

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Gospel lesson today is Matthew 5:21-27, and in it Jesus says, in verses 23-24, "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

One of the stunning things about Jesus' words in today's gospel is the distance Jesus is saying we might go for reconciliation. It is about 80 miles from the north side of the Sea of Galilee (where He spoke these words) to Jerusalem, which would be 160 miles roundtrip just to seek peace and reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We remember today that there is no distance too great to seek reconciliation. Indeed, Jesus came from heaven to earth so that we might be reconciled with God. Jesus traveled to the cross to make peace by His Blood. What an amazing gift to us.

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 and Carroll Casey, Fran Bloomer, Lillian Pingel, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Mike Dwyer, Marlys Rembold, Jim Swicegood, Clarice Gnuse, Tracy See, LuAnn Roy, Helen Weeks, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Ron Fant, Byrdine Pickart, Toni Shane, Carol Ann Honeywell

**Condolences** to Neil Vanderbush & family at the loss of his mother, Mitzi.

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church-Fayetteville; Helping Hands; New Life Christian Church; Grace Lutheran-Holiday Island

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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 "Families and Joseph's Tears" with guest speaker Dr. Dean Madasdy. (Genesis 50:15-26)

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## THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers and concern for our daughter, Mary Elizabeth, in her battle with breast cancer. Her surgery was successful and she has been declared healed. Our God hears and answers prayers and we rejoice in His love and mercy.  
Patty & Marland Thurston

We wish to thank everyone for all of the prayers, food, cards, and hugs that we received during Kathryn's recent illness. It helped to keep our spirits up during the healing process. A special thank you to Pastor Gorshe for his visit at the hospital on a cold and icy Sunday. It is a special joy to belong to such a caring congregation. Blessings to all of you.

Vern & Kathryn Hinz

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

**Fellowship Hall:** Pastor Gorshe will lead the "120 Bible Story Study" series discussing God calls Abram.

**Next week** will be "God's Covenant with Abram."  
Genesis 15—17

**Library:** "Inquirer's Class" is an opportunity for new members (or current members who want a refresher course) to learn about what it means to be a Lutheran and about Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Pastor Hass will lead this class.

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who used their Thrivent account to benefit the Shepherd's Food Pantry. Because of you, we have the ability to purchase many needed items for our visitors.

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

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## LENTEN SERVICES

Friends in Christ:

Evening Lenten services are coming soon. Our Ash Wednesday service is February 26 at 6:00 p.m. We have some members who would like to attend these services but are not able to because they no longer feel comfortable driving at night. We would like to make sure that everyone who has the desire to attend these special services has that opportunity.

It is our hope that there are many other members who do drive at night who would be willing to offer a ride to those who don't. If you are planning on attending Lenten services and would be willing to invite someone to ride along with you, please let Linda know as soon as possible. And if you or someone is in need of a ride, please call Linda so we can make arrangements. Thank you!

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

### LWML Prayer Shawl Ministry



is in need of people to help deliver these shawls, put these shawls around their shoulders, and pray with them. If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with Elaine Schurman at 479-531-3395 or email dschurman3@gmail.com.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**

February 16-22, 2020

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service 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)  
11:30 a.m. New Member Lunch after 2nd service  
1:30 p.m. TLC Highlands West—Walkers  
2:15 p.m. SAC I—Bob & Pat Eckart— Clubhouse

**Monday**

10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
Silver Needle Quilters  
9:00 a.m. JOY I—Highland Rehab.  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
JOY IIC—Sherryll Staiger  
6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Bobbie Siek  
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Roxie Wyer  
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Fellowship Hall

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners  
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library, pages 152-156  
11:30 p.m. HOPE SFP Delivery  
12:30 p.m. Ladies Bridge

**Friday**

10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
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**NEXT SUNDAY— February 23, 2020**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or  
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**LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—February 23, 2020**

Exodus 24-8:18  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPANY**

**Stewardship**



**1 Corinthians 3:7—”So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”** Isn't that the truth!

It's not just true about preachers like Paul; it's true about all of us in the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. Then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn, and He uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. The cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth.

**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.

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**SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

on Fridays to pack groceries for clients. Can you help?

For further information, contact Diana Wickboldt at 202-2417.

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**WELCOME CENTER**

A new “sign-up” sheet is on the kiosk. If you would like to be a part of the welcoming team at BVLC, please sign up for the Sunday you would like to work at the Welcome Center.

This is FOR SECOND SERVICE ONLY. If there are two of you who would like to work together, please sign up as a team. Instruction sheets are on the Welcome Center desk. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Bruch at 479-899-2991. This is a great opportunity to make our visitors feel welcome.

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