



Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

July 2022

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South
Wichita, KS 67217

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Worship Service

Sunday - 9:00 AM
ECC chapel -
Thur.- 9 AM

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Sunday - 10:30 AM
Pastor:
Aaron Schnelle

Early Childhood Center

Serving children ages
One through Five
Program Director
Danita Seamars
316-265-3033

July 2022

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Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The people of God through all ages sing with the Psalmist: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, performing your vows to the Most High." (Psalm 50:14).

It is our response to God, His Word, and His mighty deeds, beginning with our salvation through the forgiveness of our sins, that we respond in giving thanksgiving and praise. And, that we show forth witness of His goodness and mercy in all we say and do.

We rejoice and give thanks to God for the overturning of Roe vs. Wade on June 24, 2022. This great event happened to take place on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, who we remember, as an unborn child, leaped in joy and faith when his mother and the mother of Jesus met.

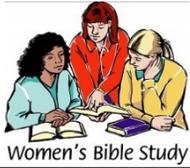
We rejoice that this overturn is a major step toward full protection of the unborn against abortion, but we also lament the protection is not complete. We also repent of any all complacency we, as the people of God, have had toward the evil of abortion and the loss of human life, created in the image of God, with the assurance of forgiveness of sins for the sake of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. I strongly encourage God's servants at Bethany to join with all of God's people in praise, lament, repentance, prayer and witness to the world of the sanctity of life.

Our church body, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, gave response to the SCOTUS decision on the same day. Please, in the immense value of being of one voice and confession of faith, take some time to read the response published by the Lutheran Reporter, which can be accessed through LCMS.org. There you will find a statement from President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, a statement from LCMS Life Ministry, and a letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland written jointly by President Harrison, and the presidents of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).

May the Lord bless you, as He certainly remembers His covenant to you. That He has redeemed you, pardons your sin and grants you life everlasting for the sake of Jesus Christ. This same Lord is the Lord of life, all life. Amen.

Glory be to God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
+ Pastor Aaron Schnelle





Women's Bible Study meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany.** The current study has been finished and there will be no meetings in July and August. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Look for more information about the next study in the next month or so. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for details.

Pastoral Visits and Contact: Pastor Schnelle 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, David Funke.

In the event of an emergency or urgent matter outside of church office hours, call Pastor at 217-416-6972.



Fellowship Update: "God's People: Walking and Talking" activity has begun. Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm in the Activity Center at Bethany. Come when you can and enjoy the fellowship and get some exercise at the same time. LWML meets on July 19th, 4pm. Another chance for fellowship with some great ladies!

Enjoy the summer! No fellowship event planned, maybe September!!



Seniors' Activities: Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca. **Afternoon Games: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays:** 1:00-3:00pm at the church. **"God's People: Walking and Talking":** Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00-2:00pm.

Williams Ashley R.	7/2
Winter Dustin L.	7/2
Mittlestadt Thomas J.	7/3
Young Jamie R.	7/6
Francis Darren	7/7
Hampton Troy C.	7/11
Reiling Steven	7/11
Washburn Aubrey L.	7/11
Washburn Brennan M.	7/11
Keimig Alan R.	7/15
Dunkel Cody L.	7/17
Mellard Shelley L.	7/17
Parmenter Judith J.	7/17
Albright Kevin D.	7/18
Larson Tara M.	7/23
Nowak-Moore	7/24
Albright Debra S.	7/25
Herheim Sylvia E.	7/25
Mittlestadt Beverly A.	7/26
Smith Garrett L.	7/27
Triplett Rebecca S.	7/29



July



Bolin Jr. Billy J.	7/1
Freeman Jamie L.	7/1
Hayes Jackson C.	7/1
Larson Olivia J.	7/3
Cook Kyle A.	7/5
Rowley Jazmin	7/7
Wenger Patricia L.	7/8
Albright Paul D.	7/9
Fritz Jodi K.	7/9
Francis Justyn R.	7/15
Brummett James D.	7/18
Brummett Vera K.	7/18
Terhune Jaxen C.	7/20
Karnes Victor M.	7/22
Lewis Caven J.	7/22
Castillo Modesto	7/27
Dunkel Cody L.	7/28
Schreffler Spencer T.	7/31

Dunkel Shannon and Jodee D.	7/3	29 yrs
Moore William D. (Dale) and Herheim Sylvia E.	7/3	1 yr
Fritz Jay L. and Harriett K. (Kaye)	7/4	63 yrs
Moore Larry D. and Mable A.	7/18	24 yrs
Vinroe Richard L. and Dorisann L.	7/18	58 yrs
Washburn Matthew (Matt) and Katie L. (Katie)	7/22	16 yrs
Albright Kevin D. and Annette	7/23	39 yrs



Greeters

July

3: Roger & Sherri Obermueller
 10: Robert & Barb Ohmie
 17: Mike & Judy Parmenter
 24: Steve & Vicki Pasewark
 31: Gary & Linda Puls

August

7: Steve & Margie Reiling
 14: Amy Salazar
 21: Erich & Carol Schieber
 28: Tim & Joni Schrahl

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 have, 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

No Children's Sunday School during July and August.

Enjoy the rest of summer!!!



Altar Guild

Fill

July 3 & August 7
 July 10 & August 14
 July 17 & August 21
 July 24 & August 28
 July 31

Margaret Baldrige
 Doris Cannon
 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar
 Stacy & Bailee Shipman
 Robert Ohmie

Cleanup

Toni Bolin
 Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly
 Julie O'Brien
 Melanie Schreffler & Fern Neumiller
 Vicki Pasewark

Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, please contact Lois Brockmeyer or Doris Cannon. This is help with organizing or help with Filling and Cleanup.



Head Usher – Alan Keimig

July

Bill Fromm
 Larry Moore
 Roger Obermueller

August

Mark Dehncke
 Bruce Kester
 David Funke

If you cannot be usher on the Sunday/month you have been assigned, please talk to Doris Cannon. If you would prefer not to be an usher, please tell Doris. Or if you would like to be an usher and you're not on the list, contact Doris.



July

3: Mark Welty
 10: Robert Bolin
 17: Jim Merrick
 24: Richard Vinroe
 31: Mark Welty:

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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.



Spiritual Leadership Team Report

The month of May held some obstacles for us to meet. Busy schedules and the like. We are currently reviewing the Lutheran confessions. Good practice to keep our beliefs fresh in our minds. For most of us (long in tooth), these things have been looked at long ago! We pray all is well with our family at Bethany! Stay safe and read your bible!!

Peace, SLT

Management Team Report

We are expecting new copiers for the office and back room in August subject to the supply chain.

A quick fact check... We are whole in the building repair. Insurance has covered all but about \$4300 of the actual costs. This cost has impacted our budget as there is not a line item for building damage and insurance deductible. We trust God will provide funds to cover this cost. Mark Welty would be happy to answer any questions/concerns you might have regarding this issue.

Trustees Report

Looks like summer could be upon us, although today's temps are nice!!

All is well with the facility. Our volunteers continue to keep things in order. A big thank you to those guys and gals!! Stay safe!! Trustees

All,

Another piece of information trustees would like to share with you. As most property owners know, land/building values have risen this year. This action has caused our insurance premiums to increase. When the work program was put in place for '22, we had no way of forecasting the impact on budget. Facts... insurance deductible was increased. Currently, "wind/ hail damage carries a 2% of building value deductible. This tallies out to an \$89,000 deductible. Other deductibles are at \$2500.

To be somewhat able to afford insurance, We purchased a rider that carries a \$5,000 deductible for "wind/ hail" damage. This was at a cost of a shy \$9,000. Our building/contents are valued at \$ 4.3 million.

Hard facts to understand!

Basically informing all of the rise of insurance cost which impact our work program.

Something we must take into consideration and rely on God to provide.

Thx,

Trustees

SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

Service 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30-11:30 AM

DINING ROOM- Pastor Schnelle leads a study of the book "The Messiah". In 8 sessions, the study helps participants see Jesus revealed in the Old Testament. The book includes daily readings, questions and discussion prompts.

PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin leads a study of the book entitled "God's Law & Gospel" which explores knowing the difference between them, and how to avoid mixing them; and how the Holy Spirit works through both to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and keeps them there.

SECOND CLASSROOM- Mark Dehncke leads a study of the book entitled "Grace - An Invitation to a Way of Life". The book offers that most Christians understand the concept of being saved through grace, but fail to understand that grace is a daily experience under which they live.

THIRD CLASSROOM - Sunday School is lead by teachers in a rotation schedule. The current curriculum being used is: Delivered: God's Gift of Grace. There will be **no children's Sunday School during July and August**. Will begin again in September.



Early Childhood Center Update

Staffing continues to be our biggest hurdle to overcome in our drive to return to normalcy. While we are licensed for 60 children, our current maximum capacity is 44 children, because we don't have enough Teachers to handle 60 kids. In pursuit of our goal of returning to a fully-operating Center, we have been busily advertising for Teachers, and interviewing those who are interested. This is quite a task.

While we did hire a new Teacher's Aide, who showed promise of becoming a Lead Teacher, the young lady we hired decided to leave us to pursue other options on her first day of work with us.

Fortunately, that debacle led us to find an even better candidate, whom we have hired to begin work immediately. She is Anne Eason, and we hope to bring you a "get to know her" piece in the near future. She will start as a Teacher's Aide, and should be able to qualify as a Lead Teacher in the near future. We are still looking for one more qualified Lead Teacher. Please pray that God will send us the right people to staff our center as we work to grow so we can serve children and their families to God's glory.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

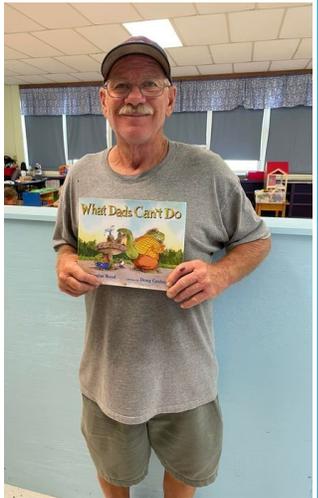
For Bethany's Early Childhood Ministry Team,

Jim Merrick

Happy Father's Day to Pastor Aaron! We send special Love out because he is teaching us the most important things in life: teaching the children about God and how to love each other just as God loves Us

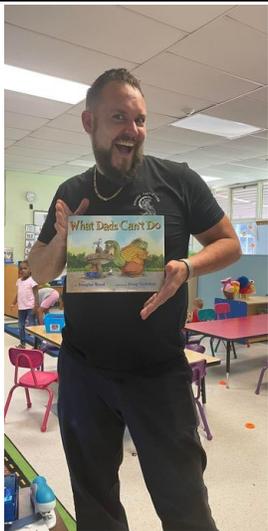


Everyone say hello to OUR Super HERO, Mr. Robert! When we break something or something needs fixed he's here to save the Day!



Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Bethany-Lutheran-ECC-845932162270966>

Happy Father's Day! Read this book: "What Dads Can't Do" By Douglas Wood.



LWML Quilting Ladies need your help with supplies for the School Kits, Health Kits, Baby Care Kits that have been made and will continue to be made for Lutheran World Relief:

School Kits: 70ct spiral notebooks, pink erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers in inches and centimeters, 24ct crayons and #2 pencils.

Sewing Kits: 3 yards of 44/45" cotton or cotton blend material and matching thread.

Health Kits: Dark color bath towels, soap and toothbrushes.

Baby Care Kits: gowns, T-shirts, receiving blankets, sweaters, cloth diapers, socks and gentle soap.



Thanks from Rhonda Dehncke

I want to Thank everyone who came to my Birthday party, given by my family. It was a lot of fun. I appreciate you!
Thank you for all the cards, gifts, well wishes and sharing your precious time with me.
Thanks again,
Rhonda Dehncke

Update by Pat Wenger — June 22, 2022

Mark has completed 3 cycles of his new treatment. His tumor markers are gradually going down. He has had some different side effects with this treatment. He is still experiencing back pain, we were sent to palliative care to see if they could offer help with pain management. They were very helpful in guiding us to amount of medication and medication that would be less harmful to liver and kidneys. We will be seeing a pain management physician in July. He has also experienced some water retention. They ruled out blood clots, and his kidneys and liver are ok. So they are using water pills to see if this will help. His hemoglobin was low so he will be receiving a blood transfusion tomorrow.



Southwest Neighborhood Association: Regular SWNA Meeting July 26th, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Come and see what's happening in the neighborhood. www.southwichita.com



Stewardship Team update:

Here are May numbers. Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller. Thank you for your continued stewardship to Bethany. Summer Stewardship is especially important. Many things tend to take up our time and talents and treasure during the summer. Thank you for your stewardship efforts during the summer.



Time and Talents: Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, Greeters, Ushers, Quilting, Help with Sunday School or other ideas to spread God's word, please let someone know (*Pastor, Elders, Team leaders or the church office*) Your ideas and input are appreciated.

Month of May 2022

Offerings:	\$20,718
ECC Tuition:	\$15,521
Other Income:	\$105
Total Income:	\$36,344
Expenses:	\$41,185
Balance:	-\$4,841

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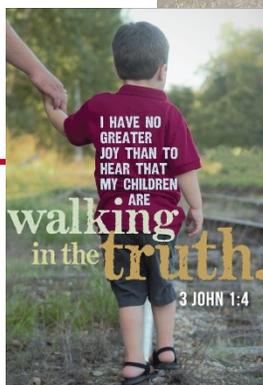
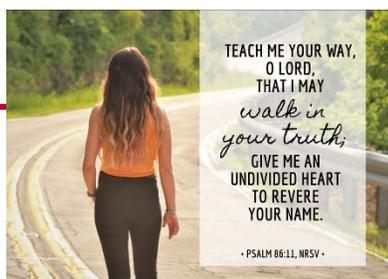
Jan 1 Bank Bal:	\$55,964
Offerings:	\$96,316
ECC Tuition:	\$99,534
Other Income:	\$38,414
Total Income:	\$234,264
Expenses:	\$252,963
Grant Expenses	\$23,588
Bank Balance:	\$13,677

Board of Parish Ed Update

- The current curriculum being used for the children's Sunday School class is: *Delivered: God's Gift of Grace*. No children's Sunday School during July and August.
- There will be no VBS this summer.
- Have begun "God's People: Walking and Talking." Average attendance is 8. It's been a great time to get some exercise and fellowship too with a devotion led by Pastor Schnelle. Come and join the group whenever you can.

"God's People: Walking & Talking"

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. Pastor usually has a devotion using a Bible Verse referring to walking with God. Have been 5-12 in attendance. Some days the conversation is quite entertaining! We need your input on whether to have music or what would encourage you to come and join us. Let's get to know each other and help our health improve or stay the same.



WOULD YOU LIKE A PICUTRE WITH YOUR PET?

Preister and Partners with Keller Williams Hometown Partners is holding an event on Sunday, July 17 from 1– 3pm at Bethany. Anyone attending will have the opportunity to have a picture taken with their pet(s) either in front of the church or in the courtyard. Those who wish to take part need to call Denise Lewis at (316) 371-4081 to make a reservation. They would like to have some kind of head count before the event takes place. They had an event like this last year and it proved to very popular. So if this is something that you would like to do, please call Denise to let her know that you will attend. Precious pics and snappy snapshots!

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 (88.7AM)**. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML's Salad Supper was a success. We had 14 in attendance, including Pastor. We enjoyed some tasty salads and great conversation. The highlight of the evening was having each one share something with everyone about themselves that we possibly did not know about them before. We have some very interesting women attending Bethany!

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 19 at 4pm. We begin with a short meeting and then have a Bible Study using one from the current issue of the LWML Quarterly. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to join us.



QUILTING GROUP

Quilting Ladies meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:00-12:00 and Saturday mornings, 9:00-12:00. Contact Amy Salazar or Lois Adams or Jenny Colby for more information about Quilting. Not only is there a lot of work done for word relief, the fellowship is great. There have been around 80 quilts made so far this year. They also make School Bags, Sewing Kits, and Health bags. There have been around 60 school bags finished and ready to pack so far this year.

See Page 6 for supplies needed for these items.

Westside UMC Food Pantry: We are still collecting non-perishable food items for Westside United Methodist's food pantry, located at 1313 W. Lydia. If you would like to donate, place items in the tub beneath the "Food Contributions" sign located in the hall between the office and Prayer Center at Bethany.

Vickie Collins: I want to thank all the members of Bethany for their kind support of the Community Garden, with all your donations, advice and good will. You don't know how much this means to me. God bless you all!



Bethany's Community Garden

is continuing to grow and produce. God willing, there will be ripe produce available for the congregation and the community. So far, onions and cabbage, snap peas and potatoes have been harvested. Okra in 4 weeks. All available to the congregation. Continued thanks to the volunteers, especially Vickie Collins, for their dedication in getting the Garden planted and working the hours it takes to keep it producing.



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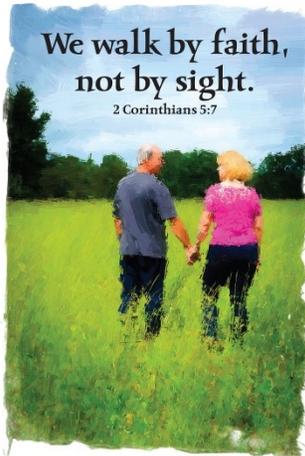
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Sunday Mornings

Service at 9:00 AM
(also online: Facebook Live)

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: 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
Closed: 5:00 p.m.

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