

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

Amid the confusion and the drama of life, the fundamental spiritual truth remains constant: people are trapped. They are trapped by sin and cannot free themselves. None of us can free ourselves.

God's Law clearly reveals our sin. Something in us almost instantly but deceptively thinks God's Law is like a stepladder. If we follow it closely enough, step by step, we will reach our goal and be saved. But we are trapped!

Only the Gospel sets us free. This Gospel is rooted solely in Christ, our Messiah who, by fulfilling God's Law and sacrificing His life on the cross, sets us free from sins trap. He does this for everyone who believes in His holy Name.

Today, in our lessons, we hear about Christ reaching out to free us from spiritual confusion and sins turmoil that is seen by how it affects us, through our own anxiety, trouble and worry. Jesus alone frees us by forgiving us our sins and giving us the vision of God's love poured out in our lives. 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, Mona Johnson, Paul Resetar, Mike Gerulski, Donna Jesse, Wayne Koepf, Marge Lindemann, Jim Adamek, Jim Cash, Paul Austin, Bob Roseen, Shirley Emling, Marie Herr, Doris Mentink, June Lear

Condolences: Muriel Albers at the loss of her mother, Laverne
Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting, Pastor J. P. Cima; Unidos En Cristo-Bethel Heights; Bella Vista First United Methodist; Friendly Stitches

THANKS

Dear Congregation: I wish to thank all of BVLC for their thoughts and prayers and get well wishes during my knee surgery and after. I am doing great. My leg is now straight and I no longer use a cane. Thank you. Yours in Christ Edith Hackman

I would like to thank all of our Bella Vista Lutheran Church family for your prayers, cards and concern over my recent health issue. A special thank you to our wonderful Pastor Jones for his visit and prayer while in the hospital. I am so blessed to be a member of this exceptionally caring congregation. In His love, Thelma Breen

A deep and heartfelt thank you to all of "my church family at Bella Vista Lutheran". You have given me tremendous support during my recovery from total knee replacement with tasty foods, soups, desserts, flowers, get well cards, phone calls, home/hospital visits, a prayer shawl and the prayer chain. And special thanks to Pastor Hass and Pastor Jones for their hospital and home calls. All of your intercessions have been heard and our loving God has made my recovery incredibly fast and without incident. You all have a special way of making one feel so much better!! Thank you again and God's blessings. Carol Moldenhauer

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** The study of the book of **Luke** will continue. This class is led by Pastor Hass.
- **Choir Room:** This discussion class led by Gerry Rath is studying **Heaven and Hell — The Edge of Eternity** from the CPH Faith on the Edge Series. All are invited to join us.

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.
- 6th-12th grade meet in the Pastor's office.

THANK YOU to Stan & Sharon Crandall, John Hughes and all the folks who helped make the Oktoberfest such a huge success last Sunday. What a beautiful day to be a part of God's family here at BVLC!

TRUNK & TREAT

It's time to gather your costumes, decorations, candy and prepare your vehicle for the third annual Trunk & Treat on Monday, Oct. 31 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. We have built such a good reputation in the community with this event that the word is out that we are the most family friendly fun place to be on Halloween. Please sign up at the kiosk. We are most grateful for your support.

The Children & Youth Ministry Team

LIFELIGHT classes will begin on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at the kiosk.

REFORMATION SERVICE TODAY AT 3:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Emma Ave. in Springdale, Arkansas. The speaker is Rev. Dr. David Birner. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be holding a cookout following the service. The offering will go to support world missions in the LCMS. Sign up at the kiosk if you plan to attend.

The following individuals are candidates for the BVLC Board of Directors. Those elected will serve a 2 year term which begins January, 2012.

Sonja Burkett

Peggy Karels

Pat McKelvey

Stan Isaacson

John Lear

Nancy Shumway

Election of the Board of Directors will take place at the Congregational Meeting next Sunday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

The **2011 VISION for MINISTRY EVENT** is at Holy Trinity in Rogers on November 2nd starting at 5:30 p.m. Presenters are California Nevada Hawaii District President Rev. Dr. Bob Newton and Rev. Wayne Knolhoff, currently in a leadership position with the LCMS. Sign up at the kiosk. **All members are invited.**

VOLUNTEER ushers, parking lot attendants and extra seating (chair) logistics persons are needed for our **NET FISHING EVENT** on Nov. 5th & 6th. **Please sign up at the kiosk.**

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

October 16, 2011

Worship:	9:30 a.m.	289
Projected for October Budget		\$51,965.00
Received to date		\$24,617.79
Amount needed for October		\$27,347.21

- Oct. 24 Richard Haddock & Barbara Harlson
 - Oct. 31 Lorna Sperl & Diana Watts
 - Nov. 7 Betty Deppeler & Jackie Hartmann
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THE LORD'S WEEK
October 23-29, 2011

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Divine Worship**
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion**
- 2:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Margaret Gruhn

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library
- 11:00 p.m. JOY IIA—Church to mark Bibles
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—Margaret Gruhn
- JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke
- Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- Stephen Ministry

Tuesday

- 9:00—9:00 p.m. Braille
- 8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Eleanor Wierman
- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan
- 6:30 p.m. LifeLight—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

Thursday

- 10:30 a.m. JOY VA—Diane Howard
- 1:30 p.m. Beaded Ladies—Classroom B
- 2:30 p.m. YAC II—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. 2nd Service Worship Team Rehearsal
- Stephen Ministry Training
- 7:00 p.m. SAC III—Bob & Bev Hess

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Backpack Packing
- 10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

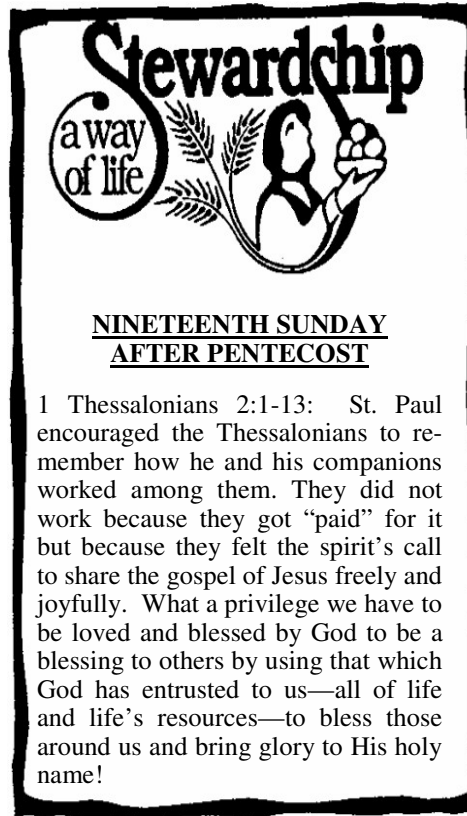
- 9:00 a.m. Samuel Team

NEXT SUNDAY—October 30, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. Divine Worship**
 - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 - 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 - 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship**
 - 3:00 p.m. Reformation Service—Salem in Springdale**
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BVLC GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holers Singles & Couples
Call Bill Scholten at 855-1324



STEWARDSHIP
Galatians 2:20

"...I live by faith in the Son of god, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

You KNOW you are one of God's good stewards when you give yourself completely to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I fell away from God and the church in my early adulthood for quite a number of years. I sampled some of the world's foible vices and found them unsatisfying. Then one day, by a simple act of faith, I decided to take Jesus Christ at His word. I could not come by way of intellect alone; no one can. That does not mean that we reject reason. God has given us minds and the

ability to reason wherever reason is appropriate, but the final decisive step is taken by faith. I came by faith. Does it work when a person comes, repenting of his sins to receive Christ by faith? I can only tell you that it worked in my own life. Something did happen to me. I didn't become perfect by any means, but the direction of my life was changed dramatically. I found a new capacity to love that I had never known before. The Prayer: The day I received You, Lord, it was a childlike act of faith. Through You my whole life has changed. In our Lord's love, Roy Knafla

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Please remember Pastor Hass and his family in your prayers and take time verbally or written to express to him your appreciation for his ministry.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS are available for pick up **TODAY**. These filled stockings will be taken to Helping Hands where they will be given to needy children in Benton County.

The **Greater Ozarks Chorus** will be presenting their fall show **TODAY** at 1:30 p.m. at Heritage High School Performing Arts Center. See Dave Schurman or Gene Gnuse for tickets.

SWAP News - When you buy a SWAP card for \$2.50, all of the \$2.50 goes to our current mission. We are happy to announce that we have met our goal and will be presenting a check to *Faith in Action* today. If you want to learn more about *Faith in Action*, there are brochures in the office by the cards. SWAP would like to thank everyone who has bought cards for your help in supporting our different missions and in getting the name of our church out there. Just a reminder, SWAP was the first contact for BVLC with the Boys & Girls Club and *look* where that has led!

The **Communion Service for Shut-Ins** will be Tuesday, November 1st. The service begins at 11:30 and is followed by lunch. Please remind our shut-ins of this special service.