



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

May, 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

### May 2026

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If I haven't mentioned it before, I am not one who spends much time watching the news. Typically, my only interest is in football highlights and the weather forecast. I avoid giving too much thought to national and world news that, while sometimes distressing, doesn't have a huge impact on daily life.

Part of my dismissal of what's reported by the media stems from the fable of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf". While it's true that gas prices have gone up, they are nowhere near the \$6-7/gallon that some were predicting at the end of February. So far this Spring, there have been 9 "weather alert" days will all but one of them being non-events.

So where am I going with this? Several times prior to His ascension, Jesus was asked when "The End" was coming. Instead of giving them a date, He told them to watch for signs. If He gave them a specific date, chances are they would have slacked off until it was crunch time and only put in the effort once the deadline was near.

What does this mean for us today? If we go through the "End Of The World" checklist that Jesus gave us, every single sign He gave us has happened. All the prerequisites are done. While the temptation is certainly there for us to sit back and wait for Christ's return, what we need is a sense of urgency. Yes, He's been "coming soon" for almost 2000 years, but we need to resist becoming complacent.

Our place in Heaven is secure, but there are countless people whose eternity will look markedly different. Time is running out for us to share the healing forgiveness of God with them. Spread the word, stay faithful, remain vigilant, and wait with joyful hope and expectation.

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". 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 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. Currently studying "The Chosen"

**YOUTH AND KIDS - SUNDAY SCHOOL** includes ages **Preschool to age 18**. Teachers are 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 the first classroom.

**Birthdays**

Debra Welty	5/5
Aubrey Cordt	5/6
Vicky Collins	5/7
Jeanetta Bolin	5/8
Kathleen Hasenbank	5/9
Sandy Wise	5/12
Mark Welty	5/25
Marcia Hampton	5/27
Kim Stark	5/28
Vivian Maily	5/29
Dean Lang	5/31

**Baptisms**

Vicky Collins	5/3
Debra Welty	5/5
Denise Lewis	5/11
Kathleen Hasenbank	5/19
Timothy Merrick	5/21
Mark Welty	5/25
Aubrey Cordt	5/30

**Anniversaries**

	Date	Years
Linda & Dwan Welty	5/4	30
Melanie & Robert Schreffler	5/18	30
Debra & Mark Welty	5/24	50
Sandra & Sidney Wise	5/31	55



## Greeters



May

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

June

7: Art Kuehn  
 14: Dean & Nina Lang  
 21: Dolores & Susan Lang  
 28: Denise Lewis

*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*

May 3 Jeanetta Bolin	June 7 Jeanetta Bolin
May 10 Tonya Cordt	June 14 Tonya Cordt
May 17 Julie O'Brien	June 21 Julie O'Brien
May 24 Jeanetta Bolin	June 28 Jeanetta Bolin
May 31 Tonya Cordt	



### Altar Guild

	<u>Fill</u>	<u>Cleanup</u>
May 3 & June 7	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton	Julie O'Brien
May 10 & June 14	Mable Moore	Vicky Pasewark
May 17 & June 21	Amy Salazar	Barb Ohmie & Linda Firshing
May 24 & June 28	Doris Cannon	Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Maily
May 31	Laurie Carrell	Toni Bolin

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



### Head Usher – Alan Keimig

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
David Funke	Bruce Kester
Roger Obermueller	Doug Meyer
Curtis Tucker	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.*



<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
3: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty	7: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
10: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie	14: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
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24: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty	28: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
31: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie	



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

March 2026

## Financial Report



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	March	Year To Date	March	Year To Date
Revenues	\$30,157.17	\$84,253.29	\$36,859.47	\$118,287.65
Expenses	\$33,247.85	\$75,170.44	\$44,264.58	\$118,738.27
Balance	<b>-\$3,090.68</b>	\$9,082.85	<b>-\$7,405.11</b>	<b>-\$450.62</b>
<b>BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH</b>		<b>\$8,632.23</b>		
<b>NOTE #1:</b>	Building insurance payments paid in March did serious damage to the balances for both the church and the ECC. One fourth of the primary insurance was paid plus 100% of the supplemental insurance., The church paid a total of \$8,476.28 and the ECC paid \$6,402.22.			
<b>NOTE #2:</b>	The final payment on the new roof has been made.			
<b>NOTE #3</b>	A double payment was made by the ECC on the Line of Credit.			
<b>NOTE #4</b>	The designated funds have a current cash balance of \$18,325.96. The church owes the designated funds \$1,763.08. The process to reduce the amount owed involves bills for the Designated Funds being charged to them, but the funds to pay the bills is coming out of the general fund. It is being done in this manner in order to repay the money on an as needed basis. This is the easiest way for the church. Funds may be temporarily borrowed to meet current bills and then reimbursed.			

## Trustees Report

Hello to May!

Thanks to all who attended the congregational meeting. We are blessed with faithful givers to support the work of His kingdom! We are in the effort to engage areas of our facility that usually go unattended. That involves faith that with vision, God allows provision. Difficult for the human mind to comprehend.

We have strong believers at Bethany!

Our volunteers are tending to mowing, weed control, building deep cleaning, keeping the live stream operational and the ongoing task of everyday building use. We appreciate that effort!

We thank God for everyone at Bethany! Most of all, thank God for His blessings!!

Peace, Trustees

## Facility Improvement Update

Current as of:  
4/28/26

Project	Cost	Amount		Status
		Still	Needed	
1 Rm. 6 (Quilting Room) Mini-Spilt	<b>PAID</b>			Equipment on hand. Wiring ran. To be installed soon.
2 Garden Storage Container	<b>PAID</b>			In place and being used. Will be painted soon (see #3)
3 Painting West Sanctuary & Garden Storage Container	<b>PAID</b>			On painter's schedule. Should be completed within 2-3 weeks.
4 Sanctuary Guttering and along (South) front of Classrooms	\$4,915	\$2,896		Guttering completed ahead of schedule. Payment due within 30 days.
5 Painting Cross & under Sanctuary gutters	TBD			Painter to give estimate once guttering is complete.
6 Replace Entrance 1 Doors	TBD			Received bid for \$14k. Waiting on second bid.



## Early Childhood Center

Enrollment is stable, with 43 kids currently.

We would appreciate any help on getting the word out about us, as word-of-mouth is the #1 driver in growth. Thanks!

Lots of planting has been going on at Bethany ECC, and lots of growing too!!



**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.*

## Miscellaneous Things!!!

Members having fun!  
But missed here!!!



A Big Hit at the  
Easter Breakfast.  
(Fellowship Idea)



Helpers after Sunday  
School  
Starting young!



Graduation: One Very  
Proud Grandma at  
Senior Lunch!





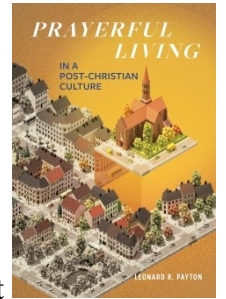
Easter Egg Hunt!  
Fun Time and lots of eggs found!!!



**Issues, Etc.**

**Book of the Month:** Prayerful Living in a Post-Christian Culture by Leonard R. Payton In an age when Christian values face escalating hostility and political activism seems futile, Leonard R.

Payton offers a radical proposition: your prayers are more powerful than your votes. Drawing on the biblical concept of the "Holy Priesthood," Payton argues that every baptized believer holds an office higher than any earthly ruler—the office of intercessor before God's throne. Drawing on the rise and fall of nations in Scripture, he uncovers a sobering pattern: systemic idolatry, sexual perversion, and greed always precede collapse. And he argues that our own age is walking that same perilous path. But this isn't a book of despair. Payton reminds us that Christ has already won the ultimate victory. Our calling isn't to dominate culture wars but to bring a broken world before God in bold, specific prayer. For Christians struggling to navigate the tension between heavenly citizenship and earthly responsibility, this book provides both theological grounding and practical hope—revealing how intercession can transform nations when politics cannot.



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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!

**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!

# Lutheran Women in Mission

AS I BEGAN to write my article for the May newsletter items from LWML, my thoughts return to our 2026 Kansas District 41st Biennial Convention in Manhattan, held just over a week ago. Marcia Hampton, Lois Brockmeyer, Jeanetta Bolin and I ( Ruth Valdez) were fortunate to attend along with approximately 200 others from across Kansas. For any of you ladies who have ever gone to a District LWML Convention you "get it" when I say, it's just "awesome". Jeanetta and I were Delegates and had the privilege of voting for new District Officers, and Mission Grants Proposals and God's Gracious Gift Fund Proposals, all for 2026-2028. You meet friends you already know and meet new friends, Enjoy Bible Studies, listen to several speakers, attend the Worship service with Communion and much more. The theme of the Convention was Bear Fruit That Will Last, John 15:16. Attached is a photo of the four of us in front of the Wichita Zone banner. We took the Gifts from the Heart that were collected by our congregation (a huge thank you to all that contributed). See attached info of the total numbers that were collected at the Convention. I would encourage anyone who gets a chance to attend a District Convention or a National one to go. You won't be disappointed!



GIFTS FROM THE HEART by the numbers			
ITEMS COLLECTED	TOTAL	ITEMS COLLECTED	TOTAL
Throw Blankets	225	Canned Meat	195
Hand Cream/Lotion	133	Shampoo	70
Gum/Mints & Candy Bars	415	Toilet Paper Rolls	393
Chapstick/Lip Balm	315	Gift Cards & Cash	\$350
Granola Bars/Trail Mix pkgs	332	Cancer Kits Assembled	164
Drink Mix Packets-bxs	231	Military Gift Bags	150
Peanut Butter Jars	96	Eyeglasses for MOST	5 Boxes

AS WE HEAD INTO MAY, the grass is getting green and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Spring is here and new life is popping up all around us. Speaking of flowers blooming, it's time again for the flowers to start appearing in the Sanctuary. If you would like to supply flowers on any given Sunday during the remainder of the year, all that is needed is to add your name to the flower calendar in the Narthex next to the mailboxes, and let Ruth Valdez (316) 213-0177) know if you wish to get the flowers yourself or have LWML get them for you. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify the Sanctuary.

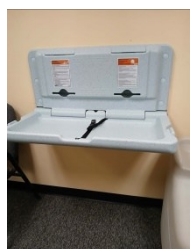
ONCE AGAIN WE WILL BE supporting the baby bottle ministry from Embrace of Wichita. Embrace gives hope to women in Derby and Wichita facing unexpected pregnancies. We will have a box in the Narthex with baby bottles available for you to take home from Mother's Day, May 10th through Father's Day, June 21st. You can fill a bottle with change, cash or checks. and return your bottle to church. You may also give online. There will be cards available on the table with information for online giving.

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 86 quilts completed.

## Quilt of the Month



## Donation by LWML



A Changing table has been installed in the Family Room at the back of the Sanctuary. A great addition. Stop in and Take a Look.

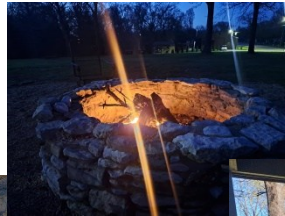
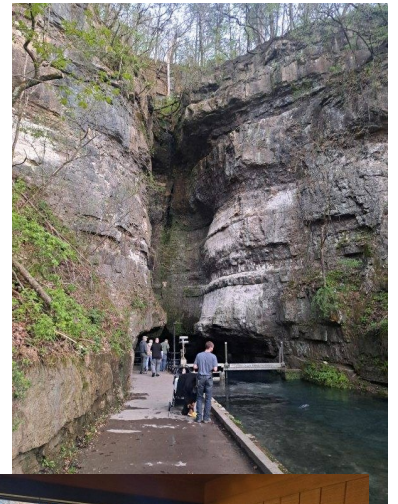
We welcome all families with or without babies!!! And we welcome all grandchildren and great grandchildren when they visit.

## Fly Fishing Club

Bethany fly club traveled to Roaring River State Park on Monday, April 6th and returned on Wednesday, April 8. Weather and company were great. Pictures of us fishing and relaxing- also some of the trout we caught and released.

Our next outing is still in the planning stages. Will keep all up to date as information is available.

If any has an interest in joining this FUN group, talk with any of the members: Doug, Dwan, Mark, Robert, Steve or Alan.



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



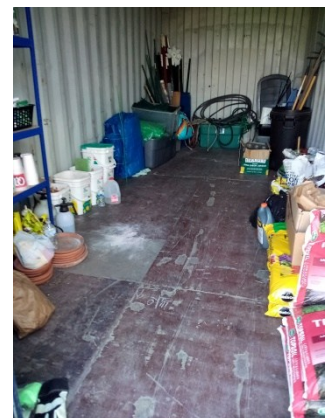
April 22 was Earth Day. The garden is starting to wake up with color. The Irises are blooming. The Irises are from my Mother's flower bed. Plants that thrive in cooler temperatures were planted earlier this spring. Mainly vegetables in the cabbage family which includes red/green cabbage, white/red Kohlrabi, Russian Kale, cauliflower and broccoli. First time crops for 2026, are spaghetti and butternut winter squash, cauliflower and broccoli. The herb garden is going to be twice the size as last year. Several different types of Basil such as Holy, lemon and cinnamon that are popular as a tea beverage. Cooking herbs such as rosemary, dill, cilantro, oregano and mint. The vegetables that prefer the warmer temperatures will be planted soon. Next month newsletter will tell you all about the garden's progress. Stay tuned for the excitement.

The garden now has a new shed of it's own. It's 10 feet wide and 20 feet long.

Everything the garden needs has plenty of room in the shed. I want to thank everyone who have supported the garden for the past six years. There are several reasons why the garden has grown each year. Not only because of financial support. The many kind words and spending time in the garden pulling grass and planting seeds and started plants. As Always, Vicky Lynn Collins 316-



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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



# Pentecost SUNDAY

## Church Office Hours

Open: 8:30am  
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00p.m.  
Closed: 5:00 p.m.



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