



# Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

September 2022

## Bethany Lutheran Church

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Wichita, KS 67217

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BECC Phone 316-265-3033  
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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

## September 2022

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Take a moment to call upon the name of God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit, recalling His Promise to you in your baptism. Because, so often we are tempted to dismiss the wholeness and completion we already have in Christ, Jesus. The devil wants us to believe there is something left for us to do, something we must achieve before we are finally right before God. We tend to focus on who we want to be, who we are told we need to be and who we can become rather than who we already are to God in His Son.

From Colossians we read,

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 1:8-9).

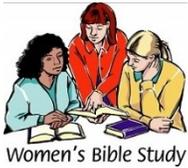
Look to your baptism, for there you see that you are already whole, complete, and identified in God in the most holy and blameless way - through Christ. Therefore, base all things upon who you already are in Christ rather than upon who your sinful flesh deceives you to believe you need to be or want to be.

I write this to each of you individually, and also a congregation. As the people of God, our Lord commands us to preach and teach Christ, our completion and wholeness in God. This doctrinal truth pervades all things in the life of the congregation- Word and Sacrament, instruction in doctrine from cradle to grave, Bible study, fellowship, stewardship, and outreach. We preach and teach Christ, not the Christian.

This is the importance behind sound doctrinal instruction in the faith from infancy on. What a blessing from the Lord! Praise God! In His Peace and Joy!

Pastor Aaron Schnell





**Women's Bible Study** meets on the **1st & 3rd Thursdays** of the month at **7:00 p.m. at Bethany**. We will begin a new study **September 1st**. The new study is "A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information.

**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" continues. We now meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 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 September 20th, 4pm. Another chance for fellowship with some great ladies!

**AND See Page 6 for more details on the September 18th Fellowship Picnic Potluck event.**



**Seniors' Activities: Breakfast:** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm.

Wise, Sidney L.	9/2
Hayes, Christopher N.	9/3
Dehncke, Marcus J.	9/5
Lang, Dean A.	9/7
Schrahl, Sidney L.	9/7
Wenger, Mark P.	9/7
Giles-Dunkel, Caige A.	9/8
Moore, Asia A.	9/8
Hood, Jarod M.	9/9
Moore, William D.	9/13
Walsh, Crystal M.	9/13
Mellard, Carla M.	9/15
Moore, Larry D.	9/15
Merrick, Doris E.	9/17
Riley, Karren	9/18
Studtmann, John M.	9/18
LaRouche, Jordyn M.	9/19
Merrick, Jimmie L.	9/19
Welty, Samantha	9/19
Edgar, Cassandana M.	9/21
Klein, Shirley M.	9/21
Palmer, Daylan K.	9/21
Schott, Cody E.	9/21
Fromm, Vergene	9/22
Brockmeyer, Lois L.	9/24
Dehncke, Mark D.	9/25
Funke, David C.	9/25
Reyes, Makenzie L.	9/25
Salazar, Amy J.	9/26
Francis, Hunter B.	9/27
Triplett, Sophie A.	9/27
Obermueller, Sherri L.	9/28
Schott, Joshua M.	9/29



## SEPTEMBER



Hankins, Brian L.	9/1
Welty, Dwan S.	9/1
Brockmeyer, Randall D.	9/4
Setchell, Sarah I.	9/6
Albright, Kevin D.	9/7
Albright, Dennis L.	9/8
Winter, Dennis D.	9/9
Moore, Annabella R.	9/13
Dehncke, Mark D.	9/14
Hayes, Nicholas C.	9/15
Hood, Malachi J.	9/22
Stupasky, Emma A.	9/22
Hull, Suzanne	9/23
Walsh, Ethan R.	9/24
Hankins, Elizabeth K.	9/25
Pasewark, Jeremy G.	9/28
Lang, Dean A.	9/29
Wenger, Mark P.	9/30

Kester, Bruce J. and Regina	9/2	44 yrs
Fromm, Billie and Vergene	9/4	58 yrs
Walsh, Kenneth R. and Crystal M.	9/12	13 yrs
Moore, Joseph D. and Laura	9/20	8 yrs
Zindel, Robert and Pamela	9/20	36 yrs
Merrick, Jimmie L. and Leona M.	9/21	43 yrs
Bolin Sr., Billy J. and Zink-Bolin, Traci	9/30	21 yrs



## Greeters

### September

4: Melanie Schreffler & Fern Neumiller  
 11: Mark & Debbie Welty  
 18: Ray & Ruth Valdez  
 25: Curtis & Michelle Tucker

### October

2: Richard & Dorisann Vinroe  
 9: Dwan & Linda Welty  
 16: Pam Zindel  
 23: Nancy Zink  
 30: Lois Adams

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

Sunday School begins again on September 18th.

Sept. 18: Debbie Welty  
 Sept. 25: Ruth Valdez

## Altar Guild



### Fill

Sept. 4 & Oct. 2 Margaret Baldrige & Marcia Hampton  
 Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 Doris Cannon  
 Sept/ 18 & Oct. 16 Lois Adams & Amy Salazar  
 Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 Doris Cannon  
 Oct. 30 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

### September

Mark Dehncke  
 David Funke  
 Bruce Kester

### October

Doug Meyer  
 Larry Moore  
 Eric Schieber

*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.*



### September

4: Robert Bolin  
 11: Jim Merrick  
 18: Richard Vinroe  
 25: Mark Welty

### October

2: Robert Bolin  
 9: Jim Merrick  
 16: Richard Vinroe  
 23: Mark Welty  
 30: Robert Bolin



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.

## Management Team Report



Fellowship is planning a picnic potluck on September 18th.  
See page 6 for more information.

Children's' Sunday School classes will resume on September 18th with an opening in the Sanctuary. More information will be put in the Sunday News Notes.

Printer update: new color printers are coming in September.

We will be hosting the Circuit Pastors' meeting at Bethany on Tuesday, September 6th. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Thanks to those who will be helping with this event.

*Thank  
You*

## Trustees Report

Bethany,

Greetings and ready for cooler weather. It will happen!

Trustee update...

The A/C has been repaired. Sanctuary is comfortable. A huge THANK YOU for contributions to help fund the repair!

Although the original estimate was on target... only to find the deep rooted cause of the problem. Just a reality of the needs to keep machinery running! Costs approaching \$4500. All good, with vision comes provision. God's promise!

Please keep Robert Ohmie in your prayers. Our faithful servant will be slowing down to heal from a fall. We will need to step up and help fill the void with things he handled behind the scenes!

Peace,

Mark W



## 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. **Classes start again on September 18th. There will be an opening in the Sanctuary and a lesson to follow.** More information will be posted in the Sunday News Notes and on a bulletin board in the northeast hallway by the door to the parking lot.



## Early Childhood Center Update

Bethany's Early Childhood Center is perking right along. The operation is solid and healthy. We are pretty much filled to capacity, but we have our challenges:

While we are licensed for 60 children, we have been limited to having no more than 44, due to the number of lead-qualified Teachers we've had recently. To remedy this, so we can fulfill our full potential, we have been trying to hire a new Lead Teacher, but it's been difficult. Hiring in today's economy and today's society is challenging. We have been consistently advertising, and we have gotten a number of applicants, but many of them are not qualified. We have arranged to interview a number of the applicants, but over half of those who promise to come for an interview never show up, and don't even call to excuse themselves. We will redouble our efforts. Please pray that the right person will be sent to us!

Meanwhile, Taryn has recently returned to work, which has freed up our Director, Danita, to spend more of her time doing the work of a Director, rather than teaching. Taryn has also stepped-up to take over the regular Custodial duties within the areas of the building that are used by our children. The arrival of monthly disbursements of the "Round 3 Sustainability Grant" means that we can now get a permanent, high-quality changing table for the youngest group in our Daycare, and we are assured that Bethany's overall financial health is secure for the year. Now if only we can find one more lead-qualified Teacher... ..

Well, keep praying for us as we strive to accomplish our mission to care for the little ones entrusted to us while we introduce them to the basics of the Christian faith. Your continued support is VERY appreciated!!!

For the Early Childhood Ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church,

*Jim Merrick*

End of summer fun day was a success! Thank you to all the parents that donated toward our special McDonalds lunch. The kids were so excited to have a special fun lunch at school.



Fingerpainting is so fun 🖐️ 🖐️

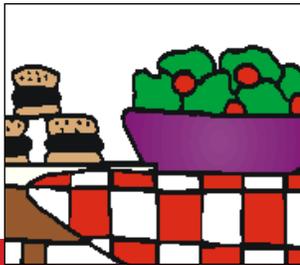


# September 18th

## After Sunday School



Sloppy Joes and Chips Provided  
Bring a Side Dish or a Dessert



### Stewardship Team update:

Here are the July numbers. The income numbers for July look good due to it being a 5 Sunday month plus there was an additional catchup contribution that was made. Five Sunday months tend to catch a little of the first of the next month contributions too so August numbers will look like a decline when its just the way it works out. Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller, Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Bethany.

### Time and Talents:

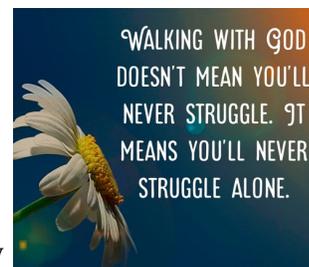
Anyone who would like to help with Altar Guild, Greeters, Ushers, Quilting, Help with Sunday School or other ideas to spread God's word, please let someone know (*Pastor, Elders, Team leaders or the church office*) Your ideas and input are appreciated.

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	Line Total	Budget 7 mo
BASE OPERATIONS	\$12,347	\$35,036	\$28,138	\$12,706	\$25,082	\$14,894	\$12,745	\$140,948	\$92,777
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$10,274	\$9,415	\$9,477	\$9,595	\$10,868	\$13,695	\$9,301	\$72,625	\$75,276
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$15,649	\$16,038	\$20,726	\$18,883	\$18,585	\$24,310	\$17,707	\$131,897	\$122,788
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$38,301	\$60,489	\$58,454	\$41,185	\$54,535	\$53,024	\$39,753	\$345,740	\$266,396
OFFERINGS	\$20,652	\$17,498	\$19,524	\$20,718	\$17,923	\$20,668	\$29,429	\$146,412	\$163,333
ECC INCOME	\$17,316	\$16,079	\$29,259	\$15,521	\$21,360	\$19,043	\$21,270	\$139,847	\$105,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,277	\$46,417	\$48,852	\$36,344	\$39,439	\$39,741	\$50,699	\$324,769	\$288,458
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$24,976	\$14,072	\$9,602	\$4,841	\$15,095	\$13,283	\$10,946	\$20,971	

## Board of Parish Ed Update

### “God’s People: Walking & Talking”

Mondays and Wednesdays *AND Fridays, too*, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center. Getting some exercise and fellowship at the same time. Have been 5-12 in attendance. We have music playing. A time to get to know each other and keep active, too. We usually have a short devotion or discussion.



**Children’s Sunday School returns.** There will be an opening in the Sanctuary with music and presentation of different aspects of scripture and of the LCMS doctrine. Then there will be a short lesson and materials sent home for family use.

**LWML continues** to meet on 3rd Tuesdays. All women encouraged to attend and get involved.

**Women’s Bible Study** begins again starting September 1st, meets in the Prayer Center. New study is “Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust.” by Sharla Fritz. All women invited and encouraged to bring a friend!



“Oh Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.” Concordia Academy has much praise to declare as we have opened our doors to our inaugural class on August 22.

Questions or inquiries? Feel free to contact Amanda Carter, the Admin. Assistant at [a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org](mailto:a.carter@concordiaacademywichita.org). The general informational email is

[CAW\\_info@concordiaacademywichita.org](mailto:CAW_info@concordiaacademywichita.org) and the phone number is 316-202-8989.

**KANSAS DISTRICT:** The district is introducing a new event for more opportunities and to enhance ministry to our 5th-8th grade KS youth. On October 7th and 8th the Kansas District is hosting a Confirmation Retreat at the Wheat State Retreat Center in Augusta, KS. The event will run from 6:00pm on October 7th until 4:00 pm on October 8th. The event’s focus will be looking at our Life in Relation to God’s Law. Registration runs from August 15th to September 8th (Late registration is from September 9th to 22nd). If you would like more information, please contact: Rev. Michael Ada at [pastorada@bslcks.org](mailto:pastorada@bslcks.org)

**Men’s Retreat:** Pastor Mark Lovett, SSP, will be leading a men’s retreat September 23-24, 2022 at the KS District Retreat Center in Herrington, KS. The theme of the retreat is “Deacons: Servants of the Ministry of Christ”. The goal is to understand what it means to be a man in our homes, churches and the wider culture. For more information, there are brochures available to pick up on the usher’s stand.

**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](http://www.lhm.org) or call 1-800-876-9880.



# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 4PM with a short meeting and Bible study. Just a reminder that the Zone Fall Event will be held on October 22nd at St. Andrews. Each church is asked to submit one or two recipes for a small LWML cookbook to unite all our Zone congregations into one book which would be handed out at the Fall Event. "I would like to have any recipe suggestions prior to the LWML Board meeting on September 10th so I can hand carry them with me to this meeting. Thanks, Ruth."



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 world relief, the fellowship is great. There have been around 104 quilts made so far this year. They also make School Bags, Sewing Kits, and Health bags.

LWML Sunday will be October 2nd with the displaying of the quilts in the sanctuary.

**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.

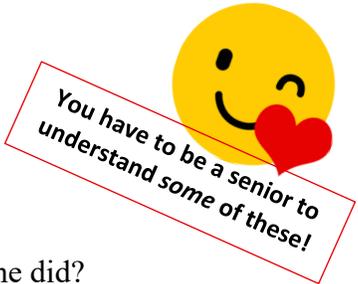


**Southwest Neighborhood Association:** Regular SWNA Meeting September 27th, 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. Come and see what's happening in the neighborhood. [www.southwichita.com](http://www.southwichita.com)



## GOD IS LIKE...

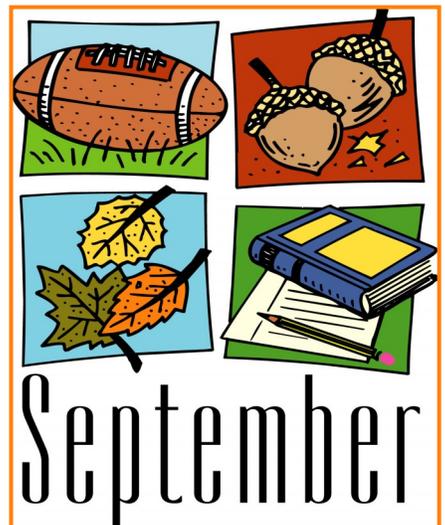
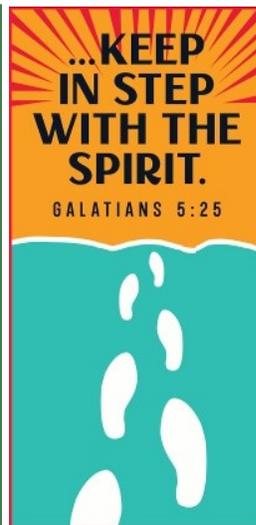
- God is like Coke...He's the real thing.
- God is like General Electric...He lights your path.
- God is like Bayer Aspirin...He works wonders.
- God is like Hallmark Cards...He cares enough to send the very best.
- God is like Tide...He gets the stains out that others leave behind.
- God is like VO5 Hair Spray...He holds through all kinds of weather.
- God is like Dial Soap...Aren't you glad you know Him? Don't you wish everyone did?
- God is like Sears...He has everything.
- God is like Alka Seltzer...Try Him, you'll like Him.
- God is like Scotch Tape...You can't see Him, but you know he's there.



## Bethany's Community Garden

The Garden is continuing to grow and produce. 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. This heat and no rain has been a definite problem.

The cherry tomatoes have been great!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	29 1pm GPWaT	30 10am LWML quilting	31 11am Pat Castillo 1pm GPWaT	Sep 1 7pm Women's Bibl	2 1pm GPWaT	3 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class
4 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	5 1pm GPWaT	6 8:30am Circuit Wip 10am LWML quilting	7 9:15am ECC Chap 1pm GPWaT	8	9 1pm GPWaT	10 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class
11 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	12 1pm GPWaT	13 10am LWML quilting	14 9:15am ECC Chap 1pm GPWaT 2pm Games	15 7pm Women's Bibl	16 1pm GPWaT	17 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class
18 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	19 1pm GPWaT	20 10am LWML quilting 4pm LWML meetin	21 9am Sr's Brkfst 9:15am ECC Chap 1pm GPWaT	22	23 1pm GPWaT	24 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class
25 9am Eucharist Ser 10am Fellowship 10:30am Educ. Hr	26 1pm GPWaT 6:30pm Mgmt Tea	27 10am LWML quilting 7pm SWNA meetin	28 9:15am ECC Chap 1pm GPWaT 2pm Games	29	30 1pm GPWaT	Oct 1 9am LWML quilting 10:30am ESL class





## 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.



## End of Summer Picnic Potluck

See Page 6 for more  
information.



## Children's Sunday School

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Opening in the Sanctuary  
followed by a lesson



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