

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24-30, 2017
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We all have felt the sting of broken promises! Parents make promises and plans change, children make promises and things don't work out. It may be that you have been a victim of a broken promise, or perhaps you have been the one who's broken a promise.

In today's Gospel, however, we see a promise kept. The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive and bear a Son. This pledge to Mary is part of the ongoing fulfillment of God's promises.

When we see this promise kept in the coming of Jesus, we have the assurance that we can always trust God that He acts according to His Word. Our heavenly Father never breaks His promises!

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 Casey, Fran Bloomer, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Deb Raymond, Ula Biesterfeld, Ed Barnoski, Niles Daniels, Stan Crandall, Owen Conrad, Gary Aaron, Bob Svehla, Craig Peterson, Marci Lender

Condolences to Carol Moldenhauer at the loss of her husband, John; Bonnie Quednow at the loss of her sister-in-law, Carol; John Lear at the loss of his brother, Jim

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Christ Lutheran—Siloam Springs; Bella Vista Presbyterian; Helping Hands

THANK YOU

Dear Small Groups of Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Thank you so much for once again fulfilling the Christmas wishes and needs of local foster children. We very much appreciate your participation with this project every year. Wishing all a blessed and Merry Christmas!

Shelly Hart, Program Director-NWA CASA

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 "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by guest Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What is your favorite story? This Christmas Eve Day, the Lutheran Hour speaks about God's greatest story.

(Luke 1:30-32a)

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Exciting news! Beginning Sunday, January 7, we will be serving coffee at three stations instead of one.

As you enter the Fellowship Hall, please decide where to sit and place your treats on a table before going to one of the coffee stations. The window will continue to have tea and water, along with coffee. The other 2 stations will only have coffee. Condiments will be at each table in the Hall for easy access. Please discard coffee cups in the trash bins as you leave the Fellowship Hall.

We hope this change allows for less waiting and more time to enjoy each other's company.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR TODAY
WILL CONSIST OF JOINING
YOUR BVLC FRIENDS FOR COFFEE
IN THE NARTHEX OR FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
UNITY SERVICE.
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY



Dear congregation: You have been very generous with your gifts to the Shepherd's Food Pantry all year and throughout the holiday season. You are so supportive and such a blessing to our neighbors—as well as outstanding partners in the pantry's mission to serve others. Our sincere and humble thanks.

Merry Christmas!

MEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

will not meet again until

January 8, 2018.

The study will continue in Luke

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN

If you do not have a BVLC Christmas yard sign, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick one up. If you have one of the old signs that is worn out, feel free to pick up a new sign.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The officers of the BVLC LWML from 9/7/17 to 9/2018 are:

Co-Presidents: LuAnn Roy & Karen Leak

Co-Secretaries: Cyndi Isaacson & Doreen Lubeck

Treasurer: Diana Watts
Human Care Service Leader:
Barb Ostermeier

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

THE LORD'S WEEK
December 24-31, 2017

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Unity Service with communion
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
 KURM-AM (790)
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 w/communion

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—No Meeting
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—No Meeting
 JOY IIC—No Meeting
 JOY IIB—No Meeting

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA— No Meeting
 JOY IIIC—No Meeting
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV— No Meeting

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—No Meeting

Thursday

10:15 a.m. JOY VA—No Meeting

Friday

Shepherd's Food Pantry Closed

Saturday

No Saturday IGNITE service

NEXT SUNDAY—December 31, 2017

9:30 a.m. Unity Service with Communion
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
 KURM-AM (790)
6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service

December 31st scripture readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Galatians: 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, January 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends
 of this service.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stewardship



2 Samuel 7:4 “But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan..” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God’s Kingdom: not our own desires or whims.

STEPHEN MINISTRY 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 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 or Jack Grober

Your Stephen Ministry Team

GOOD SAMARITANS

We are now ready to serve you. Please call Tim Verble at [479-321-1675](tel:479-321-1675) with your request or email him at tim.verble@gmail.com.

DISHES & CONTAINERS

Several dishes or containers have been left in the kitchen.

Please check to see if any of them belong to you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

It's time to celebrate your special day!!

Wednesday, December 27th at noon

at **Copelands Restaurant** in Rogers.

This is your invitation to join all of us born in November and December to enjoy a special luncheon prepared just for us at Copelands. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Please sign up at the kiosk by Sunday, December 24th.

This is a regularly scheduled outing sponsored by the Fellowship Team.

Questions? Call Betty Bennett at 479-855-2759.

Merry Christmas and

God's Peace to You and Yours

in Jesus Christ!