

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Advent season has an expectation not only of the coming Christmas celebration, but of the end of this fallen world and the remaking of creation. So, what do you hope will happen then?

According to Paul, in today's Epistle, when the Messiah returns, the world will live without conflict. In Romans Paul points us to the Holy Scriptures, writing, *"Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."*

God certainly helps us in the Church to live in harmony with one another, but we must, as John the Baptist cried, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

By ourselves we cannot do that, we cannot hope for any change. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ, our Advent King! In Him we hope! 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, Lillian Pingel, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Elaine Schurman, Scott Roy, Verna McCaffrey, Mike Dwyer, Marlys Rembold, Jim Swicegood, Barbara Hartwig, Ilene Vought, Kristen Richardson, Clarice Gnuse, Sandy Gaul, Tracy See, Dorothy Jones, Joanne Cline, Bill Bennett, Helen Hise

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church-Fayetteville; St. Theodores Episcopal; Lutheran Campus Ministry

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 Yes" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. "If we say that God's purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God's bigger 'yes'...God's 'yes' to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God's 'yes' to creation as He intended it to be." (Romans 8:18-39)

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their well wishes, cards, thoughts and congratulations on our 50th wedding anniversary and birthday. We have been very blessed over the years. We appreciate our church family here in Bella Vista.

Barb & Mark Ostermeier

The family of Richard Munster sincerely thanks all those who comforted us after the death of our husband and father. Pastor Hass and Sally Pfluger were available to give immediate help. We thank Pastor Jones, Pastor Gorshe and the church choir for providing such a meaningful service. We thank all those who expressed kind words of sympathy and prayers. We were so grateful for those who brought food and sent flowers.

Phyllis Munster & family

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Pastor Hass will lead an **"Advent" focused Bible Study.**

Library: **"Confidential Caregiving"** Learn how to care for people who need a confidential, caring, listening ear. Led by Jack Grober.

All Sunday School classes for children and youth will be held downstairs.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for these Christmas groceries now to pack along with the standard groceries for the visitors of the Shepherd's Food Pantry. Listed below are some of the items needed for distribution December 6-10:

Boxed mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, canned cranberry, small red or green gelatin (sugar-free or regular), and **yellow or white cake mix.**

We are encouraged by all you do to support the mission of the pantry and your neighbors. You are a blessing to so many.

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 Offering envelopes are on a table near the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes for next year.

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" signs are available for taking

home to put in your yard. Feel free to pick one up next to the

Welcome Center.

S.W.A.P.

SWAP card sale is TODAY!

Come check us out!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



A reminder to return the Christmas Stocking Ballot if you have not done so.

The Christmas Boot is on the kiosk today and will also be there the 15th and 22nd for your Christmas Stocking money.

Please help support these worthwhile charities.

THE LORD'S WEEK

December 8-14, 2019

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**
Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**
- 10:45 a.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)
- 12:30 p.m. "The Messiah" Christmas Concert
- 3:30 p.m.

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY I—LuAnn Roy
- 10:30 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group
- 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIC—Joanne Cline
- 6:00 p.m. Confidential Caregiving Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig
JOY IIIC—Community Church Coffee
JOY IV—Lois Sullivan
- 1:30 p.m. Financial Peace University—Library
- 6:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Service
- 6:45 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Stitched With Love
- 10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library—Pp 96 to 101
- 11:30 p.m. HOPE SFP Delivery
- 7:00 p.m. SAC III—Arlo & Irma Miesbach

Friday

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10-12 Noon Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—December 15, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service w/communion**
- 9:30 a.m. **Children's Christmas Program—FH**
- 10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service**
- 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—December 15, 2019

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-11
Matthew 11:2-15

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stewardship



Matthew 3:1-2—"In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' " John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance—examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

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 regarding Confidential Caregiving, please contact a leader, Jack Grober or Pastor Gorshe

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS

on Fridays and also someone with a truck to pick up on Thursday at HOPE. For further information, contact Diana Wickboldt at 202-2417. Can you help?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Annual Children's Christmas Program will be NEXT SUNDAY, December 15, between services in the Fellowship Hall. Hear the Christmas story being told by the children of Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

NEW PHONE NUMBER: Art Bohl

479-301-0276

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

{with wives} or guest
This week- Wednesday-December 11, at noon
Lunch will be at Bella Vista Bar & Grill {Country Club}
You all new or old come join us for
lunch and fellowship together !
For more information call Loren at 855-3400
or Bill at 621-3737