

2011



November

**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SHEPHERD'S



*God made him
who had no sin
to be sin for us ...
2 Corinthians 5:21*

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

**THE MISSION STATEMENT OF BELLA VISTA
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Out of thankfulness for god's love in Jesus Christ, who has blessed us by His Grace both past and present, we are compelled with all our strength and Tireless effort, to share God's love with all people in our community.

Accordingly our primary mission focus will be families and youth.



Dear sisters & brothers in Christ,

Can you fill in the following blank? *“In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of _____ is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities and the world.”*

Those words are important words. They speak of us, as Christians, operating out of the gift only God can truly give: Grace. They remind us who we are as Lutheran Christians by pointing us toward God’s means of grace: His Word and the Sacraments. These words point us out in mission, to make known the love of Jesus in every way possible, to each other, to our area, and to the world. Does this outlook sound familiar? It should! Each one of these statements is reflected in Bella Vista’s Lutheran’s Vision Statement, *“Out of thankfulness for God’s love in Jesus Christ, who has blessed us by His grace by both past and present, we are compelled with all of our strength and tireless effort, to share God’s love with all people in our community. Accordingly our primary mission focus will be families and youth.”* These words remind us of who we are, and whose we are. These words point us toward a future where we are very intentional about sharing God’s love with our community. Our words and those above have much in common. As well they should! In case you hadn’t guessed by now, the blank space above should read, *The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

In Him,

Pastor Hass



Please Pray for:

PRAYER CHAIN

**To request a prayer or to join the prayer chain ...CALL...
ALETHA DAMMANN 855-6739**

**FOR E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
855-0272**

**LWML QUILTING
NOVEMBER 2011
2ND & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
LWR —9TH
BABY QUILTS —16TH
8:30 TIL NOON**

EVERYONE JOIN US



The Shepherd's Voice is on our church web site. www.bvlutheran.com. Look under Communications for each month's Issue. We continue to print the Newsletter for those who wish to have a hard copy, so if that is your wish call the Church office & request to be put on the list for the mail boxes. It is on our web page under Communications after the 4th Wednesday each month. The Newsletter is in living color on the Web sight !

NOW.....

An astronaut, who was aboard the International Space Station, is coming to BVLC On Sat. Nov. 5th from 3-5 p.m. & Sun. Nov. 6th from 2-4 p.m. Col. Jeffrey Williams to share his experiences with NWA. *"The Work of His Hands: A View of God's Creation from Space"* is a book that Col. Williams wrote which will be available for sale & signing during this visit. Go to www.bvlutheran.com and register **TODAY!!! DON'T MISS IT!!**

This is a net fishing event to share God's love-
bring your friends and neighbors

2013 Synodical Convention

The time has come to prepare in a specific way for the 2013 Synodical Convention. Each Congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has the opportunity to nominate individuals to be placed on the Synodical ballots to serve in specific positions within our Synod. These include the LCMS Secretary, Board of Directors, Concordia Publishing House Board, LCEF Board and many other positions. If you wish to look through the list of positions and nominate someone for these positions please see the notice on our Bulletin Board that is located adjacent to the doors from the Narthex to the Memorial Garden. If you know of anyone that would both be qualified and willing to serve in these positions please let Pastor Hass know so that he can connect you with our Circuit Counselor to get the proper Forms in hand to make a nomination.

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

S. Sgt Capt. Jeffrey Nelson—son of Jane Fulkerson
S.Sgt Joshua Bragg - grandson of Shirley Wiemers
S.Sgt. Jennifer Fox Bragg—granddaughter of Shirley Wiemers
Capt. Neil Jesse— Grandson of Bob & Donna Jesse
Capt. Barry Zinke—nephew of Gary & Peggy Nelson
Major Jeffrey Knudson—nephew of Jerry & Alice Lundwall
S.Sgt. Ryan Matthew Duncan—grandson of Frank & Nancy Priboth
Lt. Tim Woolery—grandson of Charles & Norma Woolery
PO3 Jeremy Dellinger—grandson of Art & Bonnie Quednow
SGT. Ross Karels—nephew of Peggy Karels
LCPL Michael Hirsch—grandson of Ivan & Millie Hirsch
Corporal Nathaniel Hansen—grandson of Roy & Connie Knafla
Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, USDAF—sister of Deb Roesener
Lance Corporal Michael Cross—grandson of Gary & Barbara Hartwig



IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH
 FOR THE NEXT MONTH
 E MAIL ULA at ulab@cox.net
 or
 CHURCH at office@bvlutheran.com

Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2011
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 6, 2011
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2011
- Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2011
- National Bible Week, November 20-27, 2011
- Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2011
- First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011

MARY ETTNER ARRIVES IN VIETNAM!

It was about one year ago that [Dr. Christine Ross](#) visited Vietnam.

Christine is the program director for the DCE program at Concordia University Irvine, and as I walked the fields of Phu Tho with her we dreamed of what it would look like if we had a DCE intern come to Vietnam for two years. As I explained the strengths and values of the ministry in Vietnam, I recall Christine saying, "I have just the right person for you!" And indeed, on September 21 [Mary Ettner](#) arrived in Vietnam. She is one of only a few DCE interns to work internationally with LCMS World Mission, so we are particularly excited about this opportunity both for Mary and for Vietnam. Mary has international experience, including two months in India, which has certainly helped to ease the transition to life in Vietnam. Her first weeks have proven her to be flexible, adaptable, and easygoing, and hardworking.

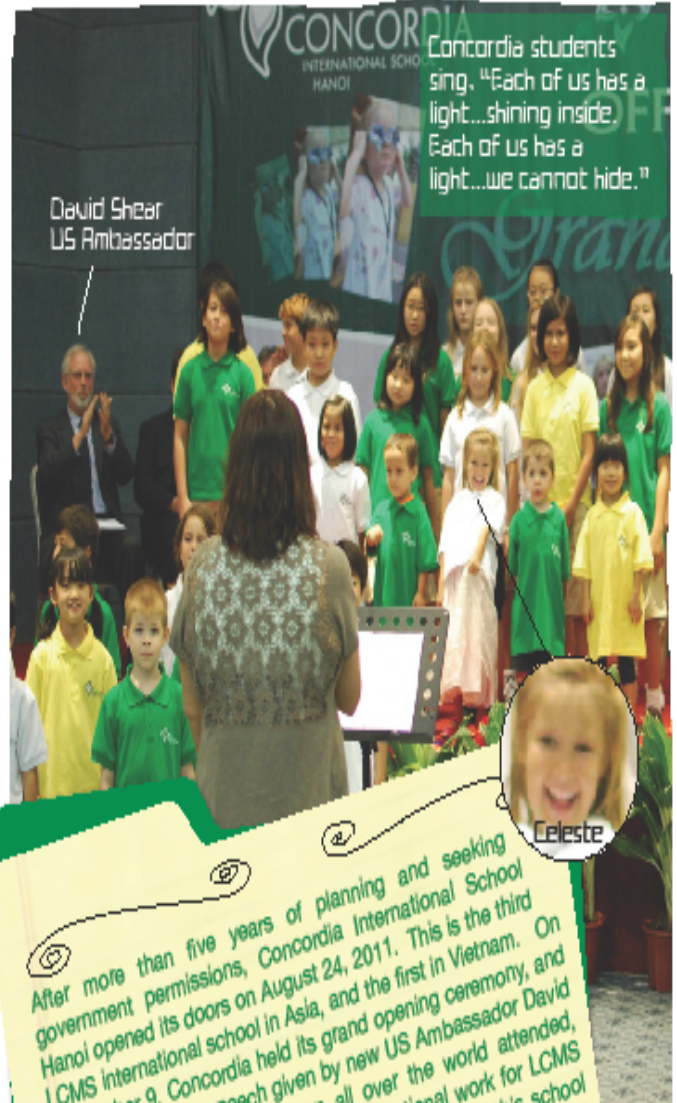
While Mary's primary job in Vietnam is to learn, she will be engaging in a variety of activities, including supporting volunteer teachers of English, facilitating service groups, and helping with development projects, in addition to other duties.

What a joy for Vietnam to have such a unique opportunity! This is our first non-teaching volunteer in Vietnam! Already we are seeing the fruits of this arrangement as Mary has made contact with potential volunteers and service groups. This is exactly what we hoped for one year ago when Dr. Christine Ross came! Thank the Lord!



SQUARE TWO

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 Vietnam.lcmsworldmission.org



David Shear
US Ambassador

Concordia students sing, "Each of us has a light...shining inside. Each of us has a light...we cannot hide."

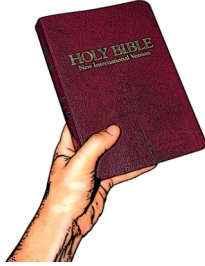


Celeste

After more than five years of planning and seeking government permissions, Concordia International School Hanoi opened its doors on August 24, 2011. This is the third LCMS international school in Asia, and the first in Vietnam. On September 9, Concordia held its grand opening ceremony, and was honored by a speech given by new US Ambassador David Shear. Over 200 guests from all over the world attended, including David Birner, director of international work for LCMS World Mission, who also spoke. What a blessing this school will be to people from many nations! Learn more about CISH at their website: www.concordiahanoi.org.

Prayers for Mary Ettner as she adjusts to life in Vietnam; for ending our Caring for Kids project; for beginning our new major project in Phu Tho; for a group from Naples that arrives on Oct. 16; for an upcoming training event in Hong Kong that J.P. will be helping teach; thanksgiving for work opportunities for Aimee.

Wanna help us impact the people of Vietnam? Your financial partnership is essential! You may send a tax-deductible gift to: P.O. Box 790089, St. Louis, MO 63179. Make checks payable to LCMS World Mission. Memorandum support of Cima Family. Or give on-line at: www.lcms.org/cima. Thank you for your partnership!



BIBLE QUIZ

Some churches observe National Bible Week in November. According to 2 Timothy, which of the following are ways that God intends for us to use Scripture?

- A. Teaching and training in righteousness
- B. Equipping God's children for good works
- C. Reproof and correction
- D. All of the above

Answer: D (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

When visiting someone in the hospital, make sure your visit is short. Ten to fifteen minutes lets the person know you care enough to visit them but won't wear them out. Remember, they are there to REST and HEAL! Try calling first to see if they would like to have visitors. Sometimes a card or a call is enough.

This service announcement is brought to you by your Stephen Ministry team.



**June 26 Concert DVD
Available in Church Library**

**Contact Ula Biesterfeld to obtain a copy of the concert
"HOME OF THE BRAVE"
Patriotic Concert DVD
To be returned to the library.**

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM, - NOVEMBER 2011

Our outreach Ministry Team is taking the Word of God to our local community through evangelistic efforts and hands on mission work. As we grow in Faith, we become more intentional about sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others.

The Staff Leader of the Outreach Ministry Team is John Hughes. Our Outreach Team throughout the balance of 2011 and into 2012 will be building loving relationships with individuals in Bella Vista and the surrounding community. We will develop further our focus of “Connect—Grow—Serve through our “Grace and Mercy coins.

Our support of the Shepherd’s Food Pantry and Cooper School Back Pack programs will continue along with LCMS World Missions and Outreach Missions. The focus Going forward is family and youth through the expanded programs at Cooper Elementary and the Gravette School System. We welcome the involvement and commitment of our world wide Braille organization. Braille is coordinated by Marie Herr.

The Outreach Team is comprised of Jane Bergstrom, Rick Eggert, Kay Gaudian, Clarice Gnuse, Rich Haddock, Marie Herr, Chuck Merriman, Sally Peterson, Bill Powell, Deb Roesener and Lorna Sperl.

Outreach activities of connecting the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the community youth and parents via “Fishing is Fun”, “Happy Birthday Jesus” and the “Oktoberfest” family/ neighbor outreach. The focus upon the Advent, Lenten periods of our Christian Church Year along with the area elementary schools will be our commitment of “TIME”. Time to connect all to Jesus Christ. We will share the Love of Christ and plan to make 24 ministry contacts in 2012.

Our team goal is to help every member of Bella Vista Lutheran Church a missionary of Jesus Christ. The Outreach Ministry Team is led by John Hughes. We welcome your/ time to share this Gospel to Bella Vista and the world. New Outreach connections are always welcomed.





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

Tis' the time of year we begin working on stuffing a stocking!!

When the Christmas stockings are filled they will be delivered to Helping Hands to be given to needy children of people that come to the store and are interviewed who need financial assistance at this sacred time of year.

We would not like the children to miss Christmas because dad lost his job and is unable to pay the rent.

The stockings are available for pick up now. Please return to church office when filled to be delivered to Helping Hands, Bentonville where they will be given to needy children in Benton County.

Join Us at
Advent Worship



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICES

NOVEMBER 30TH

DECEMBER 7TH

DECEMBER 14TH

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Chuck's Corner

Use the below questions to discuss God in the home or to start a conversation with others.

- **How have your ideas about God changed since grade school?**
- **Are you at a loss for words when someone challenges your beliefs?**
- **Do you sometimes have doubts about your faith?**
- **Do you think that a Christian needs other people in order to live fully?**
- **Do you think most people find it difficult to share their faith, why?**
- **How is the Bible relevant to every person's life?**
- **Do you believe that prayers are always heard?**
- **Do you view death as a beginning rather than an ending?**

Go in peace knowing that God is in control.

Blessings,
Chuck

A BENEFIT CONCERT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
11 A.M.

For area food pantries, will be presented by Village Handbell Ringers. The event will be hosted by Highlands Methodist Church, 371 Glasgow Rd., Bella Vista and will feature performances by Village Handbell Ringers, Highlands Church Choir and several well-known musicians, vocal and instrumental. Plan to support this worthy cause and enjoy an hour of exciting pre-holiday music! A free will offering will be taken.

For information, call Marjorie Hemphill-Salomo 855-6643 or Joyce Sheldon 855-0591.



**November, 2011
Shepherd's Voice**

Thanksgiving Day

November is a popular month for many Americans. In the farm belt, most of the crops have been harvested and stored safely away. In other areas snow has already fallen and skiers are anxious to head for the Hills. And sports fans are treated to a wide range of college and professional sports. But perhaps the best thing about November is Thanksgiving Day!

Christians love to join together with fellow Christians and sing hymns of harvest and thanksgiving like...

*“Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin’
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest-home.”*

One of the best benefits that comes with sincere *thanksgiving is thanks-living....* That shows up as we freely and joyfully manage our time, talents and money for God’s purposes. This is Christian Stewardship at it’s finest!

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Stewardship Board



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| Ashley Brightman | 11/01 |
| Jan Cutcher | 11/01 |
| Mo Kunkel | 11/01 |
| Leonard Ernst | 11/04 |
| Seth Billing | 11/05 |
| Cathy Johnson | 11/07 |
| Bonnie Whiting | 11/07 |
| Wayne Gisler | 11/09 |
| Troy Wobschall | 11/09 |
| Lucille Calkins | 11/10 |
| Cathy Southard | 11/11 |
| Ellie Wood | 11/11 |
| Scott Good | 11/13 |
| Fern Svehla | 11/13 |
| Shirley Emling | 11/14 |
| Vicki Hoskins | 11/15 |
| Alice Lundwall | 11/15 |
| Sonja Burkett | 11/21 |
| Mark Bernthal | 11/21 |
| Marge Lindemann | 11/22 |
| Cheryl Cardin | 11/22 |
| Nancy Shumway | 11/24 |
| Ruth Bruch | 11/24 |
| Jerry Lundwall | 11/24 |
| Thelma Sauer | 11/24 |
| Kelsie Lane | 11/25 |
| Duane Rembold | 11/26 |
| Fran Bloomer | 11/27 |
| Jerry Slatton | 11/27 |
| Vern Howard | 11/29 |



Wayne & Jacque Gruben

11/04



40th Anniversaries

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| Tom & Vicki Dehnert | 11/06 |
| Howard & Barbara Harlson | 11/07 |

20th Anniversaries

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| Dave & Kathy Wilkins | 11/30 |
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November Anniversaries

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| Richard & Kim Heruska | 11/01 |
| Vern & Diane Howard | 11/01 |
| Randy & Beth Gaudian | 11/02 |
| Josh & Megan Lane | 11/03 |
| Herb & Lyn Schmid | 11/04 |
| Dan & Jennifer Casey | 11/07 |
| Jim & Thelma Breen | 11/16 |
| Gareld & Lois Johnson | 11/22 |
| Dick & Helen Hise | 11/24 |

November baptismal anniversaries



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| Denise Allen | 11/01 |
| Bob Hess | 11/01 |
| Gareld Johnson | 11/01 |
| Bob Whiting | 11/01 |
| Bill Foster | 11/02 |
| Wayne Ewoldt | 11/05 |
| LuAnn Roy | 11/07 |
| Ed Berndt | 11/08 |
| Bob Johnson | 11/09 |
| Robin Bowman | 11/10 |
| Greta Thiele | 11/10 |
| Jane Fulkerson | 11/10 |
| Verna Menard | 11/22 |
| Ashley Brightman | 11/23 |
| Sharon Reeves | 11/24 |
| Leonard Ernst | 11/25 |
| Alice Lundwall | 11/25 |
| Bob Miskimen | 11/27 |

SWAP ANNOUNCES IT'S NEXT MISSION !

Our SWAP (Stamped with a Prayer) mission group has designated its next recipient to be LCMS WORLD MISSION-Ministry to the Armed Forces. Our goal is to raise \$1,000! We need your help to accomplish this goal. We need people to make cards and to assist with selling them one Sunday a month.

In addition to our monetary mission, we also work with the Boys and Girls Club one day a month as well as Brookfield Assisted Living five times per year. We really need people who are willing to come and help with these projects as well .

We have been short on help lately and would love to have more hands and bodies to assist us. If you are curious about how you can help; would like to participate or would like to learn how to make cards for the ministry, contact Pam Benson at 855-5853. I would love to talk to you about it!



Pam Benson
479-855-5853

Commit in the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3



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Two sides of gratitude

Today, the Hebrew word for “giving thanks,” also means “admitting, confessing, acknowledging.” That might seem odd, but when we thank someone, we’re acknowledging we needed what they gave us. Rabbi Daniel Lapin explains we’re even confessing we were incomplete, or experiencing a shortcoming, beforehand.

Gratitude is so important for the Jewish life that the Hebrew root words for “giving thanks/ confessing” and for “Jew” are closely related. A Jewish person, then, is “one who both confesses and gives thanks” — actions crucial to the well-being of the receiver, even more than for the giver.

