



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

**March 2025**

## 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 -

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*

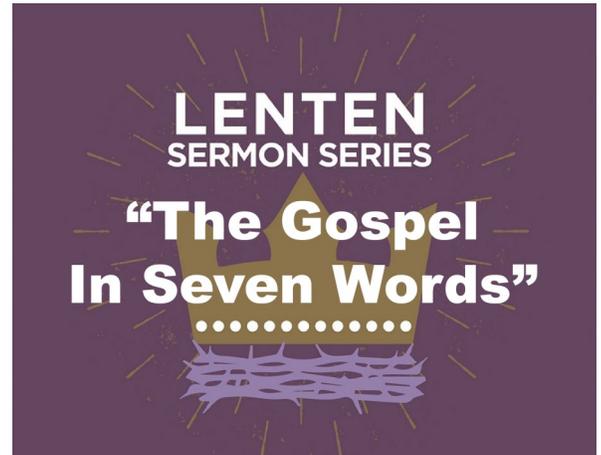
*Danita Seamars*  
316-265-3033

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You know you live in Kansas if the temperature is -7° on Thursday and 4 days later while I'm typing this it's 77°. Drive to work with the heater cranked up then have the AC blasting on the way home. But even with the constantly changing weather, we can't forget that Lent is right around the corner. This year, Ash Wednesday is on March 5<sup>th</sup> (and for those of you who are curious, March 10<sup>th</sup> is the latest date Ash Wednesday could fall).

Our theme this year is "The Gospel In Seven Words". The concept we're going to explore is how to respond to someone who asks us to share what we believe as Christians in 7 words or less. Our Confirmation training might lead us to recite the Apostle's Creed or share sections from the Small Catechism. Those are both fantastic responses for a follow-up conversation, but what do we say in that first, brief encounter?



Here' our outline for Lent:

Ash Wednesday	The Gospel in Seven Words
Midweek 2	Preparing to Confess
Midweek 3	"Captivity and Freedom"
Midweek 4	"Death and Life"
Midweek 5	"Isolation and Community"
Midweek 6	The Gospel in <i>Your</i> Words
Maundy Thursday	"Jesus Comes to Feed My Hungry Soul"
Good Friday	"Jesus is Lord, Even Over My Death"
Easter Sunday	"Christ Is Risen! In Him We Rise!"

We'll have more about Holy Week and Easter in next month's newsletter.

As we begin our Lenten journey this year, prepare to be challenged as God's Word moves from our heads to our hearts and to our mouths.

Yours along the journey,

## Women's Bible Study

meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library. The new study is Donna Snow's "Unshakable". Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. *And when there's a 5th Thursday in the month, sometimes they go out to eat and enjoy fellowship. (includes Bethany members and nonmembers) Carlos O'Kelly's was a great get together January 30.*



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Join us for exercise and fellowship.



**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, Julie O'Brien, or send an email to [pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org](mailto:pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org)

## Birthdays

3/3	Julie O'Brien
3/4	Linda Puls
3/4	Dean Crossman
3/13	Breeanna Bolin
3/13	Stacy Shipman
3/15	Billy Bolin
3/20	Vera Brummett
3/20	Nicholas Cordt
3/26	Nina Lang
3/27	Alex Bolin

## Baptismal Birthdays

3/5	Linda Welty
3/20	Bruce Kester
3/21	Sidney Wise
3/25	Susan Lang
3/25	Braden Cordt
3/28	Richard Vinroe
3/29	Lois Brockmeyer



No Anniversaries in March

## Greeters



### March

- 2: Laurie Carrell, Marilyn & Arlee
- 9: Scott & Kathleen Hasenbank
- 16: A. J. Horn
- 23: Alan Keimig
- 30: Bruce Kester

### April

- 6: Art Kuehn
- 13: Dean & Nina Lang
- 20: Dolores Lang
- 27: Susan Lang

*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 are scheduled, 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

- |        |                                       |          |                                     |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Mar 2  | Tonya Cordt, Helper - Deb Welty       | April 6  | Tonya Cordt, helper-Deb Welty       |
| Mar 9  | Deb Welty, Helper - Julie OBrien      | April 13 | Deb Welty, helper-Julie OBrien      |
| Mar 16 | Julie OBrien, Helper - Jeanetta Bolin | April 20 | Julie Obrien, helper-Jeanetta Bolin |
| Mar 23 | Jeanetta Bolin, Helper - Tonya Cordt  | April 27 | Jeanetta Bolin, helper-Tonya Cordt  |
| Mar 30 | Julie OBrien, Helper - Deb Welty      |          |                                     |

## Altar Guild



### Fill

- |                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mar 2 & Apr 6   | Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton |
| Mar 9 & Apr 13  | Mable Moore                        |
| Mar 16 & Apr 20 | Amy Salazar                        |
| Mar 23 & Apr 27 | Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield       |
| Mar 30          | Doris Cannon                       |

### Cleanup

- Julie O'Brien
- Toni Bolin
- Barb Ohmie & Linda Firshing
- Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
- Laurie Carrell

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



## Head Usher – Alan Keimig

### March

- Braden Cordt
- Bruce Kester
- Doug Meyer

### April

- David Funke
- Larry Moore
- 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.*



### March

- 2: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 9: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 16: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 23: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
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### April

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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 and Treasure

## January and Year-To-Date



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	January	Year To Date	January	Year To Date
Revenues	\$27,039.09	\$27,039.09	\$35,994.95	\$35,994.95
Expenses	\$18,004.30	\$18,004.30	\$35,824.29	\$35,824.29
Balance	\$9,034.79	\$9,034.79	\$170.66	\$170.66
<b>NOTE #1:</b>	There were a little over \$3,000 in ECC revenues that were received in December, but not deposited until January. Those funds made it possible for the ECC to have a positive balance in January.			
<b>NOTE #2:</b>	At the end of January the church had borrowed \$12,736.69 from Designated Funds. These funds are being repaid as they are needed.			
<b>NOTE #3:</b>	Monthly payments are currently being made to repay the \$20,000 borrowed through a Line of Credit.			

## Trustees Report

Pretty brutal month!!

We are making every effort to keep our lots and sidewalks safe!

We are thankful for your donations to help offset expenses! Budget reflected an increase from '24. First two months has hit us hard.

Please stay safe as you attend church/activities.



## It's time again to start thinking about Easter!

This year we are planning our Easter egg hunt For April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) during the Sunday school hour. **Kids bring your friends and join us!**

A flyer will be coming out soon!! If you would like to participate by bringing in candy or plastic eggs please feel free to do so. You may drop them off in the container on the Donation table across from the church office.



## Sunday Mornings: Service 9:00AM Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30AM

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

**LIBRARY:** Robert Bolin leads an in-depth study from CPH on the Book of Revelations.

**MEET & EAT ROOM-** Mark Dehncke leads a study. Currently studying other religions and how they differ from the Lutheran Church beliefs.

**ACTIVITY CENTER-** Pastor Nick leads a class. Currently continuing a study on the Book of Acts.

**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. After the music, Lesson and activity is in the Youth Room in the basement.





## Early Childhood Center

Good news! We have finally been added to the Military Child Care list of approved day care providers! This is a list that is visible online to military families who are looking for day care services. This is really important because the ECC on McConnell Air Force Base is FULL and there are a great many military families who are looking for child care. Many of those are not too far from our building. This promises to bring us the enrollment surge we have been looking



Happy Valentine's Day!   
"Breakfast with your little Valentine" was a success. This is the third year we have held this family event, and it seems to be a favorite.

for. We will see how this plays out over the next few weeks. This week, we just added 5 kids, bringing our enrollment from 40 to 45 children. We are licensed for 60. We have found that we have been pricing ourselves a little too low as compared to the Wichita child care market. We last raised prices last summer, so it is time for an increase in our tuition. Effective March 31st, we are increasing our price for Infants by \$30 a week and our price for all other age groups by \$5 a week, and we are stepping up our rates for single days. The market will bear these increases, as we are still going to be near the median for rates in our area.

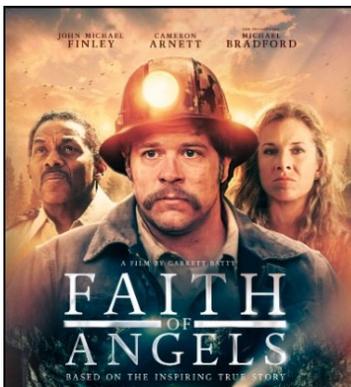
As always, THANKS for your support, and please continue to PRAY for us!  
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*



## Second Saturday Cleaning

March 8th, 9:00am

Will continue cleaning kitchen cabinets



## Movie Night

March 15th. 6:30pm

## Faith of Angels

A stranger receives mysterious callings compelling him to search for a boy lost in an abandoned mine.

**Great story. Good Acting. Excellent message of hope and the power of faith**

This is an amazing story and its awesome that Garrett and this studio brought it to the surface. Everyone can use an inspirational movie of hope and faith in a higher power. To know we're not alone, even when it feels that way sometimes. The acting was quite good from the whole cast, and the movie flowed pretty good, keeping the audience interested throughout to see what was going to happen next, all the way up to the last minute. Considering the low budget this film was produced on, it's hard to tell with how good of a job they did to produce a very professional film. I would recommend anyone checking this movie out if you want to see a movie that will leave you uplifted, not cheesy, and fit for the whole family.

*If you have suggestions of movies for future months, contact Deb Welty.*



## Bethany's Garden - Come Grow with Us!

The garden is still sleeping. There are 55 days from February 24 to April 19 which is the average last spring frost date. Our growing season is 182 days. The daffodils have a little bit of tip burn but mostly green. Tip burn is where the very tip of the plants are brown which is normal with such freezing temperatures. tulips and irises are looking good. No damage. Based on the rate of growth it maybe mid March before we start seeing blooms. Plants grow slower in the winter. I am planning what to plant this year and I need your feed back on your favorite vegetables, flowers,

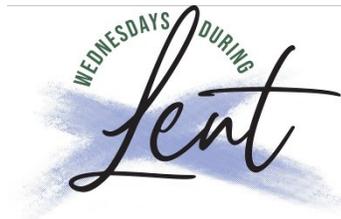
herbs, and fruit bearing plants. As Always, Vicky Lynn Collins 316-771-1207

## Lent Schedule



March 5th: Ash Wednesday

**7:00pm Church Service  
(including applying of ashes)**



March 12th, 19th, 26th

April 2nd, April 9th

(Meal at 5:45-6:45, 6:00 Bell Practice, 7:00 Church service, 7:30 Choir Practice)



March 12: Potato Bar (fundraiser for Youth)

March 19: Taco Bar (fundraiser for Youth)

March 26: Chili & Cornbread (Men serving, freewill offering)

April 2: Sloppy Joes (LWML serving, freewill offering)

April 9: Bierocks from Fairmount Ministries (freewill offering)

# Lutheran Women in Mission

AS FEBRUARY COMES TO a very cold close, we look forward to spring with the beginning of the new growth of flowers and budding trees outside. New things are beginning to happen with LWML also. Our local LWML is beginning a new program for ladies of our congregation titled the "LWML Mailbox Member Program". This program is a way for any woman who wishes to participate in LWML who may not be able to attend meetings for any number of reasons. If you are interested in finding our more about this program, our coordinator is Jeanetta Bolin. Feel free to leave her a message at (316) 207-3023), and she would be more than happy to discuss this with you and share more details with you.

THE NATIONAL LWML BIENNIAL CONVENTION will be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29, 2025. Ruth Valdez will be a voting Delegate to represent the Wichita Zone at the Convention. This position is selected on a rotating basis throughout the local congregations in our area and is considered quite a privilege to be selected as a voting Delegate to help nominate the incoming National LWML leaders.

APRIL 5 - SPRING EVENT/PRAYER SERVICE hosted by Holy Cross, Wichita. Registration is \$10 and you may register online at [holycrosslutheran.net](http://holycrosslutheran.net). Pastor Seth Meyers, Winfield will lead the Prayer Service on The Beautitudes. Reservations due back by March 24.

CHECK OUT OUT TABLE in the Narthex for an assortment of items relating to LWML. Feel free to help yourself to as much material as you would like to get more acquainted with the longest women's organization within the Missouri Synod. This opportunity is open to all ladies of the congregation. We also enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Library. Our next meeting will be on March 11th. We also have a group of ladies who meet on Tuesday mornings, beginning at 10:00am and again on Saturday mornings from 9:00am until noon in the quilting room at the end of the back hallway to assemble quilts and other kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are going to feature a "Quilt of the Month". If you're interested in purchasing it talk to Amy Salazar or Jenny Colby. AJ will be showing each chosen quilt at a church service.

THE EYEGLASS CHEST is empty again. Do you have any eyeglasses you no longer use or happen to find they are just laying around, you can please drop them off in the chest to help our mission project to share with MOST Ministries to help those in need.



Quilt of the Month: February



Quilt of the Month: March



The 2025 flower calendar has been posted next to the mailboxes in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a date if you wish to furnish flowers during this year. After you pick a date, let Ruth Valdez know (316) 213-0177, if you wish to get flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our Sanctuary.

## Fly Fishing Club

No activity in February. Look for more information about March plans. Any questions please talk with Doug Meyer, Robert Bolin or Dwan Welty.



### Food Donations

## 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.



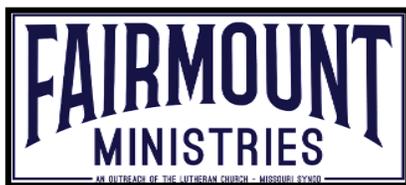
**Southwest Neighborhood Association** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.*

## 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 9:00 AM (88.7FM)**. For more information, visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.

## Issues, Etc.

Book of the month.. DYING to LIVE. This book addresses the concerns and pressures of the world today, you'll discover that even while the world is dying, Christ's death brings about like, True life, the one that He offers us. This new life stands the test of time and endures through challenges of our dying world. While paradoxical, Christ's death is necessary for Him to guide us through death to life everlasting. Explore how this truth informs your entire Christian life, providing the Incarnational foundation, Sacramental focus, and Liturgical shape for our day-to-day.



## FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

Address: 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208, Phone: 316-684-5224  
[www.fairmountministries.org](http://www.fairmountministries.org) [info@fairmountministries.org](mailto:info@fairmountministries.org)

Fairmount is a place for anyone and everyone. Their passion has been campus ministry for over 60 years! They offer ways for local college students to connect in fellowship, grow in the Word, serve alongside their friends, and walk together in Faith.

The "College Age Bible Study" will be meeting each Tuesday combined with the "Young Adults Group" at 6:47p m. Last meeting of the spring semester will be April 30th. Look for summer activities in the next newsletter.

Faith On Tap (formerly Theology on Tap) meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:00-8:00pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, KS 67067. About Theology On Tap: This is a Social time and a discussion about a theological or spiritual topic. Some of our topics that we have discussed at most recent events are: Social Justice, End Times and the book of Revelation, Gender & Identity, Consumerism, Angels and Demons, and a fan favorite-Ask the Pastor Night!

Call them or send them an email: 316-684-5224 [info@fairmountministries.org](mailto:info@fairmountministries.org)

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March

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BEGINS



March 5



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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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