

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to let you know about a unique opportunity that will be happening on Sunday, April 11, 2010. We will be having a **Mission Festival**. It will be a wonderful day to remember who we are in Christ and, as His children, what wonderful joy we can have in spreading His Word to those that do not know about all He has done for us. We will be joined in worship by a guest preacher, Rev. William Diekelman, the First Vice President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He will be encouraging us to participate in the Fan into Flame Campaign, a way of raising resources to send missionaries both near and far.

Because two out of every three people in the world today have no relationship with Christ, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its 29 partner and sister churches worldwide initiated the *Ablaze!* movement to reach 100 million people with the Gospel by the year 2017. *Fan into Flame* is the capital fund-raising campaign endorsed by the 2004 Synodical Convention that will secure \$100 million in new money (over and above current World Mission budget) to help reach the *Ablaze!* goals. The first major campaign of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 25 years, *Fan into Flame* will touch all districts and congregations, helping all Lutherans take a quantum leap in their ability to minister to the lost. Fan into Flame campaign total for gifts and pledges through March 5, 2010 is \$55,170,436.

In the worship services on April 11th, we will emphasize the joy of God's mission. We pray that on this special day we are once again reminded of the great privilege we have as we follow Christ and join in His mission, to bring His gospel to the entire world. In Christ, *Pastor Hass*

In Your Prayers, please include:

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

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Ysleta Mission; Salem Lutheran-Springdale; Judson American Baptist; Stephen Ministry

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—*Touching Broken Lives*. How do we reach out to a cynical generation? How do we keep from being cynical ourselves? What is your individual commitment to finding and inviting people to church?

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

THANK YOU

It is with a humble and thankful heart that I write these words of grateful thanks to our Lord Jesus; and also to those who prayed for and with me before and also after my second knee replace-

ment—namely, the chaplain of Mercy Hospital, Sue Odell, Pastor Neil Vanderbush and Carol Reuter from Pastoral Care Ministry. Also Pastor Hass after surgery and all you fantastic people of our Bella Vista Church. Greta Thiele

Dear Christian Friends: Words cannot express how much your prayers meant to my family and me during the time of my husband's hospitalization, surgery and subsequent death on January 14. It is a great comfort to know that others care. Again, thank you for your Christian prayer support. Maxine Nelson & the family of James A. Nelson

Thank you for your prayers and your concern as I was having my two cataract surgeries. All is going well. I thank God for each of you. Muriel Albers

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.

SAVE THE DATE!! Dr. Paul L. Maier's Seminar "The Crescent and the Cross" will be at BVLC on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 am—3:15 pm. Are you curious about Islam and how it compares with Christianity? Or how you, as a Lutheran, can evaluate the very different Muslim culture? Be part of a free seminar featuring an expert on both Islam and Christianity, Dr. Paul Maier. Dr. Maier is a professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, as well as a vice president of the Missouri Synod, and a published author of many works of both fiction and non-fiction. Seating is limited, so sign up TODAY at the kiosk. A free lunch is included.

FIVE WISHES®

Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m. BVLC

This program, presented by Circle of Life, is about Advance Directives and is a resource tool for our friends and family to share their final wishes. The program includes a 20 minute video, a Q & A session and a Five Wishes® booklet for each attendee.

HELP WANTED—Saturday, April 3 at 2 pm is our annual community Easter Egg Hunt. We need help filling and hiding 1,000 eggs as well as supervising the mad dash for the goodies. Set up and hiding begins at noon on Saturday. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two and join in the fun. A sign up sheet is located at the kiosk or for additional information contact Kathy Hughes.

Make a joyful noise! Our mixed choir and men's choir are always happy to have new members. Being able to read music is NOT a requirement. Having a beautiful solo voice is NOT a requirement. Please join us for the fun, fellowship and the wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord in music. Please call (616-0595) or email (music@bvlutheran.com) Mary Lou Lohr if you'd like more information.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

March 7, 2010

Worship: 8:30 a.m. 211
10:45 a.m. 74

Projected for March Budget \$53,614.00
Received to date \$13,716.50
Balance needed for March \$39,897.50

March 15 Wayne and Jacquie Gruben
March 22 Ted Bruch and Clarice Gnuse
March 29 Stan and Sharon Crandall

THE LORD'S WEEK

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Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
Blood Pressure—Classroom B
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion

Monday

8:15 a.m. JOY IIIB—Betty Long
9:00 a.m. JOY I—Kathy Wilkins
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Stitches
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Pat Modrak
JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke
JOY IIB—Curly Baehr
7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
Board of Education Meeting—Classroom B

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Kae Knudson
9:00 a.m. Life Light—FH
9—9 p.m. Braille
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Nancy Gruenewald

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Pray—ers
JOY IIIC—Deb Roesener
LWML Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Ruth Bruch
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper
Parent's Night Out
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitches
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
Secret Sisters—Fellowship Hall

Friday

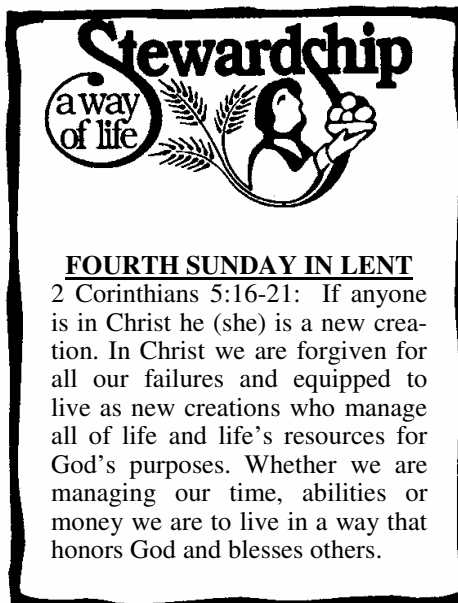
10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Samuel Team

OFFICE HOURS

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

2 Corinthians 5:16-21: If anyone is in Christ he (she) is a new creation. In Christ we are forgiven for all our failures and equipped to live as new creations who manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Whether we are managing our time, abilities or money we are to live in a way that honors God and blesses others.

SPRING WILL COME!

Jeff Foxworthy says that if you know all of the four seasons as—almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction —you probably live in Wyoming. A lot of other people in wintry states might say the same thing. But in March, we observe the beginnings of spring! As the trees and bushes bud and the grass starts to turn green, we look forward to the beginning of a new cycle with warmer weather and a new start for seedtime and harvest.

But, just as spring starts a new cycle of life, so also

Easter with it's joy and celebration starts a new cycle of life for us as God's stewards. During the reflective season of Lent, we look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter. This is a great reminder that we are "Easter people" - people of hope. Hope refreshes us with new beginnings, not just at springtime, but every new day.

Let's "spring" to new life as God's invigorated stewards who, in company with our fellow members, manage all that we are and can to God's glory...and share our joy with others who do not yet know the Lord.

The Stewardship Board

New e-mail addresses for the following personnel:

Linda—office@bvlutheran.com
Sue—care.ministry@bvlutheran.com
Sharon—finance.office@bvlutheran.com
Mary Lou Lohr—music@bvlutheran.com
Pastor Hass—pastor@bvlutheran.com
Church—office@bvlutheran.com

BV LUTHERAN GOLF—Great Fellowship!

Thursday— Mixed 9 Holers
Singles & Couples

Season begins April 1st at Scotsdale at 10:32

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

SWAP is selling cards today in the narthex. Check them out and buy a card for someone special. SWAP means our cards are Stamped With A Prayer, so a prayer and a Bible verse goes along with it - and the money you spend helps our mission efforts. We are currently raising funds to purchase duffle bags for children at the NW Arkansas Children's Shelter. Help us meet our goal of purchasing 50 bags.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH will have their ground breaking ceremony **TODAY** at 2:00 p.m. at their new site located at 15315 N. 94 Hwy in Pea Ridge (just North of the County Rd. 40 and Hwy 94 interchange.)

Please keep Messiah in prayer as they make this bold step in an effort to better reach the community.

If anyone is interested in helping with the "self-build" building process, contact Pastor Vanderbush.