



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

July, 2026

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

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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

As I mentioned this past Sunday morning, I'm turning into a grumpy old man when it comes to celebrating Independence Day. The concussive blast of fireworks while I'm trying to sleep has become rather annoying. Don't get me wrong, I am proud to be an American and I love our country. Twenty six years ago I raised my right hand and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and I proudly fly our nation's flag on a pole in my front yard every day.

Patriotism is a virtue we should all share as American citizens, but it also needs to be balanced with our primary citizenship in heaven. There is a well-intentioned movement across the country to have worship services this weekend focus on the semi-quincentennial anniversary of our nation's founding. We should hold no contempt or disdain for congregations that choose to have a patriotic themed worship service. It is certainly within their Christian freedom to do so, but our role as Christians is to bring the church to the world, not bring the world into the church.

This Sunday we will pray for our nation, servicemembers, and leaders as we do often throughout the year, but our focus will always be on the heavenly citizenship we possess by God's grace. While we celebrate the freedom our nation's forefathers fought and died for, our greater joy comes from celebrating the eternal freedom won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

July 2026

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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 except July 2nd, 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

Tonya Cordt	7/7
Alan Keimig	7/15
Judy Parmenter	7/17
Sylvia Herheim	7/25
Bev Mittlestadt	7/26
Aaron Miller	7/29

Baptisms

Billy Bolin	7/1
Melissa Miller	7/8
Paul Albright	7/9
Jodi Fritz	7/9
Tonya Cordt	7/15
James Brummett	7/18
Vera Brummett	7/18

Anniversaries

Date Years

Aaron & Melissa Miller	7/4	11
Larry & Mable Moore	7/18	27
Glenn & Elaine Stark	7/18	44
Richard & Dorisann Vinroe	7/18	61



Greeters



July

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

August

2: Doug Meyer
9: Sylvia Moore
16: Larry & Mable Moore
23: Steve Nienke
30: Roger Obermueller

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



5-Jul Jeanetta Bolin	2-Aug Tonya Cordt
12-Jul Tonya Cordt	9-Aug Julie O'Brien
19-Jul Julie O'Brien	16-Aug Jeanetta Bolin
26-Jul Jeanetta Bolin	23-Aug Tonya Cordt
	30-Aug Julie O'Brien

Opening in the back of the Sanctuary / Lesson and Activity time following in the Youth room in basement or Classroom One

Altar Guild



Fill

July 5 & Aug 2
July 12 & Aug 9
July 19 & Aug 16
July 26 & Aug 23
Aug 30

Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
Mable Moore
Amy Salazar
Doris Cannon
Laurie Carrell

Cleanup

Julie O'Brien
Vicki Pasewark
Barb Ohmie & Linda Firshing
Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
Toni Bolin

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

July

Roger Obermueller
Curtis Tucker
Larry Moore

August

David Funke
Bruce Kester
Doug Meyer

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.



July

5: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
12: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
19: 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

May 2026
Financial Report



Bethany Lutheran Church			Early Childhood Center	
	May	Year To Date	May	Year To Date
Revenues	\$29,714.63	\$135,967.65	\$35,669.67	\$188,263.56
Expenses	\$22,420.21	\$116,234.80	\$45,243.03	\$199,742.19
Balance	\$7,294.42	\$19,732.85	-\$9,573.36	-\$11,478.63
BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH		\$8,254.22		
May was a three payroll month, with the first payroll being on May 1 st .				
That third payroll caused a major deficit in the ECC's May's monthly balance				
In order to meet the payroll, \$7,000 had to be borrowed from the Designated Funds.				
No funds were borrowed in order to meet the May 15 th and May 29 th payrolls.				
On June 22 nd the Designated Funds after all checks cleared had a bank balance \$15,807.00. The balance should be \$23,538.98. The church owes the Designated Funds \$7,731.98.				

Trustees Report

Scheduling painting work to be done on the west classroom wing. Canopy posts, below new guttering, fascia at roof and corrugated material. Will be funded by donations held in the Facility Improvement Fund (FIF). Next will be the steeple cross and below new guttering at the sanctuary. This work will also be funded with donations in FIF. Cost of this painting, material/labor will be \$3100. We will need to rent some equipment to complete the high work at the steeple and sanctuary. That cost has yet to be determined. Depends on the length of time needed. Thanks to all those that contribute to the FIF. We are taking steps to complete items to our facility that need to be addressed. We will be installing new speakers in the sanctuary. Most, if not all, of the cost will be paid from private donations.



Before/ after garden storage. Donations paid.

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	\$ 3,100	\$ (2,804)
	Boom lift rental	TBD	
6	Replace Entrance 1 Doors	TBD	



Early Childhood Center

Just like the summer sun, things are getting a little brighter in our Daycare Center. Our enrollment is inching upwards: With 44 kids enrolled currently, we have the most we've had since July of last year. While we only have 2 in our Infant room right now and one of those is going to graduate, we have 2 more already pre-enrolled, and it looks like we should have 2 more coming after that. Additionally, 3 of our existing mothers are now expecting, so that indicates that our Infant room will be full around the first of the year...perhaps sooner, if more people show up in the meantime.

On the financial front, last week's analysis showed that we were at the break-even point of income versus expenses -- if we could just get our outstanding tuition balances collected, which we are working on. I don't think I need to remind you that this financial situation is a WORLD of difference from the last years that we were operating the Grade School...back then, the Church paid 60% of the School's costs, with tuition only covering the remaining 40%. Today, our ECC is getting pretty close to paying 100% of its own costs through tuition and the State food reimbursement. Meanwhile, the ECC continues to fulfill its mission of introducing the children to the Word of God. Remember, our mission here is to fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus commanded us by bringing His Word to people. The children entrusted to our ECC may or may not be getting introduced to the Gospel at home, but we know for sure that WE are introducing them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in our Center. We are planting seeds: We plant the seed of the Word in these little kids, and then the Holy Spirit will work on that in ways and times that we cannot possibly know. This is the mission of Christ's Church. We thank you for supporting it.

As always, THANKS for your support, and keep praying for us!

Prayer changes things!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*, ECM Team Leader

They had an Italian family night, with spaghetti, salad and bread. Good food and good fun.



They had planned a water day, but mother nature had other plans, so they had a glow party instead!!





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.*

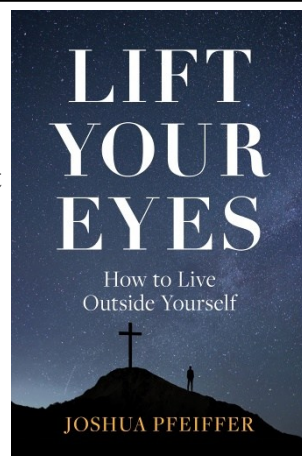
Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast as well as Internet and print communications, 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: Lift Your Eyes: How to Live Outside Yourself by [Joshua Pfeiffer](#)
In a culture obsessed with self-discovery and personal authenticity, we've been taught

to look inward for identity, purpose, and fulfillment. But what if this inward gaze is the very thing keeping us trapped, anxious, and unfulfilled?

Drawing on Martin Luther's transformative insight that Christians live "in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love," author Joshua Pfeiffer offers a radical alternative to our age of expressive individualism. This isn't about self-improvement—it's about self-transcendence.



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info@fairmountministries.org

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!



Lutheran Women in Mission

OUR JULY LWML meeting will be on July 14th, beginning at 4:00 pm, in the Library. All ladies of the congregation are always invited to attend. We would love to see you there on the 14th for the meeting and Christian fellowship!

THE SUMMER ISSUE of the LWML Quarterly has arrived and is located on the table in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy and enjoy all the articles inside. There are 3 Bible Studies included, all of which are great for your personal use. Mite boxes are also available for you to pick up any time. Just take your spare change to fill the Mite box to help with all of the LWML ongoing projects.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT of supplying flowers for the Altar for any particular Sunday? If you have a particular Sunday in mind, check the flower calendar next to the mailboxes in the Narthex to see if the date you want is available. If so, just add your name to the list and let Ruth Valdez know (316) 213-0177, if you wish to supply your own flowers or if you want LWML to purchase them for you.

THE WOODEN EYEGLASS CHEST is empty once again. We continue to collect eyeglasses and reading glasses to send to MOST Ministries. We forward these on to them who send the glasses on Missionary trips around the globe to share with those with sight issues. All those who receive these eyeglasses are very appreciative as are we for your contributions.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the quilts in the Sanctuary are changed every month? Our quilting ladies meet twice weekly on Tuesday mornings beginning at 10:00 am and again on Saturdays from 9:00 am until noon, in the last room in the back hallway. If you want to learn how to quilt, are a seasoned quilter, they would love to have you join them. They can find a job for you in the quilting process! Since October, there have been 107 quilts completed.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR a way to stay cool this summer, why not join us on Wednesday afternoon? The fun begins at 1:00 pm with walking in the Activity Center - at your own pace. Then at 1:30, games start in the Meet and Eat Room. There is plenty of room for lots of people and if you have a favorite game you enjoy playing, bring it along. We would love to see you on Wednesdays!

Quilt of the Month



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

School Kits: It's that time of year to think of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. This year we need:

#2 pencils

Pens, blue or black, no gel ink

Scissors, blunt tip preferred

Notebooks - 70ct spiral

Pink erasers



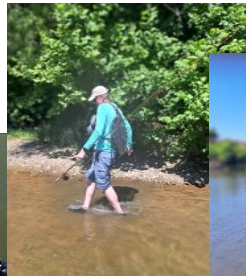
There will be a container in Narthex for contributions. Thank you for all your contributions to Lutheran World Relief.



Movie Night: July 15th, 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 Fly club traveled to Cowley County Lake on Wednesday June 17. Clear, hot and WINDY. We moved from Cowley to Caney River and took a group picture. It was a good day fishing for we all caught fish with Mark taking the honors with the biggest. July activity is under discussion. 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

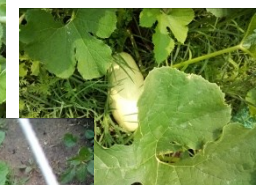
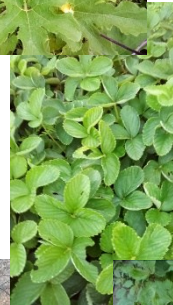
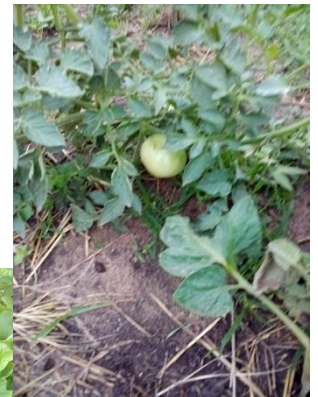


Bethany's Garden. Where Flowers and People Bloom!!

Summer officially began on June 21st. Independence Day will be here in eight days on July 4th. The months of July and August is when seeds are planted for a Fall garden. So, we will have a steady supply of produce through the season. The red basket full of vegetables include green cabbage, cauliflower, Grey Zucchini, onions, Red Russian Kale. Hopefully, we will have plenty of onions to harvest by planting multiple rows every three weeks. Among the first-time crops for 2026, the Broccoli "bolted" or you can say "went to seed". What that means is the plant reacts to high heat by shooting a stem that has a flower and seeds. The vegetables become too bitter thus inedible.



I am planning to plant Broccoli seeds early July. Now that the cool weather crops have been harvested the warm weather crops are beginning to produce. The Grey Zucchini summer squash and Spaghetti winter squash are in their peak of producing. Feel free to stop by the garden to see what is growing! Vicky Lynn Collins, 316-771-1207



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			1pm - GPWaT (God's 1pm - Range Hood after 1:30pm - Games	9am - Men's Fellowship 6pm - ESL 6:30pm - Scouts	1pm - GPWaT (God's	9am - LWML Quilting
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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

Church Office Hours

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



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