

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 6-12, 2020  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus’ disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior. In Him, *Pastor Gorshe*

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## 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 “Jesus in the House” with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors—three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. (Luke 19:1-10)

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## 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, Ron Gaudian, Wes Pulst, Vern Hinz, Helen Hise

**Missions:** Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Confidential Caregivers; St. Bernard’s Catholic Church

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## LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Share your thankfulness on LWML’s Giving Tuesday, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Goal. Your donation will be matched by a generous donor’s gift on

Giving Tuesday. Donate online through LWML Facebook or "[lwml.org/givingtuesday](http://lwml.org/givingtuesday)." If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.

The Mite Box is on the kiosk today.

## EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

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

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

## SHEPHERD’S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you, Church Family, for all the support you give the pantry. Because of you, we can continue the mission to “Feed His Sheep.”

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Grace and mercy in Jesus!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: In these days of the coronavirus, out of love and concern for all those that can attend, we have carefully reopened BVLC, and have continually improved what we are doing. Out of love, we continue physically distancing, we refrain from shaking hands or giving hugs, we meet outside with friends, we constantly clean our building, and we are respectful of opinions, especially when they differ from ours.

With these things in place, I yet have been asked if there might be a way to designate an area of the Sanctuary for those who feel they must wear a mask continually. In an experiment, attempted in love, we are going to try something.

For the next several weeks we will designate the Choir Loft, in the First Service only, as an area of the Sanctuary that will be set aside for those who wish to wear masks for the entirety of their time inside the building: from the time you enter the church until you leave the church.

If you do not wear a mask, or if you wear a mask into the building but remove it to sing or pray, please do not sit in the choir loft.

After several weeks, this accommodation will be evaluated and revisited.

Folks, we are called to trust God above all things, even among viruses and a world that seems bent on its own destruction. In Psalm 46 we hear that, “*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*”

I pray God’s continuing, daily mercy and blessing on you as you continue to connect, grow, and serve.

In Him, Pastor Hass

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## WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The first meeting of the Women’s Bible Study will be on September 21 at 6:00 p.m. This group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at the home of Camilla Hass. Our study will be on Ephesians. Call Camilla at 685-2580 with questions.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
September 6-12, 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**

**LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday**

5:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Chapel

**Thursday**

3:00 p.m. Grief Share—Chapel

**Friday**

10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Assistant Training  
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**NEXT SUNDAY— September 13, 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  
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**LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—Sept. 13, 2020**

Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35  
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**GRIEF SHARE**

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. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**



**Matthew 18:4—“(Jesus said), ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’”**  
What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts—with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

**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.

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**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to everyone who worked at Helping Hands this past Saturday. Your help was so very much appreciated. Hope to see you next time! Nancy Manos

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**MEN'S BUNCH LUNCH**

Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

Lunch will be at Razorback Pizza (Macadoodles North). Ya'all come enjoy lunch with the guys' get-together outing! For information or ride call Loren at 855-3400 or Bill at 621-3737.