

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

Nov. 1-7, 2009

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ:

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. So, what is All Saints' Day? All Saints' Day is a church festival commemorating and honoring all in the Christian faithful. God declares everyone who has been baptized and believes the promise of the gospel to be justified, holy, and blameless. The communion of saints therefore includes both those still living on earth and those who have died in the faith and are now with Christ. This is what we are reminded of in Hebrews 12:1 "*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.*"

In our lessons today we read from the book of Revelation, a book filled the enormous scope of the fulfillment of God's promises, for right here and right now, and for all of eternity. On All Saints' Day we especially remember that the Church is much larger than the little part we can see with our eyes. The whole of the Church includes so many who have gone before us in the faith.

In addition to all who are alive in Christ on this earth, and those who have preceded us in faith and rest from their labors, there is another important group we should not forget. Those are the ones who are yet to come after us in the faith. And here is where those words from Hebrews bear repeating, in their entirety, "*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*"

All are signed with the cross of Christ in Holy Baptism. God sustains and seals our faith by the preaching of His Word and the giving of His Sacraments. By God's power we will all be delivered from sin and death to the holiness and eternal life of the Church Triumphant. In Him, **Pastor Hass**

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Ray Kunze, Bill Brauer, Jim Adamek, Georgia Roy, Fran Bloomer, Becca Ollek, Dave Schurman, Lois Rath, Dorothy Jones, Jan Ney, Walt Graupner, Don Wilkins

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Vicar J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; St. Johns—Springdale; Highland Christian of BV; Lutheran Campus Ministry

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR 9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School—ages 2 up to middle school will meet in Classroom A; middle school to high school meet in the Library.

Adult Sunday School—"What Lutheran's Believe" will continue with Pastor Hass in the Choir Room; "*The Lutheran Doctrine: Luther's Catechisms*" group will meet in Pastor's office; "*Exploring God's Word/Old Testament*" will be held in Classroom B and be led by Rev. Bob Miskimen; "*What's So Amazing About Grace*" by Phillip Yancey will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Aletha Dammann at 855-6739 or the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

THANK YOU

Thank you and Praise the Lord. We are so grateful for your prayers, your support, and your words of encouragement. Our daughter has

overcome her life threatening condition. We were so blessed to be able to spend time with her and provide physical support and love. It was also so wonderful to know that so many of you were holding her and us up in your prayers. We are blessed indeed by our wonderful Bella Vista Lutheran Church family.

Bill and Marilyn Powell

Thank you to all who kept the participants of the recent Vietnamese Pastor Training Session in your prayers. Ten pastors attended the session which was held in Cambodia. One pastor planning to attend was not allowed to travel outside Vietnam to attend. While in attendance, another was informed that the roof of his house had blown off by one of the typhoons that went through the Philippines. In spite of it all, it was a successful training session and those who were able to attend experienced safe travel.

NOTE: A report of the trip will be given on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are welcome to attend!
Pastor Pfluger

Thank you all for your prayers and cards for healing. My arm is improving every day. God answers prayer. Mavis Meyer

We want to thank our Bella Vista Lutheran family for all the love and support shown to us through cards, calls, flowers and hugs in the loss of Stan's mother. We have a great family here. Thanks.
Stan & Sharon Crandall

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and statements of support for our family over the loss of my brother-in-law in North Carolina. My sister could feel the warmth and care from this congregation when she received the prayer chain list signed by so many people. It is such a blessing to belong to a congregation who continually shows love and care during a time of sorrow. May God Bless.
Family of Howard Harlson

LWML SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT HOSTESSES IS ON THE KIOSK. SIGN UP ASAP.

TODAY is the last day to sign up for the **Choir Potato Bake** on Friday, Nov. 6 from 5-7 p.m. Please sign up at the kiosk.

In this past weeks Congregational Meeting the **Board of Directors for 2010** were elected. They are Mark Bernthal, Miriam Gustaf, John Moldenhauer, Gene Roy, Leighann Suurmeyer and Bob Svehla. Please keep these servants, as well as the current Board of Directors and Staff in your prayers.

SWAP News

This Wednesday, November 4, is our regular monthly work day to make and assemble cards for sale. It is also the day we make up the kits for the Boys and Girls Club. We will be adding Christmas cards as some people like to buy 'special' cards early!

Our next card sale will be November 8! You still have time to send Thanksgiving wishes to special friends and loved ones. It is not too EARLY to get those loved ones Christmas cards as the next sale won't be until December 13. Don't forget the shut-ins when you are buying cards! All proceeds will be going to *Shop With a Cop*. We really appreciate all your support!

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

October 25, 2009

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| Worship | 8:30 a.m. | 212 |
| | 10:45 a.m. | 70 |
| Projected for October Budget | | \$33,264.00 |
| Received to date | | \$35,966.05 |
| Balance overage for October | | \$ 2,702.05 |

Counters

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| Nov. 2 | Wayne and Jacquie Gruben |
| Nov. 9 | Jack and Nancy Manos |
| Nov. 16 | Ed Axel and Ted Bruch |

THE LORD'S WEEK

November 1-7, 2009

Sunday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Divine Worship w/communion |
| 9:45 a.m. | Christian Education Hour |
| 10:45 a.m. | Praise Worship |
| 3:00 p.m. | Reformation Seminar—Holy Trinity, Rogers, AR. Harvey Miskimen Organ Concert—BVLC |

Monday

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| 9:00 a.m. | JOY I—Barbara Hartwig |
| 1:00 p.m. | Silver Needle Quilters |
| 1:30 p.m. | JOY IIA—Doris Mentink JOY IIB— JOY IIC—Bev Effinger |
| 6:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training—Classroom A |

Tuesday

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| 8:30 a.m. | JOY IIIA—Thelma Sauer |
| 9:00 a.m. | JOY IIIC—Judy Moxon LifeLight—Fellowship Hall |
| 9-9 p.m. | Braille |
| 1:30 p.m. | JOY IV—Rena Stephenson |
| 3:30 p.m. | S.W.A.P.—Boys & Girls Club |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dave Ramsey—Fellowship Hall |

Wednesday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| 9:00 a.m. | Pray—ers |
| 9-11:30 a.m. | Mah Jongg—Classroom B |
| 9-4 p.m. | S.W.A.P.—Fellowship Hall |
| 9:30 a.m. | LWML Quarterly |
| 1:00 p.m. | JOY VB—Church |
| 1:30 p.m. | JOY VA—Joyce Ater |
| 6:15 p.m. | Men's Choir |
| 6:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training—Classroom A |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mixed Choir |

Thursday

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| 9:00 a.m. | Friendly Stitches—Fellowship Hall |
| 1:00 p.m. | LWML—FH |
| 6:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training—Classroom A |
| 7:00 p.m. | YAC III—Doreen & Dick Lubeck SAC III—Doris & Wayne Mentink |

Friday

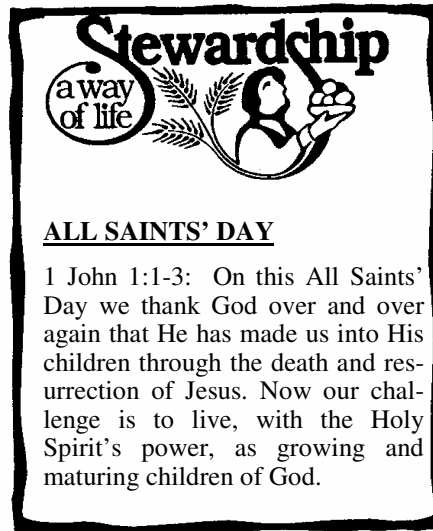
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| 9:00 a.m. | Backpacks |
| 5-7 p.m. | Choir Potato Bake |

Saturday

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| 8-2 p.m. | Care Van "The Miracle of Christmas"—Branson Trip |
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OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY—THUR. 7:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.—12 NOON**



ALL SAINTS' DAY

1 John 1:1-3: On this All Saints' Day we thank God over and over again that He has made us into His children through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now our challenge is to live, with the Holy Spirit's power, as growing and maturing children of God.

STEWARDSHIP

You know you are one of God's good stewards when you thank Him for all He has given you and share it with others.

Psalms 118: 1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever."

This year as we observe our season of thanksgiving, let us be grateful not only in word but also in deed. Let our

gratitude find a resolve to live a life more unselfish and more consecrated to Jesus Christ. When we sit around our tables laden with sumptuous delicacies, let us not forget that half the world will go to bed hungry. As we enjoy the comforts of our cozy homes, let us not forget the great numbers of people in the world that have no home to go to. When we get into our sleek automobiles, let us remember that many of the people in the world cannot afford even a bicycle. In the Lord's Prayer as it is written in the sixth chapter of Matthew, we read, "Give us this day our daily bread." That scripture and others teach us that the good things of this life are the gifts of God, that He is the donor of all our blessings and that we should share them with the poor. **Thanksgiving?** Yes, let us get down on our knees humbly and thank God for the blessings He has given us, both material and spiritual. They have come from His hands.

The Prayer: For all the blessings You bring me in such abundance, Lord, I thank you. As I celebrate Thanksgiving Day, may my heart be completely consecrated to Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that through Him my life will show my gratitude to You.

Stewardship Committee: Bill Scholten, Chair, Stan Crandall, Roy Knafla, Shirley Wiemers

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS are ready to sew. If you would like to help, please call Kathy Wilkins at 855-0548.

Sue Odell has the names of the CASA kids. Stop by her office to pick up the information.

MEDIA NEWS

The Lutheran Hour—Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on KURM (790 AM).
Woman to Woman—Sundays at 5:30 p.m. on KURM (790 AM).
JCPPLAYZONE.com & JCPARENTZONE.com are websites sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Check them out for play-time with a purpose!

CLOTHES LINE Fall & Winter Clothing Drive

Free Clothing Giveaway

November 7, 2009

at FIRESALE-LLC 4404 W. Walnut St. Rogers, AR.

Several businesses and individuals are coming together to give away 1000's of articles of clothing to those in need. Clothing donations can be made between 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday at Firesale-LLC in Rogers. For more information, please call 479-636-3473.

OPEN HOUSE FOR CAREGIVERS

November 6, 2009 Bella Vista Health Resource Center
10—12 Noon