



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

August, 2025

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

August 2025

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If this article sounds similar in tone and content to last Sunday's sermon, it's because I was working on both of them at the same time. Let me clarify: I was trying to work on both the sermon and newsletter article while I was in New Orleans last week. The sermon was done on Saturday and this newsletter article is being completed on July 30th.

The theme of the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering (and also the title to last Sunday's sermon) was 'ENDURE'. It was based on Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

It starts off with what we're supposed to do, then how we're supposed to do it, and why we're able to do it. On the surface, it seems like a logical progression. But our natural human tendency is to focus on our *part* in the story, i.e. "running the race". But we need to remember that race isn't our race, but *his* "marked out for us". Here's the piece I don't want us to miss. Our steps aren't being directed by a puppetmaster in an ivory tower, but instead by Jesus Christ who endured everything we will ever encounter and more! He knows what we're going through because He's been there. And here's the best part: He's with us every step of the journey, walking beside us in our struggle and celebrating with us in our victory.

So run the race. Endure. And hold tight to His promise.

Yours along the journey,

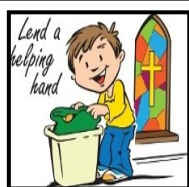


Women's Bible Study: meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library. The study is **Donna Snow's "Unshakable"**. Next meeting will be August 7th. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.



Men's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:00am at the church. Will meet in the Meet and Eat Room. 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. **Playing Games** meet on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30. Come and enjoy games and fellowship.



Second Saturday Cleaning

August 9th, 9:00am

Will continue cleaning kitchen cabinets and maybe outdoor needs

Fly Fishing Club With fishing in July and August being very unproductive, we have decided not to have any activity in August. September information to come. If you have any questions please talk with Doug Meyer, Robert Bolin or Dwan Welty.

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, or send an email pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org

Birthdays	
Jackson Carrell	8/2
Ron Schaefer	8/3
Heath Lewis	8/7
Diane Crossman	8/13
Jay Fritz	8/13
Dwan Welty	8/14
Axel Miller	8/14



Baptisms	
Aaron Miller	8/2
A. J. Horn	8/5
Phillip Bolin	8/12

Anniversaries	Date	Years
Scott & Kathleen	8/14	43
Curtis & Marcia Hampton	8/16	55

Greeters



August

3: Steve & Vicki Pasewark
10: Linda Puls
17: Steve Reiling
24: Amy Salazar
31: Joni Schrahl

September

7: Melanie Schreffler
14: Rick & Stacy Shipman
21: Bailee Shipman
28: Ross & Kim Stark

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



Aug 3	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Sept 6	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Aug 10	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Sept 13	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Aug 17	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Sept 20	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Aug 24	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Sept 27	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Aug 31	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Deb Welty		

Altar Guild



Fill

Aug 3 & Sept 7	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Aug 10 & Sept 14	Mable Moore
Aug 17 & Sept 21	Amy Salazar
Aug 24 & Sept 28	Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield
Aug 31	Doris Cannon

Cleanup

Julie O'Brien
Toni Bolin
Doris Cannon & 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

August

Braden Cordt
Bruce Kester
Roger Obermueller

September

David Funke
Doug Meyer
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.



August

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

September

7: 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.

Stewardship Report

Time, Talents
and Treasure

**June and
Year-To-Date**



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	June	Year To Date	June	Year To Date
Revenues	\$23,814.87	\$156,024.40	\$35,958.61	\$197,883.19
Expenses	\$18,011.75	\$135,178.53	\$35,460.11	\$237,077.24
Balance	\$5,803.12	\$20,845.87	\$498.50	-\$39,194.05
NOTE #1:	In the first six months of 2025 the giving to the general fund exceeded the amount budgeted (\$147,000) by \$9,024.00.			
NOTE #2:	\$10,000 was drawn from the Line of Credit and is included in the ECC's Year To Date revenues.			
NOTE #3:	Monthly payments are currently being made to repay the \$30,000 borrowed through a Line of Credit.			
NOTE #4	As of June 30 th there are \$31,414.64 in Designated Funds to repair the roof: \$7,380 in donations and \$24,133.44 from insurance. A total of \$98.80 has been spent.			
NOTE #5	When there is a total church-wide shortfall of funds, monies are borrowed from the Designated Funds. The funds are repaid as they are needed or when the church has funds available. Currently there is \$34,796.00 in the Designated Fund Account, Another \$21,137.47 has been borrowed to cover the overall deficit. The total amount of designated funds is \$55,933.47.			

Trustees Report

Bethany,
We continue to move forward with roof repairs. All work has been addressed. We expect insurance payouts soon.

Equipment at church seems to be aging out. Stay tuned for updates and details.

Trustees



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

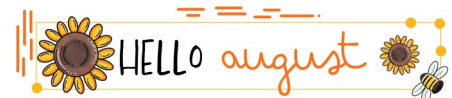
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM

LIBRARY: Robert Bolin leads a study "The Mission Journeys of the Apostle Paul and his Epistles" covering the books of Acts through 2 Timothy.

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 Genesis.

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.





Youth Gathering:

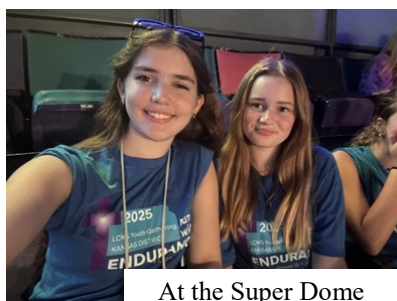
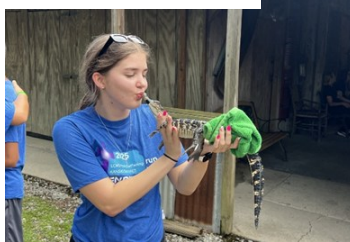
Our two youth, Aubrey and Jackson, along with Jeanetta (adult leader) attended the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. Risen Savior Lutheran Church was very gracious and allowed us to attend with their group. There was a total of 17 (12 youth, 5 adult leaders) that attended from our group. The theme of this year's youth gathering was: Endure, based on Hebrews 12:1-3, encouraging youth to persevere in their walk with Christ. The LCMS Youth Gathering provided youth with: -Daily worship and Bible studies, -Breakout sessions on faith, relationships, media, and career choices, -Community service projects benefiting dozens of local organizations, -Special district events like the Kansas District's gathering at the Bayou Barn with Cajun food and games. This gathering was not just a five-day event – it was a spiritual milestone. Youth were immersed in their Lutheran identity, building lasting friendships, and have a renewed sense of purpose and endurance in Christ. Here are some pictures from our time together:



Group time at the end of each day



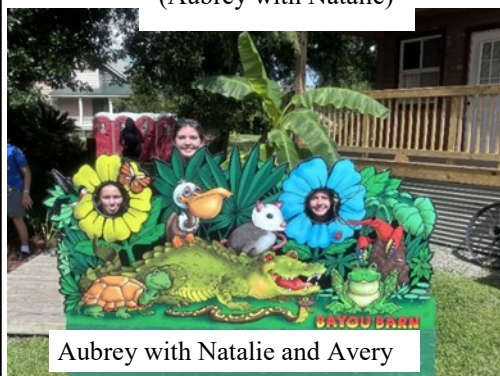
Aubrey with alligator



At the Super Dome (Aubrey with Natalie)



At the Convention Center in the Interactive Center



Aubrey with Natalie and Avery



Lunch with Jackson, Elijah, Quentin, along with several others in the group



Convention Center – Jackson with therapy dog

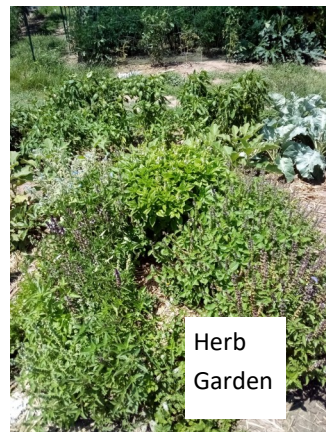


Bethany's Garden Where Flowers and People Bloom!!

The months of July and August are the hardest for gardeners and plants because of the heat. The best way to save the garden is to keep it watered and use shade cloths.

It really makes a difference to lower the temperatures. You can also use straw around the base of your plants. This helps retain the moisture which is what the plants need. All of this will hopefully keep your plants alive.

However, the heat and humidity does cause plants to stop producing. You may have blooms but no vegetables. As far as our garden there is no heat damage. The leaves are a deep green and very large. The garden well was broken down for a few days and with the extra help and rain the garden survived without any damage. I enjoy experimenting with first time vegetables, flowers and herbs each year. This year for the first time we are growing Armenian cucumbers, three types of winter squash, Brussel sprouts, and butter beans. Also, for the first time we have a herb garden with four varieties of basil, oregano, rosemary, cilantro, sage, dill and peppermint. We had our first incident of vandalism for this year. Someone smashed two Honey Dew melons and a watermelon on the parking lot. To make worse I found squash bug eggs on the Zucchini, winter squash and cucumbers. Even after so much the garden is thriving. Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207.



Herb
Garden



Green
Beans



Okra



Winter Squash



Zucchini



Watermelon and
Cantaloupe patch



Movie Night

Saturday, August 23rd, 6:30pm

If you need a ride, call Deb Welty

From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart.

Lutheran Women in Mission

THE NEXT MEETING OF LWML will be on Tuesday, August 12, at 4:00 in the Library. Bethany LWML will be hosting the Zone Fall Event on October 11th, so we have begun making plans early. This event will be for all of Bethany ladies, as well as for the ladies of the other Lutheran churches in and around Wichita. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT the quilts on display at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase one, see Amy or Jenny. *We have finished 132 since October.* WE ARE STILL COLLECTING eyeglasses, sunglasses, reading glasses and soft glass cases in the wooden chest across from the church office. We will be sending these items with members of Holy Cross when they go on their mission trip to Guatemala in December.

THERE'S STILL TIME for you to come join us to play games on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 following our walking & talking. We have lots of games to choose from and enjoy each other's company and conversation. If you have a favorite game you wish to bring, we welcome you and your game. It is a cool way to spend the afternoon also!

THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF OPENINGS on the flower calendar if you would like to help beautify our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. All you need to do is select a date, sign your name, and let Ruth Valdez know, (316) 213-0177, if you want to get your own flowers or have LWML get them for you. Thank you to all who have provided flowers in the past and who are continuing to do so.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS.

Here's what we still need: -Pens (blue or black, no gel pens) -Erasers (the pink ones) -Scissors (preferably with rounded tips) -Pencil sharpeners -Spiral Notebooks (70 count) Place them in the washtub in the Narthex.

August Quilt of the Month



Early Childhood Center

Our children and Teachers are enjoying the summer in our daycare center, engaging in activities that have them outside in the morning but chilling-out indoors in the afternoon. Our activities are more than play, they are learning adventures designed for these age groups.

We have signed-up 4 new babies for our infant room, and a 5th will be coming in November. This means that our infant room will finally be full in a couple of months, and then we will have one age-out of the room (graduate) before the next new one comes in, so we should get full by the end of summer and stay that way for several months beyond. Finally!

We have now been fully APPROVED for the State food reimbursement program, and we are turning in our first week's worth of paperwork, so that money will start coming to us now. This may provide us with up to \$3,000 or more of new income every month to offset our expenses.

As the summer ends, we will see the oldest children graduate from our program as they go off to kindergarten. This happens every year: The oldest kids move on, and new ones come in. Please pray that new enrollment will keep our numbers up where they need to be to assure our continued success.

THANK YOU for your support and prayers! Jim Merrick, for Bethany's Early Childhood Center



Book Week: Our book today was "The very Hungry Caterpillar". This book is a classic! We got a visit from THE WICHITA LIBRARY BOOK BUS! Every kid had the opportunity to walk on to the book bus and pick out their very own book to take home





Food Donations

Westside UMC Food Pantry

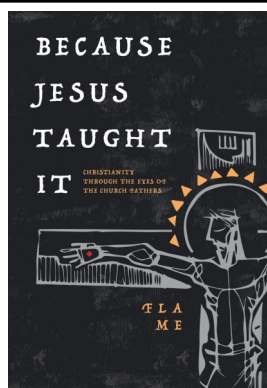
1313 W Lydia St. We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry. If you would like to donate, place items in the chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



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: **Because Jesus Taught It**, Christianity Through the Eyes of the Church Fathers.

Written by "Flame" a Christian rapper, who shares his own walk of faith, challenges readers to explore a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus. "Shouldn't we know who God is? The nature of God's Existence? The true nature of Jesus, the Messiah? The difference between God's Law and His Gospel? The nature of these rites God established as the Sacraments? If the Sacraments are important enough for Jesus to implement, then we would do right to wrestle with how they have been historically understood and practiced to see where they fit into the Christian life." This seminary-trained rap star makes an engaging case for a faith that is both evangelical and Sacramental.



Address: 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208, Phone: 316-684-5224 www.fairmountministries.org info@fairmountministries.org

Groups, Bible Studies, and Events

Fairmount is a place for anyone and everyone. We walk with our community, encouraging them as Christ encourages us (Psalm 90:17), build one another up (Romans 15:5), and carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). It is our role as the Holy Spirit has empowered all Christians as members of the royal priesthood: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light". (1 Peter 2:9). We would love to meet you! There are a couple of ways to connect with us. You can call us or drop us an email: 316-684-5224 info@fairmountministries.org

The "College Age Bible Study" meets each Tuesday combined with the "Young Adults Group" at 6:47pm. Faith 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. Join for fellowship, local brews and faith talk.

We have a Women's Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, then on the first Friday each month there is live music as well as Open Mic nights.

Looking ahead, Oct. 16th will be our 7th annual event "The Gathering". This year it is being held at Botanical Gardens. Ticket sales will begin in August.

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Movie Night:
August 23rd, See
page 6 for Info

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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