

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 17-23, 2017
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever caught yourself saying clichés like, “The good old days,” or “They don’t make them like they used to?” Oftentimes, we look to the past with a feeling of nostalgia. Nostalgia can be a reality of the past that is also an improvement on the past. We like to think that things were better or safer or greater “back then.” Perhaps you have this feeling with good reason; after all, the future can be scary! Look at what is happening in this world, in our children’s lives; it is easy to be consumed by concern! Yet, in today’s Gospel, John assures you of greater things to come. His message is one of hope in the coming Savior. In Christ, we, too, have greater things to come, including resurrection and life with Him forever. That’s reason for rejoicing, now and always! In Him, Pastor Hass

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, John Moldenhauer, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Deb Raymond, Ula Biesterfeld, Ed Barnoski, Niles Daniels, Stan Crandall, Owen Conrad, Gary Aaron

Condolences to Nancy Allison at the loss of her step-dad, Norm

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Salem Lutheran-Springdale; Judson American Baptist; Village House

THANK YOU

A big thank you for all the prayers and all the support during my recent hospital stay. Recovery from the heart procedure is going along fine and I’m feeling stronger every day. I know your prayers helped in my healing. You are a wonderful, spiritual supportive congregation. Curly Baehr

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790) at 12:30 p.m. Today’s program is “Life Narrows Down” by guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What’s your passion in life? How far into the future will it take You? (John 1:6-8, 19-28 (John testifies to Christ.))

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN

If you do not have a BVLC Christmas yard sign, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick one up. If you have one of the old signs that is worn out, feel free to pick up a new sign.

LWML QUILTING

WILL NOT MEET NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 20, 2017

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR—9:45 a.m.

The Children’s Christmas Program is

TODAY

following the early service.

Enjoy many of the familiar Christmas songs that we all love to sing.

Hear the Christmas story told in a way that you have never heard before.

THE SHEPHERD’S FOOD PANTRY



Dear congregation: You have been very generous with your gifts to the Shepherd’s Food Pantry all year and throughout the holiday season. You are so supportive and such a blessing to our neighbors—as well as outstanding partners in the pantry’s mission to serve others. Our sincere and humble thanks.

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Dayspring Christmas cards are in. They are located in the narthex near the bulletin board. If you want to purchase any, please put your money in the envelope provided and put the envelope in Diana Watts’ mailbox.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"The Story," Bible Study

that meets at the Hass house

WILL NOT meet on December 19th, 2017.

They will resume their regular schedule on

January 2nd, 2018.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Dec. 20 is the last day to bring your gift for the Christmas stocking.

Also, be sure to choose the charities you want to receive donations by putting your ballot in the box on the kiosk.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

THE LORD'S WEEK
December 17-23, 2017

Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**
9:45 a.m. **Children's Christmas Program**
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
KURM-AM (790)
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Diane Howard

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—LuAnn Roy
12:00 noon JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Birth of the Messiah
in Luke 2
Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m. JOY IIC—Joanne Cline
JOY IIB—No Meeting
6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Birth of the Messiah
in Luke 2

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig
JOY IIIC—No Meeting
12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan
6:00 p.m. Foster's TLC—Clubhouse

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library
5:30 p.m. Family Video Game Night
6:00 p.m. Advent Service
8:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners
9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—No Meeting
12:30 p.m. Ladies Bridge

Friday

Shepherd's Food Pantry Closed

Saturday

No Saturday IGNITE service

NEXT SUNDAY—December 24, 2017

9:30 a.m. **Unity Service with Communion**
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
KURM-AM (790)
6:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
w/communion

December 24th scripture readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stewardship



1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYER TIME



The *Prayer Time* prayer requests are in the card holders on the backs of the pews. Completed prayer requests can be placed in the marked boxes at the back of the church or at the Welcome Center. The requests are collected after the service and Stephen Ministers pray and then shred the requests immediately after the prayer. All requests are kept confidential. You can be as general or as specific as you want. God knows the needs before we even ask.

If you have any questions regarding Stephen Ministry, please contact a leader – Pam Benson or Jack Grober

Your Stephen Ministry Team

GOOD SAMARITANS

We are now ready to serve you. Please call Tim Verble at [479-321-1675](tel:479-321-1675) with your request or email him at tim.verble@gmail.com.

DISHES & CONTAINERS

Several dishes or containers have been left in the kitchen.

Please check to see if any of them belong to you!

TABLE DECORATING COMMITTEE

is in need of more members to serve 1 month a year. If interested, please contact Donna Henning at 479-899-6319.

NEW ADDRESS: Dee Kincade
11 Britten Circle
Bella Vista, AR. 72715

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

It's time to celebrate your special day!!

Wednesday, December 27th at noon

at **Copelands Restaurant** in Rogers.

This is your invitation to join all of us born in November and December to enjoy a special luncheon prepared just for us at Copelands. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Please sign up at the kiosk by Sunday, December 24th.
This is a regularly scheduled outing sponsored by
the Fellowship Team.

Questions? Call Betty Bennett at 479-855-2759.