

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 5, 2020—January 11, 2020  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is little in Scripture that tells us about Jesus' growing up, except what we hear today in the Gospel of St. Luke. Here Jesus makes His home within His heavenly Father's house, the temple, discussing the Law and the Prophets with the teachers there, because the Scriptures discussed all testified of Him.

In the busyness of their departure from Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph inadvertently left Jesus behind. Though it might appear Jesus was disrespectful or disobedient to His earthly parents, He is actually and completely obedient to the saving will and purpose of His Father in heaven, who sent Him to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Today we celebrate that the baby in the manger grew up, missing no part of all it means to grow up as a human being, so that He would be obedient in our place as our Savior!

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 and Gene Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Scott Roy, Verna McCaffrey, Mike Dwyer, Marlys Rembold, Jim Swicegood, Clarice Gnuse, Tracy See, Lila Pulst, Marilyn Powell, Bev Effinger, Bettye Dappeler and LuAnn Roy.

**Condolences** to Coleen Gast at the loss of her brother, Larry  
**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church-Fayetteville; Highlands Methodist Church; Quilting Outreach Ministry

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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 "**Mercy In This Dojo**" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

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## THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Words cannot express how thankful I am to serve at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Working with such an incredible staff has been a great joy. And serving such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ is so wonderful that I look forward to it every day. Thank you so much for the amazingly generous Christmas gift. I am overwhelmed by how well this congregation takes care of my needs and the needs of my family. We are truly blessed!

In Christ, Pastor Gorshe

The Merriman family would like to express our thank you for all of the support that the Bella Vista Lutheran Church has shown in 2019. Thank you very much.

Blessings, Chuck, Elena, Isaac, Sofia, and Tatyana

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## COMMUNION/LUNCH SERVICE

Our communion & lunch service is this Tuesday, January 7th at 11:30 a.m. Please remind our homebound members and friends of this service.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

**Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Pastor Gorshe will lead the "120 Bible Story Study" series**

**Children and Youth will be downstairs for Sunday School Classes.**

**How can 120 Bible stories written over 4,000 years be part of one story?** For a great opportunity to achieve a good understanding (or a review) of many of the key Bible stories, we will be introducing a new Bible Study series in the Fellowship Hall between services starting on January 5. The course is a review of the Old and New Testament Bible stories using Concordia Publishing House's "120 Bible Stories" as a guide. To follow along, purchase your copy of "120 Bible Stories" on Amazon for \$15.16. Contact Chuck Merriman with questions.

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## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

*Thank you for generously supporting the Shepherd's Food Pantry.* We appreciate all your help in our mission to serve our neighbors. It is a blessing to be a blessing.

Our need right now is to stock up on hygiene items: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap and deodorant.

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

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## LUTHERAN WITNESS

Renewal forms for 2020 have been placed in your mailbox. If you want to receive the Lutheran Witness for 2020, please return your renewal form and payment by Sunday, January 19. The cost for 2020 is \$15.00.

Return the form to the office or place in a special Offering envelope and place in the offering.

Additional forms are available on the kiosk.

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## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Thursday, January 9th starting at 9:00. We can always use volunteers. Your help is always appreciated!!

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The Mite Box and General Fund Box will be on the kiosk today. Be sure to support our District & National Mission Grants. On Giving Tuesday in December we raised \$37,719.78 so we met the challenge and received the matching \$20,000. A total of \$57,719.98 was given to support the 2019-2021 National Mission Goal in just one day! To God be the Glory!

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
January 5-January 12, 2020

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

10:30 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group — Duffers  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. JOY-IIA Highland Rehab  
6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch Service  
3:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Quilting  
9:30 a.m. JOY VI LWML Quarterly  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal

**Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library pages 112-115  
11:30 p.m. HOPE SFP Delivery

**Friday**

10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care Assistant Team  
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**NEXT SUNDAY— January 12, 2020**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**  
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—January 12, 2020**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Romans 6:1-11  
Matthew 3:13-17

**EVE OF THE NAME / NAME OF JESUS**

**LUKE 2:21—**”And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord Saves. That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.



**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.



The Spring session of Confidential Caregiving will start Sunday, January 12. Training will be held in the library room during the Bible class hour.

Confidential Caregiving is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place here at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

Confidential Caregiving training equips and empowers lay caregivers— called Confidential Caregivers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Confidential Caregiving lessons are open to anyone who wishes to learn skills to help them minister to others in need. Participation in this class does not require you to become a member of the Confidential Caregiving Team.

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 and also someone with a truck to pick up on Thursday at HOPE. For further information, contact Diana Wickboldt at 202-2417. Can you help?

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The holidays are over. Many of you may have taken family photos. Do you have a favorite picture that you would like in the church directory? Just email it to me at *directory@bvlutheran.com*. It would be great to update addresses, emails, and phone numbers as well. Thank you. Toni Shane

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**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Bob Hess-mrbob6@att.net

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**MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH**

This week Wednesday, January 8th, at noon.

Get together will be at Razorback Pizza {North of Maca-doodles}

Ya'll come. Join in fellowship, visit, have lunch together!

For information or a ride call Loren at 855-3400. Hope to see you there!