

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WEEKLY NEWS

February 19-25, 2012

WEB SITE: [www.bvlutheran.com](http://www.bvlutheran.com)

1990 Forest Hills Blvd.  
FAX: 479-876-6097

PHONE: 479-855-0272  
E-MAIL: [office@bvlutheran.com](mailto:office@bvlutheran.com)

### FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This past week I was asked a serious question, one I hope all of us get to be asked many times in our lifetimes. The question came this way. *"I understand why you are a Christian, but, why are you Lutheran?"* We will be answering that question in very many ways over the next six weeks in the *Inquirers Class* that begins in the Pastor's Office this morning between services. If you have asked that question or know of someone that has asked that question, please bring them with you! We will begin at 9:45 am each Sunday for the next six weeks.

As I answered the person asking me this question this past week, I was reminded of the great treasure we have as Lutheran Christians. We Lutherans are Christocentric, meaning that Jesus is the center of everything. We do not look at Scripture without Christ being its center; we do not look at creation without Christ; we do not even look at our daily lives outside of our relationship to Christ.

To be Lutheran means that you know you are incapable of saving yourself. It means fully relying on Christ to make the dead alive. To be Lutheran means that we have no active role in our salvation, that God has done it all for us. As Lutherans we look to Christ, knowing His sacrificial death on the cross has forgiven the sins of the world. To be Lutheran is to always be pointing to Christ and His cross.

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:** Paul Resetar, Mike Gerulski, Marge Lindemann, Doris Mentink, Art Quednow, Pat McKelvey, Don Wilkins, Barbara Harlson, Shirley Emling, Marci Lender

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima; Ivan & Millie Hirsch, Ysleta Mission, El Paso, TX.; Grace Lutheran—Holiday Island; Fellowship Missionary Baptist; Lutheran Braille Workers

\*\*\*\*\*

### THANKS

Once again, dear Christian friends, you have prayed on my behalf for recovery from yet another orthopedic surgery. The Lord has heard and has blessed me with wonderful recovery and rehabilitation.

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, tasty meals, and, Pastor Jones for his visits. God's blessing to you all.

Carol Moldenhauer

I want to thank you so much for all the prayers for me. I am home now and am getting better. I know the power of prayer. It meant so much to me. I am also thankful that my brother and sister-in-law, Les & Lorraine Larson, have such a wonderful church family. Thank you and God bless you all.

Fern Mettling

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

#### Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: "PRAYER" a six week study by Philip Yancey will be led by Chuck Merriman.
- Classroom B: "INQUIRER'S CLASS" is led by Pastor Hass.
- Choir Room: This class, led by Gerry Rath, will continue the study of *Science and the Savior*.

#### 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 Pastor's office.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

It's our turn to host the worship service at Concordia on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m. and at Village House on Monday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. Your help in assisting the residents is greatly appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\*

### LENTEN SUPPERS

start this week on **Wednesday, February 22**. Serving starts at 5:15 with the worship service starting at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up at the kiosk. If you don't sign up but find that you **can** attend the supper, **please come!!!** The youth group is sponsoring this meal and all funds will go toward expenses for the 2013 National Youth Group Gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

**February 29th** Lenten Supper is sponsored by JOY I with proceeds going to Lutheran Braille Workers.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear BVLC Members: Do you have trouble getting out and need help completing and filing your Income Tax Returns? We have, in our congregation, a qualified individual who has offered to assist you, in a confidential manner, in preparing your Income Tax Returns. If you are home-bound or have trouble driving because of a disability, either permanent or temporary, call and let us help coordinate a visit with this tax preparation specialist. To best coordinate this effort, please contact our Family Life Minister, Chuck Merriman, either at the church office at 855-0272 or by email at [familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com](mailto:familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com) to make arrangements.

\*\*\*\*\*

### LWML

Our next meeting is March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Presenters will be

Elena Merriman and Tatyana Astrakhantseva  
on their life's journey.

**All ladies are invited to attend.**

Call 479-268-6793 for reservations.

**THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE**

February 12, 2012

Worship:	8:30 a.m.	164
	10:45 a.m.	103
Projected for February Budget		\$41,393.00
Received to date		\$24,261.81
Balance needed for February		\$17,131.19

- Feb. 20 Betty Deppeler & Dick Munster
- Feb. 27 Jacquie and Wayne Gruben
- March 5 Barbara Harlson & Sally Pfluger

\*\*\*\*\*

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**February 19-25, 2012**

**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**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome Center—Chuck Janzen
- 10:45 a.m. Welcome Center—Nancy Larson

**Monday**

- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—Church
- 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Nancy Manos
- JOY IIB—Aletha Dammann
- JOY IIC—Vera Fenner

**Tuesday**

- 9-9 p.m. Braille
- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Judy Moxon
- 9:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shoebbox Ministry
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lorna Sperl
- 6:30 p.m. Lifelight—FH
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Church
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Mixed Choir

**Thursday**

- 10:30 a.m. JOY VA—Diane Howard
- 6:30 p.m. 2nd Service Worship Team Rehearsal
- Outreach Meeting—Classroom B
- 7:00 p.m. YAC III—Mary Brauer

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

- 9:00 a.m. Samuel Team
- 1-3 p.m. Ervin Baby Shower

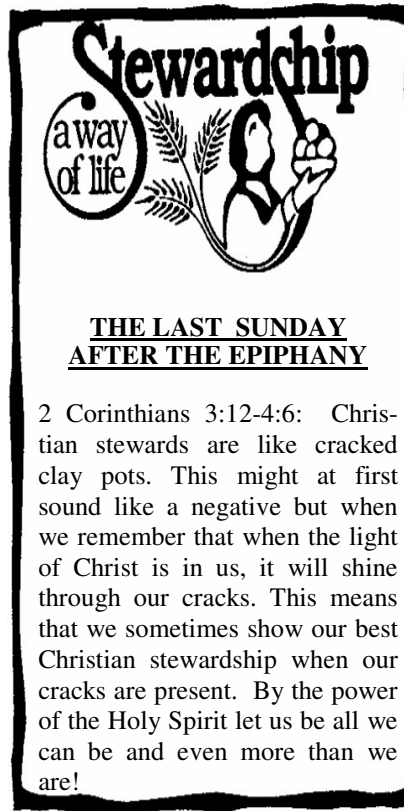
\*\*\*\*\*

**ASH WEDNESDAY—February 22, 2012**

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Center—Bev Effinger

**NEXT SUNDAY—February 26, 2012**

- 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**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome Center—Connie Knafla
- 10:45 a.m. Welcome Center—Kay Gaudian



**STEWARDSHIP**

2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

You know you are one of God's good stewards when you use your time wisely to glorify your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To make the most of our time here on earth, we must maintain an eternal perspective. As Paul said above in 2 Corinthians, "We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal". So much of what we waste our energy on will not matter even a year from now, much less for eternity. So we should not waste our entire life for temporary things, but seek and

prepare ourselves for eternal bliss through the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **The prayer:** Lord please give me the wisdom, patience and your grace that I may be able to use my time here on earth more wisely to do your will. Roy Knafla

\*\*\*\*\*

**NEEDED:** Empty and clean 1 & 2 liter bottles with caps. Leave in the Food Pantry shopping cart.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MARK YOUR CALENDER!!**

Gravette High School Choir will present a vocal concert here at BVLC on March 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Plan now to attend. Anyone wishing to help support the Gravette Music Department can place a check to BVLC in a special offering envelope on any Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\*

Join us for a

**DROP-IN BABY SHOWER**

honoring Amanda and Brian Ervin  
welcoming Trenton Jacob

on Saturday, February 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

(Registered at Wal-mart and Target)

\*\*\*\*\*

**OZARK MOUNTAINS BRITISH BRASS BAND**

Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3:00 p.m.

White Hall at NWACC

Admission \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door;

\$5 students; Free under 12

Music for a Sunday afternoon  
presents

**THE QUERY FAMILY IN CONCERT**

**String Quintet**

March 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Highlands Church

371 Glasgow Road BV