

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Each July we celebrate our freedom as citizens of the United States. We have so many freedoms that many people in the world can only dream of having. But we know that our freedom comes with a high cost, and military men and women, from the time of the Revolutionary War up to today's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, have literally laid down their lives so that we can remain free people. We are grateful for the blessing of freedom and remember with thankful hearts those who have paid the supreme price for that freedom.

We also celebrate our freedom as citizens of the Kingdom of God. Each October, we Lutheran Christians celebrate the Reformation. The Gospel reading for Reformation Day comes from John 8:31-36, where Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The freedom that Jesus is talking about is freedom from sin, death and the devil. That freedom was purchased at the ultimate cost. Dr. Martin Luther, chief figure of the Reformation of the Christian church, explained that cost as he made clear the meaning of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed with these words: "Jesus has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness."

Reformation Day reminds us that we are freed from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Jesus has given us salvation as a free gift by faith. We rejoice over that great freedom and remember with grateful hearts the ultimate price Jesus paid so that we might go free. Yes, we are freed from sin and its dread punishment and freed to live renewed lives. As maturing Christians, we live renewed lives not because we have to, but because we get to! Living Christian lives includes everything we do after confessing the words, "I believe."

In Christ, *Pastor Hass*

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**In Your Prayers,** please include:

**Our Members:** Ray Kunze, Bill Brauer, Jim Adamek, Georgia Roy, Fran Bloomer, Becca Ollek, Judy Anderson, Dave Schurman, Marlys Rembold, Curly Baehr, LuAnn Roy, Lois Rath, Mike Dwyer. Our sympathies to Gene Gnuse at the death of his brother, Don.

**Missions:** Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Vicar J. P. Cima in Viet Nam; Rev. Ron Pfluger and Viet Nam Pastors training class; Unidos En Cristo—Bethel Heights; Fellowship Missionary Baptist; Faith In Action  
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### **SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR—9:45 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School**—ages 2 up to middle school will meet in Classrooms A; middle school to high school meet in the Library.

**Adult Sunday School**— "What Lutheran's Believe" will continue with Pastor Hass 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 and be led by Rev. Bob Miskimen; "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey will be the study taught in the Fellowship Hall.  
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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**

Thank you all for the prayers, love and support given to me before and after my surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Hass, those who were at the hospital, the phone calls, food and the list goes on. Each of the many cards are "very special" to me and were a joy to receive. I thank God for you and the many blessings He has given to Bob and me.  
Fern Svehla

We want to thank everyone for their kindness and words of comfort at the loss of Lyle. A special thank you to Pastor Hass for being with us at this difficult time.  
The family of Lyle Grinnell

A special "Thanks" to Pastor Haas, John Hughes and Sue O'Dell for being with my family during my recent surgery. To all my church family I "Thank You" for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, and concern shown to Bonnie and me during this trying time. We are so blessed to have such caring friends here at BVLC. I am doing better and hope to be back in church soon.  
Art (&Bonnie) Quednow  
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### **ONE CALL NOW**

**HINT:** When you get a call with this service you are offered the option to hear the message again at the end of the message. **DO NOT HANG UP RIGHT AWAY** to take advantage of this option.  
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October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Members are encouraged to pray for Pastor Hass and his family and to take time to express your appreciation to him verbally or in writing.  
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**LWML SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT HOSTESSES IS ON THE KIOSK!** This is the December 3<sup>rd</sup> dessert meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up ASAP.  
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**18-HOLE LADIES GOLF:** Would you be interested in playing 18-holes of golf with a group of church ladies as a regular or a sub? If so, please call Bettye @ 855-0949 or Diana at 855-9397. (Once we know how many want to participate, we'll have further information.)  
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**REFORMATION SEMINAR:** You are invited to attend the Northwest Arkansas Reformation Seminar on Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. This special educational opportunity will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 W. Hudson Rd. (Hwy 62) in Rogers, Arkansas. The speaker for this seminar is Dr. Gerhardt Bode from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.  
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### **TRUNK & TREAT OCTOBER 31, 2009 5-7 p.m.**

The Children and Youth Ministry Team has planned the first annual net-fishing HALLOWEEN "SPOOK-TAC-U-LAR". To register your vehicle, please sign up at the kiosk.  
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The **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is next Sunday, October 25th, in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 2 p.m. Please plan to attend! Last Sunday, you were given information sheets regarding our finances, and the work of the staff committees. The Weekly News listed those who are candidates for the Board of Directors.

Below they are listed again:

Mark Bernthal	Ron Gaudian	Miriam Gustaf
Ken Meyer	John Moldenhauer	Dick Munster
Gene Roy	Dave Schurman	Leighann Suurmeyer
Bob Svehla	Troy Wobschall	

**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

**October 11, 2009**

Worship	8:30 a.m.	210
	10:45 a.m.	68

Projected for October Budget	\$33,264.00
Received to date	\$19,392.00
Balance needed for October	\$13,872.00

**Counters**

Oct. 19	Diana Watts and Jackie Hartmann
Oct. 26	Stan and Cindy Isaacson
Nov. 2	Wayne and Jacque Gruben

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**THE LORD'S WEEK**

**October 18-24, 2009**

**Sunday**

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Worship w/communion</b>
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Praise Worship</b>
12:00 Noon	Consecration Catered Lunch

**Monday**

9:00 a.m.	JOY I—Fae Miskimen
1:00 p.m.	Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m.	JOY IIA—Barb Roseen
	JOY IIB—
	JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke
	Men's Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training--Clstrm. A

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m.	JOY IIIA—Ula Biesterfeld
9-9 p.m.	Braille—Classroom B
9:00 a.m.	JOY IIIC—Deb Roesener
	LifeLight—Choir Room
1:30 p.m.	JOY IV—Samaritan Center
6:30 p.m.	Dave Ramsey FPU—FH

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m.	Pray—ers
9-11:30 a.m.	Mah Jongg—Classroom B
10:00 a.m.	Beaded Ladies—Show & Tell
1:00 p.m.	JOY VB—Church
1:30 p.m.	JOY VA—Ruth Bruch
5:30 p.m.	Parent's Night Out
6:15 p.m.	Men's Choir
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Tng-Pastor's Office
7:00 p.m.	Choir

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m.	JOY IIID—Library
	Friendly Stitchers
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Trng—Clstrm. A
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**Friday**

**Saturday**

8—2 p.m.	Rummage Sale
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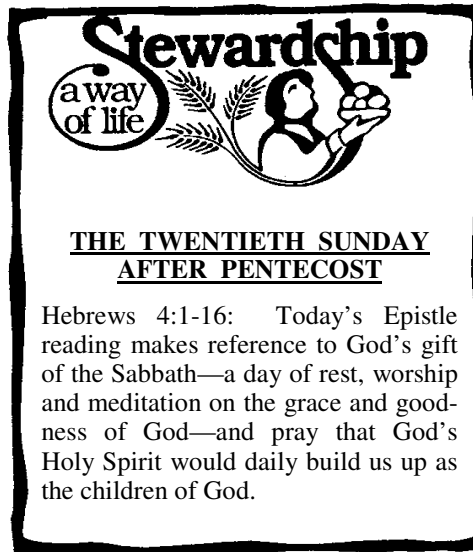
**OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY—THUR. 7:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.—12 NOON**

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**SOUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:** The desk and equipment have arrived. Anticipated completion date is 10/25/09.



**STEWARDSHIP**

Acts 17:28

**“For in Him we live and move and have our being.”**

When I was about seven years old, my father bought me my first bicycle. I had never ridden one before. Patiently, my family and friends were trying to teach me how to ride this bicycle. It did not take long before I discovered that there was one thing I had to do if I was to stay on the bicycle and that was to keep moving forward. If I stopped going forward, I would fall and often hurt myself. Well, so it is with stewardship and the Christian style of life. You must continue to

move forward or you will fall and you could hurt yourself spiritually. We can never live this life on earth on the highest plane unless we are continually growing and moving forward. So that means we should be closer to God today in heart, body and soul, than at any other time so far in our entire lives. **A Growing Christian Steward's Prayer:** Lord, I have progressed far too slowly in my pilgrim walk with You. Help me to be drawn closer to the light of Your love and grace. Amen  
The Stewardship Committee: Bill Scholten, Chair, Stan Crandall, Roy Knafla, Shirley Wiemers

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**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). **(Please note the new time!)** **JCPLAYZONE.com & JCPARENTZONE.com** are websites sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Check them out for playtime with a purpose!

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**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Mike & Denise Allen — minise@cox.net  
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**LCEF OFFERS GREAT COMPETITIVE RATE.** If you have a CD expiring or are looking to make a new investment, LCEF is currently offering a 5 year note at 3.75% (3.803apy). You are eligible for one withdrawal during the term of the note with **NO** penalty. For more info call Jerry Lundwall - 876 5658 or 1 800 843 5233.  
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**Rummage Sale Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** Not just a Rummage Sale, but an opportunity to 1.) welcome and serve our community 2.) Introduce people to BVLC with friendly greetings and assistance 3.) Funds that are raised will serve the community also by helping stock our new food pantry with canned goods and staples (available soon for persons in need). Items for the rummage sale can be brought to the church in the mornings from October 19-22, or call Rick Eggert (855-2856) or John Hughes (855-4807) to pick items up. This is truly a community service for BVLC!  
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The Children and Youth Board is sponsoring a Cap and Mitten Tree. The tree will be placed in the narthex during November and early December. Purchased caps and mittens are welcome also. The items will be taken to Glen Duffy School in Gravette around December 10.  
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**Family Caregiver Workshop: Caring for the Person with Dementia**

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 & 21

Participants will receive information that will help improve their understanding of dementia and their care giving skills.

12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Schmieding Center – Bella Vista

Pre-registration is required. Call 876-2335 or 1-888-866-8991. Cost is \$20

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**ORGAN/HYMN SING CONCERT** on November 1 at 3:00 p.m. with guest organist, Harvey Miskimen. Bring family & friends to an uplifting time of music!  
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**ORGAN CONCERT** will be presented by Jan VanOtterloo at Bella Vista First United Methodist Church 20 Boyce Drive on Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. Free Admission