

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS

November 6-12, 2011

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FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

This month we celebrate two high holy days. One is a Church holiday and the other is a National Holiday. November includes both All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving Day. All Saints' Day reminds us of those that have gone before us in faith. This celebration encourages us to follow their examples in faith and in action. We see these examples in Hebrews 11, as well as in each of our lives. In Hebrews 11 we see examples of people living out their lives as disciples of Jesus and impacting our lives by their action.

Hebrews 12 speaks to us and states that: *"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we are to throw off everything that hinders and the sin which so easily entangles and run with perseverance the race that is marked out for us. In that process we are to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross and rose victorious from the dead as our Savior and King. As we modern day saints consider all that Jesus endured for us, we are encouraged to not grow weary and lose heart."*

Thanksgiving Day is all about remembering all that we have and that it all is a gift from God. A Lutheran leader of the past century said that Christian thanksgiving and living is about living in the gift given; *"Stewardship is everything I do after I say I believe."* How true and what a strong reminder for us to live by faith in Jesus Christ so that we may also do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all we do. As we celebrate All Saints' Day with joy and as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day too, we thank God for all that He has done for us in Jesus Christ!

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 Koepp, Marge Lindemann, Jim Adamek, Jim Cash, Paul Austin, Shirley Emling, Doris Mentink, June Lear, Lucille Calkins, Sue Barr, Pam Aastrup, Art Quednow

Missions: Rev. Ted & Jacqueline Englebrecht and Yung Ting; Pastor J. P. Cima; St. John's Lutheran-Fayetteville; Heritage Baptist Church of Bella Vista; Stamped With A Prayer Ministry

THANKS

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers and support for Virginia Dondelinger (Les & Lorraine Larson's daughter). It means so much to our family. Thank you for being there for Les & Lorraine as well.

Sincerely, Angie, Dave, Tom & Jason Dondelinger

We would like to thank each and every one of you that have expressed sympathy to us at the death of our daughter, Ginny. Your words of sympathy, cards, memorials and prayers are truly appreciated. She is with Jesus and we praise God for her love and dedication to Him.

Les, Lorraine & family

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** A review of the movie "Courageous" will be led by Chuck Merriman.
- **Classroom B:** The **Inquirer's Class** will be 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.

HELPING HANDS WORKDAY

Our Bella Vista Lutheran workday at Helping Hands will be November 19. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk. Come join us for an enjoyable but very useful workday. Your help will be appreciated.

GRIEFSHARE is a support group for people experiencing grief and loss. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings beginning in November. For more information, contact Jan Garrett at 876-2782.

CAUTION! Please, observe the *"rules of the road"* in our parking lot. Only enter by the North Entrance and only Exit by the South Exit. There are many new families, with children, and we ask you to be very cautious, move slowly and look twice before proceeding. Thank you!

WANTED: HOSTESSES for Advent by Candlelight. Please sign up at the kiosk.

Due to a lack of interest, ***BV Singles*** and ***Secret Sisters*** will not be meeting at the present time.

We are **CHANGING FLORISTS** effective Nov. 4. Our new florist is Flowerama at 657-6997. The cost will remain at \$35.00

Many people have mentioned that they have seen the movie **Courageous** and that they would enjoy a Bible Study on this topic. This will, therefore, be one of the topics led by Chuck Merriman in the Fellowship Hall Adult Bible Study time for the next few weeks. It will not be necessary for you to have seen the movie **Courageous** to enjoy the presentation. If you would like to see the movie, it is showing at Malco Rogers Towne Cinema at 621 North 46th Street, Rogers, AR - (479) 631-5865.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

October 30, 2011

Worship:	8:30 a.m.	205
	10:45 a.m.	113
Projected for October Budget		\$51,965.00
Received to date		\$51,990.77
Overage amount for October		\$ 25.77

- Nov. 7 Betty Deppeler & Jackie Hartmann
- Nov. 14 Bonnie Quednow and Bob Hess
- Nov. 21 Jerre & Marci Lender

THE LORD'S WEEK
November 6-12, 2011

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m.** Divine Worship w/communion
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- Blood Pressure Screening—Nursery
- 10:45 a.m.** Blended Worship
- 2-4 p.m.** Col. Jeffrey Williams Presentation

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—Peggy Stuckenbroker
- JOY IIC—Joanne Cline
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday

- 8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Kae Knudson
- 9:00—9:00 p.m. Braille
- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Diana Watts
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Helping Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Braille Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. LifeLight—Classroom B
- 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

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—No Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. YAC II—Church
- 6:30 p.m. 2nd Service Worship Team Rehearsal
- Stephen Ministry Training

Friday

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

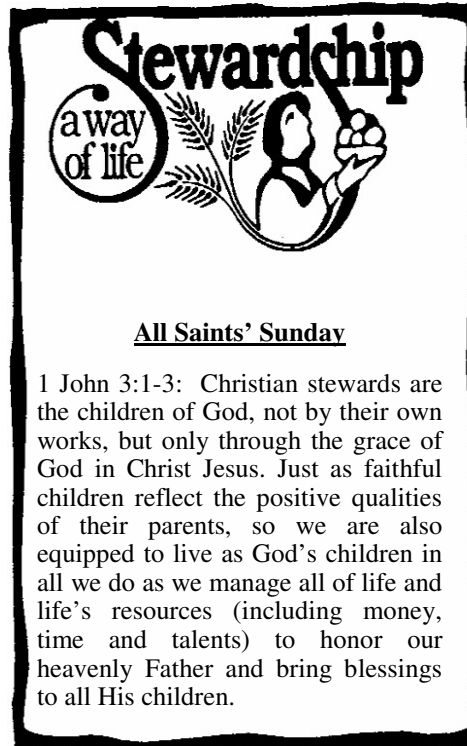
Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Property Maintenance Team Workday
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Musical Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—Nov. 13, 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

SENIOR SAFETY ACADEMY, Thursday, November 10 at BV Community Church. Learn how you can live safer in your community. Event is FREE but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Contact BV Police Department at 479-855-8251.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

are available for pick up TODAY.

WELCOME CENTER LEADER NEEDED

Cheryl Cardin has been in charge of the Welcome Center Greeters for the past two years and has done a wonderful job. She will step down from that position at the end of this year, but will be available to help transition the new leader. Contact John Hughes if you have any interest in this worthwhile position.

Dear Friends in Christ: Your response to the recent appeal for warm clothing and bedding for

Joplin tornado victims was very generous and just overwhelming. The gift of LWML quilts was very much needed and appreciated. My van was "filled to the gills". As we talked to people, we began to have a better understanding of the pain and trauma people had experienced. We spoke with one victim who had just in the past six weeks been able to be out around people. Another victim took only a couple of items, saying she had some things, and some people had nothing. The sight that touched us most was two large boxes neatly filled with zip lock bags containing 0-3 month baby clothes. Inside each bag was a printed card which had a pink baby foot, a little girl's name and the date 5-23-11 (the day after the tornado). This made us think a family had lost a small baby girl in the tornado. They wanted to help someone else by donating her clothing and possibly help their healing.

As time passes and healing continues, we will hear more of the stories from Joplin. The need for support continues.

Thank you all very much for the love and support you have shown to the people of Joplin since this tragedy.

In Him Dee Hachinsky

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.

A BENEFIT CONCERT on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11:00 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. 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.