



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center

October, 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

Hard to believe it's October already. (Pretty sure I say that every month when my Newsletter article is due...). The good news is I don't have to implore everyone to come up with \$20,000 to cover unanticipated emergency expenses. That was last month and, praise be to God, the congregation stepped up.

As most everyone is aware, all three of our Sunday morning Bible classes began a new study on "The Books of Moses". From all reports, it sounds like it has been going well and most everyone has learned something new (myself included). The primary goal of the study is to increase our congregation's Biblical literacy. Our focus centers on how the stories of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy are all interwoven with so much of the Gospel.

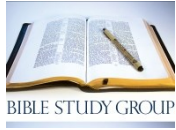
We're only a couple weeks in, so it's not too late to join us and make Bible class part of your Sunday morning routine. If you aren't able to be here on Sunday morning and would like to have a copy of the study guide, please reach out to the Church office and we'll make that happen.

Sunday mornings aren't the only time to be in God's Word. I encourage everyone to make Scripture reading a part their daily routine. There are several Bible apps where all you have to do is select a passage and hit 'play' and it will read it for you. But regardless of how you make God's Word part of your day, the important piece is that you do.

Yours in Christ,

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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 John. Ask Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.



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

Beginning Sept 20th all adult classes will begin a study on "The Book of Moses." Book available. Pastor Nick's class meets in the Activity Center, Robert Bolin's in the Library and Mark Dehncke's in the Meet and Eat Room.

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

Netta Albright	10/4
Anita Albright	10/13
Melanie Schreffler	10/14
Jamil Jones	10/17
Ross Stark	10/19
Steve Nienke	10/31

Baptisms

Hailey Bowman	10/2
Larry Moore	10/4
David Funke	10/17
Troy Zindel	10/24
Jim Merrick	10/25
Amy Salazar	10/26



Anniversaries

	Date	Years
Ray & Ruth Valdez	10/10	17
Junior & JoAnn Stork	10/14	69

Greeters



October

4: Amy Salazar
11: Ron Schaefer
18: Joni Schrahl
25: Melanie Schreffler

November

1: Glenn & Elaine Stark
8: Ross & Kim Stark
15: Curtis & Michelle Tucker
22: Ray & Ruth Valdez
29: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe

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



4-Oct Tonya Cordt	1-Nov Tonya Cordt
11-Oct Julie Obrien	8-Nov Julie Obrien
18-Oct Jeanetta Bolin	15-Nov Jeanetta Bolin
25-Oct Tonya Cordt	22-Nov Tonya Cordt
	29-Nov Julie Obrien



Altar Guild

Fill

Sept 6 & Oct 4	Margaret Baldridge & Marcia Hampton
Sept 13 & Oct 11	Mable Moore
Sept 20 & Oct 18	Amy Salazar
Sept 27 & Oct 25	Doris Cannon

Cleanup

Julie O'Brien
Vicki Pasewark
Barb Ohmie & Linda Firsching
Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly

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



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

October

David Funke
Bruce Kester
Doug Meyer

November

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.



October

4: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
11: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
18: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
25: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie

November

1: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
8: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty
15: Mike Parmenter / Robert Ohmie
22: Robert Bolin / Jim Merrick
29: Richard Vinroe / Mark Welty



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

July 2026
Financial Report



	Bethany Lutheran Church		Early Childhood Center	
	July	Year To Date	July	Year To Date
Revenues	\$21,492.30	\$208,405.82	\$38,320.20	\$310,810.50
Expenses	\$23,059.56	\$186,723.33	\$37,631.41	\$312,011.16
Balance	-\$1,567.26	\$21,682.49	\$688.79	-\$1,200.66
BALANCE FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH		\$20,481.83		

On September 21st, after all transactions cleared, the church owed the Designated Funds \$4,872.21.

Trustees Report

Bethany,

We are thankful for cooler temps and rain!

Our two special projects are complete.

Very thankful to the congregation for funding the water issue and and air conditioning system!

The city granted a large deduction to our water bill. Much appreciated!

Thanks to all volunteers as we go forward.

We have a new door for Entrance 4.



Management Team: Update on Church Situation



Facility Improvement Fund



	Project	Cost	Amount Still Needed	Status
1	Rm. 6 (Quilting Room) Mini-Split	\$ 1,201	PAID	DONE
2	Garden Storage Container	\$ 2,368	PAID	DONE
3	Painting West Sanctuary & Garden Storage Container	\$ 1,425	PAID	DONE
4	Sanctuary Guttering and along (South) front of Classrooms	\$ 4,914	PAID	DONE
5	Painting W. Sanctuary windows	\$ 1,600	PAID	DONE
6	Replace water service to new building	\$ 10,205	PAID	DONE
7	Replace Office/Narthex A/C	\$ 9,771	PAID	DONE
8	Painting Cross & under Sanctuary gutters	\$ 1,500	\$0	Currently funded, but waiting on cooler weather
	Boom lift rental	\$ 1,281	\$0	
9	Replace Entrance 1 Doors	TBD	-\$9,805.00	Received bids for \$14k & \$27k. Waiting on 3rd bid...

CURRENT AS OF: 9/30/26

Note: Above amount is earmarked for #9. Project cost is pending.



Early Childhood Center

Our ECC keeps on keepin' on, with at least steady enrollment without growth right now.

We are in budget season right now, so we are busy with that. Even though we were not blessed with growth for the fall, the recent increase in tuition rates assured that we are holding our own, financially. Now if we can just find some more families to enroll their kids here, life would be really good...

So please keep praying for us: Pray for growth in our enrollment!

As always, we are SO thankful for your support!

For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry, *Jim Merrick*

Trick or Treat

ECC Trick or Treat is on Wednesday the 28th from 6:00 to 7:30pm. We will be doing it in the gym rather than outside.

There will be "booths" set up in the gym and if needed we will use doors down the daycare hallway.



Please join us Oct 25th after Sunday school class for a potluck honoring our Pastor in honor of *Pastor Appreciation month!!*

Please bring a dessert or side to share. There will be a basket for cards if you wish to share your kindness.



The day marks October 31, 1517, when the German monk and scholar Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.



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.



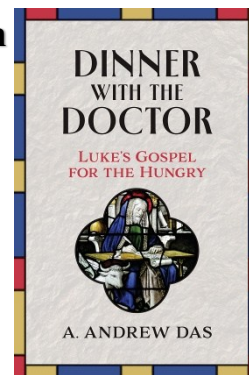
Southwest Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Bethany except November and December. We look forward to seeing you and bring a neighbor or two. There is plenty of room. *Contact Darlene Nuse for more information.*

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 8:30 AM (1070AM) or 9:00 AM (88.7FM).** For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.



Book of the Month: Dinner with the Doctor: Luke's Gospel for the Hungry by A. Andrew Das. Scholar and author A. Andrew Das bridges the gap between Bible commentary and daily devotional in this

innovative exploration of Luke's Gospel. Through a creative narrative device—a dinner conversation with the physician and Gospel writer Luke himself—you will discover the radical message that turned the ancient world upside down. Through a creative narrative device—a dinner conversation with the physician and Gospel writer Luke himself—you will discover the radical message that turned the ancient world upside down.



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. See page 8.

Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML SUNDAY will be celebrated on October 4th, with an emphasis on Mites. Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4) the MITE BOX is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support to congregations and the LCMS. The MITE Box is more than just a symbol of God's provision - it's a reminder that your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. You can also donate online at lwml.org/donate-online to make giving easy! Through these mites, through a careful selection process LWML choose mission grant recipients from around the world each biennium. Starting with one grant of \$15,000 our mission grant goal continues to grow each biennium. **In 2025, a Mission Goal of \$2,622,270 was approved to fund 33 grants.** The bulletin insert on October 4th shows those grants in purple which are now paid in full!

OCTOBER 13 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. The fall issue of the LWML quarterly is available on the table in the Narthex as well as MITE Boxes for you to pick up and use.

THE EYEGLASS CHEST IS ONCE AGAIN EMPTY! If you happen to have eyeglasses or reading glasses you no longer need, simply drop them in the chest and they will be forwarded to MOST Ministries to share with those who are in need.

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 148 quilts. Thank you for all the school kit items. We were able to put together 103 school kits. Also working on Sewing Kits, Health kits and Baby kits. All are sent to Lutheran World Relief and are picked up in October each year.

Quilt
of the
Month



Bonhoeffer (released as *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.*) is a 2024 historical drama thriller film about the German theologian and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written, produced and

directed by Todd Komarnicki. It stars Jonas Dassler, August Diehl, David Jonsson, Flula Borg, Moritz Bleibtreu, and Clarke Peters.

The film was released in the United States on November 22, 2024. It attracted some controversy regarding political interpretations and historical inaccuracies. Ages 13+



Fly Fishing Club

Our October outing is scheduled for October 14. Destination has not been decided yet. I will add more after the 14th. If interested in joining our group talk to Doug, Mark, Robert, Steve, Alan or Dwan. Keep fishing and smiling!

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

The first day of Fall was September 22, 2026. The Average First Freeze Day (October 27) is when temps are 32 F. degrees or lower. According to the National Weather Service the range may happen between October 23 and November 5. The growing season for our area is 190 to 198 days. The timing to plant a Fall garden depends on where you live. The goal when planting bulbs is to give them enough time to establish roots before the ground freezes without planting so early that they put on excessive top growth. A frost or freeze will burn the leaves causing the plant to stress. I buy my tulip and Iris bulbs at Johnson's Garden Center. On October 4, during Fellowship there will be herbs available. Mostly different flavors of fresh basil leaves. Holy basil, also known as the Hindu name tulsi, originated in the Indian subcontinent and tropical regions of Asia, Australia, and parts of the western Pacific. Holy basil has been grown and even revered for over 5,000 years. It was first documented in ancient Indian scriptures around 1500 BCE. In Hinduism, tulsi is considered a sacred plant with medical benefits. But do not over do it because it is like other foods. It is recommended not to use if you are pregnant or planning to be. Basil tea is popular and fun to make the different flavors. Simple basil tea recipe (iced or hot):

- 1) place 6 to 8 fresh basil leaves or flower buds into a mug
- 2) Pour 8 ounces of boiling water over leaves.
- 3) Cover and steep for 3 to 15 minutes depending on how strong you want the flavor.
- 4) Remove leaves and flower buds with a strainer.
- 5) stir in a little honey or lemon juice to taste.
- 6) I like to add cinnamon red hots candy, or cloves, or steep mint leaves at the same time as the basil leaves.

Now that Fall is officially here it would be a good time to enjoy a soothing, caffeine-free herbal hot tea. The Fall cabbage, kohlrabi, and kale are so far doing good. I have been using shade cloth for them to protect against the heat. Let us hope the cold tolerant plants have time to mature for harvest. Take Care,

Vicky Collins. 316-771-1207

Rose Moss



Thai basil.

Licorice flavor



Jambulya Okra



Rosemary Herb



Stonehead Cabbage



Aremenian Cucumber



Holy basil, cinnamon basil, lemon basil and Genovese



Holy basil or tulsi



The Gathering

a Benefit for Fairmount Ministries

8th Annual! October 15th, 5:30 pm at Botanica! The cost will be \$100/person (our good faith estimate of goods or services provided to you for the event is \$45/person. Donations in excess of the value provided are tax-deductible), which includes a BBQ dinner catered by When Pigs

Fly, two drinks served by The Bars Open, access to the gardens, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the online and live auction! Funds raised at the event will benefit the outreach ministry to the University & Community through Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. Please contact Vicki Lessman at 316-641-9392 for late registration.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

October 2026

9:00AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM SS & Bible Class	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 7:00PM A.C. Re-served	10:00AM LWML - Quilting 6:30PM Spinning - Boots Line Dance	10:00AM ECC Chapel 1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 1:30PM Games	9:00AM Men's Fellowship 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking)	8:00AM A.C. Re-served 9:00AM 2nd Saturday Work Day (Tentative) 10:00AM LWML Quilting
9:00AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM SS & Bible Class	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 7:00PM A.C. Re-served	10:00AM LWML - Quilting 4:00PM LWML - Meeting 6:30PM Spinning - Boots Line Dance	10:00AM ECC Chapel 1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 1:30PM Games	9:00AM Men's Fellowship 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking)	10:00AM LWML Quilting
9:00AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM SS & Bible Class	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 7:00PM A.C. Re-served	10:00AM LWML - Quilting 6:30PM Spinning - Boots Line Dance	9:00AM Senior Breakfast 10:00AM ECC Chapel 1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 1:30PM Games		1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking)	10:00AM A.C. Re-served 10:00AM LWML Quilting
9:00AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion 10:00AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM SS & Bible Class	1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 7:00PM A.C. Re-served	10:00AM LWML - Quilting 6:30PM Spinning - Boots Line Dance	10:00AM ECC Chapel 1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking) 6:00PM ECC Trick-Or-Treat in A.C.		1:00PM CPWaT (God's People Walking and Talking)	- REFORMATION - 1517 10:00AM LWML Quilting



LWML Sunday:
Oct. 4th
Quilts displayed



The month of
October

ECC Trick or
Treat Oct. 27th



Halloween, Oct. 31st

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.



Bethany Lutheran Church and School
1000 W 26th St. South
Wichita, KS 67217



Like us on Facebook!
Bethany Lutheran
Church & Early
Childhood Center

