

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

January 24-30, 2010

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As the past year has rapidly flown by, there are moments when I realize how blessed I am to have wonderful people in our midst that keep me informed about the current issues and concerns that we, as a congregation, are having at any given moment in our church family. These individuals are Linda Dwyer and Sue Odell. They are indeed partners in our caring ministry to the people of Bella Vista Lutheran Church, and to those in our Community that are connected to our members.

If you have any questions about how we serve those of our congregation in need, or if you have a need that you wish to talk about, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. Linda will confidentially see that the concerns are tended to by me, or by Sue. We stand ready to be with you in the joys, and the difficult moments, in issues of family or health, and to share Christ's love as we join you in prayer.

It is our joy to serve you in the Name of our Savior. If any need should arise outside of normal business office hours, please do not hesitate to call me at 479-685-2416.

In Him,

*Pastor Hass*

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**In Your Prayers**, please include:

**Our Members:** Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Becca Ollek, Gerry Rath, Dick Hise, Paul Berndt, Lucille Calkins, Elizabeth Rice, Carol Moldenhauer, Marilyn Ernst, Vera Fenner, Rachel Sanford, Gary Hartwig, Marie Herr, Elaine Schurman, Diana Wickboldt, Ed Barnoski, Greta Thiele, Helen Hise

**Condolences:** Mary Brauer at the loss of her mother, Alberta

**Missions:** Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Ysleta Mission Team; Grace Lutheran-Eureka Springs; Bella Vista Christian; Quilting Outreach

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**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**—"Who Me, an Evangelist?" continues in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Hass as the leader.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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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.

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

Any member wishing to submit a name, other than the above, should contact the church office no later than January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

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### **Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life? Our Stephen Ministers Can Help!**

The winter weather we've had recently can be symbolic of what can sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become "icy," or we can feel "frozen" by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like "slush," making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary, and we begin to doubt if spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?"

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a "winter" in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact Pam Benson, our Stephen Ministry Senior Leader. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

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### **PASTOR HASS—STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING**

Pastor Hass has completed Stephen Ministry Leadership Training this past week. We are thankful for his commitment to this valuable asset for our congregation. Today he will be commissioned as a Stephen Ministry Leader by Pastor Ron Pfluger. His training will give him a good understanding of the Stephen Ministry program and how it may be enhanced and utilized at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Please lift up Pastor Hass, our Stephen Leaders and our Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they are serving in our congregation and community.

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**NW ARKANSAS MINISTRY CONFERENCE** is at Faith Lutheran Church in Bentonville on February 6!! EVERYONE is invited to attend!!

Extra copies of the Registration Form are on the kiosk. Complete the appropriate section and turn it into the church office **TODAY**. (Be sure to indicate which 2 breakout sessions you wish to attend). Contact the church office at 855-0272 if you have any questions.

**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

January 17, 2010

Worship	8:30 a.m.	209
	10:45 a.m.	57
Projected for January Budget		\$38,074.00
Received to date		\$30,832.60
Balance shortage for January		\$ 7,241.40

- Jan. 25 Dick Lubeck and Bonnie Quednow
  - Feb. 1 Bob and Shirley Mierendorf
  - Feb. 8 Carol Sanders and Lorna Sperl
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**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
January 24-30, 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—Esther Meier
- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—Irma Miesbach
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Lois Schoof
- JOY IIB—Donna Henning
- JOY IIC—Joann Cline
- Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

**Tuesday**

- 8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Duffers
- Life Light—FH
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lorna Sperl

**Wednesday**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Classroom B
- 1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Geri Felstul
- 6:15 p.m. Men's Choir
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

**Thursday**

- 9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
- 6:30 p.m. TLC—Lorna & Helmut Sperl
- 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Margaret Gruhn
- SAC III—Doris & Wayne Mentink

**Friday**

- 10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry


**Saturday**

- 9:00 a.m. Samuel Team

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

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WANT TO SEE WHAT BVLC ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE IN 2009? THE **CHURCH HISTORY BOOK** IS NOW LOCATED IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY



**Stewardship**  
a way of life

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31: In our reading today Paul reminded the Corinthians that they were at their best when they pooled their gifts and resources as God's stewards. One of our Biblical Stewardship Principles states that we are uniquely singular, yet profoundly plural, which means that our lives are not solo performances, but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the whole world.

**Dr. Alvin J. Schmidt Seminar:** Dr. Schmidt, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Illinois College, will lead a discussion program at Faith Lutheran Church, 1196 DeSoto Blvd., Hot Springs Village, AR. on Saturday, January 30, 2010, 8:45 AM—3:00 P.M. The topics are: "How Christianity Changed the World," and "Islam Compared to Christianity." Both topics are based on books of the same titles written by Dr. Schmidt. The books also have been translated into several languages. Tickets are \$15.00 each (includes break refreshments and a turkey or roast beef sack

lunch). Call (501) 922-5700 or go to [www.faithhsv.org](http://www.faithhsv.org) for further information. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE KIOSK.**

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**Razorback Women's Basketball Game**

Sign up at the Kiosk by Sunday, January 31 for the Annual Razorback Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, February 7 when they play Kentucky at 2:00 P.M. Ticket prices are only \$4 each. Questions, please call John or June Lear at 876-6923.

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**ATTENTION LADIES:** The LWML meeting on February 4th at 1 p.m. will feature B.V. Fire Capt. Steve Sims. He will be speaking about specific issues for seniors regarding Fire Safety. This promises to be a very important message and, possibly, lifesaving information. You should invite your neighbors and friends to join us also. Make your reservation by calling June Lear, 876-6923, before Sunday, Jan. 31.

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**HELPING HAITI**

Check our website at [www.bvlutheran.com](http://www.bvlutheran.com) for information on ways to make contributions for Haiti earthquake relief. Thrivent Financial has announced a 50% matching gift for contributions made by Thrivent members. A donation form is included on the website.

The Mid-South District LCMS Office is acting as a collection point for monetary contributions for earthquake relief in Haiti. Those wishing to contribute in this manner should put their donation in a "Special Offering" envelope, make checks out to BVLC, indicate "Haiti Relief" on the memo line and place in the offering. These will be collected and one check will be sent to the district office.