

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our Advent preparations today, John the apostle and evangelist adds his testimony along with John the Baptist, holding before us the joy of Jesus as the light who gives to all who receive Him and believe in His name the right to become children of God. Because of our Lord's continual supply of grace by His Word and Sacraments, we are enabled with Him to "greatly rejoice in the LORD"; for by His Spirit of righteousness we lead lives of holiness of faith. This holiness continually rejoices in the Lord, prays, and give thanks in all circumstances. With John the apostle and John the Baptist, we rejoice, always prepared by faith to welcome and worship our Lord and Savior, who comes to us daily with healing and deliverance. 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, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Barbara Hartwig, Jim Breen, Stan Isaacson, Sharon Crandall, Arlo Miesbach, Harlene Meyer, Rhonda Butz, Kristine Irwin, Glenn Wickboldt

Condolences Mark Kuehn at the loss of his father; Vern Howard at the loss of his brother, Jim; the McKelvey family at the loss of Nita and Pat; Vicki Armiger at the loss of her mother, Geri

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Faith In Action; Bella Vista First United Methodist Church; Messiah Lutheran—Pea Ridge

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 "The Prophet's Paradox" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The prophet Daniel illustrates how to face the facts while never losing faith in how the story ends. (Daniel:10, 11 & 12)

S.W.A.P.

Want to make someone's Christmas SPECIAL? S.W.A.P. has some beautiful handcrafted Christmas cards for sale. Come take a look in the hallway entrance across from Linda's window. They only cost \$2.50 and you can leave the money in the envelope provided.

Niles Daniels and I would like to thank all of the members of the Property Maintenance Team and the other congregation members that helped clean up the church grounds and set up the Nativity scene last Saturday. The church campus looks very nice, and the Nativity scene is a great tradition that really calls attention to BVLC in a positive way. A job well done!

Rick Hebar, Facilities Chair

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall—120 Bible Stories series led by Pastor Gorshe

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.

Confidential Caregiving Class—Jack Grober will lead this class which will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Shepherd's Food Pantry is 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 for one more week only. Thanks for all the support you have given us this Christmas season. We hope and pray to be able to return to person to person operation in the new year.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 offering envelopes are on a table near the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes for next year.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The BOOT to deposit your Christmas Stocking donations will be on the kiosk today & next Sunday. The BALLOT BOX to vote on which six charities will receive our donations will be on the shelf under the mailboxes M-Z for the next two Sundays, also. There are Christmas stockings on the kiosk also if you are new or just want a new stocking. The instructions are inside.

THE LORD'S WEEK
Dec. 13-19, 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
6:00 p.m. Confidential Caregiving Meeting

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Chapel
JOY IIIA—Library
1:30 p.m. JOY IV — Diana Wickboldt

Wednesday

9:00-Noon S.W.A.P.
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
JOY VB—Multi Purpose Room
6:00 p.m. Advent Service
6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
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
5:30-7:30 p.m. Drive Through Christmas Story

Saturday

5:30-7:30 p.m. Drive Through Christmas Story

NEXT SUNDAY December 20, 2020

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service w/communion**
9:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Program
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM
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5:30-7:30 p.m. Drive Through Christmas Story

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

1 Thessalonians 5:18 — “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to 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.

CASA REPORT

I am pleased to report that at least 13 BVLC Small Groups supported our annual endeavor to help make a happier Christmas for many Northwest Arkansas children who are in foster care. Thank you to all who contributed money and shopped for gifts. Below is the Thank You that we received from Colleen Smith, the CASA Development Director. Sonja Burkett, BVLC Small Group Coordinator

Dearest Friends at Bella Vista Lutheran Church,

We were overwhelmed by your generosity in support of our Christmas for a Child campaign this year! Pat and Bob Eckart delivered a carload of presents and monetary donations on Friday. It was just phenomenal. During a pandemic, it seems that everything is happening differently. But, one thing that hasn't changed, yet never ceases to amaze us, is the generosity of our community. You heard a cry for help, and you answered it. Simple as that. You put our kids and their fears and their worries and their innocence first. You made sure dozens of children will wake up with a myriad of blessings on Christmas morning. Thank you.

We know you have our children in your thoughts and prayers regularly, and we can't thank you enough for that as well. It is a great honor and responsibility to serve these children and their best interests. And, we need all the help we can get to provide them consistent voices, safe homes, and promising futures. Thank you for being a part of the village that cares and loves on these special children.

Our best to you all for a safe and Merry Christmas!
Colleen and all of the CASA staff