

INTRODUCTION (THESE ARE THE PRESENTATION NOTES OF PAUL RESETAR, PRESENTER AT THE BVLC 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, MAY 3, 2009)

WELCOME TO 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH.

THE CHURCH WITH A BEAUTIFUL VIEW.

PASTOR SCHULTZ WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAD US IN PRAYER,...

PASTOR SCHULTZ SINCE YOU WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE IDEA FOR A MISSION CHURCH IN BELLA VISTA WOULD YOU PLEASE SHARE WITH US HOW IT ALL CAME ABOUT,....

THE MID SOUTH DISTRICT MISSOURI SYNOD HIRED PASTOR ROBERT MARTENS TO ORGANIZE A MISSION CHURCH IN BELLA VISTA. HE WAS ASSISTED BY PASTOR'S ARTHUR SCHULTZ AND MELVIN PINGEL BOTH MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN IN BENTONVILLE.

CANVASSING AND CALLING WAS DONE BY MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN AND HOLY TRINITY OF ROGERS.

OUR FIRST MEETING WAS HELD AT CORA CIRCLE CLUB HOUSE NOVEMBER 6, 1988.

CHOSING A NAME WAS A NOBRAINER, "BVLC-CHURCH WITH A BEAUTIFUL VIEW"

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1988 WE BEGAN WORSHIPPING AT WESLEYN CHURCH ON EASTSIDE WITH 17 WORSHIPPERS – INCREASING EACH SUNDAY.

OUR FIRST MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY JAN NEY THEN A MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY, ROGERS.

JAN SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A BVLC MEMBER AND STILL PROVIDES MUSIC FOR US.

BVLC WAS CHARTERED ON MARCH 19, 1989 – 33 MEMBERS SIGNED THE CHARTER ON THAT DATE. IT REMAINED OPEN UNTIL NOV 4, 1990. A TOTAL OF 76 MEMBERS HAD SIGNED THE CHARTER BY THAT DATE.

WE ELECTED AND INSTALLED OUR FIRST OFFICERS ON APRIL 30, 1989;

FRANK MESAROS, PRESIDENT

LARRY ROSEKE, VP

DEE ROSEKE, RECORDING SECRETARY

ROSALIE FILTER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

VINCE DONAGHUE, TREASURER

JACKIE QUICK, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ELDERS;

PAUL RESETAR

DEL AASTRUP

LES GATCHEL

TRUSTEES;

ELMER QUICK

FRANK PRIBOTH

DON FILTER

JUNE RESETAR

THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO BUILD OUR FIRST BUILDING, A SITE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED.

WE APPROACHED COOPER COMMUNITIES FOR A BUILDING SITE, 3 SITES WERE OFFERED;

THE SITE WHERE WE ARE NOW LOCATED.

A SITE NORTH OF THE POST OFFICE, WHERE THE HIGHLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOW STANDS.

AND THE 14 ACRE SITE SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN TO US BY COOPER EIGHT YEARS AGO.

THIS SITE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF THE VISIBILITY, ROOM TO EXPAND AND COOPER ADVISED THEY WOULD HOLD THE 14 ACRE SITE FOR OUR FUTURE USE.

WE PLACED THE SIGN ON THE SITE; "THE FUTURE HOME OF BVLC BY END OF 1990".

THAT'S WHEN THINGS REALLY BEGAN TO GET BUSY FOR BVLC,...

WE STARTED THE PROCESS OF SECURING A BUILDING LOAN FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND FOR \$300,000. THEY REQUIRED COPIES OF OUR BYLAWS-CONSTITUTION-CHURCH'S MISSION-LIST OF OFFICERS-PLANS.

ON JUNE 4, 1989 WE MET WITH LABORERS FOR CHRIST-WE WERE GIVEN 6 FAMILIES WHO ARRIVED MAY 1, 1990 AND STAYED UNTIL THE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1990.

WE PAID THEM MINIMUM WAGES.

WE HOUSED THEM IN MISSOURI AT THE 340 AND 94 INTERCHANGE CROSSING, THEY LIVED IN THEIR OWN RV'S.

THEIR LUNCH WAS PROVIDED ON SITE BY TWO MEMBER FAMILIES EACH WEEK.

THESE LABORERS FOR CHRIST FAMILIES;

CHARLOTTE AND HERB TRAUB – GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

DOROTHY AND LELAND BEYERSDORF – NORTH CANTON, OHIO

LEE AND JOHN BOWMAN – VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

GERRY AND EUIL HIGGINS – CALUMET, OKLAHOMA

JONELLE AND WINSTON OSWALT- LUBBOCK, TEXAS

SHIRLEY AND ROBERT PFIEL – FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

ALSO, EVERETT WEISS – ROGERS, ARKANSAS

ARTHUR, HERZOG – CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

THE CONGREGATION APPOINTED A BUILDING COMMITTEE;

LARRY ROSEKE – CHAIRMAN

DON FILTER-CO CHAIRMAN

GOODMAN CHURCH BUILDERS IN JOPLIN MISSOURI WERE HIRED AS THE ARCHITECTS.

PLANS WERE FINALIZED FOR OUR BUILDING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CONGREGATION.

ON MARCH 25, 1990 GROUNDBREAKING WAS HELD AND THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF BVLC WAS CELEBRATED

ON APRIL 15, 1990 SITE PREPARATION BEGAN – WE CUT DOWN TREES – REMOVED STUMPS AND GRADING WAS DONE.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION BEGAN AND WAS COMPLETED.

ON MAY 1, 1990 THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR FIRST BUILDING BEGAN, CONGREGATION MEMBERS WORKED MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WITH THE LABORERS FOR CHRIST.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, EACH TUESDAY EVENING, AT THE BUILDING SITE, PASTOR SCHULTZ HELD A BIBLE STUDY, COMPLETE WITH A POTLUCK MEAL. THESE BIBLE STUDIES WERE WELL ATTENDED BY OUR LAORERS FOR CHRIST, THEIR WIVES AND OUR OWN MEMBERS,... THIS TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WAS CONTINUED BY PASTOR SCHULTZ DURING HIS TENURE AT BVLC. PASTOR ED SWENSON CONTINUED THE TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS UNTIL HIS DEATH.

ON MAY6, 1990 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WERE MOVED TO MILDRED B COOPER CHAPEL UNTIL OUR BUILDING WAS COMPLETED AND DEDICATED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1990.

THE COOPER CHAPEL IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO WORSHIP – WE HAD TO CARRY EVERYTHING NEEDED FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE TO AND FROM THE CHAPEL, EACH SUNDAY. A LABOR OF LOVE FOR ALL.

THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION WORKED HARD DURING THE SUMMER OF 1990. EVERY MEMBER WAS INVOLVED,... AND THE AMAZING THING IS THAT WE DID NOT HAVE ONE INJURY DURING THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FROM MAY THRU SEPTEMBER 1990.

GOD IS SOO GOOD.

I WANT TO MENTION THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY HENRY MENKE, A MEMBER OF HOLY TRINITY, ROGERS. HENRY DESIGNED AND CRAFTED OUR LARGE CROSS, ALTAR, BAPTISMAL AND LECTURN. HE HAS SINCE PASSED AWAY BUT HIS ARTISTRY IS APPRECIATED AND ENJOYED DAILY.

IN AUGUST, 1990 THE CONGREGATION CALLED PASTOR STANLEY JONES WHO ACCEPTED OUR CALL. HIS INSTALLATION TOOK PLACE NOVEMBER 11, 1990.

A CHOIR WAS FORMED BY DR ELIN STENE, A MEMBER OF UNITED LUTHERAN IN BV, THE VOICES WERE FROM VARIOUS AREA CHURCHES. THE CHOIR SANG AT THE DEDICATION OF OUR BUILDING AND PASTOR JONES INSTALLATION.

THE BVLC CHOIR WAS ORGANIZED BY DOROTHY JONES IN EARLY 1991, IT HAS GROWN THRU THE YEARS TO ITS PRESENT SIZE.

CHOIR DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN; DOROTHY JONES – GARY BESEL – JESSICA SUDDATH-MARTA BARINA AND MARY LOU LOHR.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WE HAVE ALWAYS;

PRINTED SERVICE FOLDERS FOR ALL SERVICES

INTRODUCED OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS

AND CONCLUDED OUR SERVICES SINGING, GOD IS SOO GOOD.

PASTOR JONES

THE CONGREGATION CALLED PASTOR JONES IN AUGUST 1990. HE WAS INSTALLED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1990. WE ALSO GAINED A VERY TALENTED LADY HIS WIFE DORTHY. SHE IS AN EXCELLENT ORGAINIST AND A SUPERB CHOIR DIRECTOR.

PASTOR JONES MINISTRY WAS NOVEMEBER 11, 1990 THRU JULY 1, 1998.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT TOOK PLACE:

IN JANUARY 1991 SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN.

AN AAL BRANCH WAS STARTED AND IS STILL GOING STRONG.

THE LWML CHAPTER WAS STARTED AND IS ACTIVE TO THIS DAY.

THE ALTAR GUILD WAS ORGANIZED; UP UNTIL THAT TIME THE ELDERS HAD CARRIED OUT THESE DUTIES.

SAMUEL TEAMS PROGRAM BEGAN.

HOME MINISTERS PROGRAM BEGAN.

THE MENS WEDNESDAY GOLF GROUP WAS ORGANIZED BY HOWARD BIESTERFELD AND IS STILL GOING STRONG.

ULA AND HOWARD BIESTERFELD ALSO ORGANIZED THE THURSDAY COUPLES GOLF GROUP WHICH IS PRESENTLY FUNCTIONING. CURRENTLY IT IS BEING HANDLED BY ELLEN AND BILL SCHOLTEN.

THE ELDER FOLDS PROGRAM WAS INTRODUCED. INITIALLY THERE WERE 3 ELDER FOLDS, THRU THE YEARS IT HAS INCREASED TO 12.

BEGAN PERSONAL FILES FOR MEMBERS TO BE USED IN EMERGENCIES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR, FUNERAL WISHES, LIVING WILLS,...

ANDREW CALLERS WERE ESTABLISHED TO CALL ON VISITORS.

PRAYER CHAIN BEGAN HAS GROWN AND CONTINUES UNDER ALTHEA DAMMANN.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED.

AN ASSIMILATION COMMITTEE BEGAN TO ASSIMILATE NEW MEMBERS.

CHURCH BANNER CRAFTYING WAS ORGANIZED.

LWML QUILTING GROUP BEGAN.

FRIENDLY STITCHERS BEGAN.

AT THIS TIME WE WERE BEGINNING TO OUTGROW OUR FIRST BUILDING.

ON JUNE 6, 1993 A BUILDING COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED FOR OUR PRESENT SANCTUARY; WITH ART BLEKCKE AS CHAIRMAN AND HOWARD BIESTERFELD AS CO-CHAIR.

IN JULY 1994 A TASK FORCE WAS FORMED TO LOOK AT ORGANIZING SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES.

IN DECEMBER 1994, STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM BEGAN; 8 MINISTERS WERE COMMISSIONED IN MARCH 1996. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, 63 STEPHEN MINISTERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED. ALSO, 11 STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS. THEY HAVE SERVED APPROXIMATELY 135 CARE RECEIVERS. COLEEN GAST HAS BEEN A LEADING FORCE IN THIS MINISTRY.

IF YOU CARE ABOUT PEOPLE, AND HAVE A DESIRE NOT ONLY TO SERVE GOD, BUT OTHERS, THIS MINISTRY IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH YOU.

IN AUGUST 1995, A LOAN RESOLUTION FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY WAS PREPARED AND SENT TO DISTRICT.

IN SEPTEMBER 1995 THE BUILDING COMMITTEE MET WITH PREFAB CONCRETE OF DALLAS TEXAS, TO FORMIULATE THE PLANS FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY.

AFTER MANY MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS,... CONSTRUCTION BEGAN WITH THE COMPLETION AND DEDICATION ON MARCH 18, 1998.

IN MAY 1998 A CALL COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED AND CHAIRED BY GEORGE ALBER.

PASTOR JONES FAREWELL SERVICE WAS JUNE 9, 1998 WITH RETIREMENT JULY 1, 1998.

IN NOVEMBER, 1990 OUR MEMBERSHIP WAS 90; BY JUNE OF 1998 IT WAS 365.

WE HAD STARTED AS A SUBSIDIZED CONGREGATION, BUT WE CAME OFF OF THAT SUBSIDY WELL AHEAD OF THE PROJECTED DATE,... GOD IS SOO GOOD!

GOD BLESSED US WITH DEVOTED VACANCY PASTORS

PASTOR MORMAN GROTELUSCHEN FROM JULY 1998 TO SEPTEMBER 1998.

PASTOR CHARLES SEEVERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1998 UNTIL MAY 1999.

PASTOR ED SWENSEN ASSISTED WITH VISITS TO THE SICK, CONDUCTED BIBLE STUDIES AND CONDUCTED WORSHIP SERVICES WHEN PASTOR SEEVERS WAS ILL.

IN FEBRUARY 1999, SUE O'DELL WAS HIRED AS A FULL TIME SECRETARY. UP UNTIL THIS TIME OUR OFFICE WAS STAFFED BY A GROUP CALLED OFFICE ANGELS, ALL VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZED AND SUPERVISED CAROL AND BOB SANDERS.

PASTOR PFLUGER

INSTALLED JUNE 6, 1999 AND RETIRED MAY 31, 2008

ON MAY 6, 1999, PASTOR PFLUGER ACCEPTED OUR CALL. HE WAS INSTALLED JUNE 6, 1999. WE ALSO GAINED A BEAUTIFUL VOICE FOR OUR CHOIR AND AN EXCELLENT VIOLINIST IN SALLY AND HANNI. A TALENTED FAMILY.

PASTOR PFLUGER UTILIZED HIS TEACHING BACKGROUND IN HIS MINISTRY.

HE EXPLAINED THE LITURGY, AS TO WHY WE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL, AS WELL AS THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE LITURGY.

AS YOU KNOW HIS SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS WAS WELL ATTENDED AVERAGING 130.

HE REALLY KNEW HOW TO RING THAT HANDHELD SCHOOL BELL, LOUDLY!

HE TOOK TO THE RADIO WITH A 60 SECOND MESSAGE TO MAKE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AWARE OF BVLC.

A CHURCH LIBRARY WAS STARTED AND CONTINUES TO GROW IN SIZE AND USE.

A YOUTH GROUP WAS STARTED AROUND THIS SAME TIME. THEY MADE QUILTS FOR GRAVETTE HOSPITAL, SOLD VEGETABLES AND HELD CAR WASHES.

OUR EARTH ANGELS, LED BY RACHEL SANFORD LANDSCAPED THE CHURCH PROPERTY IN JUNE 1999. IN AUGUST 2000 THIS SAME GROUP CONSTRUCTED OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN, WHICH I UNDERSTAND PASTOR PFLUGER ENJOYED VISITING.

BY THIS TIME OUR CONGREGATION HAD GROWN TO A POINT WHERE A SECOND SERVICE WAS NEEDED.

THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO HOLD A SECOND SERVICE TO BE A PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE. IT HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND NOW NUMBERS ALMOST 100 WORSHIPERS.

KAY KAYLOR WAS HIRED FOR SIX MONTHS TO DEVELOP A MUSIC PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND SERVICE. HER MUSIC WAS WELL RECEIVED. KAY DECIDED NOT TO RENEW HER CONTRACT AS SHE WANTED TO PERSUE OTHER ENDEVORS.

THE MUSIC IS NOW PROVIDED BY OUR OWN JOHN LONGNECKER AND DAVE WILKINS. A JOB WELL DONE.

WE BEGAN TO UTILIZE A JANITORIAL SERVICE, FREEING THE SAMUEL TEAMS FROM THIS RESPONSIBILITY. THE TEAMS STILL PROVIDE THE USHERS AND GREETERS.

COOPER COMMUNITIES DONATED 14.6 ACRES OF LAND TO BVLC. THIS LAND WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL THREE SITES WE LOOKED AT WHEN WE FIRST BUILT. AFTER A SURVEY OF THE CONGREGATION AND MUCH DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED TO DELAY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPERTY UNTIL OUR CURRENT DEBT IS RETIRED IN 2010.

IN MARCH 2002 OUR CHURCH BAND WAS ORGANIZED TO PLAY FOR EASTER AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES.

PASTOR PFLUGER HAD ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHURCH COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ELDERS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR A SMALL GROUP MINISTRY PROGRAM AT BVLC. THE OBJECT WAS TO DEVELOP SMALL GROUPS IN WHICH MEMBERS WILL,

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,

ENCORAGE ONE ANOTHER,

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER,

IN AN ATMOSPHERE NOT UNLIKE THE WAY A SMALL MISSION CHURCH BEGINS.

FOR EXAMPLE; BVLC IN MARCH 1989

THIS RESULTED IN OUR TLC OR TENDER LOVING CARE PROGRAM. TRAINING BEGAN FOR LEADERS.

TODAY, AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF ORGANIZING AND TRAINING BY VARIOUS MEMBERS IN OUR CONGREGATION, THERE ARE 37 ACTIVE SMALL GROUPS COMPRISING BETTER THAN 80% OF OUR MEMBERSHIP. THIS INCLUDES THE TLC, JOY, YAC AND SUSHINER GROUPS.

SUE O'DELL RETIRED IN JANUARY 2007 AS CHURCH SECRETARY. SUE WAS REPLACED BY CURRENT CHURCH SECRETARY LINDA DWYER.

SUBSEQUENTLY, SUE O'DELL WAS HIRED IN JUNE 2007 AS ASSISTANT PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR AND IS COORDINATING THE TLC MINISTRY. THIS SCHEDULE CALLS HER TO WORK 2 DAYS A WEEK HOWEVER, WE ALL KNOW SHE PUTS IN MUCH MORE TIME THAN THAT. TLC IS WORKING IN BVLC. GOD IS SOO GOOD.

IN SEPTEMBER 2005, PASTOR WAYNE SCHROEDER WAS INVITED TO LEAD AND GUIDE US IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR SETTING OUR PARISH GOALS.

A NEW WELCOME CENTER WAS DESIGNED, APPROVED AND INSTALLED IN OUR NARTHEX, AND WORKING VERY WELL.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF PASTOR PFLUGER AND MANY IN THE CONGREGATION, SUCCESSFUL MISSION OUTREACH PROGRAMS WERE ORGANIZED AND IMPLEMENTED. THESE MISSION PROGRAMS INCLUDE;

STEPHEN MINISTRY

YSLETA MISSION, EL PASO TEXAS

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CARD PROGRAM CALLED SWAP

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT U OF A

SHOE BOX MINISTRY

ALASKA SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIP

RICH EGGERT'S BIENNIAL TRIPS TO MEXICO TO DISPENSE MEDICINE

**PATRICE AND RICH EGGERTS TRIP WITH THE ROTARY CLUB IN PANAMA
DISPENSING EYEGLASSES**

**THE GNUSE'S, WATT'S, EGGERT'S AND WILKIN'S TRIP TO CHINA TO ASSIST
IN TEACHING ENGLISH.**

MAVIS AND KEN MEYERS TRIPS

KAY AND DAVE WILKINS TRIPS

PAT AND BOB ECKART IN LABORS FOR CHRIST

HANS GUSTAF'S TRIP TO MEXICO

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

DEACONESS JERI'S MISSIONTRIP TO AN AIDS CLINIC IN TANZANIA

PARENTS NIGHT OUT PROGRAM HERE AT CHURCH

SNEAKERS FOR MEXICO

COURTESY VAN

HELPING HANDS

GRIEF SHARING SEMINAR

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE VAN

GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

MEALS ON WHEELS

SINGLES HELP PROGRAM

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR FOR GRAVETTE SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP QUILTS FOR GRAVETTE HOSPITAL

SERVICES AT CONCORDIA

VILLAGE HOUSE

HANNA HOUSE

HISPANIC MISSION IN LOWELL

OUR ASSISTANCE AT FIRST LUTHERAN, HARRISON ARKANSAS

CHRISTMAS STOCKING AND MITTEN PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, FRIENDS OF VIETNAM

*****ADDITIONALLY, MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WERE GIVING ASSISTANCE, COMFORT AND AID TO DISASTER VICTIMS OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA AS WELL AS OTHER DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS.**

OUR ALTAR WAS CONTINUALLY ADORNED BY AT LEAST ONE PRAYER CLOTH.

I THINK YOU WILL ALL AGREE BVLC IS AND HAS BEEN REACHING OUT.

GOD IS SOO GOOD.

ABOUT THIS TIME THE BRAILLE WORKERS MOVED FROM FAITH LUTHERAN, BENTONVILLE.

THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO CHANGE HYMNALS TO THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK.

A CALL COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED IN JANUARY 2008.

PASTOR PFLUEGER RETIRED MAY 31, 2008.

FAREWELL SERVICE WAS JUNE 1, 2008 – A JOB WELL DONE.

PASTOR, I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED HOW SOMEONE FROM PFLUEGERVILLE TEXAS COULD BECOME SUCH AN ADAMANT NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER FAN. HE EVEN HAD A CORNHUSKER TAG ON HIS CAR.

IN DECEMBER 2007, PASTOR KEN LAMPKE, PRESIDENT MID-SOUTH DISTRICT SPOKE TO THE CONGREGATION AND EXPLAINED THE REVITALIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM.

ON MARCH 28-30 PASTOR TERRY TIERMAN HELD INFORMATION GATHERING SESSIONS WITH MEMBERS AND OFFICERS. HE THEN SHARED HIS ANALYSIS WITH THE CONGRGATION, THAT BVLC WAS A VERY GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

IN MAY 2008 THE CONGRGATION VOTED TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM.

DURING THE YEARS WE HAVE HOSTED A NUMBER OF MUSIC GROUPS, TOO MANY TO LIST.

ALSO, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, DR PAUL MEIER HAS CONDUCTED SEMINARS THAT WERE WELL ATTENDED AND RECEIVED.

ADDITIONALLY OUR FACILITIES HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF BVLC FOR MEETINGS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS.

I AM PERSONALLY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE PERMITTED THE USE OF OUR FACILITIES,... AS IN THE BEGINING BVLC WAS ACCORDED THE SAME PRIVALEDGES BY THE WESLYN CHURCH AS WELL AS THE MILDRED B COOPER CHAPEL.

THIS IS A WAY WE CAN PAYBACK THE COMMUNITY FOR THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE CONGREGATION WHEN STARTING BVLC,... GOD IS SOO GOOD.

PASTOR PAUL HASS

GOD ONCE AGAIN BLESSED US WITH A DEVOTED VACANCY PASTOR. PASTOR JONES SERVED US FROM JUNE 2008 UNTIL JANUARY 2009.

HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS FROM ITS INCEPTION.

PASTOR PAUL HASS WAS CALLED, HE VISITED US AND ACCEPTED OUR CALL IN DECEMBER 2008.

HIS INSTALLATION TOOK PLACE JANUARY 11, 2009

PASTOR HASS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND HASN'T SLOWED DOWN.

HE MADE THE OBSERVATION ON MARCH 27, 2009 THAT 98% OF BVLC MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN AN IDENTIFIABLE MINISTRY PROGRAM, COMPARED TO 40% FOR THE DISTRICT AVERAGE. GODS WORK THAT BEGAN IN 1989, CONTINUES.

AS PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS THE CONGREGATION ELECTED 6 MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHO WERE INSTALLED ON APRIL 5, 2009. THEY CONTINUE WORKING DILIGENTLY, MOVING OUR CONGREGATION FORWARD WITH THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS.

IN THE PROCESS OF COMPILING THIS INFORMATION, I HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT OMITTED SOMETHING IMPORTANT. IF I HAVE PLEASE FORGIVE ME AS IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PUT ANYTHING LIKE THIS TOGETHER.

PROGRAM CLOSING

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS THE CONGREGATION'S PRESIDENT. PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

FIRST, OUR FRIEND FRANK MESAROS WHO IS NO LONGER WITH US.

HOWARD BIESTERFELD

JIM BREEN

BILL SCHOLTEN

VERN GRUHN

DICK MUNSTER

IVAN HERSCH

BOB ECKART

JIM RINELLA

HOWARD HARRLSON

GENE ROY

JOHN BRACH

BOB SVEHLA

GEORGE ALBERS

AND PRESIDENT ELECT RICK EGGERT

NOW;

WE WOULD ASK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CONGRGATION AS AN ELECTED OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

WOULD ALL OF THOSE WHO BECAME MEMBERS IN THE 1990'S PLEASE STAND.

WOULD ALL THOSE WHO BECAME MEMBERS SINCE 2000 PLEASE STAND.

DID YOU NOTICE HOW MUCH YOUNGER THOSE THAT JOINED SINCE 2000 ARE, THEY ALSO SEEM TO HAVE MORE HAIR AND LESS GREY.

I THINK WE ALL AGREE WHAT WAS SOWN BY A FEW IN 1989, HAS GROWN AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE WORK NOW BEING DONE IN GOD'S WORLD BY ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF BVLC.

BVLC HAS, FROM THE BEGINNING REACHED OUT TO DO GOD'S WORK FOLLOWING HIS COMMAND TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL PEOPLE.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING PASTOR SCHULTZ REMINDED US TO READ AND FOLLOW THE WORD. GOD IS SOO GOOD.

AT THIS TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR PASTORS;...

PASTOR MARTENS

FIRST TO PASTOR MARTENS AND HIS WIFE PAULINE, OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS FOR COMING TO BELLA VISTA AND ORGANIZING BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BOTH WITH THE LORD IN HEAVEN, I'M SURE THEY CAN HEAR US AND ARE SMILING DOWN ON US.

THANK YOU

PASTOR AND LILLIAN PINGEL

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO PASTOR MELVIN PINGEL FOR HIS ASSISTANCE, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WHEN WE NEEDED IT. WHILE HE TOO IS WITH THE LORD I'M SURE HE IS HAPPY WITH US.

******I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HIS WIFE LILLIAN WHO IS WITH US TODAY – AND SAY THANK YOU, LIL.**

MY WIFE AND I HAVE KNOWN LILLIAN A LONG TIME AS PASTOR PINGEL WAS OUR PASTOR IN PITTSBURGH PA FOR SOME 18 YEARS.

PASTOR ED SWENSON

OUR THANKS ALSO TO PASTOR EDWARD SWENSON, FOR HIS MANY SERVICES TO BVLC.

HE CONDUCTED WORSHIP SERVICES WHEN WE NEEDED HIM.

HE TOOK OVER THE TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WHEN PASTOR SCHULTZ LEFT.

HE VISITED THE SICK WHEN HE WAS NEEDED.

HE TOO IS WITH THE LORD IN HEAVEN, BUT I'M SURE HIS WIFE SHIRLEY WHO IS WITH US TODAY, WILL AGREE PASTOR ED IS CELEBRATING WITH US.

*****SHIRLEY, PLEASE STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED AS WE SAY THANK YOU.**

PASTOR JONES

PASTOR JONES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY TO US AT BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH. THE 8 YEARS THAT YOU GUIDED US WERE VERY FRUITFUL AS SHOWN BY ALL THE GOOD THINGS ACCOMPLISHED.

WE GREW FROM AN INFANT TO A HEALTHY CHURCH WITH A BEAUTIFUL VIEW.

FROM A SUBSIDIZED CONGREGATION TO A WELL ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DOROTHY FOR YOUR UNSELFISH CONTRIBUTIONS AS OUR CHOIR ORGANIZER, DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST,...

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,...

*****ASK PASTOR JONES IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY.**

PASTOR PFLUGER

PASTOR PFLUGER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY TO US AT BVLC. YOU TAUGHT US MANY THINGS ABOUT THE LITURGY. ALSO, YOU MADE THE BIBLE COME ALIVE THROUGH YOUR TEACHING KNOWLEDGE AND BIBLE STUDIES.

YOUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SMALL GROUP AND MISSION OUTREACH PROGRAMS HAVE PROVEN TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. THEY WILL SERVE THE CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

SALLY, THANK YOU FOR FINDING THE TIME TO COMMIT YOUR ENERGY AND SUPPORT TO BVLC IN THE MIDDLE OF A FULL TIME TEACHING CAREER.

******ASK PASTOR PFLUGER IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY.**

PASTOR HASS

PASTOR HASS, THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING OUR CALL.

THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS IS MOVING FORWARD IN OUR CONGREGATION AS WE SPEAK.

YOUR ENTHUSIASM IS EVIDENT IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.

WORKING ON THIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HAS BEEN A REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR HOWARD AND MYSELF.

WE ALSO THANK CAMILLA, ISAAC AND DAVID FOR COMING TO BELLA VISTA TO BECOME A PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

******ASK PASTOR HASS IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY.**

PASTOR SCHULTZ

PASTOR SCHULTZ YOUR EFFORTS TO HAVE A MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN BELLA VISTA IS WHY WE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY.

GOD SENT NORMA AND YOURSELF TO US,...THE REST IS HISTORY.

THANK YOU FOR, YOUR BIBLE STUDIES, YOUR GUIDANCE AND PATIENCE WITH US.

YOU TAUGHT US TO READ AND FOLLOW THE WORD IN LIVING OUR LIVES.

GOD IS SOO GOOD.

******PRESENT PASTOR SCHULTZ WITH HIS PLAQUE.**

******ASK PASTOR SCHULTZ IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO SAY.**

CONCLUSION AND GENERAL THANKS

I WANT TO THANK DEB ROESENER AND THE FOLLOWING LADIES FOR PROVIDING AND SERVING US THIS DELIGHTFUL LUNCH. MARY MEYHOFER, CLARISE GNUSE, DIANA WICKBOLDT, KATHY HUGHES, JUNE LEAR, MURIEL ALBERS, NONA SPERRY, DIANE HOWARD AND DEE HATCHINSKY.

LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND.

ALSO, WANT TO THANK LINDA DWYER AND SUE O'DELL AND RON GAUDIAN FOR ALL THEIR HELP.

THANK YOU SHARON AND STAN CRANDALL FOR DESIGNING AND CRAFTING THE PLAQUE FOR PASTOR SCHULTZ.

******THANK YOU FOR JOINING US,....**

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