



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

December, 2025

## Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Wichita, KS 67217

Church Phone 316-265-7415  
BECC Phone 316-265-3033  
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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

316-265-3033

## December 2025

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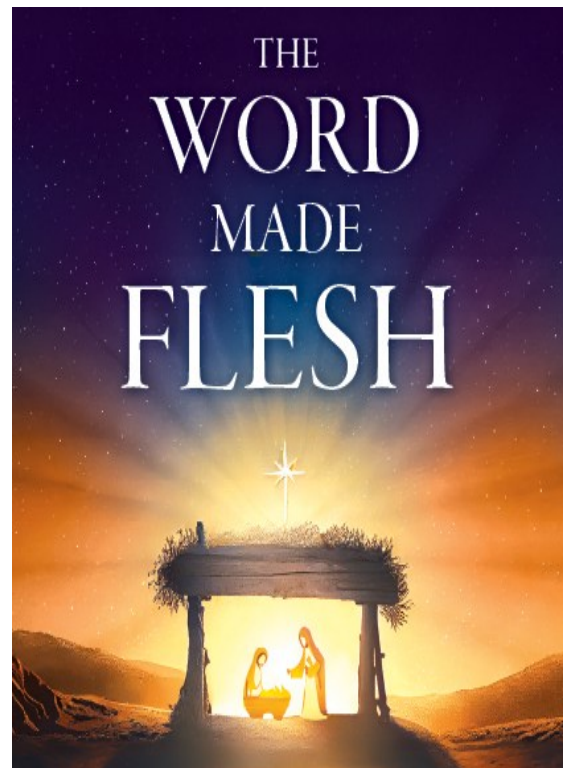
It's the most wonderful (busy) time of the year! The Sanctuary is beautifully decorated for the season and the office copier is working overtime churning our bulletins, fliers, and posters for all the worship services and events coming up over the next four weeks.

Our Wednesday evening Advent series is titled "The Word Made Flesh". In this worship series, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed His divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth. The theme verse for the entire series is: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14).

The first week, our Wednesday evening theme is: "The Bread of Life". Next is "The Salt of the Earth" followed by "The Rock of Ages". We finish on Christmas Eve with "The Light of the World". All of our evening services (including Christmas Eve) start at 7:00 PM. But be sure and come early for dinner at 5:45 PM (see page 8 for more details).

The busyness of the season is unavoidable. But instead of letting the chaos and urgency of the moment be a distraction, look for opportunities to share God's peace with those around you. May the Prince of Peace continue to fill you with hope and joy this Advent season (and everyday) as excitedly wait for Christ's glorious return.

Yours in Christ,



**Women's Bible Study:** meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm in the Library. The study is **Donna Snow's "Unshakable"**. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. *We will not meet in December. The next meeting is January 15th.*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** meets on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30. Come and enjoy games and fellowship.

**Second Saturday (FRIDAY) Cleaning:** Friday, December 12th, 9:00am  
Will continue cleaning Quilting Room



**Movie Night:** No movie night in December

**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](mailto:pastornick@bethanylutheranwichita.org)

Birthdays	
Roger Obermueller	12/2
A. J. Horn	12/3
Robert Ohmie	12/6
Mike Parmenter	12/6
Vicki Pasewark	12/6
Scott Hasenbank	12/19
Troy Zindel	12/23
Dorisann Vinroe	12/26
Toni Bolin	12/29

Baptism Dates	
Michelle Tucker	12/4
Margaret Baldrige	12/14
Roger Obermueller	12/18
Archer Miller	12/18
Rhonda Dehncke	12/23
Robert Ohmie	12/26
Doris Nienke	12/29

 **DECEMBER**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries		
Dean & Nina Lang	12/1	35

## Greeters



### December

7: Lois Adams  
4: Anita Albright  
21: Netta Albright  
28: Margaret Baldrige

### January

4: Bill and Toni Bolin  
11: Phillip Bolin & Gage  
18: Robert & Jeannetta Bolin  
25: Lois Brockmeyer

*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*



Dec 7	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Jan 4	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Dec 14	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Jan 11	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Dec 21	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Jan 18	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Dec 28	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Jan 25	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

### December

Bruce Kester  
Doug Meyer  
Larry Moore

### January

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.*



### December

7: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty  
14: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie  
21: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick  
28: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty

### January

4: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie  
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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

October, 2025  
and  
Year-To-Date



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	October	Year To Date	October	Year To Date
Revenues	\$30,724.10	\$248,198.68	\$41,161.64	\$356,619.99
Expenses	\$23,150.22	\$218,010.58	\$52,720.41	\$400,864.13
Balance	\$7,573.88	\$30,188.10	<b>-\$11,558.77</b>	<b>-\$44,244.14</b>
<b>NOTE #1:</b>	The CACFP grant program reimbursed food and operations costs are now arriving on a monthly basis.			
<b>NOTE #2:</b>	The ECC's negative balance comes from October having a three payroll month. The additional payroll costs approximately \$14,300. Without that payroll the ECC's profit would have been around \$2,600.			
<b>NOTE #3:</b>	\$10,000 was drawn from the Line of Credit and is included in the ECC's Year To Date revenues.			
<b>NOTE #4</b>	Monthly payments are currently being made to repay the \$30,000 borrowed through a Line of Credit.			
<b>NOTE #5</b>	The church has paid \$136,780.42 towards the roof replacement.			
<b>NOTE #6</b>	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 the church owes the Designated Fund account \$12,679.61.			

## Trustees Report

Welcome to December!

Heat update for the north Bethany wing... We have areas in the basement that need a source of heat. Also, the chase between the corridor restrooms that need heat. We have units on order to install in these areas. These items total a shy \$500. We can install, internally, with minimal cost. If one wishes to donate, please mark that donation "Facility Improvement HVAC. That would be a blessing! Work continues on doors and hardware to meet fire codes in the east stairwell and entrance #2. Costs for that work is \$ 1800. We have mended the north fence. Plans are in place to improve lighting at the north exterior and under canopy at the south exterior corridor. Look forward to a list of items for your consideration for funding on the Facility Improvement plan. You will see items for your consideration to prioritize and a way to include your individual items that you see at Bethany that need improvement.

As always, we are thankful for the volunteers and support from Bethany! Let us know if you have concerns that we can address! We look forward to that Star in the east!!

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

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

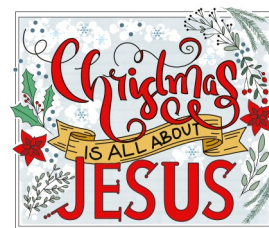
**LIBRARY:** Robert Bolin leads a study "The Mission Journeys of the Apostle Paul and his Epistles" covering the books of Acts through 2 Timothy.

**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 Old Testament. Have finished Genesis. Took a few weeks to learn more about Jewish religion and Islam. Come and join this group to see what's next.

**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.





## Early Childhood Center

Bethany's ECC continues to hold its own, with enrollment that is at least steady if not growing, and a solid financial position. After our Daycare operation produced several thousand dollars in profits in both August and September, we were on track to record almost \$3,000 in profits for October...until the 3<sup>rd</sup> payroll hit. A word about the 3<sup>rd</sup> payroll months: Bethany overall operates on a bi-weekly pay plan for salaries, rather than once a month.

Payday is every 2 weeks. This means we have 26 paydays in a year, not 24. Most of us have spent our whole adult lives being paid bi-weekly, that is, 26 times a year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> payday in a month that comes twice each year is NOT any kind of extra money...no one makes more money doing this. It is simply a way of spreading the 52 weeks of pay out evenly, instead of every 4-to-5 weeks, which is how once-a-month paydays work out. Those months with more than 28 days between paydays can be hard for people to deal with, so 26 paydays every 2 weeks solves that problem. The only thing is, that gives us an accounting problem twice a year when the 3<sup>rd</sup> payday in a month rolls around. That issue is why our October financial numbers looked upside-down: We would have made a profit for the month, but that wiped-out on paper by the 3<sup>rd</sup> payday. Management Team has just started to talk about ways to restructure this payday phenomenon so that it doesn't look at first glance like we take a hit twice a year. We may start diverting some of each month's ECC profit into an account each month to cover the 3<sup>rd</sup> paydays, or we may devise a way to carry the numbers in accounting so it evens-out over the year...we don't know which way we'll go yet. Anyway, we now have our financial tiger by the tail (between our new higher rates and proper accounting procedures) so with at least steady enrollment, our future is bright. Growth in enrollment would make our future even brighter. If we run about 45 children enrolled, with our licensed capacity of 60, and we make a profit, you can see that if we pick up some extra families, that would be gravy. A large ECC in Haysville just closed without warning, so we have been taking some calls from parents who are affected, but it's too early to tell if that means actual new enrollment for us. SO, as always, please pray for GROWTH in our enrollment, and pray for the well-being of our dedicated Teachers (we have a GREAT staff), and we THANK YOU for your SUPPORT!!!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team;  
Jim Merrick

Thanksgiving feast! So much yummy food, thanks to all the teachers who made everything. It's always fun to eat together and taste different foods.



## BAKE SALE: Sunday, December 21st

***During Fellowship Time: 10am***

For those who don't normally bake, but are willing to volunteer your time, we again will have some baking mixes and aluminum pans *available for you on Sunday, December 7th* in the Activity Center. For you pro-bakers, we accept anything you would like to make for the bake sale! This includes, cookies, cakes, bars, candy, peanut brittle, jams, jellies, etc. etc. etc.!!!

**Just at the Right Time to Be Used for Christmas!!!!**

Please bring your baked goods to church either on Saturday, December 20th from 1-3 so we can get the tables set up with all those baked goods, or before service on Sunday morning. Again, these items will be sold for a "*Free will offering*". All Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to benefit our Early Childhood Center as they spread the love of Jesus to their students and keep them warm during the upcoming winter months.



## Bethany's Garden Where Flowers and People Bloom!!

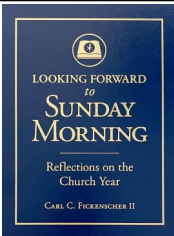
Thanksgiving Day marks the end of the hard work and it is time to rest. Many cultures practice celebration for a bountiful harvest with enough food to live through the winter. A time to honor traditions by connecting with people. Often sharing a meal together and remembering family memories. The Pilgrims learned how to grow a variety of vegetables from the Native Americans. Such as: corn (maize), beans, squash and pumpkins. Many seeds such as: carrots, turnips, parsnips, onions, lettuce, wheat, barley, peas and spinach were brought from Europe. I enjoy learning about the history and the origins of different vegetables. Happy Thanksgiving!

My Dad passed away on November 11, 2025 at the age of 92. Most of what I have learned about growing a garden comes from the hours and hours answering my questions. No one else would of listened to all of my questions. Dad's father taught him how to garden. At seven years old he was feeding his parents, sister and brother. Dad passed the family tradition to me. The joy about gardening is sharing the tips and tricks of a successful garden.

Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207

## Fly Fishing Club

On Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the club had a meeting at Bethany. We discussed different knots used in fly fishing and had practice tying them. We then had casting practice using bigger rods. Our next outing will be December 3, Wednesday and fishing the Slough creek or December 17 and location has not been decided. Any questions talk with Doug, Dwan, Robert, Mark, Steve or Alan.



**Book of the Month: Looking Forward to Sunday Morning: Reflections on the Church Year** by [Carl C. Fickenscher](#)

*Looking Forward to Sunday Morning* presents devotional and study content on the propers for the coming week of worship according to the three-year lectionary.



**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.



Address: 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208, Phone: 316-684-5224  
[www.fairmountministries.org](http://www.fairmountministries.org) [info@fairmountministries.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@fairmountministries.org)

Young Adult Bible Group: December Fall Series includes Dec. 2: Jesus Death & Resurrection, Dec.9: Thief On the Cross, Dec.16: Birth of the Savior.



# Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML WILL BE HOSTING a bake sale after worship service on Sunday, December 21, 2025. Once again, we are looking for anyone who wishes to bake items to donate. There will be mixes of all kinds and baking pans available as before on Sunday, December 7th, giving time for those who wish to bake. All items at the bake sale are available for a monetary free will donation. All Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to benefit our Early Childhood Center as they spread the love of Jesus to their students and keep them warm during the upcoming winter months.



AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING, Dec 9th, we will be collecting our Christmas stockings for Mites that we have been filling all year with dimes. If you would like to help support our missions, please feel free to check out our table in the Narthex and pick up your own MITE box. Those pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars all help in big ways as new mission grants are created and ultimately funded with Mite monies collected nationally.

REMINDER: Following Thanksgiving Eve, Advent begins on November 30th. There will be no flowers on the Altar during Advent or Christmas. If you are interested in furnishing flowers following the holidays, the calendar is located by the mailboxes in the hallway in the Narthex. Instructions are by the calendar for your convenience.

## 1ST CORINTHIANS 13 (A Christmas Version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

...in other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love steps aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But the gift of love will endure.

**Southwest Neighborhood Association** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany but not December. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more info.*



A flyer for a Christmas Breakfast event. The top features a red bow and holly leaves. Below is the SWNA logo (Southwest Neighborhood Association) and the McCormick Neighborhood Association logo. The text reads: "Please Join Us For The Free Neighborhood Christmas Breakfast Saturday Dec. 6th 8am- 11am Bethany Lutheran Church 1000 W. 26th St. South". Contact information is provided at the bottom: "Contact Info Joshua Blick or Marjorie Griffith 316-260-0223 cell SouthWichita@gmail.com SouthWichita.com". The flyer is decorated with holly leaves and red berries.

# Wednesday Advent Giving Dinners

(In lieu of freewill donation we are asking for food donations for local foodbanks!)



## December 3: Menu-Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans & Dessert

Suggested donations:

Pasta, noodles, sauces (in cans), canned meat, canned vegetables



## December 10: Men's night: Menu-Chili, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert

Suggested donations: canned meat, beans, chili spices, cornbread mix



## December 17: Youth Ministries Night: Menu-Sloppy Joes, Chips, Veggies & Dessert

Suggested donations: canned meat, canned veggies, Mac & Cheese, canned spaghetti

**Note: All food donations accepted ANY NIGHT!!!!!!**



*Holiday  
Schedule*

## December Holiday Schedule

(Events happening in addition to regular Sunday morning schedule)

Wed. Dec. 3	5:45pm	Advent Dinner: Chicken & Noodles
	7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Advent Service
Wed. Dec. 10	5:45pm	Advent Dinner: Chili
	7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Advent Service
Wed. Dec. 17	5:45pm	Advent Dinner: Sloppy Joes
	7:00pm	Wednesday Evening Advent Service
Sun. Dec. 21	10:00am	Christmas Bake Sale
Wed. Dec. 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/communion
Thu. Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Service w/communion





## December

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	1pm - GPWaf (God's	10am - LWML - Quilting @	9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaf (God's 1:30pm - Games 5:45pm - Advent Meal 7pm - Advent Service	9am - Men's Fellowship	1pm - GPWaf (God's 8:30pm - Valerie Murray	8am - SWSA Christmas 9am - LWML Quilting
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9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	1pm - GPWaf (God's	10am - LWML - Quilting @ 4pm - LWML - Meeting	9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaf (God's 1:30pm - Games 5:45pm - Advent Meal 7pm - Advent Service	3:30pm - KC-SL	9am - Friday work day 1pm - GPWaf (God's	9am - LWML Quilting
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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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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