

Bethany Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Newsletter

December 2022

Bethany Lutheran Church

1000 W. 26th Street South Wichita, KS 67217

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<u>Worship Service</u> Sunday - 9:00 AM ECC chapel -Thur.- 9 AM <u>Sunday School &</u> <u>Adult Bible Study</u> Sunday - 10:30 AM Vacancy Pastor: Tim Meyer



One through Five Program Director

Danita Seamars 316-265-3033

Schedule for Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Advent Services

- 1. Wednesday, November 30 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Wednesday, December 7 7:00 p.m.
- 3. Wednesday, December 14 7:00 p.m.
- 4. Wednesday, December 21 7:00 p.m.

The them for the Advent services is "The 'O' Antiphons".. The origin of the O Antiphons is around the eighth century. In larger cities and monasteries, it was customary to have worship services daily (or several times a day). In the seven days before Christmas Eve, it became regular practice to sing the O Antiphon assigned for the day before and after singing the *Magnificat* at the evening Vespers service. Each of the seven antiphons addresses Christ using a different title from the Old Testament;

- O Wisdom O Adonai (the Hebrew word for Lord) O Root of Jesse O Key of David O Dayspring O King of the Nations
- O King of the Nati O Emmanuel
- O Emmanuel

In the twelfth or thirteenth century, these antiphons were paraphrased into metrical, poetic verses that became the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." In that process, the final antiphon became the first stanza. These ancient traditions, these words from our forefathers in Christ deserve a deeper look, because the depth of their wisdom defies the ravages of time. May our study help us see the many ways that our Savior comes to us, and deepen our longing for Him to come again.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Early Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Communion)

Candlelight Service, Saturday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. (Communion)

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. (Communion)



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Women's Bible Study meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany. The study is "A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust" by Sharla Fritz. See Jenny Colby or Doris Cannon for more information. Meeting at church on Dec. 1 at 6:30 for Pizza and fellowship, bringing donations for HumanKind Ministries. Will Meet again in January.

Pastoral Visits and Contact: Vacancy Pastor Tim Meyer 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 316-214-9638.



Seniors' Activities: Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:00am at Country Café, 2804 S. Seneca. "God's People: Walking and Talking": Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 1:00-2:00pm. Considering starting the games get-together again in January. Let Ruth Valdez know if you're interested in attending the games.

Larouche, Barbara A.	12/1				Washburn, Aubrey L.	12/
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Schrahl, Timothy G.	12/15				Schott, Joshua M.	12/1
Bolin Sr., Billy J.	12/17				Baldridge, Margaret D.	12/
Schreffler, Thomas	12/17				Shipman, Bailee R.	12/
Winter, Shirley J.	12/17				Ohmie, Matthew B.	12/
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Lang, Dean A. and Nina S.			12/1	32 yrs.	McMullin, Camden M.	12/
Hayes, Christopher N and Jennifer R.			12/7	20 yrs.	Vinroe, Christopher L.	12/3
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					Fritz, Kaylee G.	12/3



December Greeters

- 4. Robert & Jeannetta Bolin
- 11. Jim & Vera Brummett
- 18. Doris Cannon
- 25. Dean & Diane Crossman

January

- 1. Mark & Rhonda Dehncke
- 8. Jay & Kaye Fritz
- 15. Bill & Vergene Fromm
- 22. David Funke
- 29. Lola Gansbauer

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

Opening in the back of the Sanctuary, class following in 3rd classroom

- Dec. 4 Ruth Valdez
- Dec. 11 Deb Welty
- Dec. 18 Ruth Valdez
- Dec. 25 No Sunday School
- Jan. 1 No Sunday School
- Jan. 8 Deb Welty
- Jan. 15 Ruth Valdez
- Jan. 22 Deb Welty
- Jan. 29 Ruth Valdez



Altar Guild

FillNov. 6 & Dec. 4Margaret Baldridge & Marcia HamptonNov. 13 & Dec. 11Doris CannonNov. 20 & Dec. 18Lois Adams & Amy SalazarNov. 27 & Dec. 25Doris Cannon

<u>Cleanup</u>

Jeanetta Bolin Toni Bolin Rhonda Dehncke & Vivian Mailly Julie O'Brien

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



<u>Head Usher – Alan Keimig</u>

December Mark Dehncke David Funke Larry Moore <u>January</u> Doug Meyer Roger Obermueller Erich 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.



December

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

- <u>January</u>
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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 <u>YOU</u> can be of service to God's kingdom.

Spiritual Leadership and Management Team Report

A short congregational meeting was held Nov. 27th to vote to include Mike Parmenter and Robert Ohmie on the Spiritual Leadership Team. The vote was unanimous to add them.

A congregational voters' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th after the service to vote on the 2023 Budget. Proposed budget should be available on Sunday, December 11th.



No children's Sunday School on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

There will be 2 services on Christmas Eve: regular service at 7:00pm and Candlelight Service at 11:00pm.

When you have a chance, take a peek in our dining room. You might see the new chairs that will replace the age old ones. This addition was funded by a memorial.



Remembering Bethany Staff for Christmas

It is that time of year that we can remember the dedicated staff at Bethany.

We do that by receiving monetary gifts to share with the staff.



You can pick up an envelope as you leave church. Simply drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church or leave it in the office.

We thank you for your consideration!





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 Meyer will lead a study which will be announced soon. See Sunday news notes. PRAYER CENTER - Robert Bolin leads a study of the book entitled "Parables of Jesus" which explores what parables are, why Jesus used parables and what the parables mean.

SECOND CLASSROOM- Mark Dehncke leads a study of the book entitled "Why I Believe" by Chip Ingram, in the second classroom of the west wing, accessible from the back hallway. The book examines 5 questions of belief:' Life after death, resurrection, the Bible, creation and the God of the Bible.. Join the group for discussion on these topics.

THIRD CLASSROOM - Sunday School is lead by Ruth Valdez and Deb Welty. An opening is held at 10:30 in the back of the Sanctuary with music led by Sandy Tope and Small Catechism items presented weekly. "Enduring Faith" curriculum started Sunday, November 27th. This begins with creation and continues weekly with God's plan of salvation throughout the entire Bible—pointing students to Jesus, their Savior.

Early Childhood Center Update



Bethany's Early Childhood Center (Daycare) is situated for success in the new year. The recent addition of Stacy Ivy as a Lead Teacher has been a real blessing. Our enrollment just took a dip, with our number coming down to 30. These things happen as circumstances change for families in our program, and several families (one with 3 children) all experienced a change in their needs or residency at the same time.

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We continue to get calls from parents looking for daycare services, and families often come up with new needs around the new year, so we are confident our enrollment will rebound.

We are actively interviewing candidates for the open Teaching Assistant position, to replace Anne. This position doesn't require as much experience or certification as a Lead Teacher does, so perhaps you know someone who might work well in our Center...have them give us a call! There is a shortage of good daycare services throughout the region, so we just have to help those people find us. We have partnered with state services (DCF and Child Care Aware) to try to make that happen. So, please keep praying for our Center and our wonderful Staff...

And THANK YOU for your continuing support!!

Jim Merrick, For the Early Childhood Ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church



What is Advent? Advent marks the beginning of the church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.

The word Advent means "coming". During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season

A group of church members met on Saturday, the 26th, to decorate the church sanctuary for the Christmas season. It was decided to finish putting ornaments on the trees on Sunday, the 27th. Those present at the service were asked to put an ornament on the trees. It was done in less than 15 minutes and all enjoyed helping in the decorating. *I think it will continue next year as a great way to include everyone in the decorating*.





Thank you for your continued Time, Talents & Treasures 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 greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Team update:

Here is the budget summary report thru October. Our expenses for the Pastor's salary & benefits has decreased by about \$6,000 per month until we call a new Pastor. This will help us to build up a reserve for when we do get a new Pastor. Any questions, contact Roger Obermueller, Steve Nienke or Robert Bolin.

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	Line Total	Budget 10 mo
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BASE OPERATIONS	\$12,347	\$35,036	\$28,138	\$12,706	\$25,082	\$14,894	\$12,833	\$17,150	\$21,204	\$11,183	\$190,573	\$132,539
WORD & SACRAMENT	\$10,274	\$9,415	\$9,477	\$9,595	\$10,868	\$13,695	\$9,301	\$9,350	\$9,734	\$9,370	\$101,079	\$107,537
EARLY CHILDHOOD CTR	\$15,649	\$16,038	\$20,726	\$18,883	\$18,585	\$24,310	\$17,707	\$19,021	\$17,592	\$19,422	\$187,933	\$175,411
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$38,301	\$60,489	\$58,454	\$41,185	\$54,535	\$53,024	\$39,841	\$45,521	\$48,529	\$39,975	\$479,854	\$380,566
OFFERINGS	\$20,652	\$17,498	\$19,524	\$20,718	\$17,923	\$20,668	\$29,429	\$17,056	\$19,227	\$21,290	\$203,985	\$233,333
ECC INCOME	\$17,316	\$16,079	\$29,259	\$15,521	\$21,360	\$19,043	\$21,270	\$18,941	\$12,658	\$20,982	\$192,429	\$150,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,277	\$46,417	\$48,852	\$36,344	\$39,439	\$39,741	\$50,699	\$52,932	\$34,861	\$49,762	\$462,324	\$437,083
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$24,976	\$14,072	\$9,602	\$4,841	\$15,095	\$13,283	\$10,858	\$7,411	\$13,669	\$9,787	\$17,530	
CHK ACCT BALANCE	\$80,940	\$66,868	\$57,266	\$52,425	\$37,330	\$24,046	\$34,905	\$42,316	\$28,647	\$38,434		
ECC PROFIT/LOSS	\$1,667	\$41	\$8,533	\$3,362	\$2,775	\$5,268	\$3,563	\$80	\$4,934	\$1,560	\$4,496	
210-Utilities \$32.000 TOTAL												
TRASH	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$79	\$154	\$155	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$943	
WATER	\$211	\$178	\$182	\$267	\$289	\$172	\$289	\$369	\$415	\$234	\$2,605	
CABLE	\$574	\$573	\$575	\$574	\$574	\$0	\$1,193	\$581	\$580	\$577	\$5,800	
ELECTRIC	\$507	\$569	\$466	\$515	\$511	\$681	\$1,186	\$2,401	\$2,115	\$1,743	\$10,693	
GAS	\$1,684	\$2,805	\$2,465	\$2,158	\$1,263	\$135	\$87	\$87	\$82	\$82	\$10,848	
TOTAL MO. EXPENSE	\$3,054	\$4,203	\$3,766	\$3,591	\$2,790	\$1,144	\$2,834	\$3,518	\$3,272	\$2,715	\$30,888	\$26,667
211-REPAIR & MAINT.	\$704	\$6,418	\$7,374	\$1,004	\$663	\$702	\$1,500	\$2,921	\$6,673	\$830	\$28,789	\$10,833
213-BLDG INSURANCE	\$0	\$3,696	\$8,395	\$0	\$0	\$3,696	\$0	\$245	\$3,713	\$0	\$19,743	\$13,750
219-CUSTODIAN	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$1,336	\$13,360	\$13,360
209-OFFICE EQPT	\$830	\$563	\$679	\$721	\$744	\$687	\$747	\$658	\$674	\$664	\$6,967	\$6,667

Board of Parish Ed Update

"God's People: Walking & Talking"

Mondays and Wednesdays *AND Fridays, too*, 1:00-2:00pm, Activity Center and Dining Room. 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.

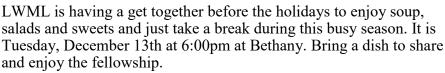
Women's Bible Study meets in the Prayer Center on 1st and 3rd Thursday nights at 7:00pm. New study is "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust." by Sharla Fritz. All women invited and encouraged to bring a friend! Will meet on December 1st for a Holiday celebration, bringing a donation for HumanKind Ministries. Will not meet until January 5th for regular Bible Study.

Children's Sunday School started a new curriculum November 27th: "Enduring Faith", beginning with creation. See information on Northeast hallway bulletin board.



Fellowship Update: Thanksgiving Eve Pie and Ice Cream was enjoyed by all.







Dan Snyder, the headmaster, emailed what he termed a "report card on the academy". He reports that the school has just finished teaching a course on logic, which is the study of correct reasoning and thought. If you are interested in reading the report card, copies are available in the church office or go to the school website. www.concordiaacademywichita.org/

Issues, Etc.: is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. LPR streams 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7.

Westside UMC Food Pantry: 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 tub beneath the "Food Contributions" sign located in the hall between the office and Prayer Center at Bethany.

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

Sunday, December 4th, LWML's "Treasures and Tummy Tempter's" fundraiser will be held in the fellowship hall after service with all money raised by freewill donation going to Mites. Come shop for treasures and get your baked items early for the holidays too!

December 13th, 6:00pm. LWML invites all ladies to join us to get together before the holidays to enjoy soup, salads and sweets and just take a break during this busy season.



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. 102 quilts were shipped to Lutheran World Relief along with 84 School Kits, 27 Sewing Kits, 31 Personal Care kits and 18 Baby Care Kits. There have been 15 quilts made during November.

Treasures/Tummy Tempters

December 4th, 11:30am: Fundraiser for LWML Mites

Bring gently used items and baked items on Saturday, the 3rd or on Sunday, the 4th. Place gently used in activity center and baked goods in kitchen. All will be for freewill donations. And all donations will go for LWML Mites which are used for grants.







LWML uses the boxes to collect "mites," or donations, that are used to provide grants to mission-related projects worldwide.

LWML is having a get together before the holidays!



Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm at Bethany. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.

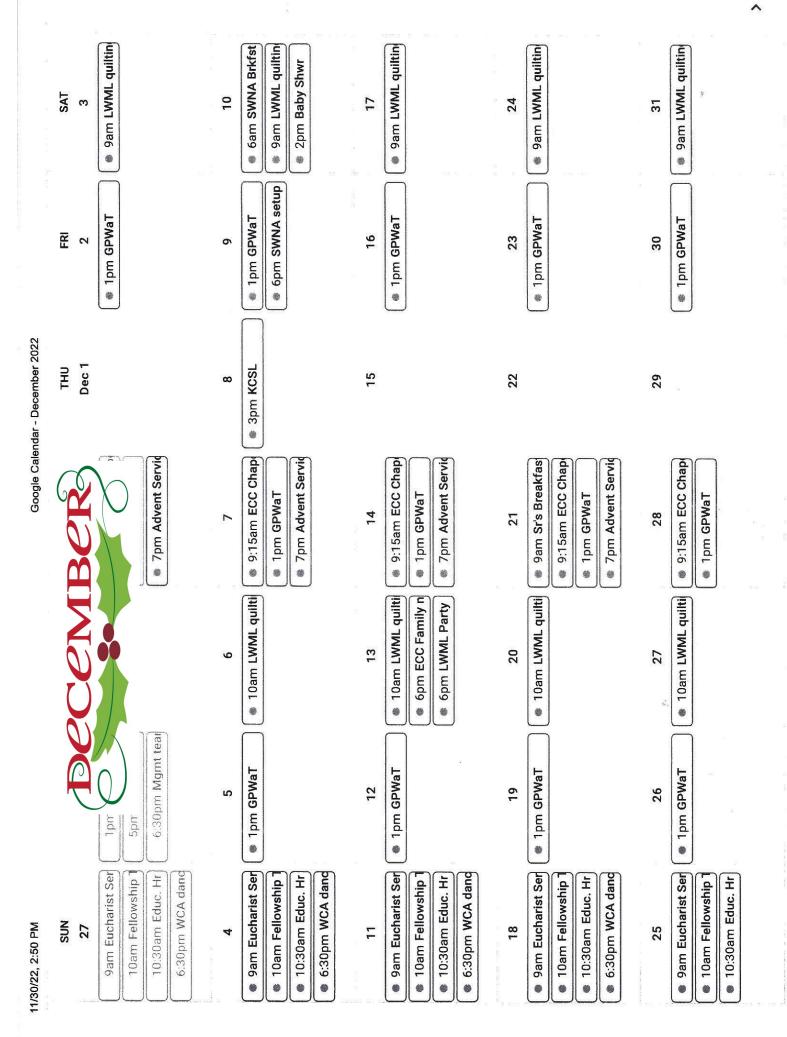
Bring a Soup, Salad or Sweet

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All women are invited.







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Advent Wednesday Night Services: November 27th, December 7th, & 14th: 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service: 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 11:00pm



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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