

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 30-August 6, 2017  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the great ironies of our current world is that people can live in close proximity to one another in large cities and yet feel very alone. Surrounded by others, many people experience loneliness. Feeling alone can happen because of a broken relationship, a chronic illness, or the death of someone near and dear.

Today's readings remind us that God is present for us. "You are a people holy to the Lord your God," we hear in Deuteronomy, "chosen...to be a people for His treasured possession." When Paul poses the questions in Romans 8, "Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ?" The answer is...no one!

Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. As we gather here today, we receive Christ, He is present with us here and now. To our lonely world, and to our lonely times, today's readings shout, "You are not alone."

Jesus is Immanuel, that is, "God with us." And no trouble, distress, violence, or persecution can overcome God's present love for us in Jesus Christ.

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, John Moldenhauer, Mike Dwyer, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Shirley Emling, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Walt Heyne, Lisa Million, Ron Fant, Grace Meyer

**Condolences** to Herb Schmid at the loss of his wife, Lyn; John Lear at the loss of his brother-in-law, Virgil

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Eureka Springs; Judson American Baptist; Lives Under Construction

## 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 "Confidence to Face Whatever Comes Our Way" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz.

No matter what life throws our way, God promises that His eternal purposes can never be thwarted. (Romans 8:28-39)

## THANKS

Thank you to BVLC members for all the prayers, Get Well Cards, food brought in, love and concern shown to me when I stumbled, fell and fractured my right shoulder on June 8 at the front doors of the church. I especially want to thank Pastor Hass for staying with me until I was taken to the ER. Pastor Hass also came to the ER to pray with us. John and Carol Moldenhauer loaned me some therapy equipment that has really gotten a work out. God is so Good and so are the people of Bella Vista Lutheran!! Thank You! Dorothy Jones

I received a copy of the Bella Vista Lutheran Church prayer list. I'm impressed and appreciate this. Please thank the people involved. Prayers do make a difference. Thanks!

Doug Burkett

## LWML REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites **NEXT SUNDAY, August 6,**  
The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR TODAY  
WILL CONSIST OF JOINING  
YOUR BVLC FRIENDS FOR COFFEE  
IN THE NARTHEX OR FELLOWSHIP HALL  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
UNITY SERVICE.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY.**

## FELLOWSHIP HALL BIBLE STUDY

The Ray Vander Laan DVD Bible Study series returns Sunday August 6 in the Fellowship Hall Bible Study for a few weeks. Our first session will be God says, "Build Me a Sanctuary." Let's explore what Ray has to say and have fun learning about God.

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## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One—Bring One:** For the month of August we are requesting toothpaste; and, as a food item and in anticipation of the holidays, our neighbors would appreciate mashed potatoes or any staple holiday item.

John 17:26 (ESV) I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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## LWML LUNCH AT MIMI'S

has been changed

to August 10th.

Please call LuAnn Roy at 876-2664  
if you want to go but have not signed up.

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## GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare classes will begin on Thursday, August 24, at 3:00 p.m. in the church library. The classes will end on Thursday, November 16.

Please consider attending this class and invite others who might benefit. Call Dorothy Jones at 366-1700 with any questions. *Please sign up at the kiosk.*

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The Fellowship Team thanks you for your interest in helping the Thomas Jefferson School outreach clothing drive.

The **Children's** sizes that have been requested are:  
10-12 Medium; 14-16 Large; 18-20 X-Large

These sizes can be found at Walmart in the Children's Department. Thank you for supporting this program.  
Fellowship Team

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The 2017 LWML FALL RETREAT will be attended by two of our members. If you would like to join them, (they'll have room for you to travel with them by van) please contact Marlys Rustman.

More information about the Sept.8-10 retreat can be found online at the following:  
[www.midsouthlwml.org.web.documents/LWML.2017RetreatRegistrationArkansas](http://www.midsouthlwml.org.web.documents/LWML.2017RetreatRegistrationArkansas)

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**July 30-August 6, 2017**

**Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Unity Service with communion  
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship  
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or  
 KURM-AM (790) "Confidence to Face  
 Whatever Comes Our Way"  
 4:30 p.m. First Responders Potluck

**Monday**

1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Tuesday**

11:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch Service

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.  
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly

**Thursday**

11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery  
 1:30 p.m. LWML Board Meeting—Library

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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**NEXT SUNDAY—August 6, 2017**

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)

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Bella Vista Lutheran is responsible for delivering **Meals On Wheels** during the month of **September!**

We will need **66 teams of two**. Please take this opportunity to serve our community as well as making life a little easier for those who need help with meals. Watch for the sign-up board in the narthex. Thanks!

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 The Fellowship Team is asking for your help in providing school supplies for Cooper Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Elementary. The donation box and a copy of their wish list is in the narthex. We will be collecting until August 1, 2017. Thanks for your help.

<p><b>Stewardship</b></p>	<p><b><u>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY</u></b>  <b><u>AFTER PENTECOST</u></b></p>
<p><b>Matthew 13:45-46</b> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is foundation for our own generosity: imitating the outsized generosity of Jesus.</p>	

**STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYER TIME**

The prayer request cards in your bulletin 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, Alan Silva, Jack Grober

Your Stephen Ministry Team

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**BV LUTHERAN GOLF**

Mixed 9 Holes - Singles & Couples  
 Great Fellowship!  
 For further information  
 call Bill Scholten: 855-1324

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**CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**  
**AND COOK-OUT**  
**TODAY at 4:30 p.m.**

The **FIRST RESPONDERS of Bella Vista** are invited to come to Bella Vista Lutheran Church for a picnic. It is our way of thanking them and honoring them for all they do in our community.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert. Make sure you are part of this event by donating a dish, helping setup, cleaning up or just come and enjoy. Bring your dish for the meal when you come or drop it off at the church after 3:30 p.m.

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**THE MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

will meet on Monday, July 31, 2017  
 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.