

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

October 2-8, 2011

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### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

As we approach Consecration Sunday and our Annual meeting it is important to inform you of some indications of progress in respect to the Transformation Process we began in 2008. This past year has been a blessing. Under the leadership of Pastor Hass our Ministry Teams have been hard at work. Not only that, but each of you have given your prayers, time, talents, and financial resources to bring us where we are today. Listed below is some statistical data that truly reflects a positive trend forward.

October 1, 2010 – September 31, 2011

<i>MEMBERSHIP -</i>	<i>OTHER -</i>		
New Members	+ 59	Adult Baptisms	2
Transfers out	- 8	Child Baptisms	5
Deaths	-10	Confirmations - Junior	1
<b>Net</b>	<b>+41</b>	Confirmations - Adult	10
		Funerals	10

Even amongst positive news there is sadness. Although we have had 10 deaths we rejoice these brothers and sisters in Christ are now in the company of our Lord and Savior. Our mission remains to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ so they too may experience the same joy of Salvation and eternal life.

Some of the most exciting numbers are the adult confirmations and new members. These are evident indications that God's Hand is at work here in BVLC. We have many decisions to make during the month of October. Chief among them is a vote on the revised By-laws and Constitution and our Annual Budget. Please take time to pray and ask our Lord for His guidance. This is an exciting congregation dedicated to spreading the Gospel, unafraid to take on challenges, and truly reflective of Christ's Love. At BVLC we know the meaning of Connect-Grow-Serve. We do it every day! In Christ,

Mark Bernthal  
Chairman, Board of Directors

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### 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, Lillian Pingel, Joyce Ater, Art Quednow, Jim Cash, Carol Moldenhauer, Jim Searls, Shirley Wiemers, Adam Schweizer

**Missions:** Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima; Faith Lutheran-Bentonville; Bella Vista Christian Church; Helping Hands

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### THANKS

"Thank You" to all for the prayers for me when I had my recent procedure. A special thank you to Pastor Jones, John Hughes and

### 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.

the Gruhn's that were at the hospital with us during the procedure. We do appreciate all the prayers and concerns of so many in our loving congregation these past few years. We are so blessed! Art and Bonnie Quednow

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### ***"OKTOBERFEST BVLC FAMILY PICNIC"***

October 16, 2011

2 – 5 p.m. on Arts Festival Grounds

Thrivent is providing Brats, Hot Dogs, grill & grill master  
BVLC is providing condiments, root beer/ beverages, apple & pumpkin pie for dessert, plates and utensils.

Games for adults and kids,

Pumpkin decorating for kids & parents.

Sign up at the kiosk **before the deadline of Oct. 9.**

**Parking on Festival Grounds only. BVLC will be closed.**

To volunteer to assist with parking, traffic control, set-up and clean-up, contact John Hughes—Outreach Ministry.

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This is a **Special Invitation** to all ladies of the congregation to attend the **LWML meeting, October 6th at 2:00 p.m.** The program will be presented by Chuck Merriman. Dessert will be served. **Please RSVP to June Lear at 876-2963.**

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### MUSIC MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

It's hard to believe fall is already upon us. The adult choir will begin rehearsing for our Christmas musical "A Thrill of Hope" that will be presented on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us for this exciting event, rehearsals will begin on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and will continue subsequent Saturdays. We would love to have you come join our fellowship.

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**NEEDED!** Individuals to help sew CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS. Contact Kathy Wilkin at 855-0548 if interested.

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All individuals interested in **SECRET PALS** or **SINGLES**, please contact Carol Sanders at 876-2554.

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**SHUT-INS COMMUNION SERVICE** is this **Tuesday, October 4th** at 11:30 followed by lunch. Please remind our shut-ins of this special service.

**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

September 25, 2011

Worship:	8:30 a.m.	193
	10:45 a.m.	112
Projected for September Budget		\$41,572.00
Received to date		\$41,385.72
Amount needed for September		\$ 186.28

Oct. 3 Stan & Cyndi Isaacson  
 Oct. 10 John & Kathy Hughes  
 Oct. 17 Esther Meier & Sally Pfluger  
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**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**October 2-8, 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

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Barbara Hartwig  
 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Barb Roseen  
 JOY IIB—Margaret Gruhn  
 JOY IIC—JoAnne Cline  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Tuesday**

9:00—9:00 p.m. Braille  
 8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig  
 JOY IIIC—Lynn Moe  
 11:30 a.m. Shut-Ins Communion & Lunch  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Kay Gaudian

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Pray—ers  
 9:30—4 p.m. S.W.A.P.—Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly  
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitches  
 10:30 p.m. JOY VA—Church  
 2:00 p.m. LWML  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**Friday**

10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry  
 6:00 p.m. YAC III—Thelma & Norm Sauer

**Saturday**

9—3:00 p.m. LWML Fall Rally—Salem in Springdale  
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**NEXT SUNDAY—October 9, 2011**

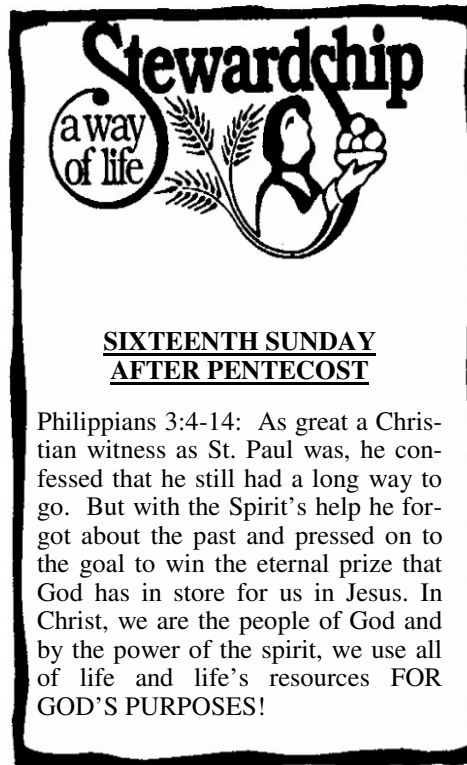
**8:30 a.m.** Divine Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
**10:45 a.m.** Blended Worship w/communion  
 7:00 p.m. SAC I —Marlys and Duane Rembold  
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**BVLC GOLF**

Thursday Mixed 9 Holers Singles & Couples  
 Call Bill Scholten at 855-1324  
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**E-MAIL CORRECTION:**

Chuck & Kathleen Scherz: WESingLV@gmail.com



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

Philippians 3:4-14: As great a Christian witness as St. Paul was, he confessed that he still had a long way to go. But with the Spirit's help he forgot about the past and pressed on to the goal to win the eternal prize that God has in store for us in Jesus. In Christ, we are the people of God and by the power of the spirit, we use all of life and life's resources FOR GOD'S PURPOSES!

therans will be holding a cookout following the service. The offering will go to support world missions in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. **Please sign up at the kiosk if you plan to attend.**

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**S.W.A.P. NEWS:** We will not be going to Brookfield and Boys and Girls club to make cards as we didn't have enough people to help this month. We will be going again Tues. Nov. 1. For those of you who may not know, we visit and help the folks at Brookfield make a card and then go to Boys and Girls club for a definite change of pace. Four people are needed for Brookfield and six for Boys and Girls Club. Visiting with both groups is a delight and any of you who would like to help please let Pam Benson, Nona Sperry, or Helen Weeks know. If you have questions about what we do there, give Nona a call at 876-2986 or e-mail [nona-sart@cox.net](mailto:nona-sart@cox.net). Let me assure you, it takes no special skills to do this....just a wish to enjoy the company of the elderly or children.

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**FOOD PANTRY DONATION:** Next Sunday, October 9, the food pantry will be collecting canned fruit and boxed potato items. We appreciate your help on this food drive.

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**SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Leader:** Pastor Paul Hass  
**Date:** 10/15/2011, Saturday  
**Time:** 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM  
**Place:** Village Insurance Community Hall  
 2838 Bella Vista Way (HWY 71)  
 (Across from the Bella Vista movie complex)  
**Topic:** "What is Islam?" Part two of "Challenge of Islam" by Sam Shmoun will be continued.

There will be some time for socializing with coffee and doughnuts provided.

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1st Annual Multi-Faith Old-Time Cemetery Work Day is on Oct. 8 from 9-3 p.m. at Bella Vista Cemetery. Call 855-3843 or 479-304-5932 for more information or see flyer on bulletin board.

**LWML**

Check out the new supply of beautiful cards in the narthex!

They are only \$4.00 a box!  
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**REFORMATION SERVICE**

You are invited to attend the Northwest Arkansas Reformation Service on **Sunday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m.** This special service celebrating the Reformation will be held at **Salem Lutheran Church, 1800 W. Emma Ave. in Springdale, Arkansas.** The speaker for this seminar is Rev. Dr. David Birner, the Associate Executive Director for Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Mission. Thrivent Financial for Lu-