



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

September, 2024

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

6-Weeks through

Five Years

Program Director

Danita Seamars

316-265-3033

September 2024

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As Summer draws to a close, kids are back in school but the outside temperatures are still pushing 100 degrees. It's hard to believe it's already September.

Lots of exciting things have been happening lately. The new grass is a beautiful shade of green due in large part to our Trustees many decades ago having the foresight to install a well. The sound of babies (occasionally) crying in the Infant room is a beautiful thing.

A huge thank you to everyone that participated in our short-notice Packing Event, especially those that put on the neon green vests and helped with set-up and running the tables. All your efforts meant that we were able to pack 38,644 meals. There was so much positive feedback from those that participated that we're looking into hosting another Packing event sometime next year so be watching for more information after the first of the year.

I want to conclude my article this month with a hand-written letter we received in the mailbox last week. I shared it last Sunday but for those of you who weren't here:

To the people of Bethany Lutheran Church,

Thank you for this Community Garden. My husband & I have been down and have been having the worst moments in our lives and have never struggled the way we are right now. We haven't ate today & this garden provided us a meal we will never forget. As fellow believers in Christ, we appreciate you and that there are still places like this for people.

Again, thank you. M. & J. S.

Every day we spend our time, talents, and treasure doing the work that God has called us to do. Most of the time we don't get to see the result of our effort, but there are times when God shows us that what we are doing for Him is having an impact on the Kingdom. Let this be encouragement that when we do the work that God has prepared for us to do, He will change lives. Through Jesus, we're blessed to be a part of it.

Yours In Christ,



Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library.** Current study is "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. We are now meeting again. **Come and join us: Sept 5th & 19th.** New study will start soon. Help us decide on the next study.

Men's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:00am at the church. Will meet in the Meet and Eat Room. Motivational/Inspirational Gathering. All welcome! For more information, contact Curtis Tucker (316-942-5060) or David Funke (316-516-7775)

Seniors' Activities: Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca.
Walking and Talking group: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm, in the Activity Center. We are back walking in the Activity Center!!

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

Wise, Sidney L.	9/2
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
Studtmann, John M.	9/18
LaRouche, Jordyn M.	9/19
Merrick, Jimmie L.	9/19
Welty, Samantha	9/19
Edgar, Cassandana M.	9/21
Klein, Shirley M.	9/21
Schott, Cody E.	9/21
Fromm, Vergene	9/22
Brockmeyer, Lois L.	9/24
Dehncke, Mark D.	9/25
Funke, David C.	9/25
Hankins, Jacob L.	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



SEPTEMBER



Hankins, Brian L.	9/1
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
Hood, Malachi J.	9/22
Stupasky, Emma A.	9/22
Miller, Axel	9/24
Walsh, Ethan R.	9/24
Hankins, Elizabeth K.	9/25
Pasewark, Jeremy G.	9/28
Lang, Dean A.	9/29

Kester, Bruce J. and Regina	9/2	46 yrs
Fromm, Billie and Vergene	9/4	60 yrs
Walsh, Kenneth R. and Crystal M.	9/12	15 yrs
Zindel, Robert and Pamela	9/20	38 yrs
Moore, Joseph D. and Laura	9/20	10 yrs
Merrick, Jimmie L. and Leona M.	9/21	45 yrs

Greeters



September

- 1: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe
- 8: Dwan & Linda Welty
- 15: Mark & Debbie Welty
- 22: Sandy Wise
- 29: Robert & Pam Zindel

October

- 6: Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield
- 13: Anita Albright
- 20: Netta Albright
- 27: Margaret Baldrige

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 / Lesson and Activity time
following in the Youth room in the basement

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| Sept 1 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty | Oct 6 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty |
| Sept 8 | Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien | Oct 13 | Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien |
| Sept 15 | Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin | Oct 20 | Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin |
| Sept 22 | Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty | Oct 27 | Jeanetta Bolin, Helper Tonya Cordt |
| Sept 29 | Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt | | |

Altar Guild



Fill

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| Sept 1 & Oct 6 | Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton |
| Sept 8 & Oct 13 | Mable Moore |
| Sept 15 & Oct 20 | Amy Salazar |
| Sept 22 & Oct 27 | Laurie Carrell |
| Sept 29 | Doris Cannon |

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

September

- Bruce Kester
- Doug Meyer
- Larry Moore

October

- David Funke
- Roger Obermueller
- Eric 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.



September

- 1: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 8: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 15: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 22: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 29: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

October

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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.

Stewardship Report:

Time, Talents & Treasures July and Year To Date				
Bethany Lutheran Church			Early Childhood Center	
	July	Jan. - July	July	Jan. - July
Revenues	\$19,227.00	\$176,855.30	\$20,469.30	\$159,922.22
Expenses	\$21,635.26	\$171,391.12	\$25,507.86	\$159,834.92
Balance	-\$2,408.26	\$5,464.18	-\$5,038.56	\$87.30
TOTAL CHURCH BALANCE AS OF July 31, 2024				\$5,551.48
1	The church has received all of the grant funds (\$109,054) for the infant room.			
2	Half of the Fulfilling the Dream loan was repaid in July. The plan is to pay off the remainder of the loan in August.			
3	In August, the plan is to transfer most if not all the grant funds to the general fund, and pay off the Line of Credit.			

Trustees Report

Hello , Bethany!! We pray all is well with members and families!

Ongoing work throughout the grounds and building. Much to do in our aging facility.

We would like to add a small building near the garden to free up space in the garage. Preliminary research has an adequate building available for delivery for \$3000. We have a donor willing to give \$800. If you would be interested in donating to this fund, that would be God pleasing. Our hopes are to purchase a building in September.

One may donate...Through the electronic method, Offering plate noted Garden Building, Send donation to the office, marked " Garden ".

We appreciate all of the volunteers that give of their time and talent! Along with faithful giving for His kingdom!

Thankful for rain and cooler weather!!

Peace, Trustees



Spiritual Leadership Team

Bethany,

We are thankful for the recent rains!

Pastor has visited with some potential families to join Bethany! Stay tuned!

We offer prayers for those that request during prayers in service. Please understand, we only list first names to protect the confidential info. Please be understanding of the nature of this decision.

The Memorial Committee has met and outlined methods to move forward with donations. MGMT has been informed. Our task is to use the memorial funds to align with the wishes of family.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance!

Peace, SLT





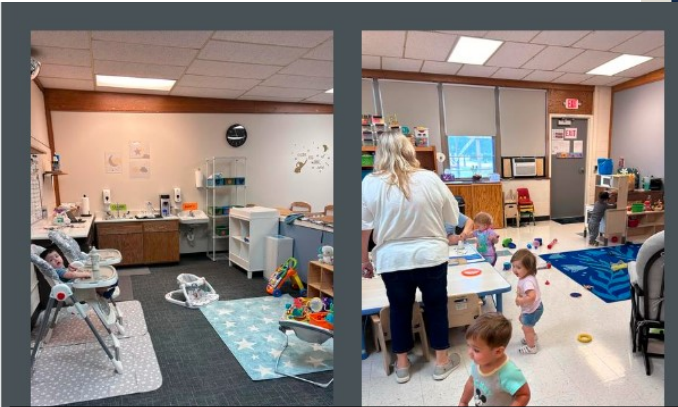
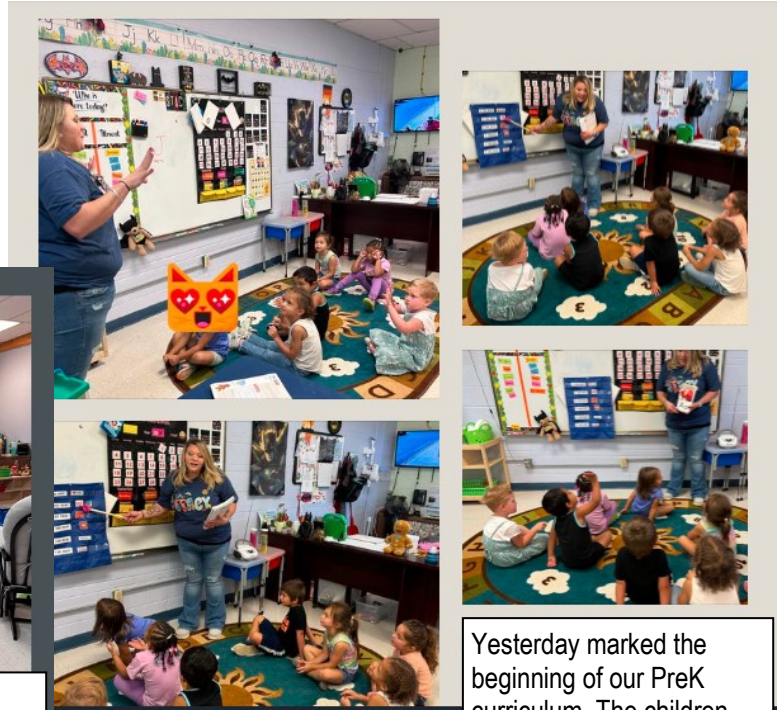
Early Childhood Center Update

Praise God! Our new Infant Room is open, and it has babies in it! Current baby enrollment stands at 5, with 3 open slots. We would have been full after opening but since KDHE dragged their feet for 3 months before allowing us to open, 4 families on our waiting list chose to go elsewhere because they just couldn't wait any longer. We will surely fill the other spaces soon -- we keep getting calls about Infant care, so it's going to happen...

once that is installed, we can move on with the new fence and the safer rubber mulch for the play surface.

The playground remodel is taking longer than we had hoped. We are waiting for the new playset to arrive (paid for by the grant) and

THANK YOU for your continued support. Keep praying for us!!
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team,
Jim Merrick



Our new toddler room is open and busy this morning, and the infant room is officially open, with babies! 🎉🎉🎉🎉

Yesterday marked the beginning of our PreK curriculum. The children were actively engaged and learning .

Sunday Mornings

Service 9:00AM Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30AM
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM

PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin leads an in-depth study from CPH (Concordia Publishing House) on the Book of Revelation. Join the class in the Library.

MEET & EAT ROOM- Mark Dehncke leads a study. They are reviewing Luther's Small Catechism. If you need to refresh your grasp of what Lutherans believe and why, come join the class.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Nick leads a class. Topic changes, The Prophets are currently being studied.

YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL includes ages Preschool to age 17. Teachers are Deb Welty, Julie O'Brien, Jeannetta Bolin and 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 the basement.



Bethany's Community Garden

On the 8th, the 22nd, and the 27th of August several children from the ECC gathered all three times at the garden. They wanted to see how much the plants had grown and how to take care of them. The garden has been an important experience for them. From planting seeds to eating the produce. The Zucchini was not their favorite.



This week they will be eating some fried okra. It has been amazing to watch how much the plants have grown for the last 31 days. You can compare last month's newsletter photos with this month and you will be amazed too. And to think it all started with a tiny seed. The tomato plants are doing better with the help from shade cloths, mulching, pruning and consistent watering. The squash bugs and the squash vine borers have hit the squash plants pretty hard. I have been trying to save them by using an organic spray. I think it is working. No more plants have died since I sprayed. I lost five huge plants of Zucchini and summer squash. But this is why I plant more because you are going to loose a few. We are harvesting: okra every day; watermelons, cateloupe, and Honeydew melons; sweet peppers; and eggplant. The bush green beans will be ready to start harvesting in a few days. I am pleased with the plants. The shade cloth is why they look so good. A fall crop of Irish potatoes have been planted and if all goes well the harvest will be in October. For the fall garden the vegetables that like cooler temperatures such as Romaine lettuce, spinach, radish, cabbage, kohlrabi, etc.



Bethany received a letter from a couple struggling not knowing if they would have any food to eat. They wrote about our community garden saying "this garden provided us a meal we will never forget." They went on to say: "As fellow Believers in Christ we appreciate you and that there are still places like this for people. Thank you." As Always, Vicky Collins 316-771-1207



David Funke

is retiring as Bethany's church secretary on September 29th.

Following the church service, there will be an opportunity for fellowship with David and a Potluck luncheon will be served at 11:00am. Please bring cards, letters of appreciation and favorite stories about David to share.

Lutheran Women in Mission is the longest existing service group in the LCMS. LWML meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm for a short business meeting and Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly and fellowship. All women of the congregation are welcome. For more information contact Ruth Valdez.

Quilting ladies meet on Tuesdays at 10am and on Saturdays at 9am for quilting and fellowship. There have been 150 quilts finished this year so far. They will be displayed on the pews on **LWML Sunday, October 6th**. Backpacks are being sewn now also for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. *There is still a need for Rulers, Scissors with blunt tip, Pink Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners and Blue or Black ink Pens.*

Our next LWML meeting will be on September 10th at 4pm in the Library. All ladies are welcome to attend. People with MITES can place them in the large MITE box on the LWML table in the Narthex.

ABOVE THE LWML TABLE you will see the first of our newest project. We are making Sensory Mats/Sensory Blankets for dementia care patients. They are made to provide a stimulating and soothing activity for people living with dementia or recovering from strokes. Our LWML ladies have begun making these blankets and will be donating them to nursing homes who may have a need. **THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL** openings on the altar flower calendar. If you would like to furnish flowers, simply pick a date, write your name by the date, and let Ruth Valdez, (316) 213-0177, know if you wish to pick up flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



Please join us for

THE WICHITA ZONE FALL EVENT GROWING IN GRACE

Saturday 28 September

- Date/Place: September 28, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church- 910 Mound St., Winfield, KS
- Registration Fee: \$10-Please make all checks out to Wichita Zone LWML
- Registration: 9 a.m. with morning coffee and servant event
- Opening at 9:30 a.m.
- Morning-Bible Study with Pastor Seth Meyer
- Morning- Heather Meyer- Journey to Haiti
- Lunch in basement
- Call to Order 1 p.m. - Business Meeting
- Adjournment: 2 p.m.
- Enter the church from East Parking Lot Side- The door is on the Southside

*Please bring non-perishable items for the local food pantry for our Gifts from the Heart recipient

RSVP To President Sharlene Book at sharlebo@aol.com
By: 9/13/24



90th
Birthday Bash
for Dale Moore

Saturday, September 14th

Open House from 3:00-5:00pm

At Bethany (Activity Center) (no gifts, please)

Come and share this moment with Dale!



Choir and Bell Choir Meet Again

Wednesday nights:

Bell Choir 6:00-7:00pm (09/18)

Choir: 7:00-8:00pm (09/11)

Led by Sandy Tope

Any questions, talk to Sandy



Movie Night (Afternoon)

13 people (members and friends) will attend the Daniel movie together on Sept. 1 at the theatre. There will not be a movie night again until October. If you have suggestions of movies, contact Deb Welty.

Second Saturday: September 14th

Will be deep cleaning tables in Activity Center again and other things that need cleaned in kitchen, Meet and Eat Room and ?, Come and help. All are welcome.



Fly Fishing Club

The August fly club activity will be attending the Flatland Fly Fishers club event on August 31. The program will feature Steve Ruiz from Oklahoma City. Steve's presentation on the 31st will be "Fishing the 'EURO NYMPHING FISHING Method'". For more info talk to Doug Meyer.

Issues, Etc.: PETER BIBLE STUDY...The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute Bible study verse-by-verse produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of 1 Peter. You can listen at your leisure at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.



Westside UMC Food Pantry, 1313 W Lydia St.

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 chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



Concordia Academy-Wichita 909 S Market St Wichita, KS 67211

www.concordiaacademywichita.org, a 9th-12th grade Lutheran Liberal Arts High School is located in the heart of Wichita. Uncompromisingly Classical, Intentionally Christian, Particularly Lutheran



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.southwichita.com*



T.O.T. (Theology On Tap) meets on the 3rd Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, KS 67067.

The Gathering Dinner and Silent/Online Auction will be at Botanica on Oct. 17th from 5:30-8:30pm. They are looking for Sponsors! If you would like to become a

sponsor or make a donation, go to fairmountministries.org/gathering for more info or email info@fairmountministries.org.

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.



Sunday Mornings

Service at 9:00 AM
(also online: Facebook Live, YouTube)

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



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