

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 14-20, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday is the first Sunday in the Season **of** Lent, not the first Sunday **in** Lent. That sounds the same, but it's not. I remember as a boy that our family gave up something from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, inclusive of all the Sundays. But, as a bright and enterprising confirmation age student, I eventually realized that the Sundays are not counted as part of the forty days of Lent. The only way you can count to 40 days of Lent within the Church Season of Lent each year is to leave out the Sundays. I was told by my pastor that Sundays, each being a celebration of the Resurrection like a little Easter, were not included in the 40 days of Lent.

So this Sunday is the first Sunday in the Season **of** Lent, not the first Sunday **in** Lent. That means if you wish to fully engage in the season of Lent you will need to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. By the way, there is a meal served before each of these Services!

Today's Old Testament text from Psalm 91 radiates with confidence that God is our refuge in time of trouble. Jesus knew this as He was tempted in the wilderness, even though Satan tried to twist Scripture itself to tempt our Lord. Only when the Israelites entered the Promised Land was the wilderness behind them. On that forty year journey God kept them secure in His protection. Their first harvest would be tangible proof of God's keeping them in His care in the past as well as into the unknowable future.

Although we also waiver in our reliance on God, just as His Old Testament people did, our God-given faith in the Messiah, Jesus, assures us victory with and through Him.

May God richly bless you as we enter into this Lenten Season. 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, Gary Aaron, Bev Hess, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Dick Hise, Lewis Watts, Rich Haddock, Paul Behnke, Jerre Lender, Chuck Scherz, Bob Sanford, Ken Wood, Ron Fant

Condolences: Howard Biesterfeld at the loss of his brother-in-law, Al

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; First Lutheran—Harrison; Bella Vista First United Methodist Church; NWA Children's Shelter

THANKS

I thank you and our children, Christine and Dan, thank all of you who have touched our lives as Al struggled with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. Thanks to the Congregational Care team for visits to our home and to Pastor Jones and Al's Stephen Minister for their visits to Al in the care facility. Your calls, the many cards, the memorial donations, the wonderful food and the prayers for us have been so appreciated. It has been such a comfort to me especially to be surrounded by so many who have shown their care and concern. This church and our church family have been a gift from God to me and Al. Nancy Gruenewald

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 continue the Concordia Publishing House Study, "The Truth About Islam" which is led by Dick Munster.
- The "Inquirer's Class" continues in the Chapel This class is led by Pastor Hass.

Sunday School

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

THANKS (continued)

Thank you for all your calls, e-mails and cards. I especially thank Pastor Jones and Pastor Hass for their visit and prayers. I'm doing well thanks to God's healing mercy and my wonderful support from you, my church family. Rich Haddock

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY


Each One – Bring One is planning desserts for the Easter holiday grocery bag. We would like the ready-to-use graham cracker pie shells for the pie fillings we are collecting, and lemon bar mixes as well. Our neighbors can also use flour, sugar and oil. Sometimes we have eggs, so Easter egg coloring kits would be fun. Anything you can contribute will be appreciated by many.

We can always use **clean** plastic bags and juice bottles to fill for the clients. We appreciate your help.

Romans 8:11 *ESV*¹¹ If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

MID-SOUTH DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS

- \$  Mid-South District Church Planting.
- \$25,000 Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers
- \$ 5,000 Trinity/Hope Lutheran School Feeding Program in Haiti providing a noon meal for one specific school. Trinity Lutheran, Gallatin, TN.
- \$10,000 Deaf Ministry Outreach
Cross of Calvary Lutheran, Memphis, TN.
- \$10,000 Special Needs Educational Program with LSEM (Lutheran Special Education Ministry)
Immanuel Lutheran, Memphis, TN.
- \$ 8,000 Mwaui Lutheran School Boys' Dormitory
Construction in Tanzania
Grace Lutheran, Clarksville, TN.

THE LORD'S WEEK
February 14-20, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**
Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**
1:30 p.m. TLC-HW—Sonja & Ron Burkett
2-4 p.m. TLC-HE — Lillian Pingel
3:30 p.m. TLC-E—Diana & Glenn Wickboldt

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Helen Hise
Backpackers—Chapel
1-3 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—
JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIC—No Meeting
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Church
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Barbara Harlson
11:00 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery
12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers
1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Karen Kraszewski
7:00 p.m. SAC III—Arlo & Irma Miesbach

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
JOY VA—Library
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper—Chicken Casserole
5:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners
9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
12:30 p.m. Ladies Bridge— Clubhouse
2:30 p.m. Highland Rehab.
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Friday

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. YAC III—Doreen & Dick Lubeck

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—February 21, 2016

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
12:00 noon New Member Lunch
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Marlys Rembold

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

February 16th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Beginners welcome!

Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Stewardship



Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered him, "it is written,..." Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect Humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Check out the new shipment of **all occasion cards!** This is an LWML project and all cards are only **\$3.00 a box.** **The display is located in the church Library.** Just place the money in the envelope provided and put it in Elaine Schurman's church mailbox. Make checks payable to **LWML.**

BACKPACKERS

will meet **TOMORROW**
February 15th at 9:00 a.m.
in the Chapel (former Fellowship Hall.)
Come & join us!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

February 17, 2016
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Kid friendly meal, games, crafts & music
Children ages 3-12
Call 855-0272 with questions

PICTURE DIRECTORY

Our new church directory will be coming out in April. If you would like a new photo taken or need to make address and/or phone # changes, please complete one of the 'Church Directory' forms located on the kiosk and return to Toni Shane. Photos can be e-mailed to directory@bvlutheran.com If no changes are needed, you do not need to respond.

LENTEN SUPPERS

As in the past, we need groups to commit to planning and serving a light supper at 5:00 p.m. We will ask for a free will offering to be used for a service project of their choice. Please sign up at the kiosk for the date and food you will serve. **This week JOY IIIA will serve Chicken Casserole.**

LENTEN SUPPER DONATIONS

When attending the Lenten Suppers, please remember that if you donate by check to an organization which is not designated in the budget of Bella Vista Lutheran Church, all checks must be made out to that specific organization, NOT BVLC. These donations will go directly to the group sponsoring the meal and will NOT go through the office at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.