

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. We are called upon to consider these words from Psalm 95: *"We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."* We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

We also pause to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been ignored or mistreated. We are reminded today that Christ has chosen us to be His people, to be heirs with Him of salvation. Such grace gladdens our hearts and emboldens us to help our brothers and sisters in need. In Him, Pastor Hass

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella and Carroll Casey, Shirley Peshek, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Bob Svehla, Barbara Hartwig, Jim Breen, Nita McKelvey, Craig Johnson, Stan Isaacson, Barbara Harlson

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Village House; New Life Christian Church; Christ Lutheran—Siloam Springs

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790) at 12:30 p.m. Today's program is "Politics in Perspective" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. (Daniel 7:1-14)

THANK YOU

To my Bella Vista Lutheran Family: Thank you for your love, outpouring of support and prayers. They are truly appreciated. My family at BVLC the last 15 years means the world to me. Blessings to you all, Bev Effinger

I'm recuperating slowly but surely, primarily for walking and driving. Thanks a bunch for all the prayers, calls, cards, messages and other expressions of concern. Happy Thanksgiving to all you wonderful folks. Back with you ASAP. Love to the bestest congregation ever!

Love, Nita McKelvey

I would like to thank the members of Bella Vista Lutheran for their outpouring of love, support, cards, offers of help if needed and especially their prayers during my husband Craig's illness and death on Nov. 11th. I feel so blessed to belong to this wonderful church.

Sally Peterson

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall—120 Bible Stories series led by Pastor Gorshe

Chapel Meeting Room—Parenting Class. This DVD series is a very professional, fun and engaging Bible Study enhancing your parenting skills. You will follow along with your own workbook.

Library—Christianity 101—Pastor Hass leads this class which will discuss what we believe, teach and confess as Lutherans, and especially how this congregation seeks to be a missionary enterprise in northwest Arkansas.

All children and teen youth will have Sunday School Classes downstairs in their appropriate classrooms.

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Shepherd's Food Pantry, as a precaution for the month of December, will be operating as a drive through pantry due to the concern with rising case numbers. We will be distributing a special Christmas bag along with their regular food distribution. We hope and pray to be able to return to person-to-person operation in the new year.

Thanksgiving blessings to all!

The **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** will begin meeting on the first Monday of each month. Our first meeting will be on December 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Those of you who provide care for loved ones are welcome to attend.

We provide loving support, prayers, and share helpful information on a variety of illnesses.

Questions? Call Diana Wickboldt 479-202-2417.

Gene and I wish to thank you for your prayers, cards and your calls. He is doing very well, has a clear pathology report for which we are praising God. I especially want to thank our Pastors, who at this time were support for us as we have no family here, and also for Candy Hebar who called Gene the night before and prayed with him. What a delight! Thank you again for all that our church family does at this church!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



After much thought, discussion and prayer it has been decided to CANCEL our December 3rd gathering. We feel it is better to follow the guidelines of no gatherings over 10 people and be safe than to have it and be sorry. We look forward to happier times when this is all behind us, and we can gather safely again. Be safe and may God bless all you.

Gene & Libby Dreier

THE LORD'S WEEK

Nov. 22-28, 2020

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
- 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. JOY I—Chapel

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- JOY IIIA—Library

Wednesday

- 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY November 29, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Unity Service with communion
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—November 29, 2020

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 11:1-10

FALL CLEANUP DAY

We will be having a Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, December 5 starting at 8:00 a.m. We will also be setting up the Nativity scene. Congregation members are encouraged to come out and help the Property Maintenance Team make short work of these projects.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

You are invited to join in decorating the church for Christmas. Decorating will start at 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 3. Please join us! Call Melanie Daniels with any questions.

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Matthew 25:44—"Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasized that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep to sheep works, and goats to goats works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask Him to increase our faith.

CONFIDENTIAL CAREGIVING PRAYER TIME



The Prayer Time prayer requests are in the card holders on the backs of the pews. Completed prayer requests can be placed in the marked boxes at the back of the church or at the Welcome Center. The requests are collected after the service, and Confidential Caregivers pray and then shred the requests immediately after the prayer. All requests are kept confidential. You can be as general or as specific as you want. God knows the needs before we even ask.

If you have any questions about Confidential Caregiving, please contact a leader, Jack Grober, Pastor Gorshe or Marie Parvi.

CONFIDENTIAL CAREGIVING CLASS

Another session of Confidential Caregiving will begin Sunday, December 6, 2020. Training will be held during the Bible Class hour. You will find a letter with further details in your church mailbox.

Confidential Caregiving is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place here at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Confidential Caregiving training equips and empowers lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Confidential Caregiving lessons are open to anyone who wishes to learn skills to help them minister to others in need. Participation in this class does not require you to become a member of the Confidential Caregiving team.

Please speak to Jack Grober, Pastor Gorshe or Marie Parvi if you have any questions.

A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for table decorators in the Fellowship Hall for 2021. The sheet has a brief explanation with months. Please help.

There are decorations in the left front closet in the Fellowship Hall to use or add to, or you can do your own thing! There is a small budget available.

Questions? Call Irma Miesbach at 479-619-7511.