

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 9-15, 2018

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Sometimes it seems like there are Christians who really appreciate the true meaning of Christmas, and that there are others whose only focus is on gifts and their own personal celebrations, so much so that they don't even have time to extend a "Merry Christmas," to those around them. Sometimes I think that we can all use some refocusing on what is really important.

In our Old Testament Lesson today the prophet Malachi focuses our attention on the, "Coming of the Day of the Lord." We hear that this day will be a day of purification, and this purification occurs among God's people, The Church.

We, the Church, are called to return to the Lord. As we prepare for the Lord's coming, we look at our own need for purification and forgiveness, not other's needs. We look to that great day in thankfulness, knowing that God, through His Son Jesus, by His sacrifice prepares the way for us to be in His presence, eternally. 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, Sandy Gaul, Deb Raymond, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Shirley Peshek, Joanne Cline, Rick Benson, Helen Weeks, Sharon Crandall, Phyllis Munster, Dave Schurman, Libby Dreier, Lewis Watts, Bob Miskimen, Stan Crandall, Pastor Stan Jones

**Condolences** to Nona Sperry at the loss of her husband, Roland

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Messiah Lutheran—Pea Ridge; Bella Vista Assembly of God; Quilting Outreach

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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 "Redeemer with a Capital R" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense—redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into His clan, His people, His household, that we might be with Him forever. (Ruth 3-4)

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## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who came in last week and helped put up our Christmas tree and decorations. Your help made the decorating go much faster and was much more fun with all the helping hands! Thanks again!

Many thanks to the small group's elves who helped put a smile on a "CASA Kids" face this Christmas. Pat Eckart

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## FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2019 is on the bulletin board. The price will remain at \$50.00 per arrangement. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.

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

- **Adult Bible Study** Congregational Voter's meeting will be called to order after the 1st service at about 9:30 am in the sanctuary to decide on calling Pastor Gorshe as the new Associate Pastor at BVLC. There will be discussion, then voting. After the meeting concludes, members are invited to the Fellowship Hall or the Inquirer's class.
- Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Final class for the Ray Vander Laan series "Walk as Jesus Walked" **with a dramatic ending that you don't want to miss** This is led by Chuck Merriman.
- Inquirer's Class/New Members: Final class for Pastor Hass which meets in the library.
- Sunday School for children will meet downstairs.

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

*Thank you!*

Church Family and Friends: The Shepherd's Food Pantry thanks you all for your generous support as we gather donations (food and funds) for the Christmas grocery bags. So far this year, we have helped feed over 5,000 people!

At this time, The Shepherd's Food Pantry is requesting pie filling and cereal.

Thank you and God Bless You for all the help you are giving.

**Matt 25:21a (ESV)** His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

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The Family Life Ministry Team is again collecting **CAPS AND MITTENS** for school children.

The collection box will be in the narthex through December 18. Purchased items are always welcome.

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## PORTALS OF PRAYER

have been placed in your mailbox. If you did not get one, please notify the office.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Thanks to all the participants that helped make our Women's Advent Fellowship special!

If you missed out on voting for the Christmas stocking charities we will donate to, please do so 12/9 by putting your ballot in the box on the kiosk. Also on the kiosk is the large Christmas stocking for you to put your donations in. Our Treasurer will be able to get the monies to the charities before Christmas. Thank you again!

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
Dec. 9-15, 2018

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or  
KURM-AM (790)  
2:00 p.m. SAC I—Marlys Rembold

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Brookfield  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck  
JOY IIIC—Roxie Wyer-Hagar Chapter 2  
page 26 in the workbook  
1:30 p.m. Joy IV—Susan Coon  
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Quilting  
11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Houlihans  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library  
Writing Group  
4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Advent Service

**Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
11:30 a.m. JOY VA—Country Club--Christmas lunch  
12:30 p.m. Hope SFP Delivery

**Friday**

10:00 a.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

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**NEXT SUNDAY— December 16, 2018**

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

**LESSONS FOR SUNDAY, December 16, 2018**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 7:18-35

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

March 31, 2019

**BVLC 30th Anniversary Celebration**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Stewardship**



Luke 3:4 — “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.*’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do.

That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

**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

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**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

are in the narthex in front of the mailboxes. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick up your envelopes at your convenience.

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**NEW ADDRESS:**

Jan Barnoski  
Brookfield #129  
3 Highlands Crossing  
Bella Vista, AR.72715  
Phone: 855-1434

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**BIRTHDAY LUNCH**

Napoli's Italian Restaurant  
Rogers, AR.

Wednesday, December 19th  
Please sign up by Monday, December 17th.

Please consider this your invitation to join all of us born in November and December to enjoy a special luncheon.

Spouses and guests are welcome.

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**MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH**

With wives or friends

Wednesday, December 12 at noon

Lunch will be at "The EGG and I" [in their private dining room]  
Location: Shopping center North across from 3 Crosses Church

You all come!--get acquainted--have lunch together--& visit!!  
For information or questions call Loren at 855-3400 or Bill at 621-3737