



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

October, 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

October 2025

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I just looked at the calendar and it's October 1st. Then I looked at my computer screen and realized that my Newsletter article hadn't written itself while I was in Colorado this past weekend officiating a wedding. (Both Doris and Julie had been gently reminding me so the delay in publishing this month's Newsletter is 100% on me).

The topic that I wanted to address this month is the tragic assassination of Charlie Kirk back on September 10. I, like millions of Americans, was shocked and saddened by the news that Wednesday afternoon. A few people have asked me why I hadn't been more vocal about what happened. Charlie was an accomplished debater, orator, and scholar in spite of being a community college drop-out. Beyond that, there remains much debate about who he was and why he was brutally murdered. Was he an evangelist who espoused his political beliefs or was he a political commentator who was unabashedly Christian? Was his murder politically motivated or was it because of his publicly professing his faith?

Just like the assassinations of JFK, MLK, and RFK over 50 years ago, clarity and consensus on who and why will likely remain lacking for generations. Without clear evidence on who shot Charlie Kirk and why, I hesitate to label him a martyr for the faith. His public proclamation of the Gospel is commendable. While I do see some minor flaws in the theology Charlie professed, the public backlash he faced was not unexpected:

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (2 Tim 3:12)

So what do we take away from all this? One of the questions asked during the "Reception Of (New) Members" is: *"Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?"* To which we all answered *"I do, by the grace of God."* Living our lives as God's baptized and redeemed people comes with great risk, but the reward is beyond anything our human minds could ever comprehend. Proclaiming Christ in everything we do and say makes us enemies of the world. Jesus warned us over and over that the journey is wrought with danger, but the destination is indescribable. So remain steadfast and never be afraid or ashamed of Whose you are.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



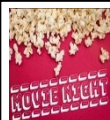
Women's Bible Study: meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany in the Library. The study is **Donna Snow's "Unshakable"**. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.

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, October 18th, 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

Annetta Albright	10/4
Alicia Horn	10/7
Alyssa Dehncke	10/8
Anita Albright	10/13
Melanie Schreffler	10/14
Jamil Jones	10/17
Ross Stark	10/19
Steve Nienke	10/31

Baptisms

Hailey Vinroe-Bowman	10/2
Larry Moore	10/4
David Funke	10/17
Jim Merrick	10/25
Amy Salazar	10/26



Anniversaries

Date

Years

Ray & Ruth Valdez	10/10	17
Junior & JoAnn Stork	10/14	69

Greeters



October

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

November

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

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



Oct 5 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Oct 12 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Oct 19 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Oct 26 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt

Nov 2 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Nov 9 Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Nov 16 Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Nov 23 Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Nov 30 Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty



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

October

Braden Cordt
Bruce Kester
Larry Moore

November

David Funke
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.



October

5: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
12: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
19: 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
**August 2025 and
Year-To-Date**



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	August	Year To Date	August	Year To Date
Revenues	\$20,294.31	\$195,838.08	\$42,895.25	\$285,943.24
Expenses	\$17,498.92	\$171,187.21	\$36,614.99	\$310,033.52
Balance	\$2,795.39	\$24,650.87	\$6,280.26	-\$24,090.28
NOTE #1:	The CACFP grant program reimbursed food and operations costs in August. The funds (\$2,299.34) were transferred to the church's General Funds bank account the first week in September.			
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 August 31st there are \$147,032.21 in Designated Funds to repair the roof.			
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. Through August 31 st the church had borrowed \$23,028.01.			
NOTE #6	The total amount of designated funds is \$170,610.72. After the church's borrowed funds there is \$147,582.71 in the account. Following the roof repair payment there will be \$550.50.			

Trustees Report

We welcome fall and cool temps! The lawn chores slow down, a bit. Inside work continues to secure heat to the areas that the boiler served. We are self-performing most of the work due to the small scope of work needed. Contractors tend to shy away from small jobs. To that end, Bethany has a Facility Improvement fund in place for those that wish to donate. The cost to supply heat/cool in the north wing will be funded by that facility fund. Note "Facility Imp" on your donation. Envelopes will be available. Roof update... guttering remains on the "to do" list. Scheduled 10/1, unless weather delays occur. We have a shortfall of insurance/donation funds to cover costs. We will keep you posted when work is completed.

Thanks to all support and volunteers! 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.



Friday, October 24th 6:00pm

Parking Lot and Activity Center.

Pizza served.

Need Kitchen helpers, Helpers with the games,
Baked goods for cake walk, Candy,

Trunks (Let ECC know at least 2 days in advance if you are bringing your "trunk"!)

All help is appreciated. Come and enjoy!!!



Early Childhood Center

Greetings from happy Daycare Land!

Things are going great in Bethany's Early Childhood Center. We are holding our own in enrollment: We always see a drop in numbers when school starts, then as we move into Fall the numbers come back up, so the enrollment roller-coaster keeps going... We'd had 45 kids, then 39, now we're back up to 41, with prospects for more. If we can hold steady with at least 45 kids, we'd be okay, really.

The GOOD news is that our ECC ended August in the BLACK, and we are on track to end September in the black, too. I want to see a full quarter of solid results like this before I hold a short informational session after Church one day to announce that we finally have the tiger by the tail in managing the ECC as a fully self-supporting ministry that actually puts some money back into the Church. Our new, somewhat higher tuition rates and the new reimbursement for food costs from the State, combined with careful management of the day-to-day operation by our Director, Danita, are making this happen.

Please keep praying for us, praying for more enrollment, and we always **THANK YOU** for your support!!!
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team, *Jim Merrick*



A glow party was in order for this dark, gloomy, rainy morning. So much fun with friends!!



Bethany's Garden Where Flowers and People Bloom!!



Autumn is here. The month of September is when plants start slowing down their production due to the change in the season. Those vegetables that thrive in the heat like the okra start looking pretty bad because of the cooler temperatures. But they are not dead yet and I'm still harvesting a gallon of okra every two days. The green beans are doing their best to produce. Plants are beaten up from the hail storm. There will be a big harvest of herbs.



The Herb Garden has five different types of Basil. Including, Lemon, Sweet, Holy, Licorice and Cinnamon. Perfect for Basil herb tea with some Spearmint. Can't get any better than making your own drink straight from the garden. There are many health related reasons to drink basil tea. Physical and mental health benefits. Be looking for Basil and spearmint tea ingredients with detailed directions.

Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207



Sandy's Goodbye

It's hard to say Goodbye but Sandy Tope is wished the best for her future in Oklahoma helping her daughter and grandson.

"No words can convey how much I have appreciated the time that I spent serving my friends here at Bethany Lutheran. You have always shown your love and appreciation.

I am missing all of you but I am where I need to be. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and thoughts as I begin a new journey."
-Sandy Tope



Lutheran Women in Mission



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Sunday

THE NEXT MEETING OF LWML will be on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, at 4:00 in the Library. We will discuss the Zone Fall meeting and the Christian Life Retreat November 7-8 in Salina, featuring Author Donna Snow.

We thank you for your support as we have again completed the school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

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 165 quilts finished since last October. Hope you enjoy seeing the display of quilts on LWML Sunday, Oct. 5th.

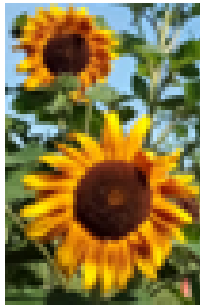
OUR BETHANY LWML will be hosting the Wichita zone LWML ladies for the Fall Event here on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm.

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 led by Pastor Nick, guest speaker, Linda Welty, and other exciting activities throughout the day. Gifts from the Heart will be collecting the following for Passageways Outreach Center: Kitchen Items: zippered food storage bags, Coffee, Knife sets, Mops, Brooms, etc., Bath Items: Body Lotion, Shave Cream etc. or Gift Cards for Passageways items. If you can donate any of these items, bring that day or before and leave on the table across from the office. Mark October 11th on your calendar and plan to join us. We would love to have you and "Walk in the Light" with all of us.



Putting together School Kits

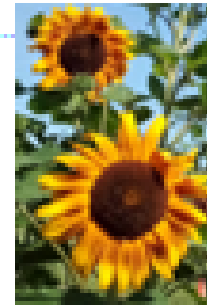
Quilt of the Month



Walk in the Light

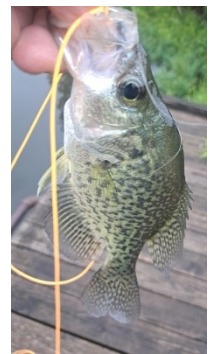
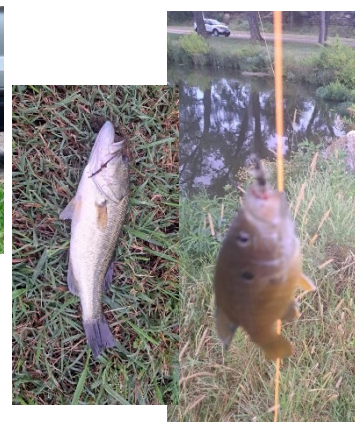
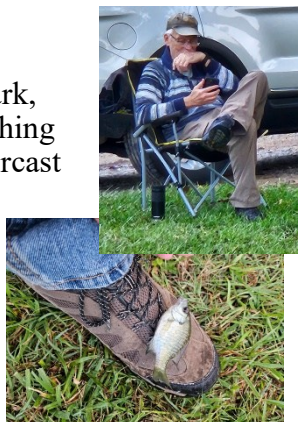
1 John 1:7

LWML Fall Event



Fly Fishing Club

On Wednesday September 25, Doug, Mark, Alan and Dwan went to Cowley State fishing lake, south of Ark City. The day was overcast and there was a slight mist and the temperature was great. All caught fish. There will be another fishing outing on October 22. Any questions talk to any of the fly club people. Thank you, Dwan





Food Donations

Westside UMC Food Pantry

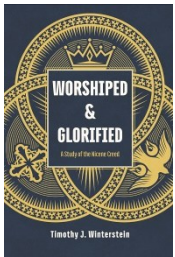
1313 W Lydia St. We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry. If you would like to donate, place items in the chest on the table in the "Donation Hall" or in the large tub just under the table. Food is handed out at Westside Church on Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am.



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: Worshiped & Glorified: The summary of Christian faith known as the Nicene Creed has been a fixture in the church for centuries, still being recited in worship to this day. Even so, it may be easy to take it for granted. In this 8-session study, Rev. Timothy J. Winterstein illuminates the intricacies and implications of the Nicene Creed, from why we needed (and still need) it, to each phrase's historical background, purpose, and scriptural foundation. Each session closes with insightful questions that will get you and your study group thinking about what God reveals about Himself in Jesus—and what it means to confess faith in Him together—at a deeper level. This study includes a Leader Guide for each session with key takeaways, an opening prayer/hymn, answers to discussion questions, suggested academic readings for further topical exploration, additional information, and bonus questions.



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 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.

October 2025

Oct 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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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