



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

October 2022

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

1000 W. 26<sup>th</sup> 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  
Pastor:  
Aaron Schnelle

**Early Childhood Center**  
Serving children ages  
One through Five  
*Program Director*  
*Danita Seamars*  
316-265-3033

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Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you. It has been a privilege, an honor and a joy to serve you as God’s people here at Bethany Lutheran, and wherever I have met you in your lives. It is with a heavy heart that my departure from you will come soon. Yet, it is my joy that you and I will continue in our mutual faith, our common confession, and in the fellowship of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As with our all our brothers and sisters in Christ we joyfully anticipate the Day of our Lord! The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In 1 Thessalonians (2:7-8, 11-12), St. Paul expresses a parental love and concern to those from whom he had been separated. He writes in a manner of fatherly instruction illustrating discipline in the Law of God and care of the soul by way of the Gospel.

This is, indeed, is the way our Lord speaks to us in Holy Scripture- through His Law and His Gospel. This is my encouragement to all of you as I depart as your pastor, still continuing to be your brother in Christ, Jesus, to continue hearing, meditating and responding in prayer and confession to God’s Word of Law and Gospel to you. Continue to receive His gifts of life and salvation in Word and Sacrament, not forsaking the nourishment of your faith.

Changes in life can bring about joy, but also grief and heartache. In it all, we can easily forget the Lord’s unchanging Promises and His holy and gracious will and begin to rely upon our own wisdom without Him. This is when we all need to hear Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

I Peter 2:24,25 reads, “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” We must remember what ties us together- our common confession of faith in Jesus Christ and His Word, the inspired and inerrant Word of God, and what we have unconditionally subscribed to, our Lutheran Confessions as the unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God.

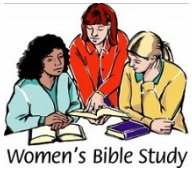
It is my prayer that you all remain steadfast in His Word and in the faith, and I ask for your prayer that I remain steadfast as well. Above all, may we behold the faithfulness of God and confess with so many others Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (VDMA), which is Latin for “the Word of the Lord remains forever.”

The Lord is faithful. He is merciful. He is steadfast in love.

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and my your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23,24).

In His Peace and Joy,  
+Pastor Aaron Schnelle





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

**Pastoral Visits and Contact:** Pastor Schnelle is delighted to visit: 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. Pastor's last Sunday at Bethany is October 23rd.

**In the event of an emergency or urgent matter outside of church office hours, call Pastor at 217-416-6972.**



**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.

LWML meets on October 11th, 4pm. Another chance for fellowship with some great ladies!



**Seniors' Activities: Breakfast:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca. **"God's People: Walking and Talking":** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm.

Chamberlin, Kim L. (Kim)	10/2
Ferrell, Caleb J. (Caleb)	10/2
Albright, Annetta S.	10/4
Edgar, Kelsea N.	10/4
Dunkel, Jodee D. (Jodee)	10/6
Payne, Charles (Chuck)	10/6
Rowley, Jazmin	10/6
Horn, Alicia J. (Alicia)	10/7
Mann, Andrew M.	10/7
Dehncke, Alyssa D. (Alyssa)	10/8
Parmenter, Lynsi B. (Lynsi)	10/8
Laska, Dastyn M.	10/9
Albright, Annette (Annette)	10/12
Karnes, Joseph P. (Joseph)	10/12
Albright, Anita L. (Anita)	10/13
McMullin, Madison R.	10/14
Schreffler, Melanie	10/14
Parmenter, Katie L. (Katie)	10/15
Arnett, Logan D.	10/17
Chamberlin, Cole C. (Cole)	10/27
Hampton, Chelsea L. (Chelsea)	10/31
Nienke, Steven A. (Steve)	10/31



**OCTOBER**



Welty, Samantha (Samantha)	10/1	
Winter, Shirley J. (Shirley)	10/1	
Ferrell, Caleb J. (Caleb)	10/2	
Studtmann, John M. (John)	10/2	
Vinroe, Hailey N. (Hailey)	10/2	
Cox, Lisa M. (Lisa)	10/4	
Moore, Larry D. (Larry)	10/4	
Riley, Karren	10/12	
Reiling, Amelia D. (Amelia)	10/13	
Walsh, Crystal M.	10/14	
Funke, David C.	10/17	
Young, Jamie R. (Jamie)	10/19	
Hampton, Shira P.	10/22	
Zindel, Ashlee L. (Ashlee)	10/24	
Zindel, Troy A. (Troy)	10/24	
Merrick, Jimmie L. (Jim)	10/25	
Salazar, Amy J. (Amy)	10/26	
Schott, Cody E. (Cody)	10/28	
Stanberry, Owen N.	10/28	
Albright, Debra S. (Deb)	10/31	
Valdez, Ramon E. and Ruth M.	10/10	14 yrs
Shipman, Richard D. and Stacy R. (Stacy)	10/14	22 yrs
Storck, Junior L. (Junior) and Shirley J. (JoAnn)	10/14	66 yrs
Swiggart, Matthew L. (Matt) and Melissa A. (Misse)	10/27	32 yrs



## Greeters

### October

- 2: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe
- 9: LWML Ladies
- 16: Pam Zindel
- 23: Nancy Zink
- 30: Lois Adams

### November

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

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.

## Children's Sunday School Teaching Schedule



- Oct 2: Debbie Welty
- Oct 9: Ruth Valdez
- Oct 16: Debbie Welty
- Oct 23: Ruth Valdez
- Oct 30: Debbie Welty

- Nov 6: Ruth Valdez
- Nov 13: Debbie Welty
- Nov 20: Ruth Valdez
- Nov 27: Debbie Welty

(An Opening is held at 10:30 in the back of the Sanctuary, with music led by Sandy Tote, Small Catechism items presented by Doris Cannon or teacher for the week)

## Altar Guild



### Fill

- Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
- Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 Doris Cannon
- Sept/ 18 & Oct. 16 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
- Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 Doris Cannon
- Oct. 30 Robert Ohmie

### Cleanup

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

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

### October

- Doug Meyer
- Larry Moore
- Eric Schieber

### November

- Bill Fromm
- Roger Obermueller
- Bruce Kester

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.



### October

- 2: Robert Bolin
- 9: Jim Merrick
- 16: Richard Vinroe
- 23: Mark Welty
- 30: Robert Bolin

### November

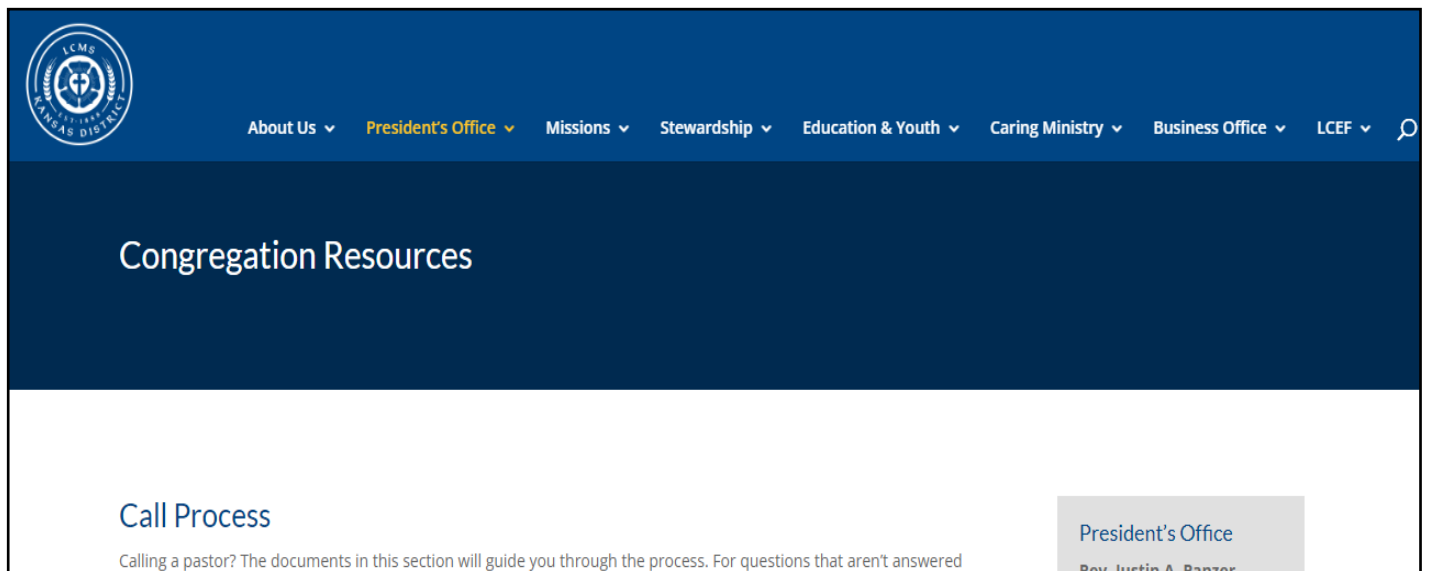
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There is a lot of **behind the scenes work** that is done for our *worship services, Bible Studies, Children's and Youth Ministries, greeters, ushers, altar guild, music ministry*, and so many more ministries that we need help with. Most of these do 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.

# Management Team Report

- A Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, October 9th, after the church service, to vote on giving Pastor Schnelle a peaceful release from his call here at Bethany.
- Rev. Justin A. Panzer, President of LCMS Kansas District, and Rev. Mark Lovett, Circuit Visitor, will be at Bethany on Sunday, October 16th, for a meeting at 4:00pm to give information about the call process. All congregation members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.
- Management Team will be forming a Call Committee to proceed with the Call Process. Congregation will be updated as procedure progresses.
- Congregation is also encouraged to go to the LCMS website to find information about the call process.
- <https://kslcms.org/presidents-office/congregation-resources/>



Say Goodbye to  
Our Pastor and Family

- Plans are being formed on having a “Goodbye Pastor and family” event. Watch for information in Sunday newsnotes and email and announcements in church. Pastor’s last Sunday with Bethany is October 23rd.







## Early Childhood Center Update

Our ECC has been blessed with a new Lead Teacher!

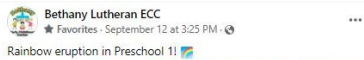
Stacy Ivey started work this Monday, the 26th. Stacy is experienced and motivated by a love of children. We are looking forward to the blessing of working with her.

We are raising our rates for Daycare slightly on November 1. We will use the additional income to pay for raises for our Daycare Teachers. Our increase is less than what many other centers are doing, so we are still extremely competitive with other centers. We offer a great value in quality Daycare services. Meanwhile, we are blessed with great Teachers, so we are going to try to make sure we keep them here.

Please keep praying for our success, and for God's continued blessings!


As always, thank you so much for your support!

Jim Merrick, *Early Childhood Ministry.*



Sunday ☩ October 30th, 2022

# Reformation Festival



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
909 S. Market St.  
Wichita, Kansas 67211

Divine Service	4:00pm
Banquet	5:30pm
Banquet Address	6:15pm
Close	7:30pm

Speaker/Preacher:  
**Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie, CTSFW**

Banquet:  
**Adults: \$15**  
**Children 10 & Under Free**  
Purchase tickets at the door

RSVP to:  
[secretary@ilchurch.org](mailto:secretary@ilchurch.org)  
by October 26th

Offerings to go to Joint Seminary Fund.  
Childcare will be provided during the lecture.

**Reformation Festival**

**2022 Kansas District Reformation Offering:** It's time for the annual Kansas District Reformation Offering, which supports the Rev. Eugene Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund. The Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund helps fund mission outreach right here in Kansas, including church revitalization, church planting and specialized ministries (campus, rural and small town, urban, deaf, and ethnic). If you'd like to contribute to this special offering, you can donate online through the Kansas District website, Kansas District Offerings. Click the red "Donate" button and select "Reformation Offering" from the dropdown menu on the payment page. You may also send a check with "2022 Reformation Offering" in the memo line to LCMS Kansas District, 1000SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604-1104. We're grateful for your support as we work together to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the state!



**Circuit Pastors' Winkel meeting** held Sept 6th at Bethany. Fellowship team provided breakfast, lunch, and drinks.

## Bethany's Community Garden

The Garden is continuing to grow and produce. Continued 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. Okra and peppers and tomatoes are doing well.



# 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 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. More information will be posted in the Sunday News Notes and on a bulletin board in the northeast hallway by the door to the parking lot.



## Stewardship Team update:

Here are the August numbers. We would have been in the red this month but \$14,689 of grant money put us in the black by almost \$7,500.

Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller or Steve Nienke.  
 Thank you for your continued 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 appreciated.

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	Line Total
<b>BASE OPERATIONS</b>	\$12,347	\$35,036	\$28,138	\$12,706	\$25,082	\$14,894	\$12,833	\$17,150	<b>\$158,187</b>
<b>WORD &amp; SACRAMENT</b>	\$10,274	\$9,415	\$9,477	\$9,595	\$10,868	\$13,695	\$9,301	\$9,350	<b>\$81,975</b>
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR</b>	\$15,649	\$16,038	\$20,726	\$18,883	\$18,585	\$24,310	\$17,707	\$19,021	<b>\$150,919</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$38,301	\$60,489	\$58,454	\$41,185	\$54,535	\$53,024	\$39,841	\$45,521	<b>\$391,350</b>
<b>OFFERINGS</b>	\$20,652	\$17,498	\$19,524	\$20,718	\$17,923	\$20,668	\$29,429	\$17,056	<b>\$163,467</b>
<b>ECC INCOME</b>	\$17,316	\$16,079	\$29,259	\$15,521	\$21,360	\$19,043	\$21,270	\$18,941	<b>\$158,788</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$63,277	\$46,417	\$48,852	\$36,344	\$39,439	\$39,741	\$50,699	\$52,932	<b>\$377,702</b>
<b>MONTHLY BALANCE</b>	\$24,976	\$14,072	\$9,602	\$4,841	\$15,095	\$13,283	\$10,858	\$7,411	<b>\$13,648</b>
<b>CHK ACCT BALANCE</b>	\$80,940	\$66,868	\$57,266	\$52,425	\$37,330	\$24,046	\$34,905	\$42,316	
<b>ECC PROFIT/LOSS</b>	\$1,667	\$41	\$8,533	\$3,362	\$2,775	\$5,268	\$3,563	\$80	<b>\$7,870</b>



## Board of Parish Ed Update

### “God’s People: Walking & Talking”

Mondays, Wednesdays AND Fridays 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. A time to get to know each other and keep active, too. We usually have a short devotion or discussion.



**Children’s Sunday School.** There will be an opening in the Sanctuary with music led by Sandy Tope and presentation of different aspects of scripture and of the LCMS doctrine. Then there will be a lesson in the 3rd classroom with materials sent home for family use.

**LWML continues** to meet on 2nd Tuesdays. All women encouraged to attend and get involved. See page 8 for more information.

**Women’s Bible Study** meets in the Prayer Center on 1st and 3rd Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Prayer Center. New study is “Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust.” by Sharla Fritz. All women invited and encouraged to bring a friend! The 5th Thursday is a meal together just enjoying the friendship.



“Oh Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.”  
Concordia Academy has much praise to declare as we have opened our doors to our inaugural class on August 22.

Questions or inquiries? Feel free to contact Amanda Carter, the Admin. Assistant at [a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org](mailto:a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org). The general informational email is

[CAW\\_info@concordiaacademywichita.org](mailto:CAW_info@concordiaacademywichita.org) and the phone number is 316-202-8989.



**Southwest Neighborhood Association:** Regular SWNA Meeting October 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Come and see what’s happening in the neighborhood. [www.southwichita.com](http://www.southwichita.com)



**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.

**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](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.



# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

October meeting will be October 11, 4PM with a short business meeting, followed by a Bible study from the LWML Fall Quarterly.

St. Andrews, Wichita, is hosting the LWML Wichita Zone Fall Event on Saturday, Oct. 22, beginning at 8:30 am. Cost is \$10 at registration. **This is open to all ladies of the congregation.** There is further information on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are interested in attending please let Ruth Valdez know no later than Sunday ,October 9th, so she can turn in RSVPs.

## LWML Celebration on Sunday, October 9th



This year's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Sunday theme is "For Us and With Us," based on Romans 8:31-39 - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32). We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Your generous mite offering donations, enable us so we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the power of God in your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars that are put in the Mite Box as we celebrate this and every Sunday. Thank you!

**Quilts will be displayed.** *Quilts may be purchased.*

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. Not only is there a lot of work done for world relief, the fellowship is great. There have been around 120 quilts made so far this year. They also make School Bags, Sewing Kits, and Health bags.



Put on your calendar

### December 4th, After Sunday Bible Class: "Treasures/Tummy Tempters"

We ask for anyone who wishes to bring new or gently used items, along with baked items. The proceeds will be going toward Mites. We will ask Thrivent for seed money as we did last year and purchase mixes (cake, brownie, muffin, dessert bread, cookie mixes, along with aluminum pans and Ziploc bags. No prices for any items but again will ask for freewill donations on all items displayed.) A good way to remind people to get their baking done before the holidays!



**Wishing Sandy Wise a goodbye for awhile** as they relocate to Seattle. BUT she will be back in December at least for a little while.



### Rev. Mark Wenger (Sept. 7, 1951 - Sept. 12, 2022)



Pastor entered his eternal home on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

*Well done, good and faithful servant!... Come and share your master's happiness! (Matthew 25:21)*

He will be missed. Pastor Mark was influential in many lives at Bethany. We were blessed with his 10+ years service for Bethany congregation.

We continue to send our prayers for Pat and family.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	26 1pm GPWaT 6:30pm Mgmt Tea	27 10am LWML quilting 7pm SWNA meeting	28 9:15am ECC Chap 1pm GPWaT 2pm Games	29	30 1pm GPWaT	Oct 1 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class
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## 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.

## Children's Sunday School

Opening in the Sanctuary  
followed by a lesson in 3rd Classroom



LWML  
Celebration  
Sunday,  
October 9th

*For Us  
and With Us*  
Romans 8:31-39

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