

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 3-9, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter is not merely a day but a season, and every year we begin the rest of the story with John's description of Thomas and his encounter with the risen Lord. In so many ways I am thankful that the gospel writers share these kinds of stories, because all too often they are descriptive of our attitude as a church and as individual believers.

We daily wrestle with our doubts and fears, with what it means to believe and what it means to confess our faith openly in the world. Could it be that we are so conditioned by the reality of death that we struggle to hold on to the new reality of life that is ours in Christ?

Thomas found out that seeing is not believing, but believing is seeing. We daily struggle with this very same truth. May God richly bless you as you seek Him first in all you do!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Ula Biesterfeld at 855-6840 or the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, Marv Henning, Marlys Rembold, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Paul Behnke, Chuck Scherz, Loretta Ostenso, Richard Meyer, Georgia Kinney, Gene Gnuse, Jan Poe

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Faith—Bentonville; St. Theodores Episcopal; Lutheran Campus Ministry

IT IS TAX TIME AGAIN---Do you need help completing and filing your Income Tax return? A tax site located in the Computer Club at the Crossings, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd., will prepare your return without charge from 10am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our congregation also has a qualified individual who can assist you. Contact Chuck Merriman at familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com.

THANK YOU

Dave and I want to thank everyone that sent prayers to our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, during my sister LaVonne's heart surgery. She was doing very well until she fell 2 weeks later while helping her niece care giver get dinner. They did feet dancing and my sister went down and broke her pelvic and had a brain bleed. We were told that she would go home and come out of her coma; well God had different plans for her and she started doing PT. While my niece traveled home to attend an uncle's funeral my sister stopped being cared for and she got pneumonia and 1 week later she went to heaven. Thank you for the cards and memorials that were given in her name. God is so GOOOOD. Dave & Elaine Schurman

DR. PAUL MAIER

will hold a one-day seminar
on Saturday, April 9 from 9-3:15 p.m.
To register, sign up at the kiosk
or register online at bvlutheran.com

LWML REMINDER

THE MITE BOX IS ON THE KIOSK.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Today we continue a Dr. Paul Maier Bible Study on "Christianity, the First Three Centuries." This is led by Chuck Merriman.
- Library: We begin "Blessings in Disguise" which is led by Dick Munster. The lesson this week is titled "Blessed the Poor/Woe to the Rich".
- The "Inquirer's Class" continues in the Conference Room. This class is led by Pastor Hass.

Sunday School

All children and youth Sunday School classes will meet in the lower level.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One is requesting healthy cereal at this time. Thank you for supporting us in our mission to help our neighbors. And as a reminder – if we can be of assistance to you or anyone you know, please give Linda a call in the office.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ESV

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

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LWML

Ladies, please check the LWML bulletin Board for our update letter from our Seminarian student, Anthony DiLiberto and his family. He keeps us posted quarterly as to his schooling and family life with his wife and little girl and soon to be another baby girl in April.

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



LWML MEETING is April 7 at 10 a.m.

Speaker is Robin Jeep

Learn what the Bible says about food!
You'll get the top most critical facts, and discover how to feast your way to super health.

Yes, you can prevent or even in some cases reverse heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, memory loss, constipation, fatigue, and many forms of cancer by eating healthy, delicious food! **EVERYONE WELCOME!!!**

THE LORD'S WEEK
April 3-9, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended worship

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Irma Miesbach
 Backpackers—Multi Purpose Room
 11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Eloise Haddock
 Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3
 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIC—Bev Effinger
 JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 7:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Ula Biesterfeld
 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Coleen Gast
 11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch Service
 1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Carol Sanders
 2:00 p.m. Grief Share—Library

Wednesday

9:30-3:00 p.m. S.W.A.P.—Multi Purpose Room
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly
 Perfect Harmony SFP Delivery
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
 JOY VA—Church—Church Library
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
 7:00 p.m. SAC III—Arlo & Irma Miesbach

Friday

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9-3:00 p.m. Paul Maier Seminar

NEXT SUNDAY—April 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended worship
 2-4 p.m. TLC-HE—Church
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Diane Howard

DISTRICT LWML CONVENTION

Eldorado, AR.
 June 10-12, 2016
 \$100.00 registration.
 Registration forms are on the kiosk.

BACKPACKERS

will meet **tomorrow**
 April 4th at 9:00 a.m.
 in the Chapel (former Fellowship Hall.)
 Come & join us!

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewardship



John 20:19 'On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Fear is the opposite of faith, that is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful to us. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up: we have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

GRIEF SHARE classes are scheduled to start on April 5 at 2:00 p.m. here in the church library. This is a 13 week series and is led by Dorothy Jones. Please call her at 366-1700 if you have questions.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holers
 Singles & Couples

Season begins April 7
 at Scotsdale @ 9:24
 Great Fellowship!

Sign up at Narthex Center Kiosk
 Or call Bill Scholten: 855-1324



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, April 4th. Both the afternoon class at 1 p.m. and the evening class at 7 p.m. will meet in Classroom 3 downstairs. Please park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

We will begin our study of The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus Call to Righteousness (Mark 5:1-7:29).

If you were not able to join us before—NOW would be a good time to join us as we begin to listen and learn from Jesus Our Lord and Savior.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Today is a day of great blessing as we commission four members as Stephen Ministers! They are Jack Grober, Maryanne Held, Terry Held and Alan Silva. These committed Christians have completed the required training and are ready to accept a care receiver. Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one caring ministry of love and listening. It is a very special blessing to our congregation and the community. If you or anyone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please contact Pam Benson, Peggy Nelson or Pastor Hass.

If anyone has found a bag with 2 pairs of jeans, please return to Elaine Schurman.