

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ:

While I am not with you today, our seemingly always at-the-ready Pastor Emeritus, Stan Jones, will hold forth in my absence. I appreciate his continuing service to the people of Bella Vista Lutheran Church!

I am at a Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) meeting at historic Trinity Lutheran Church in the "high holy land of Lutherans," downtown Souldard Market area of St. Louis, MO. Trinity is the oldest Lutheran congregation west of the Mississippi River. The congregation was founded in 1839 by Saxon immigrants who had planned to settle in Perry County, Missouri but ended up staying in St. Louis. C. F. W. Walther, the first President of the Missouri Synod was Trinity congregation's second pastor.

The congregation is located in an area of changing demographics. Although the church is truly historic, it serves contemporary people with programs directed to their spiritual needs.

The group I am with will be learning from Trinity's senior pastor David Marth, and his staff. The congregation is in a neighborhood that has changed tremendously over the years. While many Lutheran churches in downtown areas dwindle, the people of Trinity have taken on the neighborhood changes as an opportunity to serve God by serving those in the congregation's immediate neighborhood. Trinity's over 500 members include young families, young urban singles, empty-nesters and others from throughout the St. Louis area. Their Parish House of Trinity daily serves hot meals to the homeless, provides food via a food pantry, and is instrumental in helping people find medical care. They also continue to conduct monthly services in the German language.

Please pray for this PLI group's continued learning and safe travel. I pray God's blessing on you as you worship our Savior this day!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Bill Brauer, Jim Adamek, Georgia Roy, Fran Bloomer, Becca Ollek, Lois Rath, Jerry Odell, Edna Opitz, Judy Anderson

Condolences: Laura Kunze at the loss of her husband, Ray

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran, Holiday Island; Bella Vista Presbyterian; Hanna House

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 not meet today due to the absence Pastor Hass. The class will conclude next Sunday 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—led by Rev. Bob Miskimen. "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Phillip Yancey will be held 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

Dear Members: Our family would like to thank you for welcoming us at Trunk or Treat. Our children enjoyed it tremendously. My youngest child wanted to know if she could still come when she is a teenager! Many thanks. The Beck's

What an awesome feeling to be greeted so warmly by so many on my return to church services last Sunday!! The great support from the Lord and all your prayers sure helped to get us back on a fairly routine lifestyle. THANKS! Curly and Bob Baehr

Gerry and I would like to thank all of our caring and concerned BVLC family for their expressions of Christian love during my most recent surgery. Your prayers and support were especially appreciated. We now feel God's blessing hand as health slowly returns. Lois and Gerry Rath

Many thanks to the members of BVLC who offered condolences, cards, and memorials at the death of my mother. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. Roland and Nona Sperry

MEALS ON WHEELS NOTICE

The drivers sign-up calendar is now up in the narthex. Please sign your name with the pens that are provided and place pens back in holder. Our month to deliver is Jan. but we do not deliver New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day or any day the school is closed because of inclement weather. We will have a meeting for all drivers between services sometime in Dec. Will let you know after the schedules are completed. Thank you. Questions?? Call Irma Miesbach 855-7923 or Muriel Albers 855-9781

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The "Christmas Card Tree" will be placed in the Narthex tomorrow through Dec. 27th so that you may place one card on the tree for everyone in our congregation and then contribute to a charity of your choice with the savings. Please indicate your charity of choice on your card. After the 27th, we will provide a list of those placing cards on the tree and which charities benefited. This is a mission of your Children and Youth Ministry.

Non-Perishable Food Items Needed. This year, during the Thanksgiving Season, you are asked to donate food items that will be given to Helping Hands. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items and place them in the box labeled "Helping Hands" located in the narthex. These items will be displayed on the floor around the altar during the Thanksgiving worship service, and then taken to Helping Hands as a donation from our congregation.

New Greeting Cards are on display in the narthex. Look for the LWML display of Christmas Cards and a new shipment of Birthday and Sympathy cards. We also have some Thanksgiving cards for 50 cents each. Thanks for your support of this LWML project.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

November 8, 2009

Worship	8:30 a.m.	227
	10:45 a.m.	66
Projected for November Budget		\$43,106.00
Received to date		\$22,376.89
Balance needed for November		\$20,729.11

Counters

Nov. 16	Ed Axel and Ted Bruch
Nov. 23	Vern Howard and Carol Sanders
Nov. 30	Don and Claudia Jorgensen

THE LORD'S WEEK
November 15-21, 2009

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Divine Worship w/communion
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Praise Worship
2-4:00 p.m.	Family Pickleball—Metfield

Monday

9:00 a.m.	JOY I—Peggy Nelson
10:00 a.m.	BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
1:00 p.m.	Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m.	JOY IIA—Helen Weeks
	JOY IIB—Margaret Gruhn
	JOY IIC—Vera Fenner
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training—Classroom A

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.	JOY IIIC—Jacquie Gruben Braille
10:00 a.m.	JOY IIIA—Shoebbox Ministry
1:30 p.m.	JOY IV—Samaritan House
6:00 p.m.	Braille Dinner

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Quilting
9-11:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg—Classroom B
10:00 a.m.	BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
1:00 p.m.	JOY VB—Church
1:30 p.m.	JOY VA—Claudia Jorgensen
5:30 p.m.	Parent's Night Out
6:15 p.m.	Men's Choir
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training—Pastor's Office
7:00 p.m.	Mixed Choir

Thursday

9:00 a.m.	Friendly Stitchers—Fellowship Hall Sonshiners
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
12:30 a.m.	Bridge
2:30 p.m.	Highland Rehab
7:00 p.m.	SAC III—Irma and Arlo Miesbach SAC II—Peggy Karels

Friday

9:00 a.m.	Backpacks—Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
7:00 p.m.	YAC III—John & June Lear

Saturday

9:00 a.m.	Samuel Team
9—5 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training—Classroom A

OFFICE HOURS

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

FYI: The honey from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch was shipped on Friday, November 6, 2009.



Hebrews 10:11-25: This Epistle reading encourages us to spur each other on toward love and good deeds while meeting together regularly, especially in worship, for mutual encouragement as we look forward to our Lord's coming again in power and glory to gather His saints and bring us all into the everlasting bliss of heaven.

STEWARDSHIP

You know you are one of God's good stewards when you thank Him for all He has given you and share it with others.

Psalm 118: 1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever."

This year as we observe our season of thanksgiving, let us be grateful not only in word but also in deed. Let our gratitude find a resolve to live a life more unselfish and

more consecrated to Jesus Christ. When we sit around our tables laden with sumptuous delicacies, let us not forget that half the world will go to bed hungry. As we enjoy the comforts of our cozy homes, let us not forget the great numbers of people in the world that have no home to go to. When we get into our sleek automobiles, let us remember that many of the people in the world cannot afford even a bicycle. In the Lord's Prayer as it is written in the sixth chapter of Matthew, we read, "Give us this day our daily bread." That scripture and others teach us that the good things of this life are the gifts of God, that He is the donor of all our blessings and that we should share them with the poor. **Thanksgiving?** Yes, let us get down on our knees humbly and thank God for the blessings He has given us, both material and spiritual. They have come from His hands.

The Prayer: For all the blessings You bring me in such abundance, Lord, I thank you. As I celebrate Thanksgiving Day, may my heart be completely consecrated to Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that through Him my life will show my gratitude to You. Stewardship Committee: Bill Scholten, Chair, Stan Crandall, Roy Knafla, Shirley Wiemers

Shepherd's Food Pantry needs volunteers. A sign up sheet is on the kiosk. Call Diana Wickboldt—855-9202 with questions.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Dee Kincade
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PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the 2010 Membership Directory. Carol Moldenhauer will be taking pictures in front of the altar starting next Sunday, November 22, from 8:00-8:20 a.m. & by the Visitors' Center from 10:30 a.m. until the beginning of the 2nd service. Pictures will be taken of new members and anyone who wishes to have a more current photo.

Take advantage of this opportunity to provide any changes; name, address, phone number or email. This will also be an opportunity for those of us who aren't happy with our current picture. Please call Carol at 876-6664 or send an email to molde@cox.net if you wish to have your picture "redone".

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR is coming to UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH, 100 Cooper Road, in Bella Vista, AR on Friday, November 20th, 2009, to give a Concert at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Free will love offering will be collected.