

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our culture today it has become commonplace to speak as if God is responsible for determining life and death for us. That false notion causes us to wonder, "Where is God's justice when the innocent suffers, or His mercy when tragedy strikes?"

In our lesson today from Ezekiel, the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone, not even the sinner who deserves His punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son, Jesus Christ.

What difference would it make in our thinking if we looked at the troubles and trials that affect us, and the greater disasters of the world, if we first looked to the Lord's Word and trusted in His will?

This time of year Bella Vista Lutheran enters a season of reflection, preparation, and planning that leads us to "Consecration Sunday," October 11, 2020, the Sunday when, in worship, all the members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church make their financial pledge for the coming year.

Last week we began a series of three Talks by Lay Leaders that help us understand the Three "T's" of Stewardship: Talent, Treasure, and Time. This past week Shera Pitt shared her story of how God has used her talent to serve. Today, Niles Daniels will be sharing information regarding the stewardship of Treasure.

As we enter this season, we ask the Lord of the Church to give each of us wisdom and trust as we pray, considering their financial pledge to the work of Bella Vista Lutheran Church in the coming year. Our prayer is that we, God's people, continue to be bold and trusting as we determine how best to respond individually and financially to the incredible gift of love You have given to us in Christ Jesus, and how we can, through this congregation, be best prepared in the coming year to make known God's good and gracious gift, that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son, Jesus Christ.

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, Fran Bloomer, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Tracy See, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Bev Effinger, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Bob Svehla, Gene Dreier, Mike Morse, Barbara Hartwig, June Hanson, Audrey Neff, Byrdine Pickart

Condolences to Nancy Wandrie at the loss of her mother, Nelda

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Lutheran Campus Ministry; Village Baptist Church of BV; Unidos En Cristo—Springdale

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall—120 Bible Stories series led by Pastor Gorshe.

Chapel Meeting Room—Parenting Class. The 8-week DVD series is a very professional, fun, and engaging Bible Study enhancing your parenting skills. You will follow along with your own workbook. Please see Chuck Merriman for questions.

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

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you, Church Family, for supporting the work of the Shepherd's Food Pantry.

So far this year we have helped 575 families—or 1800 people. We are here to serve our neighbors with you by our side. God is Good!

PARENTING BIBLE STUDY CLASS

begins **TODAY** between services in the Chapel Meeting Room (Old Fellowship Hall). This is an excellent "FamilyLife" organization, professional production 8-week program. Each couple or family group will follow along in their workbook as they watch the DVD videos. If you are unable to attend during this time period, please contact Chuck Merriman to set online access to watch the video at your convenience.

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 "Room at the Table" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. The new series is "Households of Faith." (1 Peter 4)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Our fall meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00 PM. We will have a short business meeting with election of officers. Following the meeting we will be filling the school bags and packing them to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief in November. We will have plenty of room to social distance as we meet and work.

MITE BOX WILL BE ON THE KIOSK NEXT SUNDAY.

THE LORD'S WEEK
Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 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)
- 2:00 p.m. Sunday Riders

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. JOY I—Chapel

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Library
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Susan Coon

Wednesday

- 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
- JOY VB—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

Thursday

- 9-12 noon Shepherd's Food Pantry Set-up
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Meeting—Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Chapel

Friday

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Board Training

NEXT SUNDAY— October 4, 2020

- 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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—October 4, 2020

- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21:33-46

GRIEFSHARE

The Grief Support Group is on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel and will continue weekly until Thursday, November 12.

This group is to provide help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Call Dorothy Jones at 366-1700 with any questions.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Matthew 21:26 — “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”
Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

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 or Pastor Gorshe.



BV LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes
Singles & Couples
Great Fellowship!
For more information call
Bill Scholten at 855-1324.

SMALL GROUPS RESUME ACTIVITIES

Most of our small groups are resuming their activities after a summer break. If you are a member of BVLC or a regular visitor and are not part of a small group, please let me know. I will be glad to help you find your “little church home.” There are women’s Bible study groups, a men’s Bible study group that meets at church on Mondays at 1 p.m. and again on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. We have many TLC (The Little Church) groups made up of couples and singles. These groups offer fellowship, support and caring—all based on God’s Word. There are copies of our Small Group brochure on the Welcome Desk if you need more information.

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Congregational Care Ministry Team
Liaison to small groups