



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

August 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

August 2026

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This past week, I've had the song "Mama Said" by The Shirelles stuck in my head. It started off last Wednesday with my A/C compressor at the house going out when the forecast for the next 5 days being 100^o+. Then I woke up early Monday morning with everyone's favorite, food poisoning. By Thursday afternoon, I thought things were turning for the better. I was feeling almost human again and a (free – under warranty) replacement A/C compressor was scheduled to be delivered. But, much to my dismay, when the box showed up on my front porch, it was dented and covered in oil, oil that was supposed to be in the compressor. Now I get to wait another week for a (hopefully undamaged) replacement to be shipped. "Mama said they'll be days like this..."

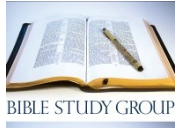
My purpose in sharing this isn't to gain sympathy. Lord knows everyone goes through days, weeks, or months like that. But the sage, grandmotherly advice I've been given reminds me that no matter how bad I think things are, there's always someone who has it worse. Based on conversations I've had lately with different members, my woes are barely consequential and temporary compared to the loss of a job, a cancer diagnosis, the death of a sibling, the list goes on. But instead of letting these circumstances define who we are, they're opportunities to define whose we are.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

As much as we'd like for Him to, God never promised us He would take away our pain or our struggles. Instead, He promises us over and over again that He's walking beside us every step along the way. He's also given us a church family to support each other, pray for each other, and to support our brothers and sisters in their time of need. When things are rough, we know that this life is temporary, but eternal life with Jesus is forever. Thanks be to God!

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 Gideon. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Plan to meet during the summer.



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 teaching from the book of Romans.

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. Class will be held downstairs in the Youth Room. Call Julie O'Brien (316) 617-0265 for more information.

Birthdays

Jackson Carrell	8/2
Ron Schaefer	8/3
Laurie Carrell	8/6
Dianne Crossman	8/13
Jay Fritz	8/13
Dwan Welty	8/14
Axel Miller	8/15

Baptisms

Aaron Miller	8/2
Phillip Bolin	8/12
Curtis Hampton	8/17
Leona Merrick	8/18



Anniversaries

Date Years

Scott & Kathleen Hasenbank	8/14	44
Curtis & Marcia Hampton	8/16	56

Greeters



August

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

September

6: Robert & Barb Ohmie
13: Mike & Judy Parmenter
20: Steve & Vicki Pasewark
27: Linda Puls

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



2-Aug	Tonya Cordt	6-Sep	Jeanetta Bolin
9-Aug	Julie O'brien	13-Sep	Tonya Cordt
16-Aug	Jeanetta Bolin	20-Sep	Julie O'brien
23-Aug	Tonya Cordt	27-Sep	Jeanetta Bolin
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	Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton
July 12 & Aug 9	Mable Moore
July 19 & Aug 16	Amy Salazar
July 26 & Aug 23	Doris Cannon
Aug 30	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

August

David Funke
Bruce Kester
Doug Meyer

September

Roger Obermueller
Custis 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.



August

2: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
9: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
16: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
23: 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

June 2026

Financial Report



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	June	Year To Date	June	Year To Date
Revenues	\$18,577.11	\$154,548.42	\$42,661.01	\$230,924.57
Expenses	\$25,149.64	\$141,412.49	\$38,753.37	\$238,495.56
Balance	-\$6,572.53	\$13,135.93	\$3,907.64	-\$7,570.99
BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH		\$5,564.94		
June was an insurance payment month which had a large impact on both the General Fund (\$3,591.10) and ECC (\$2,712.40). The Reimbursement Grant and tuition income were positive factors. The church as a whole has improved its 6 month balances from 2025 by \$23,913.12. The ECC has improved its 6 month balances from 2025 by \$31,623.06. On July 22 nd , after all transactions cleared, the church owed the Designated Funds \$6,516.26. Last year at this time the church owed \$22,499.06. The church has reduced its debt to Designated Fund by \$15,982.80.				

Trustees Report

All, We brace for the summer heat that will engulf us!

Note of common interest. We have one A/C unit that serves the offices, library and narthex that was built in '09. It is showing signs of failure. The current heat will not help! We have the opportunity to replace it with a new unit. Which comes with a cost which is not budgeted. Abel Appliance is holding a unit. Scenario is... new units use a different refrigerant. New refrigerant models are not proven. New models come at an elevated price. 30% higher than older models. Cost of the unit available is about \$10k. Abel is holding the unit and giving us first choice. Our hope is to give the congregation an option to donate funds. I plan on asking Abel if we can put a deposit and install at the end of August. Praying the old unit will hold up until that time.

Take care of yourself and check on your neighbor!! Trustees



Just another day at Bethany!

Management Team: Update on Church Situation

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	\$(4,204)
	Boom lift rental	TBD	
6	Replace Entrance 1 Doors	TBD	\$ (100)



Early Childhood Center

We continue to hold our own with decent enrollment for now. One of our Teachers, Miss Valerey, is leaving us for a better-paying job that is not in child care, so we are going to have to hire a new person to replace her. We will be working on that in August. We will also experience some change in enrollment by the end of August, as the new school year begins and families' needs change. We always lose some kids and gain new ones at this time. Last year we got through this change pretty much even—Steven from where we were, but it's anybody's guess as to how that will play out this year.

Please keep praying for our wonderful Center, and as always, we THANK YOU for your support!
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry; *Jim Merrick*

From the “dishwasher perspective”!!!



A few weeks ago, I shared our family rule: I cook. They clean. That means every night, three guys ranging from 16 to 51 load my dishwasher. And let me tell you, they all do it differently.

One points the silverware up. Another points it down. One scrubs every dish before it ever reaches the dishwasher. Another gives everything a quick rinse. And one? He believes in putting it straight in there and letting Jesus... I mean the dishwasher... take the wheel.

There isn't a system. Cups end up beside bowls. Plates are scattered everywhere. New dishes sit beside old ones. A blue plastic container that's hanging on by a thread is parked next to a yellow plate that belonged to my grandmother more than forty years ago.

It's one big, mismatched mess!

And that's exactly what the church looks like. Some people come to Jesus as children. Others don't find Him until they're old. Some have stories that seem neat and tidy. Others carry years of hurt, regret, addiction, or shame. Some arrive looking polished on the outside. Others know they're a mess.

But, here's what I love... the dishwasher doesn't care who loaded the dishes, where they came from, or how long they've been dirty. And neither does Jesus.

But every now and then, a stubborn pan comes out that needs a little extra attention. It has to be soaked, scrubbed by hand, and given a little more time. When that happens, I don't blame the dishwasher. I don't blame the person who loaded (or invited) the dish. I don't even blame the dishes sitting beside it. I just roll up my sleeves and help clean the pan.

Some of God's children require a little more patience, a little more grace, and a little more love from us. That isn't our cue to criticize them. It's our invitation to help. Because the church isn't just where broken people come seeking Jesus. It's where we learn to help one another through the stubborn spots.

The church was NEVER meant to be a cabinet full of matching, spotless china. It's a dishwasher full of imperfect people being made clean. But, it amazes me how much time we spend inspecting stains instead of helping remove them.

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.”
Galatians 6:1

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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.



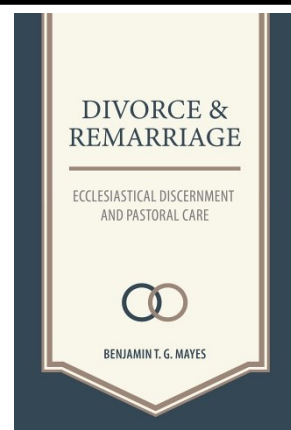
Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.*

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: Divorce and Remarriage: Ecclesiastical Discernment and Pastoral Care by Benjamin T. G. Mayes
Faithful discernment for the church in the face of divorce and remarriage, grounded

in God's enduring design for marriage. In Ephesians 5, the apostle Paul calls marriage a profound mystery that is related to Christ's love for His Bride, the church. Jesus was also clear about God's design for marriage and rebuked His opponents who had made divorce commonplace. Even so, the Bible records many broken marriages, and many Christians, families, and churches continue to suffer the tragedy of divorce. What is the church to do? Focus is placed on certainty of conscience, discerning how God's Word applies to situations, and identifying appropriate fruits of repentance.



Address: 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208, Phone: 316-684-5224 www.fairmountministries.org
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. This summer we are discussing sharing the faith in an ever-changing world. Also this summer, the Young Adult Bible Group will be having movie night each Monday at 5:30. **Faith 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! **SAVE the DATE: "The Gathering" October 15th.** Thank you!

Lutheran Women in Mission

AUGUST 11th will be the next LWML regular meeting, 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 for the meeting and Christian fellowship.

HAVE YOU PICKED up the summer issue of the LWML quarterly? It's located on the table in the Narthex, along with other free items relating to LWML. Please help yourself to any of these items. Also on the table are MITE boxes for you to pick up at any time. Just take your spare change to fill the Mite box to help with all of the LWML ongoing projects.

THE WOODEN EYEGLASS CHEST is empty once again. We continue to collect eyeglasses and reading glasses to send to MOST Ministries. They in turn send the glasses on Missionary trips around the globe to share with those with sight issues. We received a thank you letter from MOST

Ministries who passed on that during a recent trip to Guatemala, because of the help from the mission team, they were able to serve nearly 600 community members and deliver more than 800 pairs of glasses. Every lens, frame, or case that you have contributed helps someone see their loved ones more clearly, read with ease, experience the beauty of the world in a new way or remember the Gospel message that was shared with them at the clinic. As the team in Tanzania was debriefing about serving together, they agreed "the biggest blessing of the trip is the look in someone's eyes when they were able to see well for the first time." Your generosity not only equips the teams with the tools they need, but also shows our love to those around the world by simply sharing eyeglasses for those in need.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF supplying flowers for the Altar for any particular Sunday? You can check the flower calendar next to the mailboxes in the Narthex to see if the date you want is available, then 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.

QUILTS AND CHURCHES - *You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5* "Crazy quilts" are made up of pieces of fabric of many unique shapes and sizes. Our heavenly Father made each of us even more unique than the pieces of fabric that make such a quilt. God shapes and trims us to fit a variety of patterns in His living church. Quilters may prick themselves and feel the pain as they assemble the quilt, but Jesus shed His blood and gave His life for each person. His love and forgiveness are the strong threads that hold us together. The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, supports us and shows Jesus in our lives and the lives of others. We only see part of God's majestic pattern of people, groups, and congregations scattered to form a design. His people are forgiven and are alive in Christ! As God looks from above, He sees the complete pattern. Years ago, a congregation had a picture made, using all the names of its members. The names were written in different styles and sizes to form an image of the church building. The church is people--people who know they need Jesus and work together in spite of their differences. (from Portals of Prayer, Feb.8, year unknown)

QUILTING GROUP meets on Tuesday and Saturday, 10:00-12:00 in quilting room, the last room in west hall past the daycare rooms. So far, since October, they have finished 122 quilts. Also working on BackPacks, Sewing Kits, Health kits and Baby kits. All are sent to Lutheran World Relief and are picked up in October each year. Here are some things we need to finish these kits:

- Large Bath Towels, Dark
- Hand Towels, Dark
- Baby Socks
- Small Knit Baby Hats



Fly Fishing Club With July and August being a poor time to fish, we just had our meeting on the 18th. We watched a power point presentation covering the "overhead cast" by Doug Meyer. The August gathering will be on Sunday Aug. 23 for a fish fry at Dwan's house. No trout but will be stripers caught at Lake Texoma. September outing/Meeting has not been planned. Look for updates in Sunday Newsnotes.

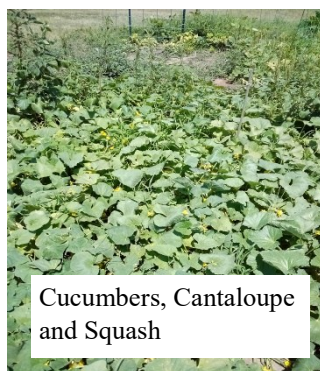
More information: talk with Doug, Robert, Steve, Mark, Alan or Dwan
For those who remember: "GONE FISHIN' INSTEAD OF JUST A-WISHIN'

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

Today, July 27, 2026, the outside temperature is 105 degrees F. The only plants that I am concerned about is the okra. Seems to be wilting more than normal. Okra has always been the most tolerant of extreme heat. The most productive plants, this season, is the Marrow Zucchini. A cross of spaghetti and Zucchini. Zucchini has its ancestry in the Americas, specifically in the Mesoamerica over 7,000 years ago. The first records of "Zucchini" in the United States date to the early 1920s in California. Raw Zucchini is 93% water.

Both raw and cooked Zucchini are a rich source of vitamins A and C. with a moderate content of potassium. Zucchini provides a great low-carb alternative to pasta. It is also rich in antioxidants. Eating healthy is worth the effort.

Vicky Lynn Collins, 316-771-1207



Cucumbers, Cantaloupe
and Squash



Okra is blooming



Roasted Zucchini

Prep Time: 10minutes mins Cook Time: 15minutes mins Total Time: 25minutes mins Serves 4

This oven roasted zucchini recipe is one of our favorite ways to cook zucchini! Tender, caramelized, and seasoned with garlic and herbs, it's an easy, delicious side dish.

Ingredients

- 1 pound zucchini, about 3 medium, cut into 1-inch half-moons
 - 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
 - ½ teaspoon sea salt
 - ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - Lemon wedges, for squeezing
- Crumbled feta cheese, grated Parmesan cheese, pecorino cheese, or Vegan Parmesan, optional, for serving
Fresh herbs, optional, for serving

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 425°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, toss the zucchini with the olive oil, Italian seasoning, salt, garlic powder, and several grinds of pepper. Spread it evenly on the prepared baking sheet and roast for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown around the edges. Remove from the oven, transfer to a serving dish, and squeeze with lemon. Sprinkle with cheese and herbs, if desired.



Anybody
remember this
fundraiser?

Bethany

Miscellaneous

Amazing what you find
on Facebook!!!

FYI: Mary
watches most
Sundays from
Michigan



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Week of August 9th



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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