

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Why does the calendar dash by so quickly? It seems we have hardly gotten the Christmas decorations down, celebrated the Epiphany of our Lord and here comes Lent, and we are already three weeks into that season of the Church Year?!

The season of Lent is a time for reflection upon our sin and its consequences. If we spend Lent reflecting on temptation and our fall into it and we spend ourselves in resisting temptation by our own efforts, the end result will often be frustration. You and I both know that despite our best efforts, we do not do the good we want to do. Rather, it is the evil we do not want to do that we keep on doing. What good news there is in store for us today! When Jesus came to earth, He placed Himself under the Law and fought temptation for us and lived the perfect life for us. Praise God that Christ has silenced the Law. We cling to Him alone.

On Ash Wednesday the Church began the holy season of Lent, a season marked by prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Lent begins in ashes and ends in resurrection. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth. In Him, *Pastor Hass*

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Becca Ollek, Rachel Sanford, Gary Hartwig, Marie Herr, Elaine Schurman, Greta Thiele, Lois Rath, Carol Conrad, Walt Ney, Dick Hise, Wayne Bloomer, Caroline Davis, Roy Knafla, Art Quednow, Jan Ney, Gretel Janssen, Dearl Graupner

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Ysleta Mission; Ron Pfluger, Cambodia; Peace Lutheran, Prairie Grove; Heritage Baptist Church of BV; Village House

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—*Helping Others to Repent* A clear definition of sin is imperative in today's morally compromised and confused society. Confession and repentance for sin are essential because they open the door to forgiveness, healing and salvation.

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 so much for the many beautiful birthday cards and messages (and not one alike!). The years fly by. "God Is So Good!"
Marion Martin

Thanks to everyone for my birthday cards and the many get well

cards and prayers at church by Pastor. I'm doing fine but we're glad to be home. You're all so great for all the welcome homes from all of you. God's blessings to you. Lucille & Don Calkins

Many thanks for all who took the time to pray for me during my recent knee replacement surgery! Enjoyed the cards, phone calls and visits. I feel blessed and grateful for your concern.

Ed Barnowski

We are so grateful for our church family and all your prayers for our daughter, her family, and especially our new grandson. In spite of the problematic pregnancy and premature birth, both are doing exceptionally well. Thank you all for the support! God listened and blessed us! Yours in Him, Rick and Pam Benson

LENTEN SUPPER sign up sheets are on the kiosk.

A new shipment of greeting cards has arrived in the narthex. Look at Easter, Confirmation and Graduation cards at .50 cents each, along with new boxed cards and napkin additions.

TODAY the youth from The Community Church will be delivering a collection of food from their church members for our Shepherd's Food Pantry. We are thankful they desire to partner with us, in meeting the needs of the people in our community, in service to Our Lord.

WE'RE ON THE AIR!!!

1. Bella Vista Lutheran is on *The Weather Channel* this month, on the "8s." (If you get your TV from Cox Cable, that is.) Our "streamer," sometimes known as the "crawl," runs underneath the frequent reports. Since we are one of 5 or 6 advertisers, our message will be on roughly every 6 or 7 times. If you happen to see it, please drop a note in the church office to let us know you saw it and who you are.

2. In an effort to attract younger parishioners and eager participants in our outreach programs, we contracted with *"Hot Mix 101.9 FM"* with 30-second announcements that began the last Friday in February and continue through Palm Sunday-March 28. The message is:

"We're here to connect. Hungry? Our Food Pantry can feed you. Lonely, anxious or physically ill? Our Stephen Ministers can help you. Have an undernourished child? Our Cooper Back Pack covers you. Come check us out. We're Bella Vista Lutheran on Arkansas 279. Call 8-5-5-0-2-7-2 for directions."

3. We are hosting the *Concordia University Chicago's Kapelle-Concert Choir* Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m. They will perform a variety of music. The public has been invited. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted. The choir, on its Spring break, last appeared here 6 years ago.

Men's Day-Out Fellowship Luncheon: Wednesday, March 10th at 12:00 noon at Fred's Hickory Inn. For information contact Jerry Odell at 855-6095 or Loren Thiele at 855-3400.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—Five Wishes® presented by Circle of Life about Advance Directives. Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m. here at BVLC. Sign up at the kiosk.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

February 28, 2010

Worship: 8:30 a.m. 189
10:45 a.m. 91

Projected for February Budget \$39,184.00
Received to date \$42,055.40
Balance overage for February \$ 2,871.40

March 8 Barbara Harlson and Vern Howard
March 15 Wayne and Jacquie Gruben
March 22 Ted Bruch and Clarice Gnuse

THE LORD'S WEEK

March 7-13, 2010

Sunday

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

Monday

8:15 a.m. JOY IIIB—Esther Meier
9:00 a.m. JOY I—Lorraine Larson
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Marilyn Ernst
JOY IIC—
JOY IIB—Shirley Emling
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—
9:00 a.m. Life Light—FH
9—9 p.m. Braille
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Rena Stephenson
7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
JOY IIIC—Judy Moxon
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Church
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
JOY IIID—Library
6:15 p.m. Men's Choir
6:30 p.m. YAC II—Don & Lucille Calkins
7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

Friday

9:00 a.m. Backpack—FH
10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. SAC III—Wayne & Doris Mentink

Saturday


7:00 p.m. Concordia University Kapelle Choir Concert

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THUR. 7:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.—12 NOON

MESSIAH LUTHERAN in Pea Ridge is having their groundbreaking ceremony next Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 at their new site located at 15315 N. 94 Hwy. in Pea Ridge. (north of County Rd. 40 & Hwy 94 interchange.)



Stewardship
a way of life

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
1 Corinthians 10:1-13: Paul reminded the Corinthians of the example of the Children of Israel who were often unfaithful to God and His commands and instead focused on the things of this life. It was poor stewardship on their part to neglect their relationship with God as their number one priority. This was written (St. Paul says) as a warning to us to put first things first. Godly stewards do the right things for the right reasons.

SWAP will be selling cards in the narthex next Sunday, March 14! Now is the time to buy a card for that special someone. We will be selling Easter cards as well as our normal assortment. When you send or give a SWAP card, you are also giving a prayer asking God to bless the receiver and also a Bible verse. Cards are always available for sale in the office with payment on the honor system.

**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.

18-HOLE LADIES' GOLF STARTING IN APRIL

If you have not signed up to play with us, it's not too late. We will be playing each week on Tuesdays starting April 13th through mid-October. We would like to add your name to our list either as a REGULAR or as a SUB. We are having an introductory/welcome luncheon on March 9th at 12 noon at the Country Club. Please contact either Bettye Deppeler (855-0949) or Diana Watts (855-9397) if you have any questions or would like to join us for golf and for the luncheon.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MEETING

Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to the congregation.

Jessica Young of Circle of Life Hospice of Springdale will present an educational program on Hospice Care which will include a video and discussion on the Hospice concept of caregiving.

If you have any questions about Circle of Life Hospice, please plan to attend this session. Stephen Ministry Leadership

BV LUTHERAN GOLF—Great Fellowship!

Thursday—Mixed 9 Holers

Singles & Couples

Season begins April 1st at Scotsdale @ 10:32

Sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex or call Bill Scholten at 855-1324.

Lenten Supper February 17th—Donations designated for Cooper Elementary SnackPack Program. Donations were \$481 plus Thrivent Supplementary Funds of \$165 for a total of \$646. Many thanks and much appreciation for all the planning and work to assist this much needed project.

Take Control of Your Money

Dave Ramsey Simulcast Live—Nationwide on March 13, 2010

Where: First Baptist Church—Bentonville

Time: Noon-5 p.m. (Doors open at 11:00 a.m.)

Tickets: 1/\$10, 2/\$15 (Limited Seating)

Contact: First Baptist church office or www.fbcBentonville.org