



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: May 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 -

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

May 2023

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Brothers and Sisters of Bethany,

Wow, what a month it's been. We started off the month celebrating the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus and ended it praising God for the eternal life that our brother, Bill Sr, is enjoying because of what Jesus did for him (and us)! We also spent the last few weeks in Bible class examining who we are as a congregation and looking toward the future of what ministry is going to look like here at Bethany. On the surface it may seem like there are a lot of changes going on, but in reality, we're just grabbing a hold of who we are as a congregation and embracing the mission God has called us to.

Yes, things are going to look and feel a little different, but the core of who Bethany is remains unchanged. We have a proud history of loving and serving others and with the Holy Spirit leading and encouraging us, we're going to have an even bigger impact on the Kingdom than ever before.

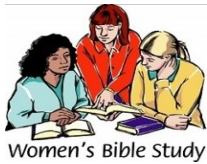
Thank you for calling me and my family to join you on this journey. If the first seven weeks are any indication, we're going to have a blast moving forward together showing this city that we are Bethany.

Let's do this!

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Nick





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** The study is "Waiting: 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. A new study will be decided in May.

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



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. All are invited to join these events.

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.

Deckard, Jamie K.	5/1
Welty, Debra K.	5/5
Bolin, Taryn K.	5/6
Cordt, Aubrey J.	5/6
Collins, Vicky	5/7
Lang, Courtney E.	5/7
Bolin, Jeanetta K.	5/8
Hasenbank, Kathleen M.	5/9
Hood, Mariah A.	5/10
Larson, Olivia J.	5/10
Morton, Mary J.	5/11
Cox, Lisa M. (Lisa)	5/12
Moore, Mable A	5/12
Wise, Sandra	5/12
Shipman, Gage W.	5/15
Kester, Andrew I.	5/17
Puls, Gary	5/20
Washburn, Katie L.	5/21
Chamberlin, Kevin L.	5/22
Winter, Dennis	5/22
Welty, Mark R.	5/25
Zink-Bolin, Traci	5/25
Schreffler, Spencer T.	5/26
Cook, Kyle A.	5/27
Hampton, Marcia L.	5/27
Stark, Kim	5/27
Mailly, Vivian E.	5/29
Lang Jr., Dean A.	5/31



Collins, Vicky	5/3
Welty, Debra K.	5/5
Williamson, Brittanie M.	5/6
Moore, Kyle D.	5/10
Lewis, Denise R.	5/11
Hood, Marlena M.	5/12
Kester, Kenneth R.	5/13
Burl Jr., Darnell B.	5/17
Burl Sr., Darnell B.	5/17
Williamson, Kellimarie G.	5/17
Lang, Courtney E.	5/18
Hasenbank, Kathleen M.	5/19
Bolin, Alex M.	5/20
Merrick, Timothy J.	5/21
Rowley-Schieber, Rayden K.	5/21
Reyes, Angela R.	5/25
Welty, Mark R.	5/25
Kester, Andrew I.	5/30

Welty, Dwan S. and Linda D.	5/4	28 yrs.
Hood, Jarod M. and Marlena	5/11	16 yrs.
Owen, David W. and Teresa A.	5/17	31 yrs.
Schreffler, Robert and Melanie	5/18	27 yrs.
Welty, Mark R. and Debra K.	5/24	48 yrs.
Obermueller, Roger A. and Sherri L.	5/26	44 yrs.
Wise, Sidney L. and Sandra	5/31	53 yrs.



Greeters

May

- 7. Steve Nienke
- 14. Roger & Sherri Obermueller
- 21. Robert & Barbara Ohmie
- 28. Mike & Judy Parmenter

June

- 4. Steve & Vicki Pasewark
- 11. Gary & Linda Puls
- 18. Steve & Margie Reiling
- 25. Amy Salazar

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 and Activity time in Youth room in basement

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| May 7 | Ruth Valdez | June 4 | Ruth Valdez |
| May 14 | Deb Welty | June 11 | Deb Welty |
| May 21 | Ruth Valdez | June 18 | Ruth Valdez |
| May 28 | Deb Welty | June 25 | Deb Welty |



Altar Guild

Fill

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|------------------|------------------------------------|
| May 7 & June 4 | Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton |
| May 14 & June 11 | Doris Cannon |
| May 21 & June 18 | Lois Adams & Amy Salazar |
| May 28 & June 25 | Doris Cannon |

Cleanup

- Toni Bolin
- Julie O'Brien
- Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
- Vicki Pasewark

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

May

- Mark Dehncke
- Larry Moore
- Roger Obermueller

June

- Bill Fromm
- David Funke
- 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.



May

- 7: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 14: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 21: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 28: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty

June

- 4: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 11: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 18: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 25: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie



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 Report

Greetings from the SLT.

Our hearts go out to the Bolin family! Bill Sr. will be missed!

We continue to see increased interest at Bethany!

Praise God!

We pray for wisdom and guidance as we march forward to engage all the blessings He has given us!

Our plan is to publish the people we call "Grace Blessing" on the shut in list.

Mainly to realize that any one of us can make a phone call, send a card or simply pray.

Let's think outside the walls as we leave Sunday services!!

Peace,
SLT



Trustees Report

April showers bring.... Oh wait ... missing something!!

News you can use...

Pave The Way is scheduled 2-3 weeks out to repair our parking lot.

Project will be fully funded!

Praise be to God and thankful for the dedicated people of Bethany!!!

Look for the cones blocking off the north section a couple of days prior for work to begin.

Look for late breaking info as the month progresses via email and news notes.

MGMT meeting has been postponed due to the Bolin family loss. Their energy needs to focus on the family!

Peace,
Trustees

Management Team Report

Management Team meeting was postponed until May 1st. Refer to Sunday news notes for any updates.



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 Baptism.
- **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.
- **THIRD CLASSROOM - 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 is presented in 3rd classroom and activity time is in the Youth Room in basement. "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

Bethany's Daycare Center is sailing right along, in fair winds and calm seas... Our enrollment keeps fluctuating between 30 and 40 children. As families' needs change, kids come and go from our program. That's just how early child care goes. Danita --our Director-- manages staff workloads in masterful fashion. She makes the day-to-day decisions that match our staffing in each room to the number of children present that day. The result of this hard work is that, so far this year, our Center is supporting itself financially, maintaining a break-even balance. This is outstanding for a non-profit, as we are. As of last month, so far this year, our Center was within \$6 (six dollars) of paying for itself. That is INCREDIBLE! Last year, due to the State grant money which reimbursed us for our expenses, our Daycare Center was about \$50,000 cash-positive for Bethany. That's \$50,000 above and beyond what it cost to operate our ECC. That is, without our ECC, we would have had \$50,000 less income for the year.

People ask what we can do to grow our Early Childhood Ministry, so it can serve more families, and can better serve Bethany's mission into the future. The answer to that would be: Construction. We are basically using the space we currently have available. Due to space and staff constraints, we cannot operate a full-time room for babies, from birth to 12 months of age. To do that, we would need another room dedicated to infants, and 3 more Teachers. Not having that capacity means we have to turn away quite a few families -- families who usually have several children... they have to make the decision to either have their kids in two different Centers, or just to go somewhere else entirely. If we could add a room for infants, we would be able to take those families, often locking-in multiple children along with each baby, and the income that goes with that. We are brainstorming ways to make this happen, so we can grow. Please pray for us as we look for answers to this conundrum.

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



Stewardship Report

Here is the budget summary through March. We have received \$36,152 in grant money through March so the finances are easy right now. Any suggestions or any questions, contact Roger Obermueller, Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

If you want to be included in Time and Talents Stewardship, contact the office and/or leaders of the teams.

2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Line Total	3 mo budget
BASE OPERATIONS	\$12,675	\$18,139	\$20,871	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,685	\$44,948
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$3,996	\$4,440	\$5,640	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,077	\$32,392
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$15,637	\$21,355	\$21,464	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$58,456	\$63,065
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$32,339	\$43,934	\$47,975	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$124,248	\$114,170
OFFERINGS	\$21,388	\$22,282	\$25,692	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,362	\$60,000
ECC INCOME	\$19,416	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,879	\$48,201
ECC GRANT FUNDS	\$8,738	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,197	\$62,850
TOTAL INCOME	\$49,543	\$43,985	\$64,264	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$157,792	\$131,350
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$17,204	\$51	\$16,289	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,544	
ECC INCOME/LOSS	\$12,518	\$6	\$17,109	\$0	\$0	\$0		

An opportunity to support an important mission

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 or Linda Welty
500 Adams Avenue 12006 Rolling Hills
El Dorado, KS 67042 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 comment box.

(Paypal does deduct a small fee from your gift.) *Thank you for your prayers and support Linda Welty*



Our Garden is Growing!!

The cabbage, carrots, and spinach are loving the cool weather.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation starter plants have been purchased and tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers will be planted soon.

If you want to help, call Vicky.

Vicky Collins: 316-771-1207



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

Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women in Mission organization is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. At Bethany, they meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. So far there have been 75 quilts finished since November, 2022. During the year they also make School Kits, Health Kits and Baby Kits and hold fundraisers. Through the years our LWML chapter has bought furnishings and appliances for the kitchen, dining room and sacristy. They also support seminary students. LWML also meets once a month for a business meeting and Bible study and fellowship. Any woman is welcome to join in the fun and mission service to the Lord. For more information call Ruth Valdez at (316) 213-0177. Every year in October, Bethany has a LWML Sunday and displays on our pews the hard work and talent of the ladies with the quilts they have made since the previous October.

Stop by our LWML table in the Narthex. We have added two boxes. One is for the collection of eyeglasses that you may have no further need of. These will be shared with MOST Ministries who take them to people in different parts of the world who are in need of eyeglasses. The other box is collecting used postage stamps. If possible, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch on each side. These stamps are LWML Texas District Stamporee Project. There is more information on the stamps by that box. Thank you for your help with these projects. We have new individual mite boxes on the LWML table in the narthex for anyone who wishes to take one to collect change for mites. It can be returned to the table to be emptied into the larger mite box.

May meeting is May 9th, 4:00pm in the Prayer Center.

Board of Parish Ed Update

"God's People: Walking & Talking" Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays, 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 gospel 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 Class continues with a new book to be decided on in May. Attendance is increasing.

Sunday School includes ages Preschool to age 17. Currently all meet together with 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 is presented in 3rd classroom and activity time is in the Youth Room in the basement.

Adult Sunday Bible classes will continue in May after meeting with Pastor Nick in April.

LWML meetings continue with increasing attendance.



Concordia Academy-Wichita

909 S Market St

Wichita, KS 67211 www.concordiaacademywichita.org,

a 9th-12th grade Lutheran Liberal Arts High School in located in the heart of Wichita.

Enrollment for 2023-2024 is open! Applications for enrollment can be found on the website under the "Admissions" tab.

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.

Fellowship Update

Fellowship is planning a cookout-themed fellowship dinner for mid-June. We will be cooking brats purchased from the Fairmount Ministries fundraiser. Look for more information in the coming weeks.



Change For Life Fundraiser:



Change For Life

We received our supply of baby bottles for the annual "Change For Life" fundraising campaign for Embrace. Their organization helps women with unexpected pregnancies. Their representative said that 88 local churches participate in this campaign. We have posters around the building and bulletin inserts. The campaign begins on Mother's Day, May 14, and ends on Father's Day, June 18.

Pick up your bottle in the Narthex and return them to the office.

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.



Thanks to everyone that came out to the [SWNA Southwest Neighborhood Association Wichita, Kansas](#) meeting, Tuesday, April 25th, at Bethany. Great discussion on issues in South Wichita. Several from Bethany were in attendance, including Pastor Nick.



We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. 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

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- 10am Fellowship
- 10:30am Educ. Ho
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- 1pm GPWaT
- 6:30pm Mgmt Tea
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May



Happy
Mother's
Day

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8, NRSV

Pentecost



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

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.



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