



May 2025

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Bethany Lutheran Church

What is happening in the life of the church?



Bingo



@ Bethany Home



Scouts



BC Food Bags

**Fun
for everyone!**



BC Concerts



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God's work. Our hands.

**Special thanks to Social Ministry,
Christian Education & Worship & Arts.**

Renewal and Transformation

Easter signifies a fundamental shift in the ordinary order, representing a break from the normal course of life and a promise of new beginnings. It's not just a holiday; it's a pivotal moment of transformation, emphasizing the concept of resurrection and the potential for renewal in both our personal and spiritual lives. Easter is about renewal and transformation.

Bethany Church council voted in April to shift our worship schedule during the months of June, July, and August. As we discussed the upcoming schedule for summer, the goals and resolutions of the congregation were the focus on why we are making a change. We talked about growing in relationships and building community. This renewal and transformation has come after some laments from people in the congregation. One: We don't really know anyone from the other service. Two: our fellowship coffee hour isn't well attended. Three: We wish there were more people in worship; it seems empty. The shift was made to address these laments as well as meet our goals.

This change doesn't come lightly. In fact, the council would tell you that I am pretty anxious about it. Nervous about how it will go. Worried that this change would cause more issues than just keeping things the way they have always been. Then I ran across the following quote by William Bridges in my own personal reflection about how I was feeling.

"It isn't the changes that do you in, it's the transitions. Change is not the same as transition. Change is situational: the new site, the new boss, the new team roles, the new policy. Transition is the psychological process people go through to come to terms with the new situation. Change is external, transition is internal."

I have to tell you church; this was a light bulb moment for me. It wasn't the change I was anxious about; it was the transition. Isn't that what was happening with the disciples after Jesus' death and resurrection? They were almost lost on the road to Emmaus. They were worried behind locked doors. They were skeptical when Jesus came to them and then he said, "Peace be with you." They were anxious about the transition from ministry with Jesus to ministry without him. It has been a process to think about the transition to a new schedule this summer. We will gather

AS church for fellowship, coffee, treats, and more coffee at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. At 10:00 am we will gather as church FOR worship!

My prayer is that this time of building community, worshiping together, and strengthening relationships with one another will be a welcome transition, knowing it might take awhile to come to terms with this new situation.

As we transition to this new schedule for the summer months, please participate on Sunday as we gather for fellowship and worship. I encourage you all to do this, if not for yourselves, for others in our church family. Ultimately, this is about trying to achieve our goals of being a community (church). We are Easter people, people of renewal and transformation. Let us take this intentional time this summer to lean into this new situation and embrace our lives together as Easter people.

Peace, Pastor Chris

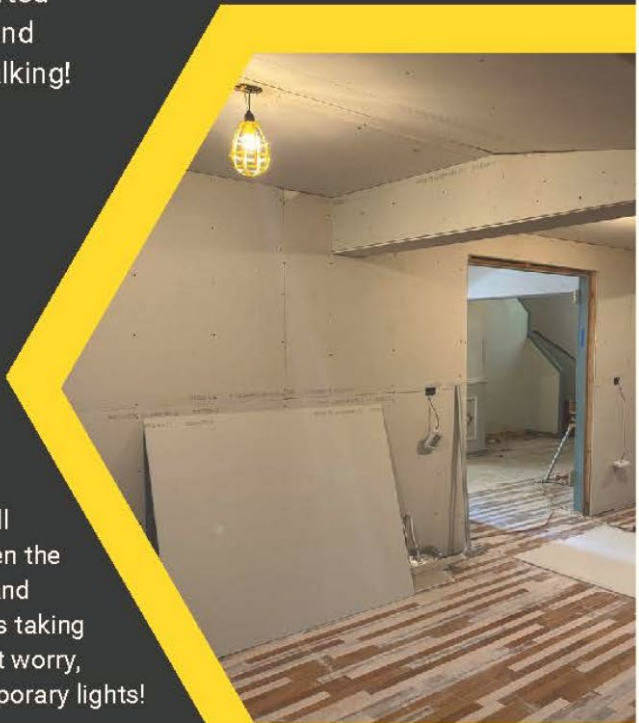


BETHANY CHURCH 1.8 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sheetrock, drywall, wall board, gypsum board! Whatever you want to call it, this week has been all about it! Some detail trim work has started which covers the steel C-channels. Short and sweet update, but the pictures do all the talking!



The wall between the narthex and sanctuary is taking shape! Don't worry, those are temporary lights!



BETHANY CHURCH BIRTHDAY LIST

Arlone Grimes	5/1
Bobby Peterson	5/2
Heath Harris	5/5
Martin Johnson	5/7
Willis Larson	5/7
Jarold Rasmusson	5/12
Tim Ruble	5/12
Grant Stucky	5/12
Mark Peterson	5/14
Luke English	5/17
Lily Esping	5/18
Eric Kruckenberg	5/18
Marilyn Malm	5/18
Emmalee Harris	5/19
Mike Chambers	5/22
Sandra Opat	5/24
Dennis Blomberg	5/25
Jay Emler	5/25
Christopher Deines	5/26
Verneda Bowman	5/26
Bill Brock	5/27
Nils Peterson	5/27
Myriah Webster	5/29
Teagen Miller	5/30
Joyce Peterson	5/30

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Jillian Hett
Emmalee Harris
Taytum Reed
Celeste Palmquist

Ayla Smith-Bolin
Almond Smith

SUMMER GAME NIGHTS



GRAB A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER AND JOIN US!

**May 28, June 11, June 25, July 9 and July 23
6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

SNACKS & COOL DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Dishwashing Help Needed:

**Jump in and help on a Sunday Morning,
after 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Coffee.**

**Visit with Melanie in the office to get on a
rotating schedule for June, July or August.**

Thank you.



At the Table

Vacation Bible School
2025 in LBK!

Bethany Lutheran
Trinity United Methodist
Messiah Lutheran

June 9th-12th
9:30-11:45 am
Swensson Park*

for kids age 3 years old
to grade 6

*Rain Location: Bethany
Lutheran Church

Register online here!



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Trinity
United
Methodist
Church

LINDSBORG, KANSAS 2025 Summer Lunches



**Weekdays
May 27 - Aug. 13
12- 1 pm**

**Free Lunch
under 18 yrs.**

Over 18 - make a donation.

Summer Food Program at Messiah Church

GIVE AN OFFERING TO BETHANY CHURCH.



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