



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

April, 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

April 2026

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

I know that it isn't Easter yet, but every day is a great day to celebrate our Savior and His resurrection. Because of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and His rising from the grave, the tomb is forever empty. As baptized and redeemed children of God, Easter is every day for us.

As part of our Easter celebration, I'd invite you to not only attend our special services this week, but also invite a friend, neighbor, family, or coworker to come with you. Those services dates/times are listed on page 8.

In other exciting news, our "Facility Improvement" plan is moving forward and results are already happening. Thank you to the 34 people who turned in surveys. That input was critical in determining the direction we're taking.

As with anything, it will involve money. (And this letter won't be the last time we ask you to prayerfully consider giving). We recognize that people have a hard time giving toward a concept, but are much more willing to support something concrete and specific. To that end, we're having a presentation on Sunday, April 19th going over the progress, status, and future plans with the "Facility Improvement Fund". We'll have pictures, cost estimates, and more details to share so mark your calendars.

As I've now begun my 4th year as Bethany's pastor, I would be remiss if I didn't share how much of a joy it has been serving God and His people alongside you. We don't know what the future holds for us but our hope and trust is in Whose hands are holding it.

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”**. Currently studying Paul. 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** 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 studying “The Chosen”

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

Jimmy James	4/7
Timothy Merrick	4/13
Doris Cannon	4/15
Barbara Ohmie	4/15
Ruth Valdez	4/17
Tammie Hatfield	4/17
Curtis Tucker	4/18
Esther Fisher	4/19
Denise Lewis	4/26



Baptisms

Nina Lang	4/1
Nick Cordt	4/13

Anniversaries

	Date	Years
No Anniversaries This Month		



Greeters

April

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

May

3: Curtis & Marcia Hampton
 10: Scott & Kathleen Hasenbank
 17: A J Horn
 24: Alan Keimig
 31: Bruce Kester

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

Apr 5	Julie O'Brien	May 3	Jeanetta Bolin
Apr 12	Jeanetta Bolin	May 10	Tonya Cordt
Apr 19	Tonya Cordt	May 17	Julie O'Brien
Apr 26	Julie O'Brien	May 24	Jeanetta Bolin
		May 31	Tonya Cordt

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 Firshing
Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
Laurie Carrell

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

April

Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer
 Larry Moore

May

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.



April

5: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
 12: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
 19: 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

**February 2026
Financial
Report**



	February and Year To Date			
	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	February	Year To Date	February	Year To Date
Revenues	\$30,487.22	\$54,092.71	\$38,166.92	\$81,428.18
Expenses	\$22,956.02	\$41,888.94	\$37,395.72	\$74,473.69
Balance	\$7,531.20	\$12,203.77	\$771.20	\$6,954.49
BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH	\$19,158.26			
NOTE #1:	At the end of February there was only one payment remaining to be made to complete paying for the roof.			
NOTE #2:	The drop in ECC revenue from January to February was primarily because a lot of past due payments in December were paid in January.			
NOTE #3	The designated funds have a current cash balance of \$14,068.96. The church owes the designated funds \$7,053.15.			

Trustees Report

Ground crews are gearing up for lawn/grounds maintenance.

Management Team has given approval to purchase a storage container for the garden. Funded from the Facility Improvement Fund. (FIF) Working with Steve to determine the best time to actually purchase that container and set delivery.

Preliminary work in place for the entrance #1 store front. Stay tuned for regular updates as we engage the process.

All areas now have heat that was needed...

Now that it is spring!!

All for now...

Trustees



Fly Fishing Club

We are still planning on traveling to Roaring River State Park on April 6th thru the 8th. When we return I will update. Thanks, Dwan



Movie Night:

Movie night is April 18th. Look for more information in News Notes, Sunday Announcements and by Email.

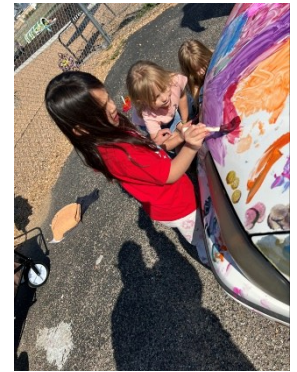
A ride could be arranged.



Early Childhood Center

Things still going smoothly at the ECC. As seen here kids are enjoying being outside and working with each other.

Ms. Alyssa let the kids paint her car, and they will have a "car wash" next week. For many more pictures, go to the Bethany ECC Facebook page.



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

The garden is starting to wake up with color. Earth Day will be on April 22. The Official theme for 2026 is "Our Power, Our Planet" Lee Franklin. While awareness comes first there has to be active participation by encouraging community cleanups, tree planting trees, etc. The campaign believes that everyone has the power to create change through education, volunteering, and supporting a green economy. Earth Day activities will be on April 18. There will be festivals and educational activities at the Sedgwick County Zoo for children in 3rd to 5th grade. The 3 R's of Earth Day are: Reduce, Reuse, and Reuse. The 32 ballots have been counted and the results are surprising. Green beans came in first with 24 votes which is the same as 2025. Cucumbers did well with 20 votes. Sweet peppers and Zucchini Squash tied for third place. We will continue to enjoy our favorite vegetables like always. Newcomers to the 2026 garden are Broccoli, cauliflower, kale, carrots, and pumpkin. If you would like to get dirty I need help with planting potatoes, onions, kale, cauliflower, Broccoli, Kohlrabi, and cabbage. These vegetables thrive in the cooler temperatures. The growing season has started for the next 182 days. Are we ready?

As Always, Vicky Collins
316-771-1207



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.

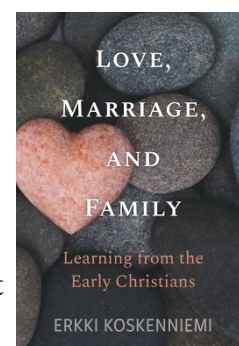


Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.*



Book of the Month: Love, Marriage, and Family: Learning from the Early Christians by Erkki Koskenniemi Finnish scholar Erkki Koskenniemi looks at the family morals Paul encountered in his time. What can we learn from the lives of the first

Christians, who lived as a minority, much like traditional Christians in the secular world today? Living according to a Christian sexual ethic today feels like an uphill battle, but this battle is not new. We first observe it in the Old and New Testaments, where we meet people who struggled to follow God's desire for love, marriage and family—swimming against the current of the culture. Today, Christians do the same, living as a minority in a world of extramarital sex, exploitation, abortion, frivolous divorce, and other behavior that significantly falls short of God's glory.



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.



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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!

Young Adult Bible Group: 6:45pm Tuesdays @Fairmount:meeting rest of spring to discuss and learn: "What did Jesus do?" **T.O.T. (Theology On Tap)** meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6-8pm at Old School Tap House, 210 E. Kechi Road, Kechi, KS. **Fairmount Coffee Co** is open 6 days a week! Enjoy a cozy cup and yummy food M-F 7am-7pm & Saturday 8am-5pm. Your patronage supports our mission so that more people come to know Jesus! Thank you! (*and they are hiring: contact manager@fairmountcoffee.com*)

FOUR BETHANY LADIES will be attending the LWML District Convention in Manhattan April 17 and 18. Items that have been collected for "Gifts from the Heart" will be taken to the Convention. The three areas include Cancer Care Kits, Military Personnel Gift Bags and Flint Hills Breadbasket, Manhattan. Boxes earmarked for each of these "Gifts from the Heart" are located on the table by the office window, if you would like to donate to any or all of these. There are specific items listed on each box, and a list is also available on the table for your convenience. Thank you to our quilting ladies for their contribution of fleece fabric to be used for blankets for the Cancer Care Kits.

ON THE 21ST, 6 Bethany Ladies attended the LWML Spring Event Prayer Service, held at Grace, El Dorado, hosted by Christ, Augusta and Grace, El Dorado. The Prayer service was based on the acronym P.R.A.Y.E.R - Praise, Remember, Ask, Yield, Excitement, Rejoice. The service was authored by Rev. Barrie E. Henke, former Okla. Dist. President and LWML Okla Dist Pastoral Counselor. Our ladies had an enjoyable day, meeting friends, making new ones, learning at the Spring Event Prayer Service.

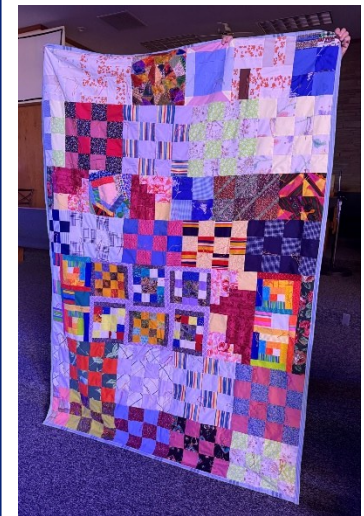
THE YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues to meet once monthly. This group of women is open to all young women college age to 40ish women, but all are welcome. They are affiliated with LWML and meet at the Coop Coffee Co at 2812 E. Douglas. They are studying from the book "Chosen: A study of Esther" by Donna Snow. The next Bible Study will be on April 12, at 3:00 pm. For more information, contact Mary Jensen (Trinity, Wichita) at (620) 931-7653 or mjensenlwml@gmail.com.

EYEGASSES, READING GLASSES and soft glass cases are still being collected in the wooden chest across from the church office. Fourteen boxes of glasses, along with a box of bracelets, were recently mailed to MOST Ministries. These glasses and bracelets are sent by MOST Ministries on missionary trips to various places around the world. The glasses are used to help those who either cannot see or who have difficulties seeing. Thank you for your contributions to this much needed mission, it is greatly appreciated.

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! Since October, there have been 70 quilts completed.



Quilt of the Month



April's birth flowers are the **daisy** and **sweet pea**. Both blooms symbolize themes of purity, love, and gratitude, making them perfect for celebrating the spirit of spring.



Holy Week



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

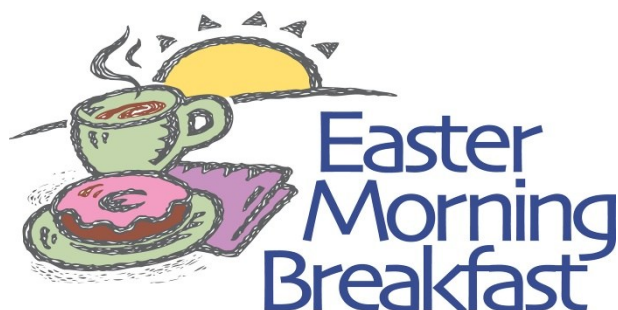
No Sunday School



Maundy Thursday



Easter SUNDAY
He is Risen



Easter Morning Breakfast

Between services

Approximately 8:00am

- ◆ Sausage and Biscuits with Gravy
 - ◆ Egg Casserole
 - ◆ Lots of other goodies
 - ◆ Free will offering



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GHPWAr (God's 1:30pm - Games	Maundy Thursday 9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Maundy Thursday 7pm - Women's Bible	ECC Closed Good Friday 1pm - GHPWAr (God's 7pm - Good Friday Service	9am - LWML Quilting 12pm - A. C. Reserved
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday 7am - Easter Sunrise 9am - Easter Breakfast 9am - Sun. Worship w/	OFFICE & ECC Closed 1pm - GHPWAr (God's 7pm - Boy Scouts	10am - LWML - Quilting @ 6:30pm - Spinning Boots	9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GHPWAr (God's 1:30pm - Games		1pm - GHPWAr (God's	9am - 2nd Saturday Work 9am - LWML Quilting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	1pm - GHPWAr (God's 7pm - Boy Scouts	10am - LWML - Quilting @ 4pm - LWML - Meeting 6:30pm - Spinning Boots	9am - Senior Breakfast 9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GHPWAr (God's 1:30pm - Games	9am - Men's Fellowship 7pm - Women's Bible	1pm - GHPWAr (God's	9am - LWML Quilting 6:30pm - Movie Nite -
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April

MAUNDY
Thursday
April 2


GOOD April 3
Friday

EASTER
Sunday
April 5


EARTH
Day
April 22


Administrative
Professionals Day
April 22



Holy Week Info: pg 8

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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