

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 4-10, 2018

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today in our Scripture reading we have a gracious reminder to us that, in His love for His people, God is willing to rescue and protect us; and as the almighty Lord over all, He is certainly able!

The people in Isaiah's day were wondering about God's protection as they feared neighboring states, but the prophet reminds them that God is in control of all things, ready and able to help them. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were suffering from both sickness and demons, He demonstrated His power to save from opponents on every level. And when Paul became "all things to all people," he was bringing them Gospel, God's ultimate rescue from sin, death, and the devil.

And now, the blessings of the gospel come to us today through Word and Sacrament from our strong and loving God.

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, Curly Baehr, Deb Raymond, Ed Barnoski, Niles Daniels, Craig Peterson, Linda Dwyer, Vicki Dehnert, Patrice Eggert, Sherryl Staiger, Helen Hise, Elaine Schurman, Barbara Harlson

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; First Lutheran—Harrison; Highlands Methodist Church; Sonshiners

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 "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?" with Dr. Dale A Meyer with the Lutheran Hour. There's much in science that witnesses to God.

Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for prayers, providing meals, and all the support during (and after) my colon cancer surgeries and tests. The prayers are truly felt; I often feel like I'm on a cloud. I am anxiously awaiting the chemo treatments and ask for prayers of patience and perseverance.

God is in control. Deb Raymond

Thank you for all the cards, church signed sheet, Sonshiner's Club prayers and well wishes from our friends.

Memories are forever. Love, Evelyn Brightman

Fellowship Razorback Basketball Game and Dinner

We will be going to a Razorback Women's Basketball Game on Sunday, February 18th. They will be playing LSU at 2:00 p.m. Carpool from Allen's at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$2.00.

We will also be having dinner as a private party at probably Golden Corral in Rogers. More information to follow. Sign up at the kiosk no later than Monday, February 12 for either or both Fellowship events.

Questions? Please call John or June Lear at 479-418-6286.

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

Adult Bible Study

"Walk With God in the Desert" Join Chuck Merriman in the Fellowship Hall with this Ray Vander Laan series. Learn what it means to trust in God. The desert is a place where we learn what we can endure. What does it mean to be separated from the safety of society? The desert is where you learn to put your trust in God. Help others to understand the deserts that they might be going through.

"Mark the Evangelist and the Gospel of Immediacy" continues. Terry Held will be leading this class on a journey through the Gospel of Mark. This class will be held in the Library.

"Believe—Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus" continues today. This study will be led by Brett Sost and Dale Wandrie and will be held in the old Fellowship Hall.

Inquirer's Class led by Pastor Hass continues for 8 weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what it means to be a Lutheran at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. This is a great class for people looking to become members or for current members who wish to be refreshed on what our church believes and how our church operates.

Sunday School

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

LWML

To make it easier for all to donate to our local charity missions in Dec., (the Christmas stocking project), the LWML Board will give a monthly reminder. We would encourage you to set a day aside each month to put a coin/coins for that month, (i.e., for Jan., 1—quarter; Feb., 2 quarters; March 3 quarters, etc.—Dec. 12 quarters with a final total of almost \$20.) Of course, you can make your own choice of what coin/s. Hope this is helpful. For January 25 cents goes into your coin keeper, and as Feb. is here, also two more quarters.

LWML REMINDER

The Mite box is on the kiosk.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The winter issue of **Lutheran Woman's Quarterly** has its timely news articles and very good Bible studies (i.e.—Knowing Jesus Gives My Life Balance). You'll note coverage of the Disaster Response Center in the Dominican Republic (recently completed by funding from a LWML grant), that survived Hurricane Irma. (More about that is seen also in the Lutheran Engage publication.)

THE LORD'S WEEK
February 4-10, 2018

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship 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)

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library
 11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mike's
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab
 JOY IIC—Mary Willie
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
 JOY IIIC—Cyndi Isaacson
 11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch service
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Camilla Hass

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library

Thursday

10:15 a.m. JOY 5A—Library
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery

Friday

10-1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Saturday IGNITE service

NEXT SUNDAY—February 11, 2018

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

February 11th scripture readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12 or Exodus 34:29-35
 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6
 Mark 9:2-9

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends
 of this service.

We wish to thank all who greeted our visitors this past year.
 It was a pleasure working with each of you.

Blessings, Bonnie Whiting— Vera Fenner and
 Sherryl Staiger and Bev Effinger

Starting March 1st, Joanne Cline and Bonnie Whiting will
 schedule Divine Worship and all extra services. Blended
 Worship services will be scheduled by Barbara Harlson and
 Mary Jane Siegel.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Stewardship



1 Corinthians 9:25 — “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self control is a fruit of the spirit—for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

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

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One—At this time, the pantry is in need of peanut butter and jelly for our visitors. We appreciate your donations of this food, thank you.

1 John 4:7 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

QUILTER'S REQUEST

The quilting ladies are in desperate need of sheets to be used for backing of the quilts they make for Lutheran World Relief.

Sheets do not need to be new but need to be in good shape. Sheet sizes needed are double flat through king flat sheets.

The Shepherd's Food Pantry wants each of you to know that we are here for our entire community—and that includes our own Church Family!

Please... if you have a need at some point in time, it would please us to be able to assist you—whether it be food for the body or prayer and information.

Call Linda at the church office so a private appointment can be made as soon as possible with one of the pantry Board members to see how we can be of help.

It may seem that “Each One – Bring One” is posted in the Weekly News each Sunday to *ask* for your help. Just know that our purpose is to be of service to all in this congregation as well. Know that we are very grateful for all the support we receive from our Bella Vista Lutheran Church family. You are a **blessing!**