

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Out of fear he chose the “safe approach” to managing his master’s resources. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not.

Jesus tells this parable privately to His disciples because He is about to entrust to them a most valuable resource, the Gospel, as to support them in their mission to grow the church. In the world “safety first” often makes good sense. But in the Kingdom of God being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not always a safe option. Nothing is more important than the Gospel being shared. And sometimes that brings risk of loss. Jesus knew that all too well. He never played it safe. He loved us boldly enough to use all of Himself...the best that God had to offer...to redeem His lost world.

Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master’s work on our behalf. Jesus’ saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master. In Him, Pastor Gorshe

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, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Bob Svehla, Gene Dreier, Barbara Hartwig, Jim Breen, Wayne Koepp, Lynne Tolzmann, Nita McKelvey, Craig Johnson

Condolences to Sally Peterson at the loss of her husband, Craig

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Lutheran Braille Workers; Bella Vista Baptist; Salem Lutheran—Springdale

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 “Bigger.” Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. (Daniel 6)

S.W.A.P.

We will meet again to make our beautiful handmade greeting cards this

Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us.

We will be selling our cards on Sunday, Nov. 22.

The **MINISTRY UPDATE** is available on our website.

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

Special Request!

Do you have two hours on a Friday morning each month to help us share the message? The Shepherd’s Food Pantry needs “Interviewers.” An Interviewer is the person who meets with a visitor, listens to their story, then prays with them before they continue on their way with food for their bodies and a lifted spirit. It is a great way to serve in the Great Commission to carry the message of salvation to those that come to us in need. *Please!* Please pray about this and let the Holy Spirit guide you in a decision to serve. John Peshek would be happy to answer any of your questions. Thanks for listening.

Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV) May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

There is a quilt on display in the narthex on the half wall going down to the lower level. It is a quilt that was made by Caroline Searls and given by Jim and Caroline’s family. If you are interested in this quilt and would like to make a generous donation to a charity of your choice, please contact Clarice Gnuse 876-5040 or Irma Miesbach 619-7511. Thank you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 3, 1:30 PM!!



We will have a Christmas gathering. Coffee/tea and Christmas cookies will be served, and we will be singing Christmas carols. We will be in the Fellowship Hall, so we will have plenty of room to social distance. Please come and get in the Christmas spirit with your LWML sisters. Bring a friend!

A SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE KIOSK!

THE LORD'S WEEK

Nov. 15-21, 2020

Sunday

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

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. JOY I—Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Camilla Hass
- 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting
- Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Chapel
- JOY IIIA—Library
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan
- SAC III—Chapel

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.
- 12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers-Elaine Schurman
- 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
- JOY VB—Multi-Purpose Room
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

Thursday

- 9-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry Setup

Friday

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY November 22, 2020

- 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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—November 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

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.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Matthew 25:30a—“And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”

Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse. Since

we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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.