



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

January, 2026

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

January 2026

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New year, new me! If this is your mantra for 2026, more power to you. But as I complete my third and begin my fourth year as your Pastor, it should be evident by now that the Pastor you knew last Sunday will be the same this coming Sunday.

Our consumer-focused economy loves to capitalize on this mindset. Every gym in the country seems to be offering membership “deals” for the new year. A local Ford dealer wants me to believe that I would be mindful, cutesy, and altogether demure behind the wheel of a brand new F-150. As much as marketing departments would like you to think so, that’s not how real transformation happens.

As Christians, we know that true transformation comes only from God through His Word and Sacraments. We get a fresh start every time we confess our sins and hear Christ’s words “Your sins are forgiven”. The slate is wiped clean when we come to our Lord’s table and receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

This doesn’t mean that the earthly consequences for our sins have gone away. Healthy eating and exercise on January 1, 2026 doesn’t negate the result of gluttony and sloth in 2025. Likewise, one phone call to a relative doesn’t erase years of estrangement. By God’s grace, we stand before Him as if we have never sinned. Before our fellow man (or woman), forgiveness may be spoken, but healing and restoration is a process. Damaged relationships take time to heal.

Weight loss begins with a healthy meal and the first step of a morning walk. Relational growth happens when we begin treat our parents, children, siblings, coworkers, and friends the way God has called us to. Perfection isn’t something we’ll be able to achieve in this lifetime, but God has given us His Spirit to guide and encourage us as we live every day in His grace. Through Christ, we are forgiven. Today is a good day to start living like it.

Yours along the journey,

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. *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 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** meets on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30. Come and enjoy games and fellowship.

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

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.

Birthdays

Pam Zindel	1/5
Linda Welty	1/8
Regina Kester	1/13
Robert Bolin	1/19
A. J. Horn	1/19
Leona Merrick	1/24
Barbara Ohmie	1/25
Ray Valdez	1/29
Doug Meyer	1/30

Baptisms

Dorisann Vinroe	1/1
Mike Parmenter	1/6
Scott Hasenbank	1/10
Pam Zindel	1/28



Anniversaries

Anniversaries	Date	Years
Jim & Vera Brummett	1/21	61

Greeters



January

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

February

- 1: Jim & Vera Brummett
- 8: Doris Cannon
- 15: Laurie Carrell & Jackson
- 22: Jenny Colby

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

Jan 4	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien	Feb 1	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Jan 11	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeannetta Bolin	Feb 8	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Jan 18	Jeannetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt	Feb 15	Jeannetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Jan 25	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Feb 22	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty



Altar Guild

<u>Fill</u>	<u>Cleanup</u>
Jan 4 & Feb 1	Margaret Baldridge & Marcia Hampton
Jan 11 & Feb 8	Mable Moore
Jan 18 & Feb 15	Amy Salazar
Jan 25 & Feb 22	Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield

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

January

- David Funke
- Roger Obermueller
- Curtis Tucker

February

- 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.



January

- 4: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 11: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 18: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 25: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

February

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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

November, 2025 and Year-To-Date



2026 BUDGET

	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	November	Year To Date	November	Year To Date
Revenues	\$31,205.58	\$279,415.35	\$34,018.18	\$390,638.17
Expenses	\$16,253.90	\$234,364.48	\$33,820.43	\$434,752.56
Balance	\$14,951.68	\$45,050.87	\$197.75	-\$44,114.39
NOTE #1:	THE YEAR TO DATE BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH IS \$936.48.			
NOTE #2:	The CACFP grant program reimbursed food and operations costs are now arriving on a monthly basis.			
NOTE #3:	\$10,000 was drawn from the Line of Credit and is included in the ECC's Year To Date revenues.			
NOTE #4	Monthly payments are currently being made to repay the \$30,000 borrowed through a Line of Credit.			
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 the church owes the Designated Fund account \$12,679.61.			

On December 17th, the congregation approved the 2026 budget. The budget consists of two main parts, Church and Early Childhood Center. Each has its own revenue and expenses and share the costs of building insurance and utilities. For 2026 the church's projected revenues of \$294,000 are equal to its projected expenses. The ECC's projected revenues of \$576,280 are based upon tuition for 45 children (\$540,280) and a reimbursement grant (\$36,000). Revenues are projected to exceed costs. The church's staff portion of the budget covers the salaries, wages, taxes and benefits for the pastor, administrative assistant, organist, choir director, assistant, guest pastors and guest organists. The total cost is \$162,865.29. The remaining costs are \$131,134.71 and they pay for the normal operation of the church and the building. The exceptions are the church pays 56.93% of the utilities and insurance, and the church is making payments to the roofer for the remaining unpaid balance on the roof. The Early Childhood Center (ECC), like the church, has employee expenses of wages, taxes and benefits. These costs total \$375,066.89. Their remaining costs are for food, 43.03% of utilities and insurance, general expenses, classroom expenses, marketing and repayment of the line of credit and designated funds. These remaining expenses total \$130,792.70. The anticipated revenues exceed expected expenses by \$70,420. This potential excess comes from the tuition increase put in place in August that was based upon 39 children and high enough to pay all costs plus \$629 a month to repay the line of credit. This budget is based upon 45 children which was near the current average number of children. The management team, once the entire line of credit and designated funds are repaid, is looking at how the extra funds should be used.

November Financial Report

For November, the church's revenues exceeded expenditures by \$14,951.68. The Early Childhood Center also had a positive balance of \$197.75. For the first eleven months of the year the church had a positive balance of \$45,050.87. The ECC lost \$44,114.39. It has had a positive monthly balance all but one month since raising tuition in August. The church's year to date balance is \$936.48. Any questions, please contact Bill Bolin.

Trustees Report

All!

Looks like winter has returned!

We have installed heat in the sacristy. This will protect the equipment for the pipe organ. Three areas need to be wired to connect heaters purchased.

We are working on the plan to have a "Town Hall" meeting in January to discuss the future use of the facility improvement fund. Stay tuned.

Happy New Year!!





Early Childhood Center

Bethany Lutheran ECC Christmas Program December 9, 2025 was so much fun!



**Fun Activities
with Family**

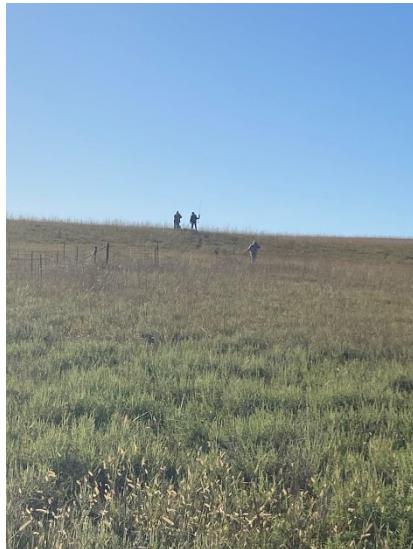
Lutheran Hour Ministries

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.

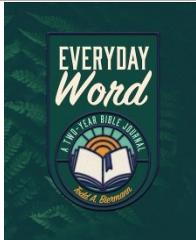
Fly Fishing Club Thursday

December 12, Doug, Mark and Steve had a half day of fishing at Slough creek located on the west side of Sedgwick County Park. On Wednesday, December 17, Doug, Mark and Dwan traveled to Pratt and had a half day of fishing. It was a chilly start but soon turned into a great weather day. With the sun it made Pratt pond clear and gave the trout a great color.

On January 17, our next meeting, we will discuss a possible overnight road trip. This meeting will be at Bethany, starting around 9:00am. Any questions talk with any fly club member.



Book of the Month: Everyday Word: A 2-year Bible Journal



This Bible journal guides you through the entire Bible in just over two years, allowing you to add your own notes and reflections as you go.



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.



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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

Established in 1959, Fairmount Ministries, originally known as University Lutheran Center, has seen a lot of changes and has operated under a handful of names. With all the changes, one thing remains constant...our call as an organization to share the love of Jesus Christ!

LWML would like to thank everyone who helped in any way for the Bake Sale held on Sunday, December 21st during Fellowship time. All proceeds sold went to our Facility Improvement Fund for the church and the total amount raised through "Free Will Offering" amounted to \$ 459. We hope you all enjoyed the baked goods in some way to help enjoy your holidays.

January LWML meeting is the 2nd Tuesday, January 13th, at 4:00pm in the Library.

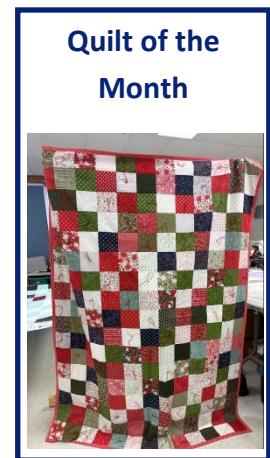
HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT the material on the LWML table in the Narthex? Since we are starting a new year, why not pick up a MITE BOX and add your change to the Mite Box. Bring it back and just put it on the table when it gets too full. Also, the new winter LWML Quarterly has arrived. Pick one up, there are lots of stories and Bible Studies in it for your reading enjoyment. All things on the table are free. Please help yourself and enjoy.

OUR GAMES WILL AGAIN continue beginning the first Wednesday in January at 1:30 pm. We meet in the Meet and Eat room. Anyone is welcome who wishes to join us for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship. If you have a favorite game you like to play, bring it with you, we are always up to learning a new game. Snacks are always available also.

EYEGLASSES, SUNGLASSES and soft glass cases are still being collected in the chest on the donation table across from the church office. If you have any glasses you no longer need, just drop them in the eyeglass chest and they will be taken care of. Thank you to all of your contributions to this much needed mission.



IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN QUILTING, the quilters meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the room at the end of the back hallway and again on Saturdays from 9:00am until noon. *Quilting experience is not needed! Since October, 40 quilts have been made!!*



Besides quilts there are other items that are made for Lutheran World Relief.

Relief. They are listed here with the items that we need donated to make these items. Thank you for your generous support in the past and in the future. You can put items in the container across from the office.

Baby Care kits: cloth diapers, sleepers with no feet, T- shirts (no onesies), receiving blankets, sweaters, hats, socks, gentle bar soap. All small clothing.



Health Kits: dark bath towel.



Sewing Kits: 3yards of cotton/cotton blend fabric, spools of thread.



School Kits: blue or black pens (no gel ink), 70ct spiral notebooks, blunt school scissors, rulers with inches & centimeters, pink eraser, pencil sharpeners.



Christmas Eve Service



Second Saturday Cleaning: January 10th, 9:00am: Will help take down Christmas decorations in sanctuary and clean Kitchen cabinets and other items needing cleaned.



Movie Night: January 17th

Look for more information in Sunday NewsNotes and email

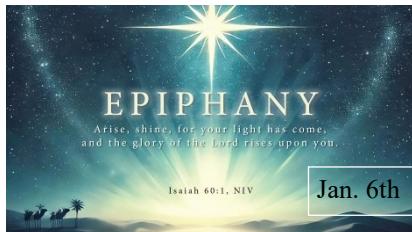
“Town Hall” Meeting
Look for information in the
Sunday NewsNotes and by
email for the Date and time
and other information.

Your Input is Needed!

Bethany's Garden:
Where Flowers and People Bloom!!
The garden is peacefully resting. There's a whole world underneath the soil. For gardeners, the word "dirt" and "soil" don't mean the same thing. Dirt has no life in it to feed plants. Where as, soil is full of life providing the nourishment needed for plants to thrive. By providing healthy soil plant life can produce healthy food we depend on. Have you ever wondered how it all works together? Without being too scientific there are microorganisms that breakdown the nutrients. Healthy soil starts with a soil test available through the Sedgwick County Extension Office. The results from the test will tell you what the soil needs to be healthy. Do you have questions? I can help. Vicky Collins, 316-771-1207

JANUARY 2026

Jan 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)



Kansas Day, Jan.29

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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