



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

Newsletter: September 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

September 2023

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Jesus said to Thomas in John 20:27 “Stop doubting and believe.” While this verse is in response to Thomas doubting that Jesus was truly resurrected, the same sentiment could have been applied to me a month ago when considering our “Fulfilling The Dream, Continuing The Legacy” campaign. I’ve been through two building/capital campaigns at two different churches in the last five years and they both have exceeded their initial goals. Yet in spite of that past experience, Satan, the economy, and my own insecurities, had planted seeds of doubt in the back of my mind. “O ye of little faith.” (Mt 8:26)

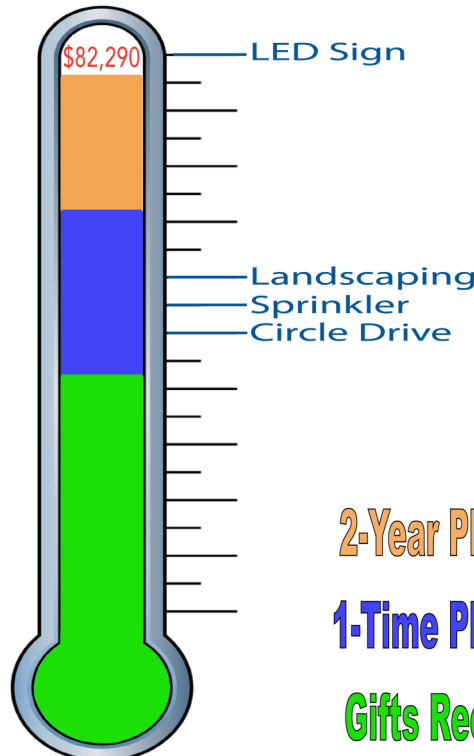
What I failed to embrace was God’s promise in Ephesians 3:20 that “He can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine.” As you can see from the graphic below, my doubt was completely unfounded. As I type this, Bethany has pledged over 96% of the amount needed to complete the projects and as those gifts continue to come in, there is a strong possibility that we will be able to fund everything without having to take out a loan. God is most certainly good!

As Tonya can attest to, I don’t like being proven wrong, but in this case, I am more than OK with it. To that end, next Sunday, September 10th after our worship service, we’re going to go outside and break ground on the next chapter of what God is going to do here at Bethany. With the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit, we are “Fulfilling The Dream” that began here almost 70 years ago and “Continuing The Legacy” for generations to come. That legacy of faith was given to us through Baptism and fostered by our parents and grandparents. By the grace of God, we have the honor and privilege of passing on that witness to not only our children and grandchildren, but to whomever God gives us the opportunity to share His love with.

Thank you for inviting me to join you on the incredible journey God has laid out for Bethany.

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Nick

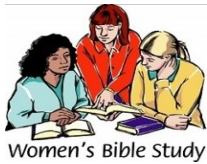


Current as of:
August 30, 2023

2-Year Pledges : \$20,840

1-Time Pledges : \$61,450

Gifts Received : \$36,770



Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Have started "All Things New, A Study on 2 Corinthians"** from The Living Room Series by Kelly Minter. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Come and join us and bring a friend.

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.

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.

Wise, Sidney L.	9/2
Hayes, Christopher N.	9/3
Dehncke, Marcus J.	9/5
Lang, Dean A.	9/7
Schrahl, Sidney L.	9/7
Giles-Dunkel, Caige A.	9/8
Moore, Asia A.	9/8
Hood, Jarod M.	9/9
Moore, William D. (Dale)	9/13
Walsh, Crystal M.	9/13
Mellard, Carla M.	9/15
Moore, Larry D.	9/15
Merrick, Doris E.	9/17
Studtmann, John M.	9/18
LaRouche, Jordyn M.	9/19
Merrick, Jimmie L.	9/19
Welty, Samantha	9/19
Edgar, Cassandana M.	9/21
Schott, Cody E.	9/21
Fromm, Vergene	9/22
Brockmeyer, Lois L.	9/24
Macormac, Justin E.	9/24
Dehncke, Mark D.	9/25
Funke, David C.	9/25
Reyes, Makenzie L.	9/25
Salazar, Amy J.	9/26
Francis, Hunter B.	9/27
Triplett, Sophie A.	9/27
Obermueller, Sherri L.	9/28
Schott, Joshua M.	9/29



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Welty, Dwan S.	9/1
Brockmeyer, Randall D.	9/4
Setchell, Sarah I.	9/6
Albright, Kevin D.	9/7
Albright, Dennis L.	9/8
Winter, Dennis D.	9/9
Moore, Annabella R.	9/13
Hayes, Nicholas C.	9/15
Hood, Malachi J.	9/22
Stupasky, Emma A.	9/22
Hull, Suzanne	9/23
Walsh, Ethan R.	9/24
Hankins, Elizabeth K.	9/25
Lang, Dean A.	9/29

Kester, Bruce J. and Regina	9/2	45 yrs.
Fromm, Billie and Vergene	9/4	59 yrs.
Walsh, Kenneth R. and Crystal M.	9/12	14 yrs.
Moore, Joseph D. and Laura	9/20	9 yrs.
Zindel, Robert and Pamela	9/20	37 yrs.
Merrick, Jimmie L. and Leona M.	9/21	44 yrs.



Greeters

September

3: Mark & Deb Welty
 10: Pam Zindel
 17: Nancy Zink
 24: Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield

October

1: Anita Albright
 8: Netta Albright
 15: Margaret Baldrige
 22: Billy & Toni Bolin
 29: Robert & Jeanetta 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 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 and Activity time in Youth room in basement

September 3	Deb Welty	October 1	Deb Welty
September 10	Ruth Valdez	October 8	Ruth Valdez
September 17	Deb Welty	October 15	Deb Welty
September 24	Ruth Valdez	October 22	Ruth Valdez
		October 29	Deb Welty

Altar Guild



Fill

Sept. 3 & Oct. 1 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
 Sept. 10 & Oct. 8 Doris Cannon
 Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 Sept. 24 & Oct. 22 Doris Cannon
 Oct. 29 Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

September

Bill Fromm
 David Funke
 Larry Moore

October

Mark Dehncke
 Roger Obermueller
 Bruce Kester

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.



September

3: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 10: Richard Vinroe ; Mark Welty
 17: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 24: 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.

Spiritual Leadership Report

We welcome Jackson, our newest acolyte! Aubrey is on deck, when schedules work out. Our schedule for visits have been non productive! Too many things going on for the first Saturday of the month. Plan is now Oct, first Saturday. 9 AM .

We have a wedding in the works at Bethany. November, I believe.

More info to follow.

Peace, SLT

Trustees Report

Congratulations, Mark!!! Now, Mark can spend even more time at Bethany! 😊😊😊



Hutton

Yesterday, Hutton's Wichita office came together to celebrate the retirement of Mark Welty. Mark has worn many different (hard) hats for Hutton over his 27 years on the team. From his time as a trim carpenter until his most recent role as a Hutton Facility Services technician, Mark's contributions to Hutton during his time here have been irreplaceable.

In true Welty fashion, when Mark was asked to cut the retirement cake, he was sure to make precise, clean cuts. He has always been one to do a job right the first time. Happy retirement, Mark! We'll miss you, and we're excited for what comes next. Join us in celebrating Mark's retirement!



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 how the Lutheran Church differs in its understanding of the Sacrament of Communion from other Christian groups and on what biblical writings that understanding is based.

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.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor leads a class with video and questions about various topics.

YOUTH AND KIDS - 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 and activity is in the Youth Room in basement.



Have had the opportunity to engage thousands of students with the Gospel of Jesus and opportunities to grow in faith and Christian community! Call for more information: 316-684-5224 / 3815 E. 17th St. N. / Wichita, KS 67208 Learn more at www.fairmountministries.org. Fairmount cordially invites you to The Gathering on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 5:30pm at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens. It is an annual fundraiser for Fairmount Ministries. The

evening will be a celebration full of delicious food and beverages, exploring the gardens, catching up with old friends, and making new ones. Silent auction will be offered online, with select items available to bid on ONLY at the event! Tickets are \$75 per guest. You can also reserve a table for your party (8 seats) for \$600. To RSVP, send checks (put "The Gathering" on memo line) to Fairmount Ministries or register at www.fairmountministries.org/gathering. Please indicate name of guests in attendance. Registration deadline is Sept. 22, 2023.



Early Childhood Center Update

Bethany's Daycare(our Early Childhood Center) is enjoying the summer. As older siblings go back to school for the year they are not available to watch their little brothers and sisters, so the younger children in families tend to need daycare services again. We will know by the end of August just how much of a bump in enrollment we will get from this phenomenon this year.

We are excited about the new construction project for the new driveway and front entrance! We look forward to incorporating this improvement into the flow of our Daycare facilities as we slowly develop our existing spaces to add infant care and realign our care of older children. It would be so wonderful if we could concentrate our daycare operations in the west end of the building and have a dedicated entrance for our children and families that would be accessed from the new front driveway. Such an arrangement would enhance the safety and convenience of our students and staff by centralizing control over who comes and goes in our building..

HELP WANTED: We are looking for a new Cook for our Daycare. Daycare experience is helpful but is not required. A Food-Handler's card is not required - we will get the new employee exactly what they need. This is a part-time job FOR PAY. The hours are roughly around lunchtime. The duties include making a hot lunch and prepping breakfast for the next day. Dependability is a must. **We may be able to accommodate a job-sharing arrangement if you are the right candidate but you cannot work 5 days a week.** If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Church office and we will get in touch!

As always, THANK YOU all for your continued prayers and support!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team, Jim Merrick

This week was superhero week, our big end of summer celebration. The kids had a blast, probably the best week ever at daycare. We had popcorn snack and watched a cartoon in the gym, and on Friday we had the bounce house up ate pizza for lunch and had cotton candy for snack (thank you Pastor Nick.) What a SUPER fun week.



August is "All About Me" at BECC. Today Ms. Ashlee's class did a candy taste test to learn about our sense of taste. Sour, sweet, bitter and salty. Apparently some of it wasn't very tasty.



Bike Ride:

We had a beautiful evening for a bike ride. After the last week of 100 degrees plus, tonight was very pleasant. Ten riders showed up. Robert, Mark, Debbie, Brad, Cherri, Christie, Chase, Jeff, Byron and me(Alan).

Our next ride will be (weather permitting) September 24, 2023. We will meet at 4:00 pm at the Rail Trail park in Goddard and ride to Garden Plaine and back. As always, everyone is welcome. This is just a casual ride to enjoy God's creation and each other. Hope to see you there!





Garden Grows Despite the Heat!!

August has been a busy month for harvesting and watering. The Okra is producing gallons!!!! To get through the extreme temperatures, I'm using shade



cloth on the pole beans and straw for the pepper plants. So far there has not been major casualties. To keep the plants producing they just need more tender, loving care.

Vicky Collins: 316-771-1207



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 woman'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.



Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany. 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

Stewardship Report: Here are the latest budget figures through July. This year we have been blessed by a generous amount of daycare grant funds. Our bank balance has been staying around \$30,000 for most months. The amount of future grant funds has yet to be determined so we should be aware that future months may be tighter budget wise. Thanks to all who help with various things at the church. Many help! All is very much appreciated!

2023	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	Line Total	7 mo budget
BASE OPERATIONS	\$18,139	\$20,871	\$12,323	\$14,604	\$13,099	\$11,086	\$102,796	\$104,879
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$4,440	\$5,640	\$7,980	\$6,989	\$9,804	\$7,702	\$46,551	\$75,582
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$21,355	\$21,464	\$21,772	\$22,527	\$29,841	\$20,954	\$153,550	\$147,151
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$43,934	\$47,975	\$42,076	\$44,119	\$52,743	\$39,742	\$302,928	\$266,396
OFFERINGS	\$22,282	\$25,692	\$24,955	\$18,537	\$15,560	\$26,860	\$155,275	\$140,000
ECC INCOME	\$14,518	\$17,944	\$17,808	\$18,236	\$18,711	\$21,509	\$128,143	\$112,468
ECC GRANT FUNDS	\$6,831	\$20,628	\$13,827	\$0	\$15,408	\$7,102	\$72,488	\$17,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,985	\$64,264	\$58,540	\$36,910	\$49,678	\$60,336	\$363,257	\$306,483
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$51	\$16,289	\$16,465	\$7,209	\$3,065	\$20,594	\$60,329	
ECC INCOME/LOSS	\$6	\$17,109	\$9,863	\$4,290	\$4,277	\$7,656		

Pantry Update

If anyone is interested in any of the items shown in the picture here, please contact Jenny Colby, 316-516-2279. These are in the pantry and may need to find a home elsewhere when pantry is updated to be more organized and store what is needed today.



T-Shirt!! Deb Welty is still looking for a Bethany School T-Shirt. Contact her if you have one.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Lutheran Women in Mission organization is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All women are welcome. For more information call Ruth Valdez at (316) 213-0177. Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. So far this year, there have been over 115 quilts finished. During the year they also make School Kits, Health Kits and Baby Kits and hold fundraisers.

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) ladies have been busy putting together school kits for both Lutheran World Relief and Orphan Grain Train. 70 school kits were completed for Lutheran World Relief and 12 school kits for Orphan Grain Train before we ran out of supplies. Also completed were 14 health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

We are still collecting the following items and they can be put in the large tub on the LWML table in the Narthex.

For Lutheran World Relief: 70 ct. Lined wire-bound notebooks & Dark colored bath towels for health kits

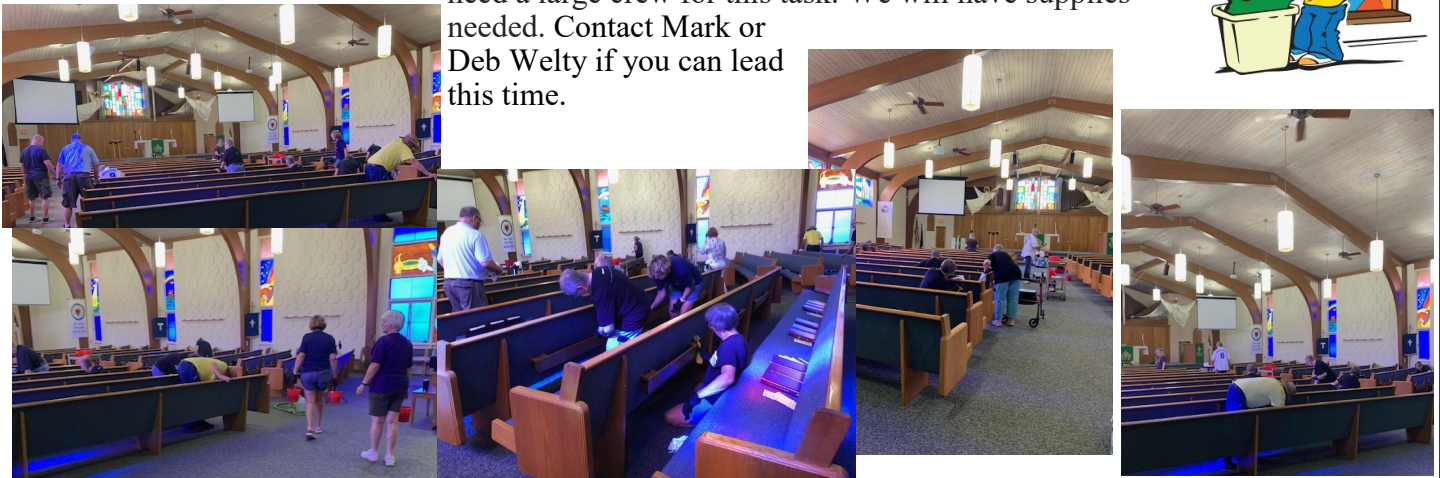
For Orphan Grain Train: 70ct Lined wire-bound notebooks, 24ct crayons, Pencil sharpeners, 12ct boxed colored pencils, Rulers.

On Saturday, October 7th, Ascension Lutheran LWML, Pratt, is hosting the Fall Event, with the theme "The King is Coming". Susan Rathgeber, the leader of the Holy Cross, Wichita Lutheran Braille Center, will introduce the guest speaker for the Fall Event, Miss Brooke Pernice. Brooke comes from the National Lutheran Braille Workers Inc. Brooke is blind, is a very gifted singer, musician and church worker, and will share her story. She will travel with her mother, Sydney to the Fall Event. This event will be an excellent way to learn more about Lutheran Braille Workers and their mission of translating parts of the Bible into other languages to share with the blind around the globe about our Savior. Whether you have already gone to one of the LWML events in the past or have been thinking of attending one, these events are a great way to experience LWML and meet other wonderful LWML ladies from our area. If you are interested in going, registration deadline is October 2nd and the cost is \$10.00 for the day, which includes morning coffee, juice, rolls and other items, lunch, Bible Study, Brooke's program and a few surprises. Just let me know and we can make plans to attend and carpool.

Our next Lutheran Women in Mission meeting is Tuesday, September 11th, beginning at 4:00 pm. We need to finalize plans for LWML Sunday on October 1st and hope to see you then!



Second Saturday: Another successful event: cleaning the sanctuary. This Second Saturday, September 10th, is slated to do a deep cleaning on our kitchen. Deb and I will not be in attendance. So, we are looking for someone to lead this charge. Should not need a large crew for this task. We will have supplies needed. Contact Mark or Deb Welty if you can lead this time.



Fellowship Update

Linda Welty gave a great presentation of her mission trip to Tanzania.
Thanks, Linda!



“Let’s Build It!!!” Potluck (approx. 80 in attendance)



A Little Construction Going On!!



Fly Fishing Group

7 people showed up for the 2nd meeting: Dwan & Mark Welty, Alan Keimig, Jayvion Jones, Robert Zindel, Doug Meyer, and Steve Pasewark. Doug showed the tyros how to set up a fly rod, and then the technique for casting was demonstrated. The group practiced short casting for line control and the simple “roll cast”. At the September 16th meeting at 9am, the group will continue casting practice. At the October meeting the group will start fly tying and in November they plan a fishing trip to Pratt. If you want more information, talk to Doug, Robert Bolin, or Dwan Welty “dwan@mpllc.net”.



The Front of our Church

Keep watching for changes to come soon.



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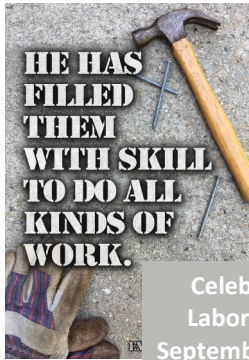
Sunday Mornings

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.



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