



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

November 2022

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Grace to you and peace in the Name of our Lord and Savior!
 It was just a couple of weeks ago that your Circuit Visitor Pr. Mark Lovett approached me about the possibility of serving in a vacancy position here at Bethany. I look forward to our time together, and hope to get to know each of you well! Please indulge me a few words to introduce myself.

My wife Donna and I have been happily married for 45 years. We have three very grown children, and nine grandchildren ranging in age from 2 months to 14 years. The youngest one, Kinsley, was a little bit difficult, so Donna spent much of the last three months in southern Missouri pampering daughter Suzi

by helping her and her husband with their two pre-schoolers. Thanks be to God, daughter Suzi and newest grandkid Kinsley are doing fine, and should receive medical releases from their doctors' on November 1. Part of my reason for relating all of this is to let you know that I will soon need a weekend away so that I might baptize her at her home congregation. (Thanks in advance for your kindness!)

The Lord works in wondrous ways – and so often in ways that are surprising to us! During nearly all of my 30+ years as a civil engineer (many of them here in Wichita) I did not consider that serving as a pastor would ever be my calling, and then that serving in the LCMS would be possible. Seeds are planted by the hearing of God's Word, and those seeds sometimes do not bear fruit for many years. In Isaiah 55 the words of our God come to us:

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

As part of preparing to serve you during your call process I read the farewell message that you received last month in this newsletter from Pr. Schnelle. His words were filled with grace and concern for you – words that come from a pastor's heart. For your pastor is charged with your spiritual welfare and well-being – your *Seelsorge* in the German.

He wisely identified the only true source of that health: God's Word. The Daily Prayer readings for today included a passage from Deuteronomy 29. The Children of Israel are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Moses is warning them against abandoning the covenant that God had made with His people. They had not chosen Him; He had come to them with His Word spoken through the mouth of His prophet Moses. The land was to be theirs, but they were to remain with Him. They were to heed His Word, and not abandon it. Walking away from God would lead to their tragic downfall.

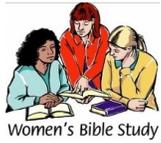
This is the consistent story of God and His people from the beginning of time. This Word has come to you also in the person of Christ. He continues to come to you through His holy Word and the Sacraments. This is the only source and norm for teachings and guidance for God's people. This is life and salvation. I so look forward to the privilege of bringing you the Word during this time we will have together. May God grant us His blessing and peace as we live in His presence through that Word.

Pr . Tim Meyer

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

November 2022						
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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.

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.



Fellowship Update: "God's People: Walking and Talking" continues. We now meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm in the Activity Center at Bethany. Come when you can and enjoy the fellowship and get some exercise at the same time.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social will be at about 7:45pm after the Thanksgiving Eve service.
See Page 6 for more details on the Pie Social



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.

Reiling, Margaret	11/1
Albright Jr., Kevin D.	11/2
Larson, Alyssa L.	11/2
Vinroe, Kali A.	11/3
Bolin, Amber M.	11/4
Cook, Evan M.	11/4
Horn, Alexander J.	11/4
Lewis, Jade A.	11/4
Parmenter, Caleb M.	11/4
Chamberlin, Cayden C.	11/10
Zink, Cody N.	11/10
Stoltenberg, Donald D.	11/11
Cook, Joshua D.	11/13
Hasenbank, Daniel S.	11/14
Tucker, Michelle	11/14
Neumiller, Fern	11/15
Fritz, Kaylee G.	11/17
Anton, Lilli	11/18
Vinroe, Richard L.	11/18
Albright, Keely B.	11/19
Baldrige, Margaret D.	11/19
Shipman, Bailee R.	11/20
Storck, Shirley J. (JoAnn)	11/20
Lang, Dolores M.	11/21
Ohmie, Matthew B.	11/22
Fromm, Billie	11/25
Stoltenberg, Betty J.	11/27
Nienke, Doris A.	11/29

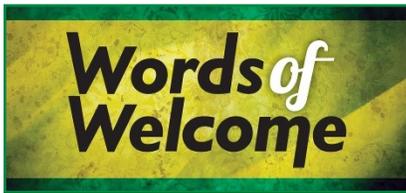


NOVEMBER



Mellard, Carla M.	11/1
Merrick, Doris E.	11/3
Mann, Andrew M.	11/9
Thompson, Alayjah	11/9
Keimig, Alan R.	11/13
Albright, Annette	11/15
Smith, Dustin M.	11/16
Smith, Karli J.	11/16
Anton, Lilli	11/17
Bolin, Amber M.	11/17
Hampton, Chelsea L.	11/17
Nienke, Steven A.	11/19
Schrahl, Joni L.	11/19
Hampton Jr., Melvin C.	11/22
Francis, Hunter B.	11/24
Karnes, Joseph P.	11/26
Lang, Dolores M.	11/27
Terhune, Jaden W.	11/27

Westerberg III, Arthur L. and Bibiana	11/3	44 yrs
Bolin, Robert A. and Jeanetta K.	11/17	33 yrs
Ohmie, Robert R. and Barbara S.	11/23	48 yrs



Greeters

November

6: Anita Albright
 13: Annetta Albright
 20: Margaret Baldrige
 27: Bill & Toni Bolin

December

4. Robert & Jeannetta Bolin
 11. Jim & Vera Brummett
 18. Doris Cannon
 25. Dean & Diane Crossman

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

Nov. 6	Ruth Valdez	Dec. 4	Ruth Valdez
Nov. 13	Deb Welty	Dec. 11	Deb Welty
Nov. 20	Ruth Valdez	Dec. 18	Ruth Valdez
Nov. 27	Deb Welty	Dec. 25	No Sunday School



Altar Guild

Fill

Nov. 6 & Dec. 4 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
 Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 Doris Cannon
 Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 Nov. 27 & Dec. 25 Doris Cannon

Cleanup

Jeanetta Bolin
 Toni Bolin
 Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
 Julie O'Brien

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

November

Bill Fromm
 Bruce Kester
 Roger Obermueller

December

Mark Dehncke
 David Funke
 Larry Moore

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.



November

6: Jim Merrick
 13: Richard Vinroe
 20: Mark Welty
 27: Robert Bolin

December

4. Jim Merrick
 11. Richard Vinroe
 18. Mark Welty
 25: Robert Bolin



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.

Management Team Report

We welcome Pastor Tim Meyer as our Vacancy Pastor. He starts Sunday, October 30th. Find more information about Pastor Meyer elsewhere in this newsletter. We are blessed to have him.

First Sunday of Advent is November 27th. The Wednesday night Advent services will begin November 30th. There will be one service at 7:00pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00pm with a Pie and Ice Cream Social after the service in the Activity Center.

The Call process is continuing with a survey which will be given to the congregation on Sunday, October 30th. A Call committee is being formed and congregation will be given updates in Sunday's Newsnotes and/or through email.



Trustees Report

Members of Bethany, Wishing you all a Happy Halloween!!!

News-worthy notes...

Our insurance broker, Stan Miller, has performed well beyond expectations and we have received final payout from the storm damage in December '21. With that payout we actually are financially whole from the repair costs! Praise be to God! With costs steadily rising, we can use the funds to offset a large deductible on future claims. Another blessing!

As our facility ages (like us all), we need to try and do repairs before they become large expensive outlays.

We are trying to formulate a "list" of items that need attention and attack those with some sort of priority.

If you see items that could be on that "list", please visit with myself or Robert Ohmie. We will do our best to stay ahead of repairs. This year we encountered several large repair items that could not be foreseen.

Several faithful donors stepped up with donations that did not impact our overall budgets. Another blessing!

We are thankful for each and every member and their faithfulness to God and Bethany!

Food for thought.... 1 Corinthians 1:9

Until next month, Peace. Mark Welty and Bethany trustees.



SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

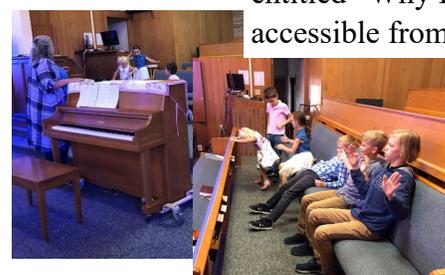
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30 AM

DINING ROOM- Pastor Meyer will lead a study which will be announced soon. See Sunday news notes.

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 "Believe" by Chip Ingram, in the second classroom of the west wing, 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 will be presented weekly.



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Early Childhood Center Update

Bethany's ECC keeps sailing along... Our enrollment dipped by a few kiddos just recently, as some moved on to USD 259, but we continue to have a dedicated number of children and families to serve.

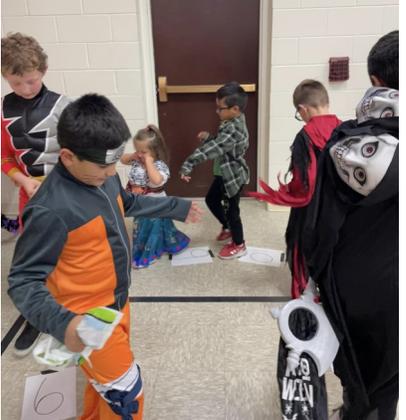
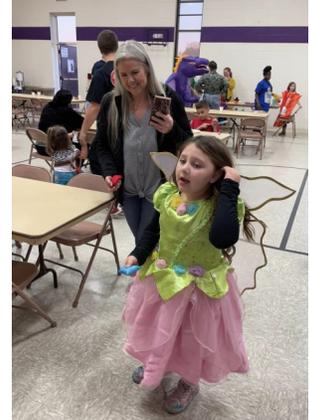
We are instituting a small increase in our tuition rates beginning with the first of November: A \$15-a-week increase is something people can handle, and we need the extra income to pay for some raises for our dedicated Teachers. We are fortunate that our staff is really pretty stable, and we aim to keep them with us.

That said, Anne Easton, who has worked as a Teacher's Aide for us since late June, has decided to move on so she can work much closer to home. So, we are going to look for a new Teacher's Aide, but for now we are okay with the current balance of staff-to-children ratio.

As always, THANK YOU for your support, and please keep praying for us!!!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry,
Jim Merrick

Wonderful Time at Family Night





We said GoodBye to
Pastor Schnelle
and family.
Wishing them
happiness in
Florida!



Pie Night Social

Approximately 7:45pm, November 23rd

After Thanksgiving Eve service

Join us for Pie and Ice Cream

Bring a pie, Share a pie, Eat a pie

and Enjoy the fellowship

All are welcome



T I M E
Talents
T R E A S U R E

Stewardship Team update:

Here is the budget summary report thru September.

Total contributions for 2022 thru September were \$181,502.

There were 62 households that contributed this year with the top 12 giving half of the total contributions.

The costs for office staff & building operations thru September was \$149,642.

The expenses for Pastor's salary & benefits plus church supplies was \$91,709.

Total expenses were \$241,351 which means a deficit of \$59,849.

This was partially offset by the transfer of \$38,633 from the "Call Pastor" fund and the "Assistant to Pastor" funds which are now closed out.

We will have to find a way to downsize next year to stay within our projected income.

Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller, Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

Thank you for your continued Time, Talents & Treasures stewardship to Bethany.

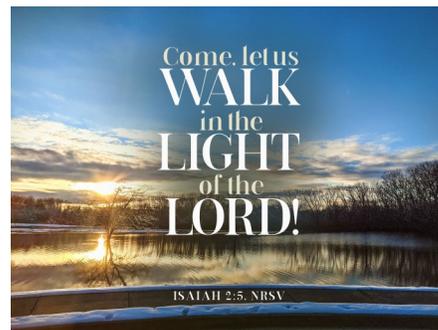
Time and Talents: Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, Greeters, Ushers, Quilting, Help with Sunday School or other ideas to spread God's word, please let someone know (*Pastor, Elders, Team leaders or the church office*) Your ideas and input are greatly appreciated.

Board of Parish Ed Update

“God’s People: Walking & Talking”

Mondays and Wednesdays *AND Fridays, too*, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center. 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. New study is “Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust.” by Sharla Fritz. All women invited and encouraged to bring a friend!



Kansas’ first and only full-time Lutheran High School. Join Us Daily for: 8am Matins 3:15pm Vespers 11am Wednesday Divine Service

Questions or inquiries? Feel free to contact Amanda Carter, the Admin. Assistant at a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org. The general informational email is CAW_info@concordiaacademywichita.org and the phone number is 316-202-8989.

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.

2nd Annual Evening of Music

Hosted by:
Concordia Academy - Wichita



Friday, November 4 at 7:00 pm
Concordia Academy/Immanuel Lutheran Church
909 S Market ~ Wichita, KS

You are cordially invited to join us for a concert performed by musicians from the Concordia Academy community, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.



A freewill donation taken at the door will raise funds for student lockers, rolling tables and chairs, and our scholarship fund.



Southwest Neighborhood Association: No Regular SWNA Meeting in November or December. Go online to find information about the annual Christmas Breakfast in December. www.southwichita.com



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

No meeting in November. Quilting Ladies meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-12:00 and Saturday mornings, 9:00-12:00. Contact Amy Salazar or Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information about Quilting. There have been 120 quilts made so far this year. School Bags, Sewing Kits, and Health bags were also made. Thank You to everyone that donated anything to us for Lutheran World Relief. We will deliver our quilts and kits November 1 and our total donations will be in the December Newsletter. They will all be sent to Lutheran World Relief. **LWML Sunday** was celebrated October 9th with a display of the quilts and kits.



Treasures/Tummy Tempters

December 4th, 11:30am:
Fundraiser for LWML Mites

Bring gently used items and baked items on Saturday, the 3rd or on Sunday, the 4th. Place gently used in activity center and baked goods in kitchen. All will be for freewill donations. And all donations will go for LWML Mites.



LWML uses the boxes to collect "mites," or donations, that are used to provide grants to mission-related projects



Holiday Bake Sale



From Sandy Wise

(update on condition after fall and broken hip and hand). As of today I am at a rehab hospital that is called "Bethany at Silver Lake". It is located in Everett, WA, which is where Sid came when he started working for Boeing and it was his first introduction to the Seattle area.

I miss you all, but the reason we are going to move here is just for this reason-so that Sally will be able to help us out when we have our *health challenges*. Thank you all for your prayers and cards!

I love you all! Sandy



Bethany's Community Garden

The Garden is still producing thanks to the volunteers, especially Vickie Collins, for their dedication. The plants were covered during the early freeze and they are still picking lettuce, spinach, dok choi, snap peas, cherry tomatoes, kumquats, and peppers. *If anyone knows the best recipe for kumquats, let us know.*

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd 7:00 pm

Pie Social following

See pg 6 for more information.

First Sunday of Advent November 27th

**First Wednesday
night Advent service**

November 30th , 7:00pm



First Sunday of Advent

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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