

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How often have you heard the people of Bella Vista Lutheran Church ask this question: "How can we help?"

In my short time here I have heard that question asked, and more importantly I have seen that question answered, not just with words but especially with action. We all know that natural disasters come without warning and take their toll. We know that personal trials come, seemingly out of the blue, and rock our world. We know that just when we are prepared for everything to remain the same, everything seems to change. People suffer as life, family, home, and business suffer through difficult times.

We are not the first people to encounter the difficulties in this life. St. Paul talked of just this very thing as he sent his Letter to the Romans. Romans 5:3-5 reads, "*More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*"

Dear friends in Christ, pray for those around you who suffer. Whether the suffering is because of life in general, health, finances, or change, whatever the cause: pray. As we help those around us that struggle, we also help ourselves to become people of endurance, character and hope.

Through prayer God's love will indeed be poured into our hearts, to love, to encourage, and by our actions, to help and give hope to those hurting around us.

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Ray Kunze, Bill Brauer, Jim Adamek, Georgia Roy, Clarence Graves, Ivan Hirsch, Les Gatchel, Art Quednow, Fran Bloomer, Ed Axel, Fern Svehla, Becca Ollek, Paul Berndt, Jen Davis-McNew, Judy Anderson, Dave Schurman

Condolences: Gareld Johnson and Stan Crandall at the loss of their mothers

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Vicar J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Our Redeemer, Berryville; BV Community Church, Helping Hands

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR—9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School—ages 2 up to middle school will meet in Classrooms A & B; middle school to high school will 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 Philip Yancey will be the study taught 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, BVLC members and friends, for the prayers, cards, calls and kind words during and after my recent surgery. WOW! God is good!
Marlys Rembold

Thank you, thank You, for the remembrance plaque and commendation given to us at the early service on Sept. 27. Bella Vista Lutheran is such a unique church with its outpouring of love, warmth and friendship, one I am sure we will never find another like it again. I tell people it is like having a bit of heaven here on earth! Our good memories here will remain with us forever! This is a move we felt necessary to make for Les's health concerns and am sure God has had a hand in making this come about.

Also, at this time, I want to thank everyone for the many, many wonderful cards we just recently received for our 55th anniversary. What a joy and what a treat! We will truly miss all of you, more than you will know—just come visit us in Sun City! God is good and He does answer prayers! Again, God loves you and so do we!

Les & Helen Gatchel

Thank you for all the well wishes and prayers the Lord answered on my behalf. What a loving Christian family the Lord has provided for us. May He bless each of you.

Ivan and Millie Hirsch

God has truly blessed me! He has led me to a "family" with hearts of gold and prayers that are answered. I want to thank you all for the prayers, cards and the concern that has been shown to me in this most recent replacement surgery. I KNOW God answers prayers because He did fulfill those you sent heavenward for my healing. Now I need to practice the patience that Pastor Hass spoke about last Sunday and let my body heal fully. God bless all of you!

Bonnie Whiting

To my dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: I can not thank you enough for all of your prayers, calls, cards and many forms of help following my recent surgery. Jerry and I are going to Utah for two weeks to be with family and ask for your continued prayers as we travel. A special 'thank you' to Pastor Hass for his concern and also to the "Braille Bunch" for carrying on with their wonderful mission. I feel so privileged to be a part of the Bella Vista Lutheran Church family.

Marie Herr

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to sign up for "**THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS**" in Branson on Saturday, November 7th. The cost is \$49.41 per ticket. Sign up sheet is on the kiosk.

ALL LADIES OF BVLC—You are invited to attend the LWML Fall Zone Rally at our church on October 10. It includes coffee and muffins, a worship service, a visiting speaker and a business meeting. The speaker is Pat Funk, our Mission Ministry Vision person from our District LWML. She'll speak on how to revitalize your LWML. Please sign up on sheet on the kiosk **TODAY**. Our local society is hosting the event. We want our local workers to sign up too.

SWAP will meet this Wednesday (October 7th) in the Fellowship Hall to make cards to sell from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. We had a wonderful turn out in September and all the help was greatly appreciated. Again, you don't have to make cards to be of help! Lunch is not furnished so come prepared if you plan on staying all day! (We brown bag it, go out or order in.)

Offering envelope boxes for 2010 are now available for pick-up in the Narthex near the Memory Garden doors.

Dee Hachinsky

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE: The contract has been signed and equipment ordered with tentative delivery of October 9. Contact Jim Searls, Gene Gnuse or Gerry Rath if you have any questions.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

September 27, 2009

Worship 8:30 a.m. 189
10:45 a.m. 83

Projected for September Budget \$33,264.00
Received to date \$33,616.05
Balance overage for September \$ 352.05

Counters

Oct. 5 Jack and Nancy Manos
Oct. 12 Mavis Meyer and Esther Meier
Oct. 19 Diana Watts and Jackie Hartmann

THE LORD'S WEEK

October 4-10, 2009

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m. Praise Worship
2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Barbara Hartwig
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Nancy Manos
JOY IIB—No meeting
JOY IIC—Vera Fenner
7:00 p.m. Thrivent Meeting

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
9-9 p.m. Braille—Classroom B
9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—
JOY IIID—Library
LifeLight—Choir Room
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Rachel Sanford
3:30 p.m. S.W.A.P. (B&G Club)
6:30 p.m. Dave Ramsey FPU—FH
7:00 p.m. Performance Maintenance Team Mtg.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Pray—ers
9-4 p.m. S.W.A.P.—FH
9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly
10:30 a.m. Beaded Ladies
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Verna Menard

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
JOY IIID—Library
6:30 p.m. Todd Whatley—FH
Odell TLC—FH
7:00 p.m. SAC II—John & Marian Ritter

Friday

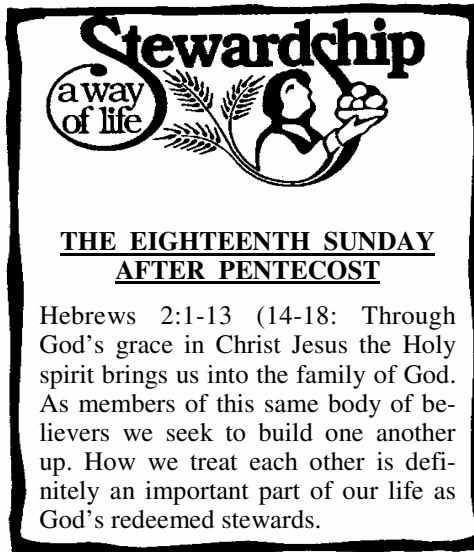
Saturday

LWML Zone Rally

OFFICE HOURS

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

NEW PHONE NUMBER:



**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18: Through God's grace in Christ Jesus the Holy spirit brings us into the family of God. As members of this same body of believers we seek to build one another up. How we treat each other is definitely an important part of our life as God's redeemed stewards.

STEWARDSHIP

Acts 17:28

"For in Him we live and move and have our being."

When I was about seven years old, my father bought me my first bicycle. I had never ridden one before. Patiently, my family and friends were trying to teach me how to ride this bicycle. It did not take long before I discovered that there was one thing I had to do if I was to stay on the bicycle and that was to keep moving forward. If I stopped going forward, I would fall and often hurt myself. Well, so it is with stewardship and the Christian style of life. You must continue to

move forward or you will fall and you could hurt yourself spiritually. We can never live this life on earth on the highest plane unless we are continually growing and moving forward. So that means we should be closer to God today in heart, body and soul, than at any other time so far in our entire lives. **A Growing Christian Steward's Prayer:** Lord, I have progressed far too slowly in my pilgrim walk with You. Help me to be drawn closer to the light of Your love and grace. Amen
The Stewardship Committee: Bill Scholten, Chair, Stan Crandall, Roy Knafla, Shirley Wiemers

The Lutheran Hour—Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on KURM (790 AM).
Woman to Woman—Sundays at 3:30 p.m. on KURM (790 AM). (Please note the new time!) **JCPLAYZONE.com** & **JCPARENTZONE.com** are websites sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Check them out for playtime with a purpose!

TRUNK & TREAT
OCTOBER 31, 2009 5-7 p.m.
BVLC Parking Lot

The Children and Youth Ministry Team has planned the first annual net-fishing HALLOWEEN "SPOOK-TAC-U-LAR". We venture to guess that a huge percentage of our congregation have not been visited by a single child on Halloween since moving to Bella Vista.

We request that the entire congregation get on board and participate by parking your vehicle, golf cart, etc. in the church parking lot, open your trunk and distribute treats to all costumed children. If you are so inclined, decorate your vehicle, put on a costume and get in the spirit. The Children and Youth Ministry Team is providing three inflatables for kids to jump in, horse and pony rides, and refreshments to warm cold hands and feet. To register your vehicle, please sign up at the kiosk.

BVLC is conducting a **RUMMAGE SALE** as a Net Fishing project October 24, from 8-2 p.m. We desire to introduce as many people of the community as is possible to the beauty and fellowship for our church. Rummage items are needed: October 19-22 please bring items to the church in the morning. If you want someone to pick it up, call Rick Eggert at 855-2846 or John Hughes at 855-4807.

Mark your calendar now for the Lutheran World Relief semi truck to be at BVLC to pick up the boxed items from this area on Saturday, November 7, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, at the west end of our church parking lot. If you would like to help out with overseas shipping expenses, please place an offering in the Special Envelope and mark it for LWR Overseas Shipping Expenses. More information will follow in the weeks to come.

Mah-Jongg lessons will be taught at BVLC starting on October 21, 2009 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in classroom B. Contact Lora Rollings or Betty Long to sign up.