

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ:

This week's note will be short and direct. It has a one word theme: Thanksgiving! I want to thank each and every one of you for your heartfelt words and actions of comfort and support for my family and for me these past months. We are so thankful to be a part of your lives and the life of this Congregation. You have given us so much to thank God for! Our prayer is that God continue to bless you with open and caring hearts.

I'll conclude this note with a story that says it well: A little girl I know handled her thankfulness this way. After the expected thanking of God for food on the table she continued with a long list. She said, "*Thank you for the grass, and the sky, and animals, and air, and television, and cars, and the ocean, and mountains, and lakes, and dogs, and cats, and Mommy and Daddy and brother and sister, thank you for my warm bed and the bright sun, thank you, thank you, thank you, ...and especially thank you for the baby Jesus!*" I sometimes wonder if extra credit goes to the one that always remembers to thank God for His best gift! In Him, *Pastor Hass*

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Fran Bloomer, Becca Ollek, Lois Rath, Jerry Odell, Edna Opitz, Judy Anderson, Dave Schurman, Les Gatchel, Bob Johnson, Carl Mueller

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Redeemer Lutheran-Mountain Home; St. Bernard's Catholic Church; Sonshiners

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 meet 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 Friends in Christ: At this time, I would like to thank all the members of BVLC for the many, many prayers and cards. Especially the Stephen Ministers. Jim Adamek

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and cards for my recent shoulder surgery. I am progressing with therapy as time goes on. Ellie would like to thank all for the beautiful birthday cards also. GOD IS SO GOOD. Thanks Again. Ken Wood

Among my many blessings is my family in Christ at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Thanks to all of you for making me feel so welcome. Cheryl Cardin

MEALS ON WHEELS NOTICE

Our month to deliver is January. We will have a meeting for all drivers between services in December. Sign up in the Narthex or call Irma Miesbach 855-7923 or Muriel Albers 855-9781 with any questions.

Non-Perishable Food Items Needed. 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 supporting this LWML project.

YSLETA LUTHERAN MISSION—Ysleta supports year-round ministry in El Paso and several of the poorest communities throughout northern Mexico. Our BVLC Servant Event Mission Team is scheduled to leave Jan. 30 and return Feb. 6. For those interested in joining us, see the "sign-up" sheet on the kiosk.

There will be an informational meeting in Classroom B on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. This may be your special opportunity to serve!
Ivan Hirsch

Helping Hands Work Day is December 5, 2009. Please sign up at the kiosk as soon as possible.

LWML's Advent By Candlelight is December 3. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Sign up as soon as possible.

New Stephen Ministers

This morning we are commissioning three new Stephen Ministers: Cathy Bernthal, Wayne Gruben, and Peggy Stuckenbroker. They have completed 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and are now prepared to serve in this capacity. We congratulate them and thank them for their dedication.

Please lift up Cathy, Wayne and Peggy in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they serve. Pray also for the continued ministry of our entire Stephen Ministry team.

If you, or anyone you know, need someone to walk with you through a difficult situation, please let us know. Stephen Ministers are not counselors but we provide confidential one-to-one Christian care for people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Please contact Pam Benson if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or if you would like to have a Stephen Minister.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

November 15, 2009

Worship	8:30 a.m.	235
	10:45 a.m.	76
Projected for November Budget		\$43,106.00
Received to date		\$29,095.39
Balance needed for November		\$14,010.61

- Nov. 23 Vern Howard and Carol Sanders
 - Nov. 30 Don and Claudia Jorgensen
 - Dec. 7 Nancy Larson and Sally Pfluger
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THE LORD'S WEEK
November 22-28, 2009

Sunday

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

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—No Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—June Hanson
- JOY IIB—No Meeting
- JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting
- Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—No Meeting
- Braille
- 10:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—No Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—No Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—No Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. JOY VA—No Meeting

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday

- 10:00 a.m. BV Men's Pickleball Club—Metfield
- Office Closed

Saturday

OFFICE HOURS

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

Lutheran Study Bibles are available for purchase in the church office.

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

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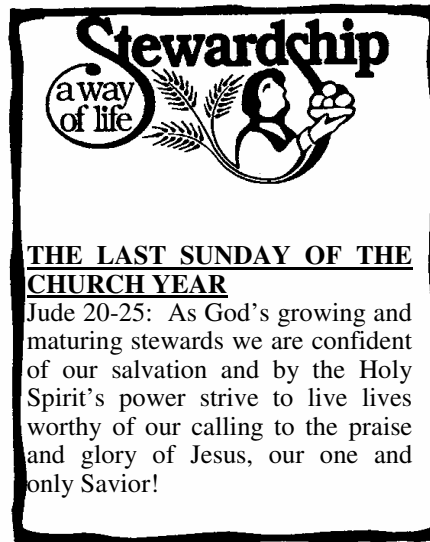


PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the 2010 Membership Directory. Carol Moldenhauer will be taking pictures TODAY in front of the altar 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".

Stephen Ministry Meeting
Brookfield Assisted Living
Monday, November 23, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Our November 23, 2009 Stephen Ministry Meeting will begin at the Brookfield Assisted Living Facility at 7:00 p.m. The Brookfield is located at #3 Highland Crossing (next to the Plaza). We will have a presentation and tour by Mary Minton, the Director of the Brookfield Facility.

Following the session at the Brookfield, we will adjourn to BVLC to have our regularly scheduled supervisory meetings. If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact me.

John Hughes

The Bella Vista Men's Chorus

Presents

Christmas in Bella Vista with Bells & Bows

Village Handbell Ringers

Fayetteville Fiddle Choir

December 6, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Bella Vista Community Church

Sharon Owens, a missionary in Macau, will be presenting a report on changes & growth in mission work in Macau during our Sunday School hour on December 13, 2009. Mark you calendar to attend this event. A free will offering will be collected.

MEDIA NEWS

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).

JCPLAYZONE.com & JCPARENTZONE.com are websites sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Check them out for playtime with a purpose!