



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

April, 2025

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

Church Phone 316-265-7415
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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

April 2025

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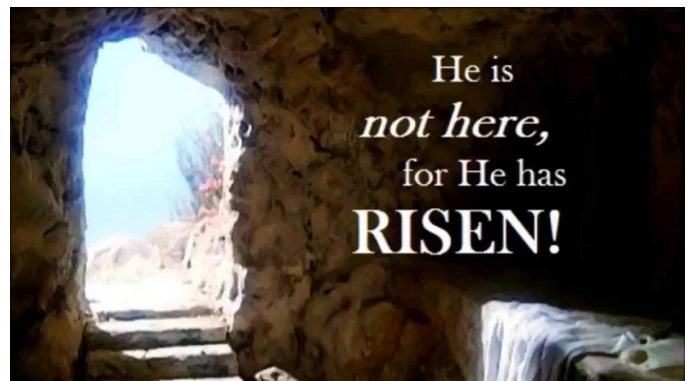
All good things eventually come to an end. My streak of three months of having my Newsletter article done the week before the first of the month is officially over. Julie and Doris had everything done a couple days ago so it is 100% my fault that the Newsletter is going out on the 1st instead of a couple days before. And as I stare at my computer screen hoping this article will write itself (it didn't...).

I keep glancing out the window and see the 20+ MPH wind blowing the leaves on the tree along 26th St, my thoughts go back to a week ago Friday when 50-60 MPH winds blew most of the top layer of the roof off the Education Wing. (See "Trustees Report" on page 4 for more details). But the wind made my mind drift to Jeremiah 40:4.

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

We live in Kansas and the wind blows. But we also live as God's children who are guided and led by His Spirit. In a couple weeks we're going to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's no exaggeration to say that those are the most pivotal events in all of human history. We spend the 40 days of Lent preparing to celebrate these glorious days, but we do it knowing that Christ is risen and that our salvation has already been won for us. We proclaim with joy that "He is risen!" but not everyone knows who "He" is. That's why we've been spending Wednesday evenings during Lent exploring ways that we can share the Good News with someone in "7 Words." God is going to give us the opportunities and that's why we need to *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* (1 Peter 3:15)

Yours along the journey,



Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday

This year we are planning our Easter egg hunt For April 13th (Palm Sunday) during the Sunday school hour. **Kids bring your friends and join us!** If you would like to participate by bringing in candy please feel free to do so. You may drop them off in the container in the Narthex.



Women's Bible Study: meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library. **Only one meeting in April, April 3rd, due to Holy Week services.** The study is **Donna Snow's "Unshakable"**. **Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the focus beginning in April.** Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.

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) .

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. 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

Birthdays

4/7	Jimmie James
4/7	Sharon Guenther
4/13	Tim Merrick
4/15	Doris Cannon
4/17	Ruth Valdez
4/17	Tammie Hatfield
4/18	Curtis Tucker
4/19	Esther Fisher
4/22	Nancy Zink
4/26	Denise Lewis

Baptismal Birthdays

4/1	Nina Lang
4/9	Stacy Shipman
4/11	Kali Vinroe
4/13	Nick Cordt



Anniversaries

4/2	Dennis & Deb Albright
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Greeters

April

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

May

4: Denise Lewis
 11: Vivian Mailly
 18: Jim & Leona Merrick
 25: Ron & Dian Merrick

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

April 6	Tonya Cordt, helper-Deb Welty	May 4	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
April 13	Deb Welty, helper-Julie OBrien	May 11	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie OBrien
April 20	Julie Obrien, helper-Jeanetta Bolin	May 18	Julie Obrien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
April 27	Jeanetta Bolin, helper-Tonya Cordt	May 25	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt



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

April

David Funke
 Larry Moore
 Eric Schieber

May

Bill Fromm
 Roger Obermueller
 Curtis Tucker

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.



April

6: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 13: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 20: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 27: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

May

4: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 11: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 18: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
 25: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick



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

February and Year-To-Date



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	February	Year To Date	February	Year To Date
Revenues	\$18,597.94	\$45,782.03	\$24,389.34	\$59,026.29
Expenses	\$24,737.35	\$42,766.65	\$34,217.72	\$69,031.54
Balance	-\$6,139.41	\$3,015.38	-\$9,828.38	-\$10,005.25
NOTE #1:	We had high utility bills and a quarterly insurance payment that totaled \$11,506.67.			
NOTE #2:	Snow removal is included in these expenses.			

Trustees Report

All...

We await an insurance adjuster to be dispatched to assess the damage to our roof. The north wing of Bethany had the roofing blown off in the tremendous wind. Thankful for faithful members stepping up to fund the necessary repairs. we will update details , as best I can as they become clear. We appreciate your patience and trust that God will provide!

Work continues to upgrade and maintain our facility.

Blessings,
Trustees



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 Dehneke 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 18. 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

Bethany's Daycare had 45 children enrolled during March, and by the time you see this, we will have 47 children. 1 of those new ones is an infant. So, we ARE seeing growth, albeit not as fast as we would like. Please continue to pray for growth in our enrollment!

We have implemented an increase in our tuition for all age levels, effective March 31st. This increase is in step with the whole daycare industry in our area, as everyone's prices keep slowly going up. We were getting to be a real bargain, price-wise, so this increase keeps us about middle-of-the-road in pricing. The parental reaction to this price increase is accepting, maybe even positive. You just cannot get better care anywhere for what we charge. This modest price increase will keep us competitive in pricing and employee retention.

You may have seen the new, larger surface in the playground that our Trustees recently installed. This safety surface was paid for by last year's grant from the Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund. So, things continue on an uphill trend in our ECC Daycare. Keep praying for us -- things are looking up!

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

What a fantastic morning spent outside! The kids were riveted to the fence, watching some of the church men dropping and spreading mulch for the new playground area. We appreciate your dedication in taking time out of your Tuesday to do this for the ECC.



Second Saturday Cleaning

April 12th, 9:00am

Will continue cleaning kitchen cabinets
and maybe outdoor needs (weather permitting)



Movie Night

No Movie Night in April. Enjoy Easter activities with friends and family.
If you have suggestions of movies for future months, contact Deb Welty.



Bethany's Garden - Come Grow with Us!

March 20 was the First Day of Spring and Earth Day will be on April 22. The garden is starting to wake up with color. The yellow daffodils were pretty. Three yellow tulips are blooming. The remaining tulips should be blooming in mid spring. They don't grow very tall only 14 inches to 24 inches. Starter plants that thrive in cooler temperatures need to be planted. Mainly crops in the cabbage family. We will have green and red cabbage, white and red Kohlrabi and Brussel sprouts. First time vegetables for 2025 are Armenian cucumbers, butter beans and winter squash including trombone, spaghetti and butternut. The good thing about winter squash is they repel squash bugs and squash vine borers. Not like summer squash that was destroyed by them last year. I will still plant some straight neck yellow and Zucchini. The garden will continue our favorites. Hopefully, we will enjoy a good harvest of strawberries. The garden will have more flowers and herbs. Making tea with peppermint and four different kinds of Basil are popular. Planting clover to attract honey bees. Planting African marigolds for pest control and to deter moles. The photo of the three men standing together, Mark W., Dwan W. and Bruce K. are fixing the well. The photo of three women is Diane M., Toni B. and me. Third photo is me standing in a pile of dead plants. We work hard but we have a lot of fun together. They not only give their time to do what needs to be done they freely pay for everything that it takes to have a successful garden. There are no words to describe how much they have given us. As Always, Vicky Lynn Collins 316-771-1207



Lent/Easter Schedule

April 2nd, April 9th

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

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

April 9: Bierocks from Fairmount Ministries and Etc. (freewill offering)



Holy Week

Palm Sunday (April 13) Egg Hunt during Sunday School Time

Maundy Thursday (April 17) 7:00pm Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 18) 7:00pm Service

Easter (April 20)

7:00am Sunrise Service

8:00am Breakfast (biscuits/gravy/sausage/fruit)

9:00am Service with Holy Communion

Lutheran Women in Mission

BETHANY'S Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has begun a new program for ladies in our congregation titled "LWML Mailbox Member Program". This program is a way for any woman who wishes to participate in LWML, but is not able to attend for any number of reasons, can still participate. If you are interested in finding out more about this program, you can reach out to Jeanetta Bolin, our program coordinator. She will be happy to discuss this with you in more detail. You can leave a message for her at (316) 207-2023.

OUR EYEGLOSS CHEST is once again empty. If you happen to have any eyeglasses, sunglasses or soft glass cases you no longer use, please drop them off in the chest to help our mission project as we continue to assist those in need.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT the table in the Narthex lately? There is an assortment of items relating to Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML). Feel free to help yourself to as much material as you would like to help you get acquainted with the longest woman's organization within the Missouri Synod. Lutheran Women in Mission is open to all ladies of the congregation. In addition to our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Library beginning at 4:00 pm, we have the "LWML Mailbox Member Program" as listed above, as well as a group of ladies who meet on Tuesday mornings beginning at 10:00 am and again on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am until noon in the quilting room at the end of the back hallway to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Again, all of these activities are open to any of the ladies within our congregation and we welcome you to join us at any time as you are able.



AS YOU ARE AWARE, during the Lenten season, we are not having flowers in the Sanctuary. However, after Easter we will again be having flowers, so if you are wanting to provide flowers for a certain Sunday, please check the calendar located next to the mailboxes in the Narthex and write your name on the calendar on your preferred date and just let Ruth Valdez know (316)213-0177, if you wish to supply your own flowers or if you want LWML to get the flowers for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify the Sanctuary.

THE NATIONAL LWML BIENNIAL CONVENTION will be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26-29. Ruth Valdez has been selected to be the voting delegate to represent the Wichita Zone at the convention. She will help to nominate the incoming National LWML leaders who will be serving on the national level for the next two years. Ruth is asking for your prayers as she attends the convention and votes for these incoming National LWML leaders, as well as International Mission Grants and Bylaws.

QUILTING: 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. Come and join us. 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 during a church service.



Fly Fishing Club

At the March meeting we planned on going fishing on Wednesday, April 3rd and Wednesday, May 7th. Destination has not been confirmed. Any questions please talk with Doug Meyer, Robert Bolin or Dwan Welty.



Food Donations

Westside UMC Food Pantry

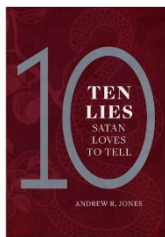
1313 W Lydia St. We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry. If you would like to donate, place items in the chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



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 or call 1-800-876-9880.



Book of the Month: Ten Lies Satan loves to tell:
"You need and deserve more."
"You should cover up your sins."
"You are too sinful to be forgiven."



Have you ever heard Satan murmur these lies into your ear? In *Ten Lies Satan Loves to Tell*, Andrew R. Jones identifies ten lies Satan—the father of lies (John 8:44)—tells in an effort to dismantle God's kingdom and God's people. In each chapter, Jones identifies a lie from Satan; the fear behind the lie; the lie in Scripture; the lie in the world; and most importantly, the truth from God. By enhancing your radar for Satan's schemes, you can better defend against his deception, and be encouraged to live in God's truth. <https://issuesetc.org/>



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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, April 27th 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

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Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter, Apr.20th

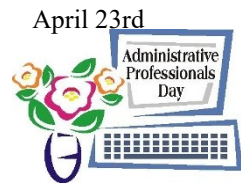
Sunday Mornings

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.



Easter Breakfast
8:00am, April 20th
Biscuits, Gravy,
Sausage & Fruit



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