

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Imagine the grief and anxiety the disciples must have felt after Jesus' death and burial. They were, no doubt, mourning the loss of their mentor and friend. But they were also fearful that the Roman soldiers and Jewish leaders may have sought to kill them, too. It is into their grief, loss, and pain that the Lord Jesus appears to extend to them His peace. He appears "in the midst of them." It's as if He had been with them the whole time, but now their eyes are opened and they see Him with eyes of faith. The Lord comes to us today, in the midst of our grief, loss, and pain, too! He is always with us. But He comes to us in His Gospel today to give us His peace during these troubled times in which we live.

In Him, *Pastor Gorshe*

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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, Lillian Pingel, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Mike Dwyer, Marlys Rembold, Tracy See, LuAnn Roy, Helen Weeks, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Carol Ann Honeywell, Denny Gast, Paul VandenBerge, Bev Effinger, Bonnie Whiting, Deb Raymond, Skip Shane

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church-Fayetteville; Korean School Ministry; St. Bernard's Catholic Church; Grace Lutheran—Eureka Springs

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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 "You Haven't Lost Me" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christians are not immune from relapses into sin and doubt. A Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God loves us through the relapses, in a message titled "You Haven't Lost Me." And we'll hear how the Bible Project's animated videos present the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. (Exodus 14)

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Stewardship** **1 Peter 1:3b-4**—"He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." We have waiting for us an inheritance—a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting; they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Please know that our Shepherd's Food Pantry is capable of providing food for someone who is in a food emergency. Call the church office at 855-0272 and let us know of your need, and we will help you.

**1 Corinthians 10:31b (ESV)** "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

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## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

We are still waiting for a decision on the District Convention to be held June 12-14 in Paragould, AR. Please pray for all the leaders who have to make these decisions.

The latest update on our National Mission Goal is encouraging. Mite offerings received as of March 31, 2020, are \$1,086,773.61 towards our Mission Goal for the 2019-2021 biennium of \$2,100,000. We thank our Lord for the opportunity to share His message through our mission giving and continue to pray and give. Our goal is in His hands and to His glory.

Thank you, everyone, for your generous donations to LWML this month.

