Terhune, Jeffery J. (Jeff) and Jill L.	8/21	19 yrs
Kester, Dale C. and Pamela K. (Pam)	8/27	40 yrs



## Greeters

### August

6: Curtis & Michelle Tucker  
 13: Ray & Ruth Valdez  
 20: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe  
 27: Dwan & Linda Welty

### September

3: Mark & Deb Welty  
 10: Pam Zindel  
 17: Nancy Zink  
 24: Lois Adams & Tammy

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

August 6	Deb Welty	September 3	Deb Welty
August 13	Ruth Valdez	September 10	Ruth Valdez
August 20	Deb Welty	September 17	Deb Welty
August 27	Ruth Valdez	September 24	Ruth Valdez



## Altar Guild

### Fill

July 2 & Aug 6	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
July 9 & Aug 13	Doris Cannon
July 16 & Aug 20	Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
July 23 & Aug 27	Doris Cannon
July 30	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

### August

Bruce Kester  
 Doug Meyer  
 Erich Schieber

### September

Bill Fromm  
 David Funke  
 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

6: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie  
 13: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick  
 20: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty  
 27: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

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 24: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick



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

Many thanks to the faithful volunteers that keep our facility in shape! Too many to mention!  
Too many to mention! But, we may not see them... faithful!!  
Hot weather has given us grief with A/C units. Thank you for your patience!  
We hope to keep things cool for services!  
Thanks, Trustees



## Spiritual Leadership Team Report

Bethany,  
We hope your summer is going well!  
We mourn the loss of Margie Reiling, Mark Hembree and Don Stoltenberg. May we rejoice their eternal life with Jesus.  
Please pray for Bethany as we take steps to reach families. Doing His work is never easy or without sacrifice. God blesses us continually. He gives us opportunities daily.  
We know the sacrifice made for us on the cross.  
As always, reach out if we can be of assistance! SLT

## Management Team Report

A congregational meeting is scheduled for August 13th in the Activity Center, after Fellowship. There will be a presentation, discussion and vote of the planned Circle Drive project.

Room name changes after voting: Prayer Room - Library. Dining Room - Meet and Eat Room.

## Continuous Prayer

Dear God, we pray for government officials and the bureaucracy, the military and law enforcement, that they may work for the good of all citizens and be examples of moral and intellectual honesty; For our information media, broadcast and social, that all may keep the goal of speaking the truth, which is based in You; For persecuted Christians here and all over the world, that You would give them the strength to remain faithful in bearing their cross and that we would give them support; For boldness in our faith that we might proclaim the kingdom of Christ in all we do and say; For the ECC staff and ministry, that we may be a witness for You and a blessing to the children and their families; For You to give us guidance and success in our expansion and upgrade plans, in whatever shape that might be. We ask these things in Jesus name, Amen.

## Sunday Happenings

**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 Lutheran Church differs in its understanding of the Sacrament of Communion from other Christian groups and on what biblical writings that understanding is based.

**SECOND CLASSROOM- Mark Dehncke** leads a study of the book entitled "Why I Believe" by Chip Ingram. The book examines 5 questions of belief: Life after death, resurrection, the Bible, creation and the God of the Bible. Join the group for discussion on these topics.

**ACTIVITY CENTER-** Pastor leads a class with video and questions about various topics.

**YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL includes ages Preschool to age 17. Currently all meet together. Teens helping with the lesson.** 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.



## Early Childhood Center Update

The ECC is doing well. The family night was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all who helped.

There are plans to make some changes in the layout of our area. The Toddler room is going to be split into 2 rooms/areas. This is to allow us to serve infants. Progress will be relayed as soon as things are in place.

Please continue to pray for the ECC and that we can serve the community with the childcare that is needed.

ECC Team

Family night was a fun time! The bounce house was the main attraction with ice cream a close second. Thank you Mark Welty for manning the grill and ice cream machine.



## 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, at Wichita's oldest Lutheran Church, Kansas' only Lutheran High School, a traditional Liberal Arts Education on the path of Christian Discipleship.

## Bike Ride:

From Alan:

We had 9 riders again: Pastor and Braden, Mark and Debbie, Robert Ohmie, three of my friends, Jeff, Brad and Cherrie and me.

We rode north from Exploration Place to the 13th St. bridge and through the Riverside neighborhood back to the Keeper bridge and south to the Douglas St bridge and back to the Exploration Place parking lot. We rode about an hour and a half and had a good time. *It was pretty warm but not unbearable.*

**The August ride will be on the 27th  
Same time (6:00pm) and  
place (Exploration Place parking lot)**





# Garden is Doing Well!!

It's been a good season for tomatoes. The okra will be producing soon every day like last year.



It's time to start preparing the soil for a fall garden. The vegetables will be mature and produce clear to the first frost. I have planned what I want to plant. (How about potatoes and more!!) This way we will be enjoying a continuous supply of produce. There are gardeners that finish in spring and summer. But there are gardeners like myself that never get enough of gardening. Special thanks for the help to clean up the heavy grass around the okra. We worked four hours together and had a lot of fun.

## BLESSL

**(Bethany Lutheran English Studies as a Second Language):** We are currently teaching a Sunday evening and a Friday evening class at 6:30pm.. Vicky Collins is teaching a Thursday afternoon class in a women's home on Thursday at 1:00pm. If you know someone who is looking for free English instruction and is free at those times, let them know about the Bethany classes.



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)

## Stewardship Report

Here are the latest budget figures through June. We have received and used \$65,000 in grant funds for ECC payroll and expenses. Because of this we have around \$35,000 in our checking account. Grant funds are going to be reduced for the remainder of the year but for now we are in good shape.

Thanks to all who help with various things at the church. Many help! All is appreciated.

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	6 mo budget
<b>BASE OPERATIONS</b>	\$14,665	\$23,300	\$23,220	\$12,569	\$23,055	\$17,831	<b>\$114,640</b>	\$89,896
<b>WORD &amp; SACRAMENT</b>	\$3,996	\$4,440	\$5,640	\$7,980	\$6,989	\$9,804	<b>\$38,849</b>	\$64,785
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR</b>	\$15,637	\$21,355	\$21,464	\$21,772	\$22,527	\$29,841	<b>\$132,596</b>	\$126,130
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$34,329</b>	<b>\$49,096</b>	<b>\$50,324</b>	<b>\$42,322</b>	<b>\$52,570</b>	<b>\$57,476</b>	<b>\$286,116</b>	\$228,340
<b>OFFERINGS</b>	\$21,388	\$22,282	\$25,692	\$24,955	\$18,537	\$15,560	<b>\$128,414</b>	\$120,000
<b>ECC INCOME</b>	\$19,416	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$17,808	\$18,236	\$18,711	<b>\$106,634</b>	\$96,402
<b>ECC GRANT FUNDS</b>	\$8,693	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$13,827	\$0	\$15,408	<b>\$65,387</b>	\$125,700
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$49,543</b>	<b>\$43,985</b>	<b>\$64,264</b>	<b>\$58,540</b>	<b>\$36,910</b>	<b>\$49,678</b>	<b>\$302,921</b>	\$262,700
<b>MONTHLY BALANCE</b>	\$15,214	\$5,110	\$13,940	\$16,219	\$15,660	\$7,797	<b>\$16,805</b>	
<b>ECC INCOME/LOSS</b>	\$12,473	\$6	\$17,109	\$9,863	\$4,290	\$4,277		

**The Lutheran Women in Mission organization** is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. 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. So far this year, there have been over 120 quilts finished. During the year they also make School Kits, Health Kits and Baby Kits and hold fundraisers.

It is time to shop for those School Kit supplies since "sales before school starts" help with the cost. **We need #2 pencils, Notebooks (70ct spiral) and crayons (24ct).** We have been blessed with donations of the other things for the School Kits. In addition we are adding the following school items for Orphan Grain Train school supplies: **New coloring books, crayons, new ballpoint pens and pencils, writing paper and notebooks.** Thank you.



On July 15th Marcia Hampton and Ruth Valdez attended the LWML Kansas Assembly Of Leaders (KAOL) at Holy Cross, Wichita. The day included a Worship service, much singing and ways to equip and helps in training and educate leaders. Both attended two sessions entitled "Me a Leader" and "Adventures in Planning", both of which gave great ideas for future planning within our LWML. Both came away feeling very humbled and blessed at having this experience.

Also included was the ingathering for Passageways for the veterans. It was amazing to see the amount of items that was collected as this included women from all over Kansas, not just the Wichita area. The grand total was shown on the screen before ending the day. A total of 780 household and miscellaneous items were given, as well as \$395 cash and gift cards. Also a \$500 cash donation was given from Colby American Legion.

Orphan Grain Train was there to collect 50 hygiene kits, 56 school kits and 12 quilts.

We are continuing to collect eyeglasses in the box in the Narthex as well as postage stamps, also in the container in the Narthex. If you are in need of a MITE box there are some of those also on the LWML table. Feel free to help yourself to one!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 8th at 4 PM. We would love to have you join us for fellowship with your Christian sisters and hear more about what's happening with LWML (Lutheran Women's Missions)

## First "Second Saturday" is a success!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first "Second Saturday" work day. The tables haven't looked that good in years and the fellowship was great, too, not to mention the doughnuts and pizza! **Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 12th from 9:00 AM to Noon.** August project is to work on the Sanctuary



pews, carpet, windows, and anything else that needs cleaned or fixed.



## Fellowship/Outreach Update



Potluck Lunch coming the end of August.  
Watch for details!



**Good news.** We have received \$660 from LCEF. This is from a grant applied for in early June for outreach, movie nights, and children's literature to give away. **Hurray!!!**



**Lutheran Church Extension Fund**  
> where investments build ministry

This year we received over 46 grant applications totaling **\$44,500.00** in requested funding for diverse types of exciting Outreach Ministry projects throughout the Kansas and Oklahoma Districts. Your ministry has been awarded **\$660.00**. (check enclosed). We pray for your continued blessings on your outreach ministry.



## Calling All Veterans' Families

It is time to update our Veteran's Bulletin Board Display Case (currently located in the hallway by the entrance to the Activity Center). Contact Larry Moore (316-651-7444) or the church office if you would like to ADD a name or picture to the board or have some ideas on how to honor our veterans. If you would like to help in this process let Larry or the church office know.

## Pantry Update in the future!

The trustees are *still* planning a **pantry update** in the kitchen area. It will be exciting to see the added storage. The goal is to consolidate kitchen items so that the room next to the kitchen can remain free of kitchen and pantry items. There are many items stored in the pantry that we no longer use. The plan is to offer these items to the congregation first, then sell or donate the rest. **Keep watching for updates as this project progresses.**

## Church Directory Update!

We continue to update our church records and are currently gathering members' information for name, address, current phone numbers, emails and birthdates and current photo. This information will be secure and available online to congregation members. It is also helpful to Pastor Nick as he gets to know all of us. Please see Jenny Colby or Pastor Nick during fellowship time on Sundays to make sure your information is correct. Roger Obermueller can also be available to take your picture. If you haven't downloaded the Instant Church Directory app on your phone and need help you can contact Jenny or Pastor or others you know who are "techy"! **If you aren't getting email from Bethany, make sure David knows so he can add you to the Bethany group email.**



## Bethany Fly Fishing Group

The next Bethany fly fishing group meeting is on Saturday, August 19th at 9:00 am. We will meet briefly in the library and then head outside to learn fly casting. We will provide the needed equipment so just bring yourselves.



If you missed the first meeting, no problem, you will be just in time, come join us. Any questions get with Doug Meyer, Robert Bolin, or Dwan Welty.



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10:30am Educ. Hr						
6pm Bike Min. Rid						
6:30pm BLESSL						



# August

## 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



*All-church Potluck*

More information to come!  
Watch your Sunday Newsnotes  
and announcements at the end  
of church service and email  
messages.

## Church Office Hours

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

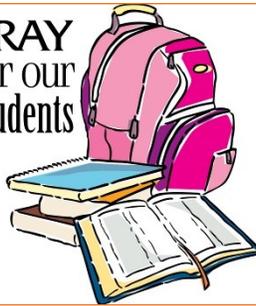
Second Saturday:  
August 12th: 9am-noon

See page 7  
for more  
info.



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helping  
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PRAY  
for our  
Students



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