



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

March 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th 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 -
Thur.- 9 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Sunday - 10:30 AM
Vacancy Pastor:
Tim Meyer

Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages
One through Five
Program Director

Danita Seamars
316-265-3033

March 2023

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Led by God's Holy Spirit, the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church has called

Rev. Nicholas Ryan Cordt

to serve us in the Office of the Holy Ministry.
Your prayers and presence are requested at the

Service of Installation

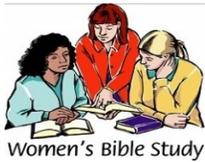
To be held
Sunday March 12, 2023
At 4:00pm
At Bethany Lutheran Church
Dinner to follow

See page 4 for information about the dinner following the Installation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and get to know you, the saints at Bethany. It has been a blessing to see your dedication to the Word, your openness to learning more about that Word, and your willingness to explore how as Lutheran Christians we might become ever more faithful to our Lord, and so to bless the world. I am delighted that you will soon be under the care of Pr. Cordt, who is a faithful servant of the Word. I pray that you continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Now may the God of all grace and mercy bless you and keep you in His care until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Tim Meyer





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** The study is "A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Come and join us and bring a friend.

Pastoral Visits and Contact: Vacancy Pastor Tim Meyer 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 316-214-9638.



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

O'Brien Julie L.	3/3
Crossman Dean (Dean)	3/4
Puls Linda K. (Linda)	3/4
Wenger Patricia L. (Pat)	3/4
Hampton Jr. Melvin C. (Curtis)	3/5
Stupasky Emma A.	3/6
Francis Justyn R. (Justyn)	3/7
Anton Jason W. (Jason)	3/11
Bolin Breeanna M.	3/13
Shipman Stacy R. (Stacy)	3/13
Owen David W. (David)	3/14
Bolin Jr. Billy J.	3/15
Zindel Ashlee L. (Ashlee)	3/17
Brummett Vera K.	3/20
Larson Adam C. (Adam)	3/22
Lang Nina S.	3/26
Willis Rosa N. (Sally)	3/26
Bolin Alex M.	3/27
Williamson Kellimarie G.	3/28
Lewis Ava R. (Ava)	3/29
Terhune Jaxen C. (Jaxen)	3/31



MARCH



Bolin Sr. Billy J. (Bill)	3/1
Francis Hayden L. (Hayden)	3/1
Moore Joseph D. (Joe)	3/4
Welty Linda D. (Linda)	3/5
Larouche Barbara A. (Barbara)	3/12
Shipman Colt W. (Colt)	3/13
Edgar Cassandana M. (Cassie)	3/14
Edgar Jordan S.	3/14
Edgar Kelsea N.	3/14
Albright Keely B.	3/18
Willis Rosa N. (Sally)	3/18
Kester Bruce J. (Bruce)	3/20
Wise Sidney L. (Sid)	3/21
Lang Susan M.	3/25
Stupasky Crystal N.	3/25
Mishler Glen P. (Glen)	3/26
Vinroe Richard L. (Richard)	3/28
Brockmeyer Lois L.	3/29
Chamberlin Kim L. (Kim)	3/29

Schrahl Timothy G. and Joni L. 3/3 33 yrs.

Mellard III Richard W. and Shelley L. 3/12 35 yrs.



Greeters

March

- 5. Dean & Nina Lang
- 12. Dolores & Susan Lang
- 19. Denise & Ava Lewis
- 26. Vivian Maily

April

- 2. Jim & Leona Merrick
- 9. Doug & Sheri Meyer
- 16. Dale & Sylvia Moore
- 23. Larry & Mable Moore
- 30. Mary Morton

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 in 3rd classroom



March 5	Deb Welty	April 2	Deb Welty
March 12	Ruth Valdez	April 9	Ruth Valdez
March 19	Deb Welty	April 16	Deb Welty
March 26	Ruth Valdez	April 23	Ruth Valdez
		April 30	Deb Welty

Altar Guild

Fill

March 5 & April 2	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
March 12 & April 9	Doris Cannon
March 19 & April 16	Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
March 26 & April 23	Doris Cannon
April 30	Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

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



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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

March

Mark Dehncke
David Funke
Doug Meyer

April

Bruce Kester
Larry Moore
Erich Schieber

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.



March

- 5. Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 12. Mike Parmenter/ Robert Ohmie
- 19. Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 26. Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty

April

- 2. Mike Parmenter/ Robert Ohmie
- 9. 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.



Celebratory Dinner for Installation of Pastor Nicholas Cordt Sunday, March 12, approximately 5:30pm

Main Course, Bread and Drinks Provided

Bethany members please Bring a Side and a Dessert

*Come and Welcome Pastor Cordt and his family
to our congregation.*



Faith Alone

Grace Alone

Word Alone



Board of Parish Ed Update



“God’s People: Walking & Talking” Mondays and Wednesdays *AND Fridays, too*, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center and Dining Room. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. Have been 5-12 in attendance. We have music playing. A time to get to know each other and keep active, too. We usually have a short devotion or discussion.

Women’s Bible Study meets in the Prayer Center on 1st and 3rd Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Current study is “Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust.” by Sharla Fritz. All women invited and encouraged to bring a friend! New study will start in April.

Children’s Sunday School Encouraging members to bring their grandkids, great grandkids.

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 Meyer leads a study on the logic of Christianity.
- **PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin** leads a study on Baptism.
- **SECOND CLASSROOM– Mark Dehncke** leads a study of the book entitled “Why I Believe” by Chip Ingram, in the second classroom of the west wing, accessible from the back hallway. 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.
- **THIRD CLASSROOM - Sunday School** is lead by Ruth Valdez and Deb Welty. An opening is held at 10:30 in the back of the Sanctuary with music led by Sandy Tope and Small Catechism items presented weekly. “Enduring Faith” curriculum is being used. This begins with creation and continues weekly with God’s plan of salvation throughout the entire Bible—pointing students to Jesus, their Savior.



Early Childhood Center Update

Life is good in our Daycare center!

We are fully staffed and ready for more children. We are continuing to hover at

around 40 kids, with room for about 20 more, since our capacity is 60.

We ended 2022 at just about break-even for the year, financially.

Our grant money from Child Care Aware will last until the end of May.

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry,

Jim Merrick

Happy Valentines from Bethany ECC. We had a special breakfast for the kiddos and their parents this morning and heart shaped pizza for lunch. Much fun today. ❤️❤️



Trustees Report

Happy March from the trustees!

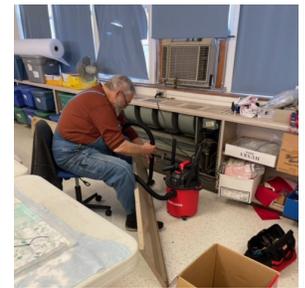
As usual, our volunteers work steadily to keep things in order. Thankful for their help! Picture on right is Bruce Kester working on heat for the Quilting room.

Joe Moore was able to cut/haul off the fallen tree to the north.

There is another tree that needs to be removed. Cost will be about \$600. These items are not included in the work program. This tree could fall on the neighbor's house.

We look forward to spring when we can work on outside items.

All for now, Trustees



Spiritual Leadership Report



Greetings from the SLT!

We are super excited to welcome Pastor Nick Cordt !

Installation is scheduled at 4 PM March 12th. There will be a dinner after the installation service. All members are welcome!

His first Sunday will be 3/26.

Please know that Pastor Nick is already working on items of ministry at Bethany.

Prayers for our congregation and Risen Savior through the transition.

All for now, Peace and Blessings SLT

Management Team Report

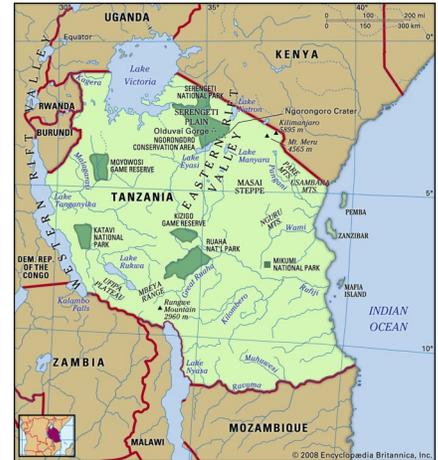
Apologies are in order for the end of year giving statements not getting to you in a timely manner. We have discovered computer issues and hopefully have fixed them before you get this message. We understand the importance of this information and we value you and your giving. Continue to let us know of any issues that we need to be aware of and we will work on solving them.



An opportunity to support a mission

HI! HO! HI! HO! It's off to Africa I go!

I have the awesome opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Tanzania from June 20 to July 5, 2023. We will travel to Arusha Tanzania, with our base at Agape Christian College. This is my first mission trip. I will be going with a group of 10 from Freedom Church in Augusta. The leaders of our group were missionaries there for 5 years. I am excited for this mission trip. The outreach projects touch my heart. As you know children are special to me, we will be helping school age children and special needs children. We will be having classes to discuss women's health with widows. There will be an eyeglass clinic that our group will conduct. Oh, I can't forget the Praise and Worship Services. I do love a good song to sing and dance a jig to! We will end the trip by going on a Safari.



Your spiritual and financial support is welcome. I ask that you would pray for the team and myself. If you would like a prayer calendar, send me a request and I will send it once the finalized schedule is available. Total cost for this mission trip is \$3500.00. The airfare is \$2000.00 and is due by March 22. If you would like to financially support me on this adventure you may make your donation one of following ways:

Make check payable to I WILL GO Ministries, Inc and mail to

I WILL GO Ministries, Inc
500 Adams Avenue
El Dorado, KS 67042

or Linda Welty
12006 Rolling Hills
Wichita, KS 67235

Attach a sticky note with my name, Linda Welty, on it. **Please DO NOT write my name anywhere on the check in order for your contribution to be tax deductible.**

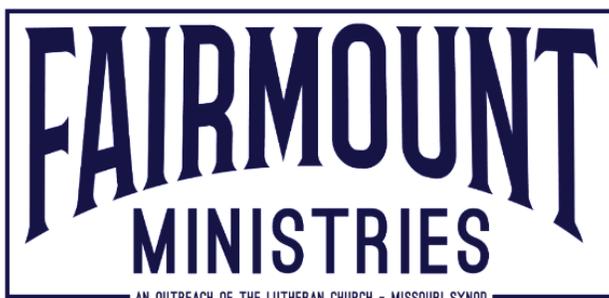
Go to www.iwillgoministriesinc.org, place Tanzania in subject box and Linda Welty, in comments. (Paypal does deduct a small fee from your gift.)

Thank you for your prayers and support

Africa here I come! Linda Welty



Vickie is beginning to plan the garden. If you have ideas, talk to her about them. And keep watching to see what begins to grow. **Expansion is coming!!** Spring is getting close.



Located directly between WSU & Fairmount Neighborhood, our community ranges from all ages and backgrounds.

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Help us to foster a ministry of presence to students and young adults through Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. today!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

For March, LWML will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 4pm for the regular meeting and Bible Study. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend. Quilting Ladies meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-12:00am and Saturday mornings, 9:00am-12:00pm. Contact Amy Salazar, Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information.

Women's Retreat 2023: March 4, 2023. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich. Love Rules: A Study of the Ten Commandments, Guest Speaker: Christina Hergenrader. Early-bird Tickets: \$25, \$30 after February 17. <https://HolyCrossLutheran.net/LwMLretreat>. Doors open at 8:30am for registration & breakfast, retreat begins at 9 and ends at 2:30, lunch is provided.

Wichita Zone 2023 Day of Prayer Service, March 25th: at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, co-hosted by Peace Lutheran Church, Andover. My Soul Rejoices: A Service of Song and Prayer led by Pastor Seth Meyer.

The Service of song and prayer is filled with hymns, the Word, and prayer. You can look forward to a joyous and uplifting worship service.

Prayer Service begins at 8:30 with Registration, coffee/breakfast & adjourns at 1:45.

\$12 Registration fee includes: breakfast and lunch.

Mission Speaker, Lin Dehning, MOST Ministries.

MOST Ministries is Mission Opportunities Short Term, a recognized service organization of the LCMS that connects, trains, and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world, in response to requests from missionaries and church bodies.

Offerings include Fairmount Ministries (District Day of Prayer Recipient), Mites, & Gifts from the Heart.

Gifts from the Heart (Ingathering) for Inwood Apartments Easter Feast Baskets: Cash Donations for small hams or chickens, Boxed Potato Mixes (AuGratin, Scalloped, etc), Boxed Pasta Mixes (mac & cheese or pasta salad), Canned Green Beans, Peas, or other vegetables, Cream of Mushroom Soup, French Onions, Canned Fruits, Cake mixes, frosting, cookie mixes (especially mix with water type), Baked pies, cookies, etc., Bread or rolls, Easter candies (optional).

RSVP by March 17th, 2023 to Kris Alvarez at krisalvarez18@cox.net or 316-641-2431.



Concordia Academy-Wichita

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Wichita, KS 67211

<https://www.concordiaacademywichita.org>

Enrollment for 2023-2024 is open! --Save the Date!
Our "Friends of Concordia Annual Fundraiser Banquet and Silent Auction" will be held on Friday, April 21. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance, beginning March 1. Go online to reserve tickets.

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.



We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. Our next SWNA Meeting will be March 28th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. here at Bethany in the Activity Center. Come join us and see what is going on in the neighborhood. Generally our Community Police Officer, the Firemen and the elected officials attend, along with others in the area.

We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room.

More information: contact Darlene Nuse

www.southwichita.com

Fellowship Update: Valentine Potluck(Feb. 12th) - A Big Success!!!



© And a reminder that the KC Chiefs played and won the Super Bowl at 5:30 this day!!!!

We all felt so loved!

We enjoyed the beautiful table decorations gifted to us by the preschoolers and the delicious food supplied by the congregation. But most of all we felt blessed by the fellowship and the opportunity to meet our new pastor and his family.



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.

Issues, Etc.: is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. LPR streams 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Pastor Nicholas Cordt's
Installation Service

Sunday, March 12, 4:00pm

See page 1 and page 4 for more information.

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:
12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
Closed: 5:00 p.m.



Lenten Services



Wednesdays: March
1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00 pm

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