



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

November, 2025

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

Church Phone 316-265-7415
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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

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Happy Reformation! I know this is November's Newsletter, but I'm writing this on the 508th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther nailing his 95 Thesis to the church door in Wittenberg. I'm well-aware that it is also the day that millions of Americans also celebrate Halloween.

As Lutherans, the Reformation is something we should celebrate. But after over 500 years, does "Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Christus, Sola Scriptura, and Soli Deo Gloria" still matter? Of course it does. We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. All of this is found in Scripture alone. To God alone be the glory.

I would argue that these truths are even more relevant today than ever. We live in a world that consistently exchanges God's truth for a lie. We are being bombarded with "truths" like: all roads lead to heaven, marriage is whatever you want it to be, and the value of life is found in what it can produce and not in Who created it.

We have a choice. We can give into these lies, or we can boldly say: "Here I Stand". Confronting Satan's deception will cost us friends, jobs, money, and status. But acquiescing holds even direr consequences. Our consolation and strength comes from knowing that we don't fight this battle alone. The same Spirit that called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light, will continue to give us the wisdom and courage to face the days ahead. So continue to stand firm in Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria,



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 (FRIDAY) Cleaning: November 14th, 9:00am
Will continue cleaning Quilting Room



No Movie Night this month

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



November 11th, Veterans Day

Look at the Display Case in the hallway leading to the Narthex for names of members and member's families who have served or are serving.

Many thanks to all veterans.

Birthdays

Michelle Tucker	11/14
Fern Neumiller	11/15
Archer Miller	11/16
Richard Vinroe	11/18
Margaret Baldrige	11/19
Shirley Stork	11/20
Dolores Lang	11/21
Billie Fromm	11/25
Doris Nienke	11/29
Melissa Miller	11/30



Baptisms

Alan Keimig	11/13
Steve Nienke	11/19
Joni Schrahl	11/19
Ron Merrick	11/25
Dolores Lang	11/27

Anniversaries

	Date	Years
Robert & Jeanetta Bolin	11/17	36
Robert & Barbara Ohmie	11/23	51

Greeters



November

2: Dwan & Linda Welty
9: Mark & Deb Welty
16: Sandy Wise
23: Pam Zindel
30: Nancy Zink

December

7: Lois Adams
14: Anita Albright
21: Netta Albright
28: 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 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



Nov 2	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Dec 7	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Nov 9	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Dec 14	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Nov 16	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Dec 21	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Nov 23	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Dec 28	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Nov 30	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty		

Altar Guild



Fill

Nov 2 & Dec 7 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Nov 9 & Dec 14 Mable Moore
Nov 16 & Dec 21 Amy Salazar
Nov 23 & Dec 28 Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield
Nov 30 Doris Cannon
Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, please contact Doris Cannon.

Cleanup

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

November

David Funke
Roger Obermueller
Curtis Tucker

December

Bruce Kester
Doug Meyer
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.



November

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

December

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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
September, 2025
and
Year-To-Date



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	September	Year To Date	September	Year To Date
Revenues	\$21,600.00	\$217,474.58	\$39,515.11	\$325,458.35
Expenses	\$23,672.62	\$194,859.83	\$38,110.20	\$348,143.72
Balance	-\$2,072.62	\$22,614.75	\$1,404.91	-\$22,685.37
NOTE #1:	The CACFP grant program reimbursed food and operations costs are now arriving on a monthly basis.			
NOTE #2:	The ECC between July 1 and September 30 has reduced its negative balance by \$17,685.17.			
NOTE #3:	The building insurance payment was paid in September and is responsible for the majority of the increase in the expenses,			
NOTE #4	\$10,000 was drawn from the Line of Credit and is included in the ECC's Year To Date revenues.			
NOTE #5	Monthly payments are currently being made to repay the \$30,000 borrowed through a Line of Credit.			
NOTE #6	The first payment (\$70,000) to pay for the roof's replacement was made from Designated Funds.			
NOTE #7	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. The new air conditioning unit was purchased in this manner. Cost \$4,978.60.			
NOTE #8	Currently the church owes the Designated Fund account \$12,697.03.			

Trustees Report

Barely finding time to write an update! Working on getting heat into all of the north wing. Rms 4 and 5 have new mini split systems. They are working great! We have ducting into the corridor restrooms and ECC storage and counting room. Rm 6 (quilting) has a new heat/cooling system. Rm 2 is really close to install heat/cool unit. Mowing has all but stopped. Now... new issues! Door 2 electronic door lock control needs to be replaced. Scheduled to install next Monday. Prayers that a new system gets us up to speed. For now the door is exit only, by depressing the green "Exit" button and panic bar at the same time. Not convenient, but we deal with it! All for now.... 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. Meets in the Meet and Eat room.

ACTIVITY CENTER- Pastor Nick leads a class. Currently continuing a study on the Old Testament. Have finished 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. After the music, Lesson and Activity is in the Youth Room in the basement.

Future Sunday
School child: Yea!





Early Childhood Center

Our Early Childhood Center is bustling along through a busy fall this year. On the 24th of October, you helped us stage a GREAT Trunk-or-Treat! THANK YOU! And thank you for voting in our Teachers' jack-o-lantern contest, whether you voted at Church on Sunday or on our Facebook post. That was a fun thing! Our enrollment is holding steady as we picked up 2 more kids in October. And we finally have the tiger by the tail financially...Our ECC is now turning an actual profit. We realized a profit in August of \$4,280.26. We ended September with a profit of \$3,404.91. We are waiting with bated breath to see how we end October. It's looking good... If we end October with a profit, that will be a full quarter of solid profitability. After all this time of struggling to get everything right, working to control our expenses and figuring out exactly how much tuition we should be charging, our long haul of work and investment seems to be paying off. A major help in getting a handle on our expenses came from Bill Bolin, who took our accounting procedures in hand and did yeoman's work in tracking exactly where every penny was spent and stacking that up next to our income, which helped us make adjustments that are really paying off now. Now, the fact that we've got several months of profits rolling in does not mean we're suddenly rich. You may remember that we had to borrow money early in the year to make up deficits that happened while we were building the new accounting system, and that money has to be paid back. The good news is that we are making progress on paying that debt down with the goal of paying it off. More good news is that if we maintain this profitability at this rate, we will pay the debt off and then the future profits will go back into supporting the Church itself. I plan on making a presentation of these developments to you all when the work plan (budget) is presented to you at a Voters' Meeting in November.

THANK YOU all for your support and prayers, and KEEP IT UP! Keep praying for us, pray for more enrollment, pray for our great Teachers, and pray for the families that we serve.

Together, we can SERVE GOD by serving the families that we have contact with.

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team; *Jim Merrick*

Fire Department gave demonstration



Picking your Pumpkin and Barrell rides were a fun day



October was a busy and fun month!!!



Because of the weather, activities were moved inside. Fun was had by all.





Bethany's Garden Where Flowers and People Bloom!!

The Average First Frost Date in our area was on the 28th of October last year. But for 2025, the Average First Frost Date is around October 27. The typical range is from about October 20th to November 4th. These dates are based on historical data which may vary from year to year. Gardeners use these dates to plan their gardens. Planting cold-sensitive plants too early can cause a crisis. Chances are you will have to replant. The Average Last Frost Date is between April 11-20. The soil can rest for now.



Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207

Fly Fishing Club

On Wednesday October 22 the fly club ventured to Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Strong City. The group in the photo is Mark, Doug, Steve and Allen (Dwan is the photographer). Doug and Steve out fished the rest of the group. Photos are of the barn and house at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. November 15, Saturday, we will meet at Bethany around 9 am.



New Curtains!

A special Thank You to Amy Salazar for making new curtains and replacing the old. And for Elaine keeping watch and helping to get them installed. Stewardship shows up in all kinds of ways. Thank you, Amy.

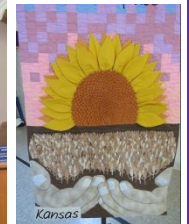


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Groups, Bible Studies, and Events Fairmount is a place for anyone and everyone. We walk with our community, encouraging them as Christ encourages us (Psalm 90:17), build one another up (Romans 15:5), and carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). 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

Lutheran Women in Mission

Bethany hosted the Wichita Zone LWML Fall Event on Saturday, Oct. 11, with 42 registrants and guests in attendance. We were able to have the Kansas banner from the National LWML Convention to display that day as well as on the following day. Pastor Nick led in an interactive Bible Study "Experience the Joy - Then Share It!" based on 1 Thess. 5:16. This was written by Miriam Maassel Neumann and is available from LWML. He then used the theme verse of 1 John 1:7, talking about how God is Light and in Him there is no darkness. Jesus and light are referenced 213 times in the New Testament. Linda Welty, our Mission Speaker, had an awesome slide presentation of her mission trip to Tanzania.



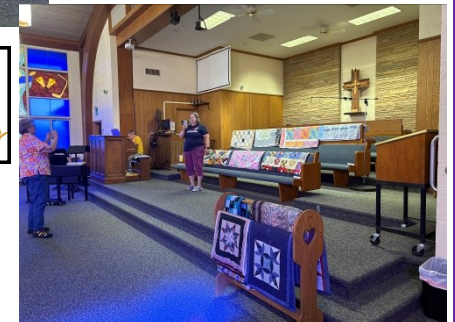
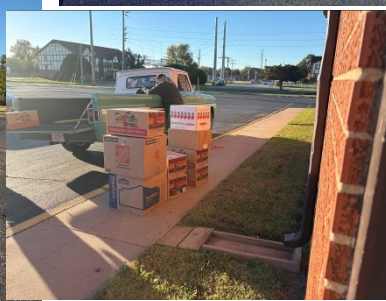
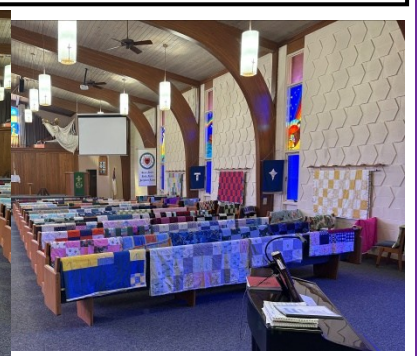
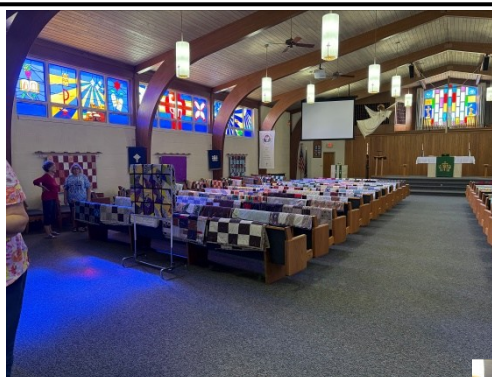
A huge thank you to the quilting ladies and other LWML members for helping to supply our table decorations and help in doing all the other work needed to put this event together. We have a very special group of women in our

congregation who work diligently on any number of projects, and if you wish to join us any time, we would love to have you. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Library for a Business/Bible Study meeting, and the quilting group meet each Tuesday at 10:00 am and again on Saturday morning from 9:00 am to noon.

Quilt of the Month



Quilts and Kits were loaded up and taken to the drop-off church to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. 147 Quilts, 14 Baby Care kits, 34 Personal Care kits, 4 sewing kits, and 99 School kits. Special thanks to AJ and Glenn for use of their trucks and their help.





Please join us for pie and fellowship immediately after the Thanksgiving Eve service, November 26th.

If you would like to donate a pie or ice cream please put your name on the signup sheet on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, in the Narthex.



Advent “Giving” Dinners



December 3, Chicken & Noodles

December 10, Chili & Salad & Corn Bread

(courtesy of men's group)

December 17, Sloppy Joes & Chips



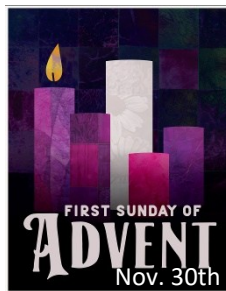
Kitchen Serving 5:45pm to 6:30pm

Service Starts at 7:00pm



Watch for more details on “Giving Food for the Hungry”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						9am - LWML Quilting
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	10am - LWML - Quilting @	9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games	9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Women's Bible	1pm - GPWaT (God's)	9am - 2nd Saturday Work 9am - LWML Quilting
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9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6:30pm - MGMT Team	10am - LWML - Quilting @ 4pm - LWML - Meeting	9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games		1pm - GPWaT (God's)	9am - LWML Quilting
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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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