

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

February 7-13, 2010

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Our gospel lesson today, from Luke 5:1-11, speaks of something more miraculous than the catch of fish Peter, James, and John brought in after a night of frustration. An interesting moment is when Luke uses Peter's full name, Simon Peter, as he falls down before Jesus, saying: "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Peter spoke truthfully about himself: He was a sinful man. The miracle which he experienced overwhelmed him and made him aware that he was in the presence of God Himself. As a sinner, Peter did not dare remain in such company so Peter begs the Lord to go away.

But, Jesus does not go away. Instead He tells the sinner, Peter, that a new occupation awaits him: "From now on you will catch men." Peter's last catch as a fisherman was the most impressive catch of his commercial fishing career! Yet, it was only a preview of things to come. On Pentecost Sunday Peter preached the sermon which led to the conversion and baptism of 3,000 people. Folks, that catch was so much greater even than the one on the Lake of Gennesaret.

Peter and his partners, James and John, sons of Zebedee, pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Jesus. It was quite a sacrifice to turn one's back on equipment and a business which had furnished the living for several families, not just their own.

The powerful word of Jesus compelled these people to follow. They became the first disciples, destined to be with Jesus from Nazareth, to the Temple, to the Upper Room, to the trails, to the cross and to the empty tomb. These people were present in that room with bolted doors on Easter Sunday evening. Then again they would hear words from Jesus: "Don't be afraid. Be My witnesses to all the world."

We, you and I, are each inheritors of that promise and command. We are to do just as our Lord commanded. In Matthew 28:18-20 we read that command as our purpose as His Church: "And Jesus came and said to them, ***All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.***"

As we seek to connect people to Jesus, as we help them to grow as Christians to the full maturity of faith, as we serve others in Christ's Name, we do all this because He has promised to be with us, every step of the journey.

In Him, ***Pastor Hass***

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**In Your Prayers**, please include:

**Our Members:** Bill Brauer, Georgia Roy, Becca Ollek, Rachel Sanford, Gary Hartwig, Marie Herr, Elaine Schurman, Ed Barnoski, Greta Thiele, Lois Rath, Carol Conrad, Walt Ney, Dick Hise, Carl Mueller, Wayne Bloomer

**Condolences** to Ed Berndt & family at the loss of Paul

**Missions:** Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrect and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Ysleta Mission Team; First

Lutheran, Harrison; Bella Vista Community Church; Hispanic Ministry

### 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? No Way!" continues in the Fellowship Hall. In this study, we will examine how to engage unbelievers through acts of service; how to communicate in relevant ways, especially to younger people; and how to find ways to be more open.

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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.

### THANK YOU

Pastor Hass and Bella Vista Lutheran Church: I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, food, visits, help with my dog, Squirelly and support over the past 6 months. I could not have come this far without you and God's grace. I feel blessed, having been surrounded by such a loving and caring church family. I am thankful every day. God's blessing to all. Judy Anderson

Thanks to the many members who sent me cards, prayed for me or inquired concerning me as I recovered from knee replacement surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Hass and Sue for taking the time to visit me at Mercy and at Highlands Rehab. I am truly grateful for the loving concern of the BVLC members. Gerry Rath

Thank you to the family of believers at Bella Vista Lutheran for the love, prayers and visits you gave to our dad, Paul Berndt. We especially want to thank Pastor and the Stephen Ministers. Your support was very much appreciated. The Paul Berndt Family

Thanks to all of you for the ways you have been there for us, helping, giving and caring. We thank God for our faith, family and friends. Our church family is a blessing.

Marilyn and Leonard Ernst

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A special **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **February 21, 2010** between services to finalize our nomination for Synodical Officers. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

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### THRIVENT NOTICE

Monthly Thrivent meetings are being suspended temporarily until the requirements and changes for obtaining Thrivent funding are available. The new program "Thrivent Choice" is designed to allow Thrivent members to choose to individually direct a certain amount of dollars from Thrivent Financial to their congregation or other non-profit Lutheran organizations. Complete details should be available in April.

Our congregation needs a **Congregational Advocate** to work with the church in providing information necessary to direct the **Thrivent Choice Funds.**

**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

January 31, 2010

Worship:	1:00 p.m.	79
Projected for January Budget		\$38,074.00
Received to date		\$40,253.85
Balance overage for January		\$ 2,179.85

Feb. 8 Carol Sanders and Lorna Sperl  
 Feb. 15 John and Kathy Hughes  
 Feb. 22 Ed Axel and Mavis Meyer  
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**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**February 7-13, 2010**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

8:15 a.m. JOY IIIB—JoAnne Adamek  
 9:00 a.m. JOY I—Barbara Hartwig  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Marian Ritter  
 JOY IIB—Margaret Gruhn  
 JOY IIC—Bev Effinger  
 Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Eleanor Wierman  
 9:00 a.m. Life Light—FH  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt  
 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers  
 JOY IIID—Library  
 7:00 p.m. SACII—Bill & Mary Brauer  
 SAC I—Vern & Margaret Gruhn

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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

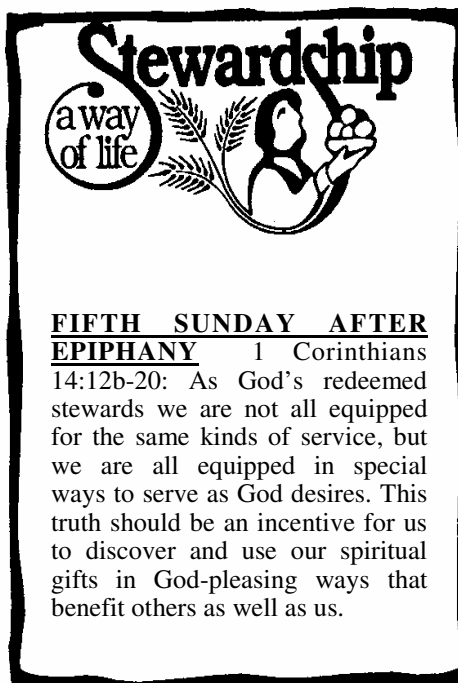
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**NEW PHONE NUMBER:**

Mike & Denise Allen-696-4944

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Carl & Harriet Mueller: chmueller@att.net



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

I Corinthians 14:12b-20: As God's redeemed stewards we are not all equipped for the same kinds of service, but we are all equipped in special ways to serve as God desires. This truth should be an incentive for us to discover and use our spiritual gifts in God-pleasing ways that benefit others as well as us.

**Psalms 143:10**

*Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God: May Your Spirit lead me on level ground.*

You know you are one of God's good stewards when you dedicate some of your time to do His will. Not all of us can be pastors or presidents of synods. However, we should all do something with the time and talents that God gave us as individuals for His glory. If you are having trouble finding your niche, pray for guidance and seek help from someone who is active in church affairs.

Remember, only you can be you. God designed each of us so there would be no duplication in the world. No one has the exact same mix of factors that make you unique. That means no one else on earth will ever be able to play the role God planned for you. If you don't make your unique contribution to the Body of Christ, it won't be made.

**The Prayer:** Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

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The Mid-South District International **Lutheran Laymen's League** will convene its annual convention on February 26 & 27, 2010 at First Lutheran Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The guest speaker from Lutheran Hour Ministries will be Rich Cohrs, Manager, District & Congregational Relations. To those interested in attending the convention, please contact Ken Meyer at 855-9055

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

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**SCHMIEDING SWEETHEART BALL  
 DINNER DANCE**

Bella Vista Country Club  
 February 14, 2010  
 6-9:30 p.m.

Jack Mitchell Big Band  
 Master of Ceremony—Mr. Dick Trammel  
 Tickets available at The Bank of the Ozarks in Bella Vista  
 \$50.00 a plate  
 Benefit for the Bella Vista Schmieding Center