



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

March, 2026

## Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### March 2026

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Spring is coming. If you have knee/joint/back problems, you're probably well aware of this. Change is inevitable. Our only input is how we respond to it. Before I go any further, this is not a preamble to some massive undertaking that I'm about to announce.

Just like aging bodies, an aging building will deteriorate over time if it isn't properly maintained. The temptation is always there to operate with an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" mindset. On the surface, that sounds reasonable. But as our history has shown us, if something is going to break, it will do so at the most inopportune time. Replacing something before it fails does mean that we won't get all the useful life out of something, but does ensure that we are replacing it when it is most convenient and on our terms.

The purpose of our Facility Improvement Fund is to address looming concerns before they become disruptive and costly issues. What we're doing is proactive and intentional.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost *to see if you* have enough money to complete it? Luke 14:28

Nothing will be done before we first have the means to pay for it. The only problem is that some of the more pressing projects cost several thousand dollars more than we currently have in the 'Fund'. The Management Team has no intention of taking out a loan to pay for them. That means that we, as a congregation, will need to step up to make these goals a reality.

As we get more feedback from the survey's that were handed out at last Sunday's congregational meeting, a list will be shared in the coming weeks with each project ranked in the order of priority taken from those surveys. I would urge everyone to prayerfully consider how you could give (above and beyond your current offering) to help fund these needs. This is God's church that we've been entrusted to maintain. May the Holy Spirit lead you as we see what God is able to do through us.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

**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"**. Currently studying Mary Magdalene. 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 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.

**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)

**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. TBD.

**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 or first classroom.



Birthdays	
Linda Puls	3/4
Curtis Hampton	3/5
Breeanna Bolin	3/13
Billy Bolin	3/15
Vera Brummett	3/20
Nick Cordt	3/20
Nina Lang	3/26
Alex Bolin	3/27



Baptisms	
Linda Welty	3/5
Bruce Kester	3/20
Rachel Parmenter	3/20
Sidney Wise	3/21
Braden Cordt	3/25
Susan Lang	3/25
Richard Vinroe	3/28
Lois Brockmeyer	3/29

Anniversaries	Date	Years
Ross & Kim Stark	3/8	18



## Greeters

### March

- 1: Vicky Collins
- 8: Diane Crossman
- 15: Mark & Rhonda Dehncke
- 22: Linda Firsching
- 29: Esther Fisher

### April

- 5: Brad Fritz & Jay Fritz
- 12: Billie & Vergene Fromm
- 19: David Funke
- 26: Sharon Guenther

*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 or Classroom One*

Mar 1	Deb Welty, Helper - Julie O'Brien	Apr 5	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin
Mar 8	Julie O'Brien, Helper-Jeanetta Bolin	Apr 12	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Tonya Cordt
Mar 15	Jeanetta Bolin, Helper-Toya Cordt	Apr 19	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty
Mar 22	Tonya Cordt, Helper-Deb Welty	Apr 26	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien
Mar 29	Deb Welty, Helper-Julie O'Brien		

## Altar Guild



### Fill

Mar 1 & Apr 5	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Mar 8 & Apr 12	Mable Moore
Mar 15 & Apr 19	Amy Salazar
Mar 22 & Apr 26	Lois Adams & Tammie Hatfield
Mar 29	Doris Cannon

### Cleanup

Julie O'Brien
Vicky Pasewark
Barb Ohmie & Linda Firsching
Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
Laurie Carrell

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



## Head Usher – Alan Keimig

### March

- David Funke
- Roger Obermueller
- Curtis Tucker

### April

- 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.*



### March

- 1: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 8: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 15: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 22: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 29: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

### April

- 5: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
- 12: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
- 19: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
- 26: Roert Bolin / Jim Merrick



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

January, 2026

## Financial Report



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	January	Year To Date	January	Year To Date
Revenues	\$23,601.49	\$23,601.49	\$43,261.26	\$43,261.26
Expenses	\$18,932.92	\$18,932.92	\$37,078.97	\$37,078.97
Balance	\$4,668.57	\$4,668.57	\$6,182.29	\$6,182.29
<b>BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH</b>		<b>\$10,850.86</b>		
<b>NOTE #1:</b>	January's roof payment used the last of the roof's designated funds. All future payments will be paid from the general fund. Future payments are included in the approved 2026 budget.			
<b>NOTE #2:</b>	A double payment was made in January to the line of credit from the ECC revenues.			
<b>NOTE #3</b>	The designated funds have a current cash balance of \$9,471.50. The church owes the designated funds \$8,537.26.			

## Management Team Update

Congregation meeting held Feb. 22 results:

- Officer elections-passed as presented: Robert Bolin, President, Anetta Albright, Vice President, Amy Salazar, Secretary and Steve Nienke, Treasurer
- Presentation and discussion of needs of the church building. List of needs was passed out with request to mark in order of your thoughts on what should be done and in what order and given to office.
- Voted on Pastor and Robert Bolin to attend the District Convention in June. Robert as lay delegate.
- AND a great Potluck enjoyed by all.

## Trustees Report

Bethany...

Happy March!

I hope our meeting re: Facility Improvement was received as positive. We have 15 responses in hand. Hoping more will be handed in soon. With more responses we can move forward with a report to the congregation. One item can be removed. HVAC mini split system for Rm 6 has been funded and purchased. Plans are in place to install as the weather warms.

One item, not included...

To purchase a storage container to place by the garden to store items for the garden. We have had a donation toward that goal, from a previous member. Cost, at last inquiry, was \$2500. The donation was \$1000. This addition would free up space in the garage.

If interested, please let us know.

Thx,  
Trustees



## Movie Night:

Movie night is March 21. Look for more information in News Notes, Sunday announcements and by email.



## Early Childhood Center

Things are going smoothly for the ECC. Numbers are staying consistent. The weather has allowed some play time outside on the playground which has been enjoyed by kids and teachers. Looking forward to more outdoor time. Valentine's party was enjoyed by all.



Making a special snack for their Valentine's party.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday

{During Sunday School Hour}

If you want to donate candy, bring small candy that will fit in medium-sized eggs.

We have plenty of eggs, just need the candy to fill them.

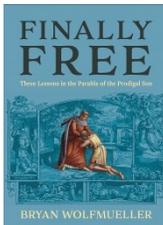
## Lutheran Hour Ministries

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](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.

**Fly Fishing Club** The Fly Fishing Club went to Slough Creek located in Sedgwick County park on Wed., Feb. 11th. Fishing was productive but only took a few pictures. Mark was wading and Alan on the bank. Trout are a very pretty fish. The club has not decided on a March outing but on Apr. 6th we are traveling to Roaring River State park in Missouri. If anyone wants more information or is interested in joining the group talk with any club member.



**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.*



**Book of the Month: Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son** by [Bryan Wolfmueller](#)

Bryan Wolfmueller digs into the popular parable of the Prodigal Son to bring hope and aid to our hurting conscience. For more information about Issues, Etc. go to: <https://issuesetc.org>



**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  
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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](mailto: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!

# Lutheran Women in Mission

THE MONTHLY LWML meeting for March will be on Tuesday, March 10th, beginning at 4:00 pm in the Library. The meeting is opened with prayer and a short business meeting, followed by a Bible Study from the current LWML Quarterly. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend these meetings and join us for fellowship, Bible Study and getting to know each other better.

THE 41st BIENNIAL KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION will be held in Manhattan the weekend of April 17-19, 2026. The theme of the convention is "Bear fruit that will last" based on John 15:16, *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."* Marcia Hampton, Lois Brockmeyer, Jeanetta Bolin and Ruth Valdez will be attending from Bethany. Jeanetta and Ruth will be voting delegates. The voting body will vote on mission grant proposals, God's Gracious Gift Fund proposals and elect new officers for the 2026-2030 terms of office. Please keep these four ladies in your prayers as they go to the convention in April.

AT THE KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION there will be a collection of "Gifts from the Heart". There are three specific categories that will be collected and LWML will be having 3 boxes available in the Narthex if anyone within the congregation would like to contribute any of the items to these three areas. Each box will be labeled with those items to be included.

1. Cancer Care Kits;
2. Military Personnel Gift Bags;
3. Flint Hills Breadbasket, Manhattan

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GAMES continue to meet at 1:30 in the Meet and Eat Room. There is no age limit and all are welcome to come and 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.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT EYEGASSES AND READING GLASSES in the wooden chest across from the church office. Four boxes were mailed to Most Ministries and we have 4 more boxes ready to be mailed. If anyone would like to mail them for us, all you need to do is bring us a receipt and LWML will gladly reimburse you.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN QUILTING? The quilting ladies meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the room at the end of the back hallway and again on Saturdays from 9:00 am until noon. Quilting experience is not needed!

## Quilt of the Month



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

The garden is still sleeping. March is knocking at our door. The Average Last Frost Date for Wichita is April 16. The first and last frost dates are estimates based on historical data and are not guarantees. The First Day of Spring is March 20 and is Pastor Cordt's birthday. I'm planning on which crops to plant. Newcomers to the garden for 2026 are Broccoli and Cauliflower. I will be growing the same favorite vegetables we have been enjoying for six years. Having the information about which crops and how much helps me know what to plant.

As Always. Vicky Lynn Collins 316-771-1207

WEDNESDAYS DURING  
*Lent*

**Lenten Services**  
March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th  
7:00pm



**Lenten Suppers**  
5:45-6:45pm

**March 4th**

Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti

**March 11th**

Taco Bar

**March 18th**

Baked Potato Bar

**March 25th**

Sloppy Joes



## Holy Week

**March 29th Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Service Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am

**April 2nd Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm Service with Communion

**April 3rd Good Friday**

7:00pm Service with Communion

**April 5th Easter**

7:00am Sunrise Service (no communion)

8:00am Easter Breakfast

9:00am Easter Service with Communion



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am - Sun. Worship w/ Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS &amp; Bible</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am - LWML - Quilting ☺ 8:30pm - Spinning Boats</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - ECC Chapel 1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 1:30pm - Games 8:45pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - LWML Quilting 1pm - A.C. Stringer</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am - Sun. Worship w/ Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS &amp; Bible</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am - LWML - Quilting ☺ 4pm - LWML - Meeting 8:30pm - Spinning Boats</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am - ECC Chapel 1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 1:30pm - Games 8:45pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6pm - ECC Family Nite</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - 2nd Saturday Work 9am - LWML Quilting</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am - Sun. Worship w/ Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS &amp; Bible</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10am - LWML - Quilting ☺ 8:30pm - Spinning Boats</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - Senior Breakfast 9:30am - ECC Chapel 1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 1:30pm - Games 8:45pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - LWML Quilting</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am - Sun. Worship w/ Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS &amp; Bible</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 6:30pm - MGMT Team 7pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am - LWML - Quilting ☺ 8:30pm - Spinning Boats 7pm - SWNA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30am - ECC Chapel 1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 1:30pm - Games 8:45pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Lenten Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - LWML Quilting</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9am - Sun. Worship w/ Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS &amp; Bible</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1pm - GP/Wal (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10am - LWML - Quilting ☺ 8:30pm - Spinning Boats</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

# March



## 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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