

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

December 18-24 2011

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FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Well, almost. This New Year, 2012, will be an exciting time of learning, growing and rededication to the idea of making disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Beginning January 1, 2012 we will, as a whole church for a period of seven weeks, take up the subject of discipleship in a new and exciting way. In each Sunday Service we will, together, look intently at what God's Word has to say to us today about being a disciple, and how we as disciples are called and equipped by God to make disciples.

To facilitate this process, we will also be asking our adult members to join together during our Adult Bible Study time on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall to continue this conversation. To further this conversation even more, we will be asking each of the Small Groups to please schedule your groups to meet weekly for these seven weeks, if that is not your habit already. Material has already been prepared that will follow what we discussed the previous Sunday. Each Small Group Leader will be contacted prior to January 1, 2012, by the Education Team to make sure you have the weekly lessons in your hands each week.

Since this will be both a Bible study and a practical application course of action, we are asking you to please bring your own personal Bible with you for each Service and study opportunity.

Please pray that God continue to bless us as we seek to Connect, Grow and Serve our Savior in the year of our Lord, 2012!

In Him, Pastor Hass

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Aletha Dammann at 855-6739 or the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Bob Whiting, Paul Resetar, Mike Gerulski, Donna Jesse, Marge Lindemann, Jim Adamek, Doris Mentink, Pam Aastrup, Art Quednow, Helen Hise, Caroline Searls, Barbara Harlson, Denise Allen, Walt Graupner, Pat McKelvey, Dick Hise

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrect and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima; Salem Lutheran-Springdale; United Lutheran; Hispanic Ministry

THANKS

To the many Bella Vista Lutheran parishioners - especially the Stephens Ministers - whose best wishes and prayers are so valued and appreciated in my time of need, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. You are blessed for being so caring. I have had some tests (don't we all?) to determine how widespread the problem may have become. Because of the season, of course, it will be after the new year begins before anything definitive will be forthcoming. Nita and I will keep you posted.

Pat McKelvey

Our thanks to the following Hostesses that participated in LWML Advent by Candlelight: Marie Herr, Sharon Longnecker, Clarice Gnuse, Fae Miskimen, Sally Peterson, Sue Barr, Rachael Sanford, Nancy Manos, Donna Henning, Shirley Swenson, Muriel Albers, Dorothy Jones, Pam Benson, Coleen Gast, Lora Rollings, Claryce Thomas, Amanda Thomas, Esther Meier, Lois Rath, Marian Ritter, LuAnn Roy, Camilla Hass, Linda Staller, Cheryl Cardin, Terese Knipfel, and Peggy Nelson. Without your support this event would

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

Combined Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: A discussion on **The Real St. Nick: Leader, Legend or Lie** will be led by Pastor Hass.

Children's Sunday School

- Ages 2-4 years old meet in the Early Childhood room.
- K-2nd grade meet in Classroom A.
- 3rd-5th grade meet in the Library.

not have been a success. All of the tables were gorgeous and the desserts were a hit. Also, we would like to say a special 'Thank You' to Randy & Nancy Allison for their inspiring program which was enjoyed by all and to the men who did the cleanup work and served us coffee.

A sincere thank you to Don Calkins, Stan Jones, Brad Kraft, Dick Lubeck, Jack Manos, and Bob Sanford for your participation in making Advent by Candlelight such a wonderful evening.

The Women of LWML

I would like to thank all of you that either sent cards, made a phone call, said prayers or kept me in your thoughts during my recent back issues. I especially want to thank Pastor Jones for his visit prior to me going in for a procedure called "radio frequency neuroablation" on my lower back. Right now, I'm doing a lot better through the grace of God. I've received an epidural shot in my neck and this is helping relieve the numbness in my right hand/thumb. Again, I thank God for such a caring church family here at BVLC.

Art Meyhofer

Parents and Grandparents: A reminder to check out the library for Christian Books to read to your children or grandchildren. We have Christmas books and many of the bible stories for children. Also, parents have you checked out "Little Visits with God" and "Little Visits for Toddlers". These are wonderful books to share God's word with the little ones in your home.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

January 8th will be the second Sunday of the month food drive for the Shepherd's Food Pantry. We are in need of chili, stews, canned meat, flour, bar soap and saltine crackers. We can't do this ministry without all of your help.

Have a blessed and healthy New Year

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The "Christmas Card Tree" in the Narthex is placed there so that you may place one card on the tree to everyone in our congregation and then give a contribution to a charity of your choice with the savings from the purchase of multiple cards. Please indicate the charity of your choice on your card. This tree will remain up through December 26th. After this date, we will provide a list of those placing cards on the tree and what charities benefited.

Children & Youth Ministry

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

December 11, 2011

Worship:	8:30 a.m.	202
	10:45 a.m.	127
Projected for December Budget		\$41,572.00
Received to date		\$30,654.71
Amount needed for December		\$10,917.29

Dec. 19 John & Karen Minnick
 Dec. 26 Arlo & Irma Miesbach
 Jan. 2 John & Kathy Hughes

THE LORD'S WEEK
December 18-24, 2011

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Divine Worship w/communion
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m.	Blended Worship
6:00 p.m.	'A Thrill of Hope' Music Concert

Monday

9:00 a.m.	JOY I—Church
11:00 a.m.	JOY IIA—Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m.	JOY IIB—No meeting
	JOY IIC—No meeting

Tuesday

8:30 a.m.	JOY IIIA—No meeting
9-9 p.m.	Braille
9:00 a.m.	JOY IIIC—No Meeting
1:30 p.m.	JOY IV—Rachel Sanford
6:30 p.m.	LifeLight—Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Quilting
1:00 p.m.	JOY VB—No meeting

Thursday

6:30 p.m.	2nd Service Worship Team Rehearsal
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Friday

10-1 p.m.	Shepherd's Food Pantry
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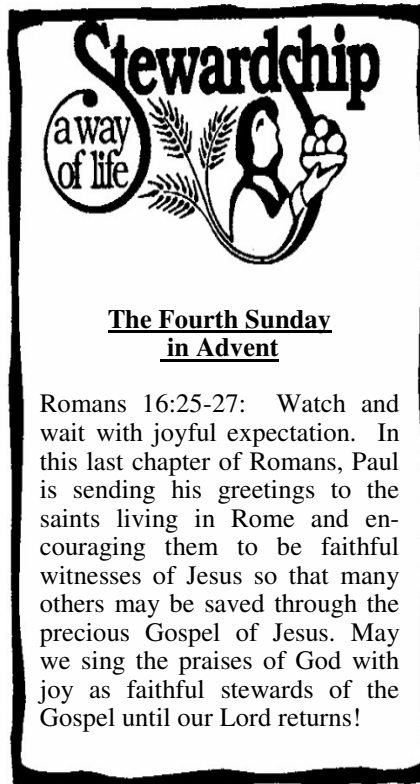
Saturday

6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Serv. w/communion
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NEXT SUNDAY—Dec. 25, 2011

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

LWML has
 Christmas cards
 for sale in the Narthex.
 Check it out!
 Mustard Seed packets are also available.



The Fourth Sunday
in Advent

Romans 16:25-27: Watch and wait with joyful expectation. In this last chapter of Romans, Paul is sending his greetings to the saints living in Rome and encouraging them to be faithful witnesses of Jesus so that many others may be saved through the precious Gospel of Jesus. May we sing the praises of God with joy as faithful stewards of the Gospel until our Lord returns!

NEW MEMBERS:

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PRAYER SHAWLS ARE NEEDED!
 When completed, please leave them in the office.

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 announcement is brought to you by your Stephen Ministry Team.*

CAP & MITTEN TREE
DONATIONS

MUST BE TURNED IN
TODAY, 12/18.

January Birthday Party!
Noon at the River Grill
Wednesday, the 18th.
Sign-up at the Kiosk

or
RSVP - Call Ellen Scholten
855-1324

WELCOME CENTER
VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for both the Traditional and Blended Services to assist in staffing the Welcome Center. We are asking volunteers for their availability during the first quarter of 2012. Sign-up sheets for each service are located on the kiosk in the Narthex.