

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

October 25-31, 2009
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ:

This past Sunday was a wonderful day. We saw our congregation's wonderful response to the love of God through the welcoming of a new member through baptism and confirmation. We celebrated God's provision in our lives by joyfully responding to God's love in Christ through our Consecration Sunday event. And today we come together to prepare ourselves for the work God has prepared for us in 2010 in our Congregational Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

In these past weeks there has been a wonderful outpouring of love, in and through God's people gathered here at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Support and shared hopes, dreams as well as hurts, difficulties and loss have all been daily placed before our Lord in prayer. And through those prayers, in response to the incredible love of Jesus in this place, action has taken place that has expanded God's Kingdom and shared the Good News of Christ!

All of this review is to tell each of you, thank you! It has been a privilege to serve you and to pray with you. It is a genuine blessing to know that so many of our members regularly hold each of you, and me, up in prayer daily.

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, Marlys Rembold, Curly Baehr, Lois Rath, Dorothy Jones, Jan Ney

Condolences: Howard & Barb Harlson at the loss of Howard's brother-in-law, Richard

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Vicar J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran, Eureka Springs; Heritage Baptist Church of BV; Friendly Stitches

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.

Consecration Sunday Results—October 18, 2009

A total of 129 giving units (husbands and wives or single persons) completed *Estimate of Giving Cards*. A total of 82 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above last year's amount. A total giving commitment from the *Estimate of Giving Cards* is \$399,354. Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$109,856 during the coming year from those who have consistent giving patterns during the past twelve months but did not provide an *Estimate of Giving Card* on Consecration Sunday. Based on the average total loose offerings during the past several years we can expect to receive \$9,133 during the coming year from that source. This gives us a grand total of \$518,343 anticipated income for the next twelve months. This is an increase of \$58,460, or 13% over last year.

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 for all the prayers and cards after the death of my mother. They were greatly appreciated. God's blessings to a nice church family.
Gareld Johnson

Thank you Pastor Hass and fellow BV church members for all the prayers, cards and best wishes I received following my stroke. They were all very meaningful to both me and Joan. By the grace of God, I am doing very well.
Ed Axel

ORGAN/HYMN SING CONCERT will be held next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. with guest organist, Harvey Miskimen. Bring family & friends to an uplifting time of music! A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the concert.

LWML SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ADVENT BY CANDLE-LIGHT HOSTESSES IS ON THE KIOSK! This is the December 3rd dessert meeting at 7:00 .m. Please sign up ASAP.

18 HOLE LADIES GOLF: If you would be interested in playing with a group of church ladies, please call Bettye at 855-0949 or Diana at 855-9397.

REFORMATION SEMINAR: You are invited to attend the Northwest Arkansas Reformation Seminar next Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. This special educational opportunity will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rogers. The speaker for this seminar is Dr. Gerhardt Bode from Concordia Seminary.

TRUNK & TREAT HALLOWEEN "SPOOK-TAC-U-LAR" is Saturday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. To register your vehicle or to help, sign up at the kiosk.

The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS TODAY** at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

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

A Cap and Mitten Tree will be placed in the narthex during November and early December. The items will be taken to Glen Duffy School in Gravette around December 10.

NEW MEMBER: Cheryl Cardin
4 Brittany Circle BV 72714
268-6793 ccardin2@cox.net

THRIVENT MEETING

Bella Vista Lutheran Church's next Thrivent meeting will be held on Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars!!

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

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

October 18, 2009

Worship	8:30 a.m.	200
	10:45 a.m.	118
Projected for October Budget		\$33,264.00
Received to date		\$28,818.30
Balance needed for October		\$ 4,445.70

Counters

Oct. 26	Diana Watts & Cyndi Isaacson
Nov. 2	Wayne and Jacque Gruben
Nov. 9	John and Marian Ritter

THE LORD'S WEEK

October 25-31, 2009

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Divine Worship
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Praise Worship w/communion
2:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Monday

9:00 a.m.	JOY I—Irma Miesbach
1:30 p.m.	JOY IIA—Doris Mentink
	JOY IIB—Donna Henning
	JOY IIC—Shirley Wiemers
	Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry

Tuesday

8:30 a.m.	JOY IIIA—Eleanor Wierman
9:00 a.m.	JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings
	LifeLight—Fellowship Hall
9-9 p.m.	Braille
1:30 p.m.	JOY IV—Diane Womack
6:30 p.m.	Dave Ramsey—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Quilting
9-11:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg—Classroom B
1:30 p.m.	JOY VA—Sharon Longnecker
	JOY VB—Church
6:15 p.m.	Men's Choir
7:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir

Thursday

9:00 a.m.	Friendly Stitchers—Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	SAC II—John and Marian Ritter

Friday

Saturday

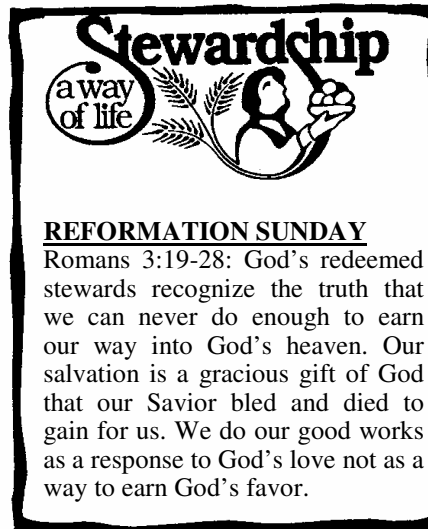
9— Noon	Leader's Meeting—Fellowship Hall
6-8 p.m.	TRUNK & TREAT

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THUR. 7:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.—12 NOON

REMINDER: Friday is Pastor Hass's day off. If you have an emergency, feel free to contact him. Otherwise, contact the church office for assistance.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Romans 3:19-28: God's redeemed stewards recognize the truth that we can never do enough to earn our way into God's heaven. Our salvation is a gracious gift of God that our Savior bled and died to gain for us. We do our good works as a response to God's love not as a way to earn God's favor.

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

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

at FIRESALE-LLC

4404 W. Walnut St. Rogers, AR. (in the Kingston Center)

Would you give the shirt off your back to someone in need? This is exactly what will happen on November 7th, 2009. Several businesses and individuals are coming together to give away 1000's of articles of clothing to those in need.

How can you help? Clothing donations can be made between 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday at Firesale-LLC in Rogers. The actual *Free Clothing Giveaway* is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information on how you can help volunteer your time or donate resources, please call 479-636-3473.

ONE TOE IN THE GRAVE—DINNER THEATER

Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista

Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, 2009

Dinner Seating—5:30 p.m.

Tickets—\$16.00 Play only—\$7.00 (Limited seating)

Sunday Matinee—November 1, 2009

Performance at 2:00 p.m. Tickets—\$7.00

The article in the Rural Arkansas about Frank Broyles and his Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers is interesting reading. Sue Odell has a few copies of the Playbook in her office; call or stop by and pick one up.