

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 20-26, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the rite of confirmation each of us has been asked, “Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death? Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?” We all, as confirmed people, have answered, “I do, by the grace of God.”

So you said, so you promised. So, how is this going? Like the people of Israel who were asked by Joshua to “choose this day whom you will serve,” and the twelve disciples to whom Jesus asked, “Do you want to go away as well?” we desire to choose the Lord, saying with Peter, “Lord, to whom shall we go? . . . We have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.”

To be honest, however, just like Peter and the people of Israel, we have let other things, other “gods,” have priority. Therefore, it is good that we occasionally, even daily, consider our commitments. When we do, if we are honest, we admit that we “cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.”

We are first served by our Lord, through His life, death and resurrection. It is only through what He alone can accomplish that we are gifted to serve others through him.

In Him, Pastor Hass

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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 Casey, Fran Bloomer, John Moldenhauer, Mike Dwyer, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Shirley Emling, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Katy Krause, Betty Bennett

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Holiday Island; St. Theodores Episcopal; Hispanic Ministry

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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 “God’s Dog.” Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Was Jesus being politically incorrect—or worse—when He compared a Canaanite woman to a canine?

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## THANKS

Thank you to the congregation of Bella Vista Lutheran Church. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the First Responders cookout you hosted for Bella Vista’s First Responders. Your show of support was very touching and even more appreciated. Bella Vista is a great community to serve because of people like you. Sincerely, Chief James Graves

Thank you to everyone for all the expressions of sympathy after the passing of my father. Your cards, emails, hugs, and prayers have meant so very much. Dale and I are so blessed to be part of this loving church. Nancy Wandrie

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## MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

Please see Chuck Merriman or Marland Thurston about being a mentor for one of the schools in Gravette, Bella Vista, or Bentonville. This is an opportunity to have a lasting impact on a child in need.

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR—9:45 a.m.

### Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** A special Lutheran Hour Ministry video message and Bible Study on Outreach. A journey from unbelief to faith. Excellent resource to understand others in their faith walks and how you might reach out to them.
- **Inquirer’s Class:** This class continues and introduces people to Christianity, Lutheranism and Bella Vista Lutheran Church. This class meets in the Conference Room and is led by Pastor Hass.
- **Chapel Meeting Room:** “What Does This Mean” starts today. Dale Wandrie will be using CPH’s “Luther’s Catechism” as the study guide to walk through Lutheran Confessions.
- **Library:** “The great American eclipse and our creaturely sense of wonder”. A special CPH Bible Study tying into tomorrow’s eclipse.

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD’S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One—Bring One:** For the month of August we are requesting toothpaste; and, as a food item and in anticipation of the holidays, our neighbors would appreciate mashed potatoes or any staple holiday item.

Thank you all...**but for now** the pantry has plenty of empty plastic bags. However, we continue to use clean juice bottles.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

It’s time to celebrate your special day  
on Wednesday, August 30th  
at the River Grille!

Spouses and guests welcome!

Sign up at the kiosk

Call Betty Bennett with questions.

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## THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

Our LWML baby quilting project has been approved as a Thrivent “Making a Difference” action team. Thrivent has donated \$250.00 to be used in making the quilts. We will be quilting on Wednesday, August 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Chapel area. No sewing experience is necessary as there are many tasks involved. The quilts made will be donated to the maternity ward of the hospital in Siloam Springs.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



**DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY  
WOMAN WHO IS**

**A MEMBER OF BVLC IS ALSO  
A MEMBER OF THE LWML?**

*If you haven't participated in our meetings,  
luncheons and outings, please join us next  
time around. We'd love to see you!*

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**August 20-26, 2017**

**Sunday**

**8:30 a.m.** Divine Worship w/communion  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
**10:45 a.m.** Blended Worship  
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or  
 KURM-AM (790) "God's Dog"  
 12:00 p.m. New Member Lunch  
 2:00 p.m. Sunday Riders  
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Diane Howard

**Monday**

11:30-2:30 p.m. Viewing of the eclipse  
 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
 2:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Quilting

**Thursday**

11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery  
 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Library

**Friday**

10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

**NEXT SUNDAY—August 27, 2017**

**8:30 a.m.** Divine Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
**10:45 a.m.** Blended Worship w/communion  
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or  
 KURM-AM (790)

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 There is a possibility to show the new Luther Film "*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*," at Bella Vista Lutheran Church on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. We would have to purchase a license to show this new video. Please contact Chuck Merriman if you would be interested in volunteering to help organize and serve at this event.  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The new film, "*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*," is set to air nationally on PBS September 12 at 7:00 p.m. central time. The film dramatizes the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with, such as "Who am I?," "What is my purpose?" and "How do I get right with God?"  
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**GRIEFSHARE**

GriefShare classes will begin on Thursday, August 24, at 3:00 p.m. in the church library. Call Dorothy Jones at 366-1700 with any questions. *Please sign up at the kiosk.*

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**

Matthew 15:27 "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table—He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYER TIME**



The *Prayer Time* prayer requests are now 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 Stephen Ministers 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 regarding Stephen Ministry, please contact a leader – Pam Benson, Alan Silva, Jack Grober  
 Your Stephen Ministry Team

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**BV LUTHERAN GOLF**

Mixed 9 Holers - Singles & Couples  
 Great Fellowship!

For further information  
 call Bill Scholten: 855-1324

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**THE AFTERNOON MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

will meet from 2:00-3:30 on Monday, August 21.

The 7:00 p.m. class will meet as usual.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Bella Vista Lutheran is responsible for delivering **Meals On Wheels** during the month of **September!**

We still need **9 teams of two**. Sign-up on the board in the narthex. Thanks!

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

In October, members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church will vote to fill 3 positions on the Board of Directors. This is a 2 year term. If you have a potential candidate you would like to nominate, please either call Hanni Griffin at [479-633-2297](tel:479-633-2297) and leave a message with the candidate's name or email Hanni at [hanniann@hotmail.com](mailto:hanniann@hotmail.com). Please have names in by Sept. 1. We appreciate your help in this process. Thanks, Hanni Griffin

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**CHOIR REHEARSAL** resumes on September 9th at 10:00 am  
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**Stan & Dorothy Jones**

**60 Year Anniversary Open House**

**Come and celebrate with us**

**Saturday, September 2nd**

**1-3 PM**

**Light Refreshments**