



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

June 2022

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

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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

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Lord is Ascended, triumphant as our King and Lord! The Lord continues to bless us all here at Bethany. With us rallying around His Word and Sacraments, enjoying the fellowship of our mutual Lord and Savior, we get to turn our attention to things happening outside our congregation among those who share our confession of faith.

We give thanks for the installation of Pastor Rocky Mease at Fairmont Ministries on Sunday, May 22. He is serving as Transitional Executive Director. We keep Pastor Mease and all at Fairmont in our prayer for the peace and joy of the Lord.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita, will say farewell to Pastor Geoff Boyle and his family on Sunday, June 12. He has accepted a call to teach at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

Concordia Academy is enrolling students and having its first academic year this year. The location has changed to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wichita. We pray for the current faculty, current students, and future students.

The 74th LCMS Kansas District Convention will be held in Topeka, June 9 and 10. The theme is Proclaim, Teach, Share- based on 1 Peter 2:9-10. Pastor Schnelle will be attending as pastoral delegate for Bethany. We currently do not have a lay delegate to attend. Visit the Kansas District website (kslcms.org) for information. You can find updates, resolutions to be voted on, and other information.

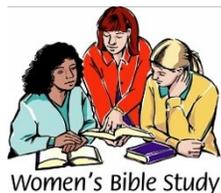
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea (of whom we share pulpit and altar fellowship) is preparing to construct a seminary. This an important and much desired effort. We, along with other congregations of the Kansas District are collecting a door offering on The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5 to help support the construction.

There is much more to be informed of and prayer about in our church body. Please visit the websites of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (lcms.org) and the Kansas District (kslcms.org).

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,

+Pastor Aaron Schnelle





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** This is not just limited to Bethany people. If you have a friend or friends that would like to attend, bring them along. **The current study is "Ten Words To Live By" by Jen Wilkin.** 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: Come to the LWML Salad Supper for the women on June 21st. And take a look at the "God's People: Walking and Talking" activity (see page 7) that is beginning June 6th. Come when you can and enjoy the fellowship and get some exercise at the same time.



Seniors' Activities: Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd 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.

Dehncke Rhonda E.	6/1
Mann Erin M.	6/2
Francis Sidney J.	6/6
Schrahl Joni L.	6/7
Brummett James D.	6/10
Lewis Caven J.	6/11
Croft Jordyn C.	6/12
Luckert Cameron L.	6/16
Walsh Jerome A.	6/17
Williamson Dominic J.	6/19
Colby Jennifer	6/21
Welty Miah	6/23
Shipman Richard D.	6/24
Pasewark Steven	6/25
Adams Lois (Lois)	6/30



Macormac Troy S.	6/2
Larson Sydney E.	6/3
Mellard Megan M.	6/5
Schrahl Chelsea A.	6/5
Washburn Katie L.	6/6
Hood Mariah A.	6/7
Winter Mitchell D.	6/8
Lang Jr. Dean A.	6/11
Wise Sandra	6/13
Dehncke Mark D.	6/14
Jahnke Jered D.	6/18
Schultz Mike	6/18
Mann Erin M.	6/20
Schulz Colton K.	6/20
Bolin Taryn K.	6/22
Hampton Marcia L.	6/22
Winter Dustin L.	6/26
McDonald Emily J.	6/27
Shipman Gage W.	6/28

Parmenter Michael G. (Mike) and Judith J. (Judy)	6/3	28 yrs
Bolin Jr. Billy J. and Toni	6/5	31 yrs
Meyer Douglas W. (Doug) and Sheri L.	6/5	40 yrs
Karnes Jon E. and Dori A.	6/15	38 yrs
Lewis R. Heath H. and Denise R.	6/15	26 yrs
Hankins Brian L. and Elizabeth K.	6/24	44 yrs
Horn Arlen J. (A.J.) and Ruth	6/25	27 yrs
Pasewark Steven and Vicki L.	6/28	47 yrs



Greeters

June

5: Dale & Sylvia Moore
 12: Larry & Mable Moore
 19: Mary Morton & Nancy Zink
 26: Steve Nienke

July

3: Roger & Sherri Obermueller
 10: Robert & Barb Ohmie
 17: Mike & Judy Parmenter
 24: Steve & Vicki Pasewark
 31: Gary & Linda Puls

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

June 5 Ruth Valdez
 June 12 Debbie Welty
 June 19 Jeanetta Bolin
 June 26: Doris Cannon

Altar Guild



Fill

May 1 & June 5 Margaret Baldrige
 May 8 & June 12 Doris Cannon
 May 15 & June 19 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 May 22 & June 26 Stacy & Bailee Shipman
 May 29 Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

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

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

June

David Funke
 Doug Meyer
 Erich Schieber

July

Bill Fromm
 Larry Moore
 Roger Obermueller

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.



June

5: Mark Welty
 12: Robert Bolin
 19: Jim Merrick
 26: Richard Vinroe

July

3: Mark Welty
 10: Robert Bolin
 17: Jim Merrick
 24: Richard Vinroe
 31: Mark Welty:



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.

Spiritual Leadership Team Report

Greetings, Bethany!

Summer is upon us. We pray your summer is a time to relax.

We are ever thankful for your support for His church with time, talents and treasures!

Keep in mind the plan to resume common cup and passing of the offering plates. This happens June 5.

Please use your discretion to participate. We will still offer individual cup and offering plates will be still be at the rear of the sanctuary. If you wish not to handle an offering plate, simply gesture to the usher, no thanks. They will accommodate and continue.

As always, we stand ready to serve you.

Peace,
SLT

Sunday, June 5th - Day of Pentecost



After a 2-year absence due to the pandemic, we will resume two practices at Bethany on this Sunday. We will offer the common cup during the Distribution of the Lord's Supper and offering plates will also be passed and brought to the altar during the Divine Service. Praise the Lord!



Guinea/West Africa

Also on June 5, we will be taking up a door offering to help pay for the construction of a new seminary. The Kansas District has had a long standing mission partnership with the Guinea/West Africa mission.



SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

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

DINING ROOM- 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 - Sunday School is lead by teachers in a rotation schedule. The current curriculum being used is: Delivered: God's Gift of Grace. Please call Jeanetta Bolin at 316/207-3023 (cell) or Doris Cannon (316)990-6066 (cell) if you have questions. A big thank you to those who have agreed to teach.



Early Childhood Center Update

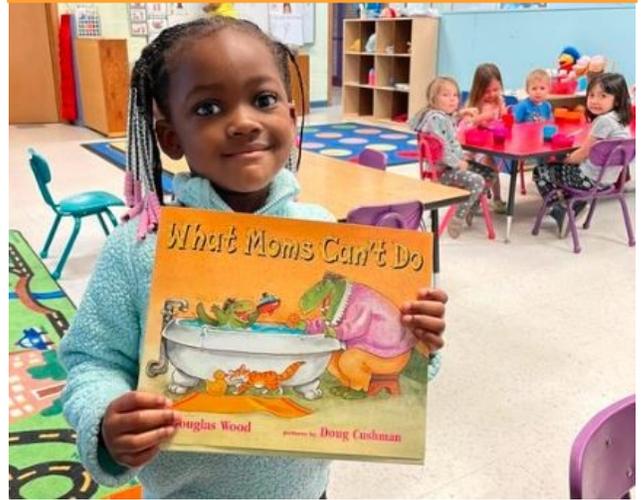
Bethany's ECC Daycare is maintaining very well now. We continue to be at our maximum enrollment until we can open up the other room with a Lead Teacher, and that's coming.

Meanwhile, we have applied for the next grant of COVID relief money from Child Care Aware, and are expecting to learn if we are approved just any day now.

As always, THANKS for your continued support and prayers!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry;
Jim Merrick

Happy Mothers Day. *What Mom's Can't Do* by Douglas Wood. What's something that your mom is good at doing?



Day 4 Happy Mother's Day. Mom's are Magical. What's a favorite Meal that your mom has made for you?



Making bird house's for snack

WEBSITE UPDATE

Bethany Lutheran Church
Wichita, KS

Bethany has a new website!!

It went "live" on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th. We will be adding the newsletter link to it in a day or so. This will reduce our web costs long-term, since we will be paying one source for both the page software and the hosting of the site on a sever. Before, we paid two sources.

The professional web developer we are using (Chad Mercer) is a member of Ascension, so he is giving us a "best friend" kind of deal on the cost, along with his pro services to get the new site built and help us maintain it. The new website will be easier to use and navigate, and has a clean, modern look. We will be adding new tabs to the page as we go, so keep checking back to see our progress!

For Bethany's Website Working Group; *Jim Merrick*

<https://bethanylutheranwichita.org/>

Trustees Report

Our loyal volunteers are tending to the A/C units that supply cool for the ECC and making repairs as needed in the kitchen and other areas. They keep the grounds looking great and the lights all burning. We are still awaiting a final response from the insurance carrier re: additional monies to cover unknown expenses from the December storm. Our contract mowing company seems to be on track keeping the large areas east and north of the building.

Thank you to all who faithfully support His church and facility!

Until next time,
Trustees



Block Party for Pastor Boyle (Trinity and Grace congregations)

Pastor Boyle has accepted a call to become a professor at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Trinity Lutheran at 611 S. Erie in Wichita is throwing him a farewell block party on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00pm. Bobby Ray's will provide a BBQ meal with tea & lemonade. Beer will come from Central Standard Brewing company. Kona Ice will have a shaved-ice truck on site as well. Feel free to bring your own beverages. RSVP at office@tlc.kscoxmail.com



Southwest Neighborhood Association: Regular
SWNA Meeting June 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Come and see what's happening in the neighborhood. www.southwichita.com



Talents 
TREASURE

Stewardship Team update:

Here are April numbers. Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller. Thank you for your continued stewardship to Bethany- *Time, Talents and Treasure*

Time and Talents: Anyone who would like to help with

Altar Guild, Greeters, Ushers, Help with Sunday School or other ideas to spread God's word, please let someone know (Pastor, Elder, Team leaders or the church office) Your ideas and input are appreciated.

Month of Apr 2022		2022 YTD	
Offerings:	\$20,718	Jan 1 Bank Bal:	\$55,964
ECC Tuition:	\$15,521	Offerings:	\$78,392
Other Income:	\$105	ECC Tuition:	\$78,175
Total Income:	\$36,344	Other Income:	\$38,258
Expenses:	\$40,555	Total Income:	\$194,825
		Expenses:	\$183,164
		Grant Expenses	\$23,588
		Bank Balance:	\$44,037

Board of Parish Ed

- The current curriculum being used for the children's Sunday School class is: Delivered: God's Gift of Grace. We will be meeting in the third classroom during June. We began a rotation schedule for teaching the children's Sunday School class: June 5th-Ruth Valdez, June 12th-Debbie Welty, June 19th-Jeanetta Bolin, June 26th-Doris Cannon. Any questions, contact Doris.
- There will be no VBS this summer.
- We will begin "God's People: Walking and Talking" on Monday, June 6th, 1:00-2:00pm. (see info below)

"God's People: Walking & Talking"

Starting June 6th: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm

Bethany's Activity Center

Walk 10 steps or a mile! Talk 10 words or a lot!!

Get some exercise and fellowship at the same time.

Will use a Bible verse to encourage the Talking

*-Take a late lunch hour and
join us retired folks!*

*-On 2nd and 4th Wednesday's
can stay for games!*



Facility Update at Concordia Academy: Due to water damage caused by an improperly repaired roof at Grace Lutheran, together with Pastor Boyle's pending departure to teach at Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, Concordia Academy is moving their campus to Immanuel Lutheran Church (909 S. Market St., Wichita). Immanuel has a large and secure building featuring numerous classrooms, a gym with a stage, a choir/music room and much more.

The Academy is grateful to Immanuel for hosting the Academy. They also thank Grace for the use of their facilities thus far. Enrollment is open for the fall of 2022. See their website for more information and an application form. ConcordiaAcademyWichita.org

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 or call 1-800-876-9880.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Our next LWML meeting will be June 21st, at 6pm. It will be a salad supper. See information below. All ladies are invited. *For fun and insight, would like each to share something about themselves that the rest probably don't know.*

Quilting ladies meet on Tuesday mornings and Saturday mornings. Contact Amy Salazar or Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information about Quilting. There have been 67 quilts made so far this year.



Salad Supper
Tuesday, June 21st
6:00pm - 8:00pm



Bring a salad and a friend!

A time to socialize and enjoy good company and good food!



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.



Bethany's Community Garden

is getting a great start with potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, sunflowers, cabbage, green onions, okra and sweet snap peas. Volunteers are doing a great job in getting these planted and trying to make sure they grow until ripe, keeping safe

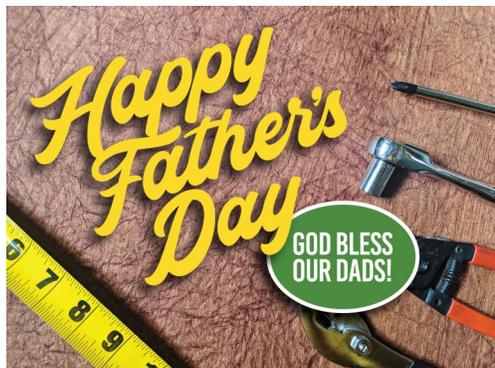
from vandals and working with the weather in producing as much as possible. God willing, there will be ripe produce available for the congregation and the community.

Thanks to the volunteers, especially Vickie Collins, for their dedication in getting the Garden planted and working the hours it takes to keep it producing.

Volunteers Vickie Collins, Steve Reiling and David Funke get started on the planting process.



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