



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

September, 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

September 2025

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Fall doesn't start for 3 more weeks but the weather this week has me thinking otherwise. It's kind of strange sitting here typing this and the thermometer on my desk says it 67° outside. I've lived in Kansas for over 30 years, so I'm well-aware that this is just "fake fall". We've still got 1 (or 2) more heat waves to endure before it's pumpkin spice latte season.

Seasons change, the kids are back in school, and some leaves are already starting to turn. But the biggest change around here is who is going to be sitting at the organ bench in the back of the sanctuary. As most everyone is aware, our beloved organist, Sandy, is moving to Oklahoma City to be closer to family. We're obviously going to miss her but family always comes first.

We're currently searching for a full-time organist, but in the meantime, we'll have a rotating group of ladies playing for us on Sunday mornings. Next Sunday, September 7th, we'll take a moment to celebrate and to thank Sandy for all she's done for Bethany and pray for her and her family as they enter this new season in their lives.

Transitions are never easy and there will invariably be hiccups along the way. Our consolation is knowing that God is in control, He knows what He's doing, and He hasn't been wrong yet. Seasons change, but we belong to the One who never does.

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"**. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.

Men's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:00am at the church. In the Library. 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: September 13th, 9:00am
Will continue cleaning kitchen cabinets and maybe outdoor needs



Movie Night: Saturday, September 20th, 6:30pm
Look for more information in Sunday Newsnotes and emails.

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

Sid Wise	9/2
Marcus Dehncke	9/5
Dean Lang	9/7
Dale Moore	9/13
Larry Moore	9/15
Jim Merrick	9/19
Jordyn LaRouche	9/19
Vergene Fromm	9/22
Lois Brockmeyer	9/24
Mark Dehncke	9/25
David Funke	9/25
Amy Salazar	9/26
Sherri Obermueller	9/28

Baptisms

Dwan Welty	9/1
Axel Miller	9/24
Elaine Stark	9/28
Dean Lang	9/29



SEPTEMBER
birthdays & anniversaries

Anniversaries

Date Years

Bruce & Regina Kester	9/2	47
Billie & Vergene Fromm	9/4	61
Robert & Pam Zindel	9/20	46
Jim & Leona Merrick	9/21	39

Greeters



September

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

October

5: Glenn & Elaine Stark
12: Curtis & Michelle Tucker
19: Ray & Ruth Valdez
26: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe

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



Sept 7	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Oct 5	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Sept 14	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Oct 12	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Sept 21	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Oct 19	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Sept 28	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Oct 26	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt

Altar Guild



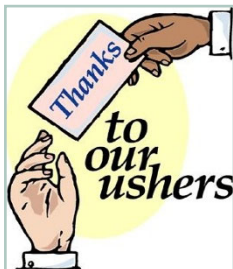
Fill

Sept 7 & Oct 5	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Sept 14 & Oct 12	Mable Moore
Sept 21 & Oct 19	Amy Salazar
Sept 28 & Oct 26	Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield

Cleanup

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

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

September

David Funke
Doug Meyer
Curtis Tucker

October

Braden Cordt
Bruce Kester
Larry Moore

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

7: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
14: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
21: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
28: 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
**July and
Year-To-Date**



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	July	Year To Date	July	Year To Date
Revenues	\$23,814.87	\$175,543.77	\$35,164.80	\$233,047.99
Expenses	\$18,011.75	\$153,688.29	\$36,281.29	\$273,418.53
Balance	\$5,803.12	\$21,855.48	-\$1,116.49	-\$40,370.54
NOTE #1:	The CACFP grant program will reimburse food and operations costs in August.			
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 July 31st there are \$31,346.21 in Designated Funds to repair the roof. Originally there was \$31,513.44 (\$7,380 in donations and \$24,133.44 from insurance).			
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 \$34,646.99 in the Designated Fund Account, Another \$22,499.06 has been borrowed to cover the overall deficit. The total amount of designated funds is \$57,146.04.			

Trustees Report

Moving forward with roof repair and insurance payouts. Two items remain to be completed, the garage roof and building gutter. We must repair the structure to accept the new gutter. That is a work in progress. We are working with Brotherhood Mutual to possibly ask for more coverage. This must be done after we receive invoices that reflect additional costs above original payout. Which means after work is completed. That date has yet to be determined. We now have the boiler decommissioned and state/insurance have been duly notified. Now we have the task of supplying heat to the north wing before winter, along with weekly chores on the property.

Thankful for all of the support and volunteers!
Peace,
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 the Bible starting with Genesis.

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.

Sunday, September 7th

Fellowship Time ➡ Congregation Meeting during Sunday

School Time followed by:

Potluck

Fried Chicken Provided

Bring a Side Dish
or a Dessert



(Cake will be provided)



Sandy Tope:

Organist Extraordinaire, Choir
Director, Bell Choir Director,
Sunday School Music Leader &
Friend



Early Childhood Center

School has begun again! We had several kids graduate in August but half of those spots have already been filled. Their graduation ceremony was a big success and everyone

who attended had a great time. Thank you, teachers, for your hard work putting everything together. Please continue to pray that our enrollment continues to grow so we can keep our numbers up.



Bethany's Garden

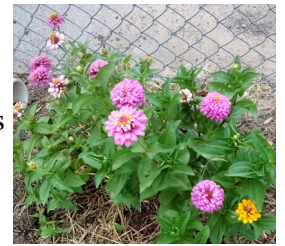
Where Flowers and People Bloom!!

The First Day of Autumn is coming. The month of August is always busy with harvesting and watering. It's time to plan for a fall garden. This year we are going to have a salad bar. I'm planting Romaine lettuce, radishes, spinach, kale, onions and carrots.

Everything for a nice salad. I don't know if we will have any tomatoes and green beans. I have done all I can.

So, we will just have to wait. Been harvesting okra, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, peppers, eggplant, and herbs. A prototype of the sunflower coffee mugs I talked about last month is being made. Should have the prototype first week in September. God has blessed us in so many ways.

Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207



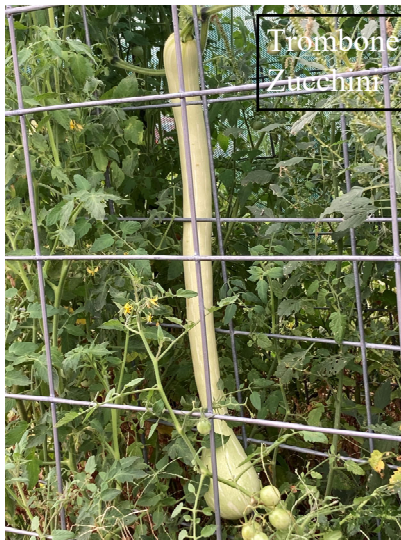
Bountiful Harvest



Herb Garden,
Cilantro, Oregano,
Spearmint, Basil



Winter Squash



Trombone
Zucchini



Armenian cucumber
and Italian Zucchini



Italian and Trombone
Zucchini squash

Fried Okra

Ingredients

Yields 4 servings

- 10 pods okra, sliced in 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 egg, beaten, -1 cup cornmeal, -1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, 1/2 cup vegetable oil

Directions

- Soak okra in beaten egg in a small bowl for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Combine cornmeal, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl.
- Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Dredge okra in the cornmeal mixture, coating evenly.
- Carefully place okra in hot oil; stir continuously. -Reduce heat to medium when okra first starts to brown, and cook until golden. -Drain on paper towels.

Serve hot and enjoy!



Okra blooming

Prep Time: 15 mins **Cook Time:** 15 mins **Total Time:** 30 mins **Servings:** 4

Lutheran Women in Mission

THE NEXT MEETING OF LWML will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9th, at 4:00 in the Library. We will work on some things for the October 11th Fall Event.

HYGIENE Kits: We are still putting together Hygiene Kits for Lutheran World Relief and are in need of large dark colored towels. You can place them in the washtub on the donation table in the Narthex. So far we have made 21 Hygiene kits and 99 School bags. We thank you for your support as we have again completed the school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT joining us to play games on Wednesday afternoons? We would love to have you beginning at 1:30 in the Meet and Eat room. We have several games already, however, if you have a favorite game you enjoy playing, bring it with you and let's play! We enjoy each other's company and conversation and of course it's always cooler inside than it has been outside.

OUR EYEGLASS WOODEN CHEST is empty again. We continue to collect eyeglasses and sunglasses, our mission project for Most Ministries. If you happen to find a pair or two, just drop them off on the donation table across from the church office. We will be sending them along with members of Holy Cross who will be going on their Mission trip to Guatemala in December.

THANK YOU TO THE quilting ladies and A.J., as we now have many beautiful quilts on display on both sides, as well in the back of the sanctuary. Our quilters have been very busy again this year! If you happen to see a quilt that speaks to you, and you would like to purchase it for a birthday gift or a Christmas gift, or you just want to keep one for yourself, just contact either Amy or Jenny and they will be glad to help you. There have now been 150 quilts finished since last October.

Quilt of the Month



Walk in the Light

1 John 1:7

LWML Fall Event



OUR BETHANY LWML will be hosting the Wichita zone LWML ladies for the Fall Event here on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. This Fall Event is open to all of the ladies of our congregation. We welcome you all to come and join us for fellowship, food, a Bible study, guest speaker, and other exciting activities throughout the day. Mark October 11th on your calendar and plan to join us, we

would love to have you. Watch for more information closer to the event.

Fly Fishing Club

The fly club met on August 17 at Dwan/Linda's house for a fish fry. Dwan fried striper and also had cole slaw, fried potatoes and baked beans. Doug brought a peach pie and strawberry/rhubarb pie. Alan brought a cucumber/onion salad, Steve brought a cornbread casserole and Mark brought home-made ice cream. Also at the fish fry were Robert & Jeanetta, Debbie, Vickie, Shari and Darlene. Our next outing will be September 24 and we will be going to either Cowley or Yates Center. Any questions- talk with any of the fly club fishermen.





Food Donations

Westside UMC Food Pantry

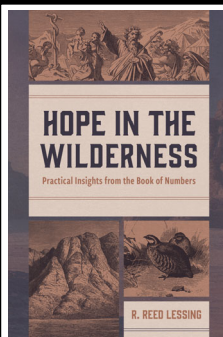
1313 W Lydia St. We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry. If you would like to donate, place items in the chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



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: **Hope in the Wilderness**, "The book of Numbers is often described a bit like the American Midwest. Many people from the East and West Coasts think of it as "flyover country" something without much real substance. However, just as the Midwest has its good and bad points, so, too, does the history of the people of Israel recorded in Numbers. R. Reed Lessing has produced a study that will show you how the book of Numbers is relevant to Christians and Christian living today. His book helps you see not only the point of the vivid stories of Israel's sins in Numbers but even the relevance of the census chapters, Balaam and his prophecy-for-hire that did not turn out as Balak hoped, and the worship laws recorded in Numbers 28-29. Lessing's devotional style makes this the ideal book for those who want to know the book of Numbers better while applying it to their daily walk of faith."



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Groups, Bible Studies, and Events

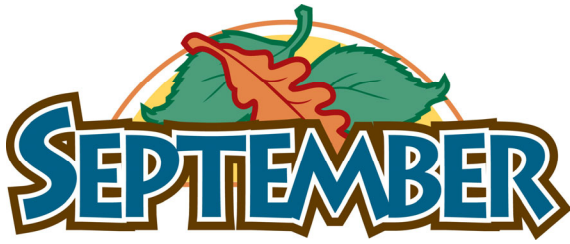
Fairmount is a place for anyone and everyone. We walk with our community, encouraging them as Christ encourages us (Psalm 90:17), build one another up (Romans 15:5), and carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). It is our role as the Holy Spirit has empowered all Christians as members of the royal 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 3rd Sunday of each month..

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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**Goodbye,
Best Wishes
& Thank You!**

September 7th
Meeting, Potluck
and Goodbye for
Sandy.
See pg 5



Sept 22nd



Movie
Night:
Sept.
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.



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