

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

February 14-20, 2010

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

While I am apart from you I want you to know that you are in my heart and prayers. My trip this time is to St. John's in Orange, California. This is an historic church in a changing area. The church building is on the National Register of Historic Places, so, as a restoration contractor in my previous vocation, seeing that edifice will certainly make the trip interesting.

My trip is the fourth year collegial experience of the five year Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) curriculum. PLI has St. John's on its educational schedule for participating pastors because it is a one hundred and twenty five year old congregation that is actively reaching into and sharing the Gospel in a dynamic and diverse community.

I ask you to pray for me as I am learning and to pray for safety for all those traveling to and from this educational opportunity. You remain in my prayers and I echo the words of St. Paul to the Philippians in saying, *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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**In Your Prayers**, please include:

**Our Members:** Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Becca Ollek, Rachel Sanford, Gary Hartwig, Marie Herr, Elaine Schurman, Ed Barnoski, Greta Thiele, Lois Rath, Carol Conrad, Walt Ney, Dick Hise, Wayne Bloomer, Jerry Lundwall, Muriel Albers, Fae Miskimen, Caroline Davis

**Missions:** Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Ysleta Mission Team; Grace Lutheran-Holiday Island; BV First United Methodist Church; NW Arkansas Children's Shelter

**SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR at 9:45 a.m.**

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

**Adult Sunday School**—We will show a video of the keynote speech that Dr. Paul Borden presented at the recent Lutheran Church Extension Fund Annual meeting. Dr. Borden is the executive minister of Growing Healthy Churches and has written several of the books our congregation is using regarding Transformational Churches.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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A special **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **February 21, 2010** between services to finalize our nomination for Synodical Officers. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

The Mid-South District International **Lutheran Laymen's League** will convene its annual convention on February 26 & 27, 2010 at First Lutheran Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The guest speaker from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be Rich Cohrs, Manager, District & Congregational Relations. To those interested in attending the convention, please contact Ken Meyer at 855-9055

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**LENTEN SUPPER** sign up sheets are on the kiosk in the Narthex. This year we will be having 2 different soups, sandwiches and a dessert each evening. These meals are provided by different groups with donations going to support a mission of their choice. **SIGN UP TODAY for Ash Wednesday supper.**

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**Attention SECRET SISTERS and all members of BVLC.** Please remember to join in the fellowship and worship with our friends at Concordia on Sunday, February 28 at 2:39 p.m. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord.

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### THRIVENT NOTICE

Monthly Thrivent meetings are being suspended temporarily until the requirements and changes for obtaining Thrivent funding are available. The new program "Thrivent Choice" is designed to allow Thrivent members to choose to individually direct a certain amount of dollars from Thrivent Financial to their congregation or other non-profit Lutheran organizations. Complete details should be available in April.

Our congregation needs several individuals to work with the Congregational Advocate and the church in providing information necessary to direct the Thrivent Choice Funds.

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### BVLC SUMMER MEN'S GOLF LEAGUES BEING FORMED

Anyone interested in fun and fellowship playing 18 holes of golf on Tuesdays and/or Fridays should contact Rick Benson at 855-5853. All members and non-members are welcome.

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**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

February 7, 2010

Worship: 8:30 a.m. 205  
10:45 a.m. 81

Projected for February Budget \$39,184.00  
Received to date \$15,639.60  
Balance needed for February \$23,544.40

Feb. 15 John and Kathy Hughes  
Feb. 22 Ed Axel and Mavis Meyer  
March 1 Jack and Nancy Manos

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**THE LORD'S WEEK**

**February 14-20, 2010**

**Sunday**

**8:30 a.m. Divine Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
**10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion**

**Monday**

8:15 a.m. JOY IIIB—Peggy Olmstead  
9:00 a.m. JOY I—Sally Peterson  
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Stitchers  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Barb Roseen  
JOY IIC—Bev Effinger  
JOY IIB—Margaret Gruhn

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Eleanor Wierman  
9:00 a.m. Life Light—FH  
1:00 p.m. JOY IV—Samaritan Center

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Pray—ers  
LWML Board Meeting  
JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Classroom B  
1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Joyce Ater  
5:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out  
Lenten Supper  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service w/communion

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers  
Sonshiners  
12:30 p.m. Bridge  
2:30 p.m. Highland Rehab.  
6:15 p.m. Men's Choir  
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

**Friday**

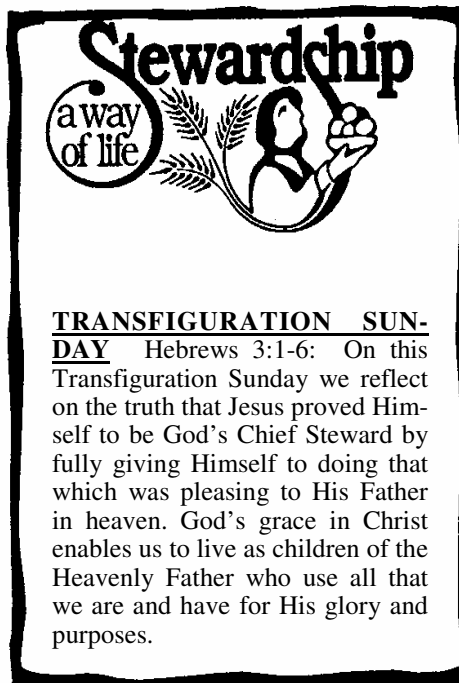
10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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



**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

Hebrews 3:1-6: On this Transfiguration Sunday we reflect on the truth that Jesus proved Himself to be God's Chief Steward by fully giving Himself to doing that which was pleasing to His Father in heaven. God's grace in Christ enables us to live as children of the Heavenly Father who use all that we are and have for His glory and purposes.

**Psalms 143:10**

*Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God: May Your Spirit lead me on level ground.*

You know you are one of God's good stewards when you dedicate some of your time to do His will. Not all of us can be pastors or presidents of synods. However, we should all do something with the time and talents that God gave us as individuals for His glory. If you are having trouble finding your niche, pray for guidance and seek help from someone who is active in church affairs.

Remember, only you can be you. God designed each of us so there would be no duplication in the world. No one has the exact same mix of factors that make you unique. That means no one else on earth will ever be able to play the role God planned for you. If you don't make your unique contribution to the Body of Christ, it won't be made.

**The Prayer:** Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

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**SCHMIEDING CENTER**

**Senior Circle Lunch & Learn**

**Heart Health "Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Coronary Artery Disease"**

Tuesday, February 23

Noon—1:00 p.m.

Kim Johnston, RN—Cardiac Rehab  
United Lutheran Church, Luther Hall

100 Cooper Road

Call 1-800-734-2024 to reserve your seat!

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Learn more about the **Alzheimer's Association** and the amazing things YOU can do!

**Come to a Volunteer Recruitment Party**

February 22 4:00-5:00 p.m.

The Meadows Assisted Living, 3rd Floor  
(2300 SE 28th St. Bentonville)

Call Peggy Wallis at 273-5559 with any questions you may have.