

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the Name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ! Our congregation, as a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, has the opportunity to Nominate Synodical Officers in preparation for the 64th Regular Convention which will be held at the George R. Brown Convention Center, July 10-17, 2010, in Houston, Texas.

Our past practice has been to nominate the current office holders, unless other names are forthcoming from the congregation. In keeping with that past practice here are the names and positions of the current office holders.

President	Gerald B. Kieschnick
First Vice-President	William R. Diekelman
Second Vice-President	Paul L. Maier
Third Vice-President	John C. Wohlrabe, Jr.
Fourth Vice-President	Dean W. Nadasdy
Fifth Vice-President	David D. Buegler

Any member wishing to submit a name, other than the above, should contact the church office no later than January 24th, 2010. That will allow sufficient time to hold a special meeting, should that become necessary. If no additional nominations are received from the congregation, the above names will be submitted.

BVLC Board of Directors

In Your Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Becca Ollek, Gerry Rath, Dick Hise, Paul Berndt, Lucille Calkins, Elizabeth Rice, Don Wilkins, Carol Moldenhauer, Marilyn Ernst, Vera Fenner, Rachel Sanford

Condolences to Nancy Shumway at the loss of her infant granddaughter, Kate

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Messiah Lutheran—Pea Ridge; Bella Vista Assembly of God; Sonshiners

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—Exploring God's Word/Old Testament study is held in Classroom B. Today is the last day for "What's So Amazing About Grace" which will be lead by Pastor Pfluger in the Fellowship Hall. A new **Adult Bible Class** entitled "Who Me, an Evangelist?" will begin Jan. 17th in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Hass as the leader. (For those presently attending "Overview of the Old Testament", please note that this class will be continued at a later date.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the members of BVLC for all the love and support that was shown our family before, during and after the memorial service for our mom and wife. Your concern was very much appreciated. The family of Pauline Grote

Our thanks to the many volunteers to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. A special thank you to each of you who have donated food and/or money to this project. May you be blessed for your generosity. The Shepherd's Food Pantry Team

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar to honor a special person, mark a special event, or to glorify God with praise and thanksgiving, please sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The price is still \$35.00.

SWAP News

This morning **SWAP** is happy to present a check to participants of the Ysleta Mission project to purchase project supplies. We have again raised the money by making and selling hand-made greeting cards. We are thankful for all who participate in this mission group – especially those who purchase the cards! Since SWAP was formed in the fall of 2007, we have given away \$3,080 in mission money to various groups. Today we add the amount given to the Ysleta Mission! Praise God!

SWAP card sales are today in the narthex. The cards are also available in the office at any other time with payment on the honor system...look for the envelope at the front of one of the boxes to put your payment in. Please return the clear protective envelopes to the office to help reduce costs. If you are interested in knowing more about SWAP or would like to participate, contact a coordinator—Pam Benson, Nona Sperry or Helen Weeks.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR LUTHERAN WITNESS subscription renewal form to the office by January 13, 2010.

Today Pastor Hass begins his week of Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. This is a very intense week of days and nights, training on the Stephen Ministry program and how to be an effective leader. There are special sessions for pastors as well. Since Pastor Hass has not been involved in a Stephen Ministry program before, this will be a new experience for him. We are very excited for the commitment that Pastor Hass has made regarding Stephen Ministry at our church. He will be better able to give appropriate support as he gains understanding of the mission of the program, the workings of the program and the importance of the program.

It is both a great joy and a sacrifice to attend this training and we want Pastor to know that **we** support **him** in this endeavor. To this end, we ask each of you to pray for him and for his family while he is away. We also encourage you to encourage him with cards and letters. You can send them to him at the following address:

Rev. Paul Hass
c/o Stephen Ministries
International Palms Resort
6515 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

Those of us who have attended the leadership training all felt great encouragement through the cards and notes that we received while there. This is a wonderful way to show support from the congregation.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

December 27, 2009

Worship	8:30 a.m.	144
	10:45 a.m.	56
Projected for December Budget		\$39,477.00
Received to date		\$38,475.85
Balance shortage for December		\$ 1,001.15

- Jan. 11 Faye Miskimen and Esther Meier
 - Jan. 18 Bob Hess and Betty Long
 - Jan. 25 Dick Lubeck and Bonnie Quednow
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THE LORD'S WEEK
January 10-16, 2010

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Divine Worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion**

Monday

- 8:15 a.m. JOY IIIB—Betty Long
- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—Marie Herr
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—June Hanson
- JOY IIB—No Meeting
- JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke
- Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Ula Biesterfeld
- JOY IIIC—Diana Watts
- 9:00 a.m. Life Light—FH
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Kay Gaudian
- 3:30 p.m. S.W.A.P.— Boys & Girls Club
- 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
- 1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Church
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers


Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Backpacks—FH
- 10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

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

It's that time again. Time to join others having birthdays in January for lunch. It will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at Rubaie's in Bentonville. Hope to see you all there. Also, bring your spouse to join in the fun. If you have any questions, call Claudia at 876-2696. See you there.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Romans 6:1-11: We became stewards when we were born. We became Christian stewards when we were baptized. By the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to live in new and different ways. May our deeds as well as our words reflect the truth that we really are the children of God!

Acts 20:28

...Be shepherds of the church of God which He bought with His own blood.

Proverbs 10:21

The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.

As good stewards we should go to church as often as we can to be spiritually nourished by our Lord. I once had a church member complain to me that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He said, "I've gone to church for 30 years now and in that time I have heard about 3,000 sermons. But for the

life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

I thought about that for a little while and answered him with: "You know, I've been married about 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked more than 30,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today." Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment! When you are **DOWN** to nothing...**GOD** is **UP** to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

The Prayer: Lord, keep me in your steadfast ways and nourish me spiritually that I might grow as a steward of the church. The Stewardship Committee: Bill Scholten, Chair, Stan Crandall, Roy Knafla, Shirley Wiemers

RAZORBACK WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

YAC III will be going to its annual Razorback Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, February 7th to watch the Women's game against Kentucky. Game time is 2:00 p.m. We will carpool from Highlands Arvest Bank at 12:30 p.m. and/or Allen's at 12:40 p.m. We will be buying reserved tickets at a price of \$4 each. If interested please sign up at the Kiosk no later than Sunday, January 31. Put money in John & June Lear's box. If you have any questions, please call John or June at 876-6923.

MINISTRY CONFERENCE IN NW ARKANSAS!!

A Regional Ministry Conference is scheduled for Feb. 6 at Faith Lutheran Church in Bentonville. EVERYONE is invited to this conference. The registration fee will be covered by the church so consider this your invitation to attend this FREE Ministry Conference.

The Registration Form is in your mailbox. Complete the appropriate section and turn it into the church office by Jan. 17, 2010. (Be sure to indicate on the form which 2 breakout sessions you wish to attend.) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 855-0272.