



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

February, 2025

## Bethany Lutheran Church

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

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## 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

## February 2025

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New Year, new me. How are your New Year's resolutions going? I heard someone (who shall remain nameless) say: "My goal is to lose 10 pounds this year. So far, only have 15 to go." As Pastor, my resolution was to have my monthly Newsletter article done several days before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming month. For the record: I'm typing this on January 30<sup>th</sup> so I'm (mostly) keeping my resolution. I was also hoping people would resolve to attend worship more frequently but based on January's attendance numbers, that wasn't the case.

Other resolutions people often make for the New Year are:

- to eat healthier,
- read their Bible more,
- create (and stick to) a budget,
- quit smoking,
- limit their time wasted on their phone or computer,
- give more to charity,
- exercise more,
- clean out 1 room or closet a month.

According to most polls I found, 1 to 3 months is the average length of time the typical person is able to keep their resolution going. Since I am not a health, finance, or nutrition guru, I won't be offering any advice on those topics. But as your Pastor, I will most certainly encourage everyone to make weekly church attendance a priority, to find a time and method that works for you to read your Bible more often, and to evaluate your family's budget to see if increasing your offering to the Lord (even if only a few dollars a month) is feasible.

Please don't read this article as a guilt trip because that's not its purpose. If you've resolved to do more or better in 2025 and have failed, you're not alone. God is well aware that our best intentions will run into the roadblock of living in this sinful, broken world. Too tired to make it to church on Sunday morning? Too distracted to read your Bible? Spent money on something frivolous that could have gone in the offering plate? We're all guilty at one time or another. But when we do, we can take comfort in knowing that God has resolved through His Son, our Savior to forgive us and has given us His Spirit to encourage us daily in our walk with Him. We have the freedom to change for the better because we belong to a God who doesn't change in His love for us.

Yours in Christ,

FEBRUARY

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library.** The new study is Donna Snow's "Unshakable" 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 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.

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

### Birthdays

Vinroe-Bowman, Hailey	2/10
Nuse, Darlene	2/13
Rowley-Schieber, Rayden	2/14
Cordt, Braden	2/14
Kuehn, Art	2/17
Kester, Bruce	2/20
Schieber, Carol	2/23
Lang, Susan	2/24
Storck, Junior	2/24

### Baptismal Birthdays

Meyer, Doug	2/1
Tope, Sandy	2/2
Bolin, Robert	2/9
Albright, Netta	2/16
Horn, A.J.	2/19
Merrick, Dian	2/23
Ohmie, Barb	2/25

### Anniversaries

Crossman, Dean and Diane	2/14
Tucker, Curtis and Michelle	2/18
Dehncke, Mark and Rhonda	2/26





## Greeters

### February

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

### March

- 2: Laurie Carrell, Marilyn & Arlee
- 9: Scott & Kathleen Hasenbank
- 16: A. J. Horn
- 23: Alan Keimig
- 30: Bruce Kester

*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

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|---|--|
| Feb 2 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty         | Mar 2 Tonya Cordt, Helper - Deb Welty        |
| Feb 9 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien       | Mar 9 Deb Welty, Helper - Julie OBrien       |
| Feb 16 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin | Mar 16 Julie OBrien, Helper - Jeanetta Bolin |
| Feb 23 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt   | Mar 23 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper - Tonya Cordt  |
|   | Mar 30 Julie OBrien, Helper - Deb Welty      |



## Altar Guild

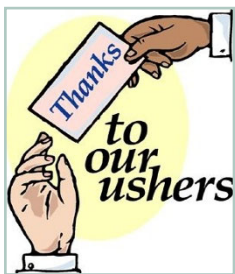
### Fill

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| 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 Maily

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



## Head Usher – Alan Keimig

### February

- David Funke
- Larry Moore
- Curtis Tucker

### March

- Braden Cordt
- Bruce Kester
- Doug Meyer

*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.*



### February

- 2: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 9: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 16: Richard Vinroe / 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.

# Stewardship Report

Time, Talents and Treasure

## December and Year-To-Date



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	December	Jan. - Dec.	December	Jan. - Dec.
Revenues	\$30,268.25	\$302,251.16	\$30,810.16	\$311,846.78
Expenses	\$18,636.67	\$281,911.95	\$28,154.94	\$344,285.10
Balance	\$11,631.58	\$20,339.21	\$2,655.22	-\$32,438.32
<b>TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024</b>				<b>-\$12,099.11</b>
Please note that the church's positive cash flow has been used to partially offset the ECC's losses. The positive cash flow is the result of increased giving by the congregation, IRS tax refund, the Infant Room Grant paying 43.03% of the cost of insurance, gas, water, and electricity for six months and memorial funds repaying the church for work previously done on their behalf.				
The remaining amount was funded with Designated Funds.				
On December 31, 2024, Bethany owed \$20,000 to the Line of Credit, and its Designated Funds \$12,961.61.				
The intent is by mid-2025 to start paying back all of these funds.				

## Trustees Report

We welcome a bit warmer weather!

We have plowed snow when needed and treated for ice in attempt to allow safe entry/exit to the church. That, of course, becomes pricey! Our snow guy (Bruce Gilder) works with us to keep expenses down. Difficult with the storms we have had.

We had some issues with boiler start up. Seems to be operating. Be it known, this will likely be the last heating season for the boiler. Too many issues with piping and boiler to effectively repair. Process under way to make plans to offer different options for heat before next winter. Stay tuned for updates.



Thanks to our members that volunteer time/talent/resources! Be safe!

## 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. Currently continuing a study on the Book of Acts.

**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. After the music, Lesson and activity is in the Youth Room in the basement.







## Early Childhood Center

We have hired two wonderful ladies to fill the positions we had open, and we feel very blessed to have them. We will provide you with some "meet the Teachers" information next month. Our current enrollment is 40 full-time children.

We are working on getting ourselves published on the Military Child Care website as an approved daycare provider for families who cannot get their kids into the MCC Daycare Center on McConnell Air Force Base. The MCC Center at McConnell is FULL and has a waiting list...they vet outside child care providers and provide that information to military families who need daycare services. If we can get published on that list,

that by itself will put our information in front of a LOT of families who are looking for daycare. This would be an awesome "in" that should really help enrollment. Stay tuned...

As always, we THANK YOU for your prayers and support!!  
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*



Thanks, Bell Choir, for the music! There's room for more players. Alan needs some fellow players in the back row. Practice is 6:00pm on Wednesday nights. Talk to Sandy Tope for more information.



## Movie Night and Second Saturday Cleaning

### Cleaning:

February 8th, 9:00am

Will continue cleaning kitchen cabinets

### Movie Night:

February 15th. 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.



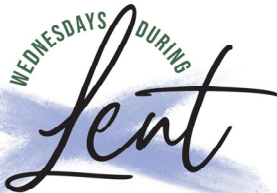
## Bethany's Garden - Come Grow with Us!

The garden in 2024, was the best ever in four years! Each year it keeps getting better. I enjoy experimenting with crops we have never grown before. I have heard some suggestions of what members would like us to plant that will be the first time. Such as butter beans, Brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes, turnips, rutabagas, sweet corn, cauliflower, broccoli, and winter squash. Of course, this is a long list of new crops to add with those we planted in 2024. So, I need everyone's top four choices. Be watching for the daffodils to bloom in February and March. It will be refreshing to see the first signs of early spring and warmer temperatures on the way. I'm working on a way for you to let me know your choices.

As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207

## Looking Ahead

March 5th: **Ash Wednesday**



March 12th, 19th, 26th  
April 2nd, April 9th



Wonderful Meals Being Planned!

Church Service each Wednesday starting with Ash Wednesday.



No formal events scheduled for February. We are gearing up to provide Wednesday evening suppers during lent. BYA / Youth, Men's group, Fellowship committee, and LWML are combing forces to serve you 5 wonderful meals in March and April. Look for more information in the Sunday NewsNotes and through email messages.





# Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 4:00 PM, in the Library for our regular meeting. Our meetings are open to all ladies of the congregation for Christian fellowship and Bible Study.

As a member of the LWML Kansas District Nominating Committee, we are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as a chairman for any of the following Zone committees: Zone President, Gospel Outreach Chairman, Zone Christian Life Chairman, or Zone Special Focus Ministries Chairman. If you would like further information about any of these positions, please see me and I will be glad to share with you. These positions will be voted on at the Spring Event in April at Holy Cross, Wichita. Watch for further information regarding date and time.

If any members would like to have one of the Thrivent t-shirts you probably have seen many members have worn either at the bake sale or at other events, we have several of them available at no cost. Please check with either Ruth Valdez or Jeanetta Bolin if you would like to have one.



The 2025 flower calendar has been posted next to the mailboxes in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a date if you wish to furnish flowers during this year. The only dates we do not have flowers are during the Sundays of Lent, prior to Easter, and the Sundays of Advent, prior to Christmas. After you pick a date, let Ruth Valdez know (316) 213-0177, if you wish to get flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our Sanctuary.



QUILTING GROUP has been busy. There have already been 51 quilts finished since October and they are working on Baby Care Kits and School Kits also.

Come and join us on Tuesday mornings, 10-12 and Saturday mornings, 9-12, weather permitting. 😊😊😊

## Fly Fishing Club

In January, Doug and Dwan traveled to Kanopolis Seep Stream, arriving by 9:30 were ready and after about a 200 yard snow walk were at the water. The day was sunny, no clouds and no wind, a great day, but for fishing it was good. The day saw Dwan with a total of 2 strikes and Doug with 3. On a personal note I have to pass on a big THANK YOU. The banks of Kanopolis are very rocky and with the rocks being snow covered walking was very difficult. While moving from spot to spot I had multiple times to use the snow chair and finally decided to to the road. The road was on an incline and I, again, used the snow chair to take in the scenery. As I headed up the incline but lost footing so sat down again. As I was getting up Doug appeared asking if I needed any help, even though it was obvious I did. With Doug's' help we made it back to the car. Although the day was challenging, it did not put a damper on my love for the sport and when Doug calls I will answer. More information to follow on the February activity. 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 (88.7FM)**. For more information, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.

## Issues, Etc.

Book of the month.. Lamentations-Concordia Commentary: The book of Lamentations is marked by its tone of mourning, loss, defeat and heartache, nonetheless, it meets us in the valley of suffering we inevitably face and offers a glimpse of hope in God's faithfulness. Life is not as it should be, however Lamentations gives us the answers we need. The voice of despair becomes the voice of hope. Those who suffer and Christians who seek to comfort those suffering will find wisdom and strength. This commentary teaches us to pay attention to the pain around us and the Christ who bore it all for us.



## FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

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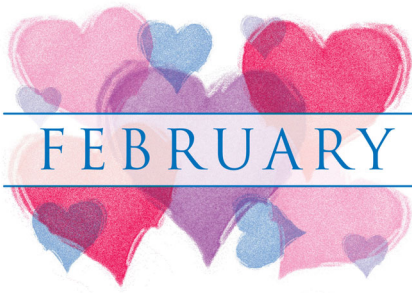
The "College Age Bible Study" will be meeting each Tuesday combined with the "Young Adults Group" at 6:47p m. They will be having an Advent study.

Faith On Tap (formerly 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, Angels and Demons, and a fan favorite-Ask the Pastor Night!

Call them or send them an email: 316-684-5224 [info@fairmountministries.org](mailto:info@fairmountministries.org)



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**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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