



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

June, 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

It's not by choice, but I am one of those people that do their best work under pressure. While I don't intentionally procrastinate, I often find myself performing my best when I'm facing a deadline. Case in point, this Newsletter article. I'm leaving for a family trip to Florida tomorrow and I have to get this done before I leave. For the record, I didn't intentionally wait until the last minute to write this so I'd have a great illustration to use, but I'm going to use the opportunity when it's there.

I read a quote: "Why do today what could be put off until tomorrow?" While I couldn't find if the author was being serious or sarcastic, in any case, it does illustrate the attitude we often take toward sharing the Gospel with others. Jesus has been "coming soon" for almost 2000 years and that timeline can lull us into complacency when it comes to our faith. So far, every "today" has been followed by a "tomorrow", and as a result we rarely, if ever, live with any sense of urgency.

The thing is, we don't know when our deadline is. If we wait for the perfect time, we run the risk of the clock running out. So have that conversation, invite someone to church or your Bible study. Don't put off someone's salvation because tomorrow might be too late.

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. Plan to meet during summer, finishing the "Unshakable" study.

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 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

Rhonda Dehncke	6/1
Joni Schrahl	6/7
James Brummett	6/10
Jennifer Colby	6/21
Steve Pasewark	6/25
Phillip Bolin	6/25
Paul Albright	6/30
Lois Adams	6/30



Baptisms

Dean Lang Jr	6/11
Sandy Wise	6/13
Mark Dehncke	6/14
Arlee Fesler	6/16
Marilyn Fesler	6/16
Jackson Carrell	6/16
Mike Schultz	6/18
Marcia Hampton	6/22

Anniversaries

Date Years

Mike & Judy Parmenter	6/3	32
Billy & Toni Bolin	6/5	35
Doug & Sheri Meyer	6/5	44
Nick & Tonya Cordt	6/12	22
Heath & Denise Lewis	6/15	30
Steve & Vicki Pasewark	6/28	51



Greeters

June

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

July

5: Vivian Maily
 12: Jim & Leona Merrick
 19: Ron & Dian Merrick
 26: Tim Merrick

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

7-Jun	Julie Obrien	5-Jul	Jeanetta Bolin
14-Jun	Jeanetta Bolin	12-Jul	Tonya Cordt
21-Jun	Tonya Cordt	19-Jul	Julie Obrien
28-Jun	Julie Obrien	26-Jul	Jeanetta Bolin



Altar Guild

Fill

May 3 & June 7	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
May 10 & June 14	Mable Moore
May 17 & June 21	Amy Salazar
May 24 & June 28	Doris Cannon
May 31	Laurie Carrell

Cleanup

Julie O'Brien
 Vicky Pasewark
 Barb Ohmie & Linda Firshing
 Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Maily
 Toni Bolin

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

June

Bruce Kester
 Doug Meyer
 David Funke

July

Roger Obermueller
 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.



June

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

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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

April 2026

Financial Report



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	April	Year To Date	April	Year To Date
Revenues	\$21,995.00	\$106,253.02	\$34,306.24	\$152,593.89
Expenses	\$18,562.46	\$93,814.59	\$35,760.89	\$154,499.16
Balance	\$3,432.54	\$12,438.43	-\$1,454.65	-\$1,905.27
BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH \$10,533.16				
The April 30 th balance looks good. However, May was a three payroll month, with the first payroll being on May 1st. In order to meet the payroll, \$7,000 had to be transferred (borrowed) from the Designated Funds. No funds were borrowed for the May 15 th payroll.				
The designated funds have a current cash balance of \$13,300.69. The church owes the designated funds \$8,157.54.				
In August 2025, the ECC raised its tuition to a level it thought would give the ECC positive monthly and annual balances. Over the next nine months the balances improved but for most months were still negative, as was the nine month average. The ECC still experiences large fluctuations in monthly balances. The Management Team established a committee to find ways to reduce the size of the fluctuations and put the ECC on a sound financial foundation. The first of three steps is to raise the tuition \$10 a week for every child. The increase starts July 6th.				

Trustees Report

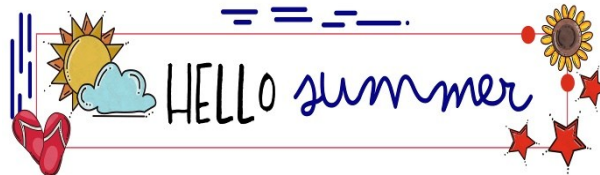
Bethany...

Happy June! Moving forward into summer. Thankful for the volunteers that care for God's grounds and facility!

Asking for input re: the next steps with the facility improvement plan(s). How should we proceed? Smaller projects? Longer range planning?

Opening up thoughts to enhance our ministry, church wide, with building upgrades and outreach? I would encourage you to share your thoughts.

Thx, Mark W and trustees



Facility Improvement Fund

	Project	Cost	Amount Still Needed
1	Rm. 6 (Quilting Room) Mini-Spilt	DONE & PAID	
2	Garden Storage Container	DONE & PAID	
3	Painting West Sanctuary & Garden Storage Container	DONE & PAID	
4	Sanctuary Guttering and along (South) front of Classrooms	DONE & PAID	
5	Painting Cross & under Sanctuary gutters	TBD	
6	Replace Entrance 1 Doors	TBD	



Early Childhood Center

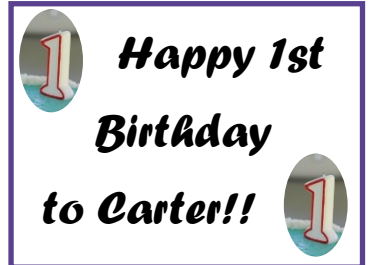
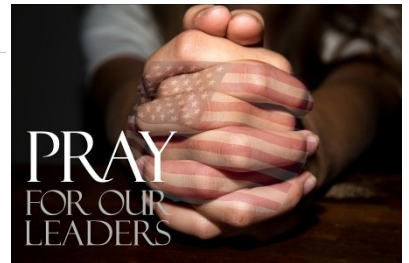
Currently have 43 children. Some will be graduating to Kindergarten. In August 2025, the ECC raised its tuition to a level it thought would give the ECC positive monthly and annual balances. Over the next nine months the balances improved but for most months were still negative, as was the nine month average. The ECC still experiences large fluctuations in monthly balances. The Management Team established a committee to find ways to reduce the size of the fluctuations and put

the ECC on a sound financial foundation. The first of three steps is to raise the tuition \$10 a week for every child. The increase starts July 6th.

Pictures are from the Chapel that is held on Wednesday mornings, 9:00am. Parents and church members are welcome to attend. Introducing children to Jesus and church. Bible stories and songs are included. Thank you to Pastor Nick and to the teachers.



Miscellaneous Things!!!





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.

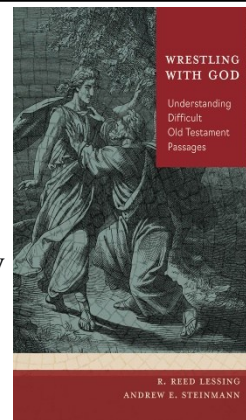


Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.*

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.



Book of the Month: Wrestling with God: Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages. by Andrew E. Steinmann, R. Reed Lessing. The Old Testament is difficult for many readers to understand. How can the vengeful, angry God of the Old Testament be



the same as the comforting, loving God of the New Testament? How can these old narratives of death, revenge, and morally wrong choices guide you as a Christian? To truly understand the New Testament, you have to wrestle with the Old Testament and things that might not make sense. Authors R. Reed Lessing and Andrew E. Steinmann guide you through the Old Testament to understand these often difficult and overlooked passages. Their conversational yet academic writing style makes learning about the Old Testament accessible to those at all points in their Bible reading journey. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter invite you to think more in-depth about what you just read and record your answers. To stretch your understanding, a list of resources for further reading is also included at the back of the book.



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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!

THE EYEGLOSS WOODEN CHEST is once again empty. If you happen to find any eyeglasses, reading glasses or sunglasses you no longer need, you can bring them to the wooden chest across from the church office for MOST Ministries and LWML will send them on. These eyeglasses have helped so many people and continue to do so in various places throughout the world by MOST Ministries. LWML thanks you for all your contributions in helping those in need of glasses.

HAVE YOU STOPPED by the LWML table in the Narthex? We have several free items there for you to pick up, including the LWML Quarterly magazine with several articles and Bible Studies for you to enjoy. There are also MITE Boxes available if you might need a new one, or would like to start collecting change in one. The change in these MITE boxes help to fund many of LWML projects, including Mission Grants that were voted on at the District Convention held in Manhattan in April. Our monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:00 pm in the Library and all ladies of the congregation are always invited to attend.

OUR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON games continue beginning at 1:30 pm 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. Bring your favorite game along with you, we are always up to learning a new game!

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN helping our quilting ladies create more quilts for Lutheran World Relief, or learning how to quilt? No experience is necessary, they have a job for you! They meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am and again on Saturdays from 9:00 am until noon in the last room in the back hallway. Be sure to check out the quilts in the Sanctuary as they have recently changed in case you might like to purchase one. Since October, there have been 92 quilts completed.

Quilt of the Month



BETHANY IS SUPPORTING THE

Baby Bottle ministry from Embrace of Wichita. Embrace gives hope to women in Derby and Wichita who are facing unexpected pregnancies. A box is located in the Narthex with baby bottles available for you to take home and fill with change, cash or checks any time from now and return your bottle on or before Father's Day June

21st. You may also give online. There are cards available on the table w/instructions. "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name, welcomes me." Matthew 18:5



Movie Night: June 20th, 6:30pm

Check Sunday NewsNotes, announcements, signs and email to learn more about which movie we'll be watching. If you need a ride, let Deb Welty or the church office know.

Fly Fishing Club

On Wednesday, May 20, the fly club traveled to lake Daniel's, aka Howard City Lake. The weather was cloudy and somewhat windy but a great day. Doug, Mark, Robert and Dwan were the fisherman of the day. This day was a first for us for everyone caught fish. Nothing big but when adding all the blue gill and crappie caught our number was over 30 total.

Our June meeting/outing is in the discussion arena. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

If anyone has interest or just want information talk with Doug, Mark, Robert, Alan, Steve or Dwan.

Plan a day and go fishing.

Bethany Fly Club



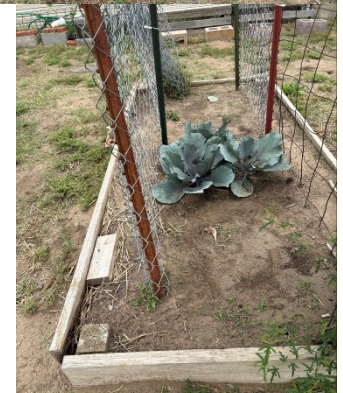
Bethany's Garden. Where Flowers and People Bloom!!



Summer begins on June 21st. The garden is larger by three feet wide and four feet long which equals 12 square feet total. The daytime temperatures have been above 80 degrees. The risk for the crops that prefer cooler temperatures may go to seed. This means the plant sends up a stem with a flower causing the vegetable to become too bitter and thus inedible. I have been planting a lot of herbs and flowers to help with pest control. The smells confuse the insects. This masks the smells from the crops you are trying to protect. For example, the squash bugs and the squash vine borers can destroy a squash plant in a matter of hours. First the plant wilts and there is nothing that can be done. No one has ever come up with a solution. I grow Hawaii Marigolds because people claim it is useful for insect control. The Hawaii Marigold flower is an heirloom. Heirlooms have a long history and an

interesting story about it's origins. The Hawaii Marigold is native to the Americas from the Southwestern United States down to South America. The Aztecs were the first to grow them for religious and medicinal uses. Spanish explorers transported to Europe in the 1500s. There is always something to learn about.

Vicky Lynn Collins, 316-771-1207



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts	2 10am - LWML - Quilting @ 6:30pm - Spinning Boots	3 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games	4 9am - Men's Fellowship 6pm - ESL 7pm - Women's Bible	5 1pm - GPWaT (God's)	6 9am - LWML Quilting
7 9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	8 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts	9 10am - LWML - Quilting @ 4pm - LWML - Meeting 6:30pm - Spinning Boots	10 9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games	11 6pm - ESL 6:15pm - ECC Family	12 1pm - GPWaT (God's)	13 9am - LWML Quilting
14 9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	15 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 7pm - Boy Scouts	16 10am - LWML - Quilting @ 6:30pm - Spinning Boots	17 9am - Senior Breakfast 9:30am - ECC Chapel . 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games	18 9am - Men's Fellowship 6pm - ESL 7pm - Women's Bible	19 1pm - GPWaT (God's)	20 9am - LWML Quilting 6:30pm - Movie Night
21 9am - Sun. Worship w/ 10am - Fellowship Time 10:30am - SS & Bible	22 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 6:30pm - MGMT Team 7pm - Boy Scouts	23 10am - LWML - Quilting @ 6:30pm - Spinning Boots 7pm - SWNA Meeting	24 1pm - GPWaT (God's) 1:30pm - Games	25 6pm - ESL	26 1pm - GPWaT (God's)	27 9am - LWML Quilting
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JUNE



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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