

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Lutheran Confessions teach us that the Bible is rightly divided into Law and Gospel; we are both sinner and saint; we are to both confess and be absolved. On this earth, we live with a constant tension of a "both . . . and" when it comes to who we are and to what God calls us. In today's Scripture, King David admitted, "I have sinned against the LORD," and the prophet Nathan assured him, "The LORD has put away your sin."

In the Gospel, the sinful woman at the dinner party washed Jesus' feet with her tears of repentance, and Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven." Each of us today continues to break God's law by sinning, and like Nathan and the sinful woman, we realize our guilt and shame and our continual need of a Savior, the Lord, who never leaves us in our guilt and shame. In our own repentance, we find the Good News of living in a "both . . . and" state, with the last words from the Lord always being ones of hope, promise, joy, and forgiveness through Christ alone. "In Christ Jesus . . . we might receive the promised Spirit through faith" (Galatians 3:14).

*In him, Pastor Hass*

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## 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, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, Paul Benke, John Moldenhauer, Georgia Kinney, Bill Stuckenbroker, John Ritter, Helen Weeks, Linda McMillin, Dearl Graupner, Esther Meier  
**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Holy Trinity—Rogers; New Life Christian Church; Village House

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## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Our choir is singing the National Anthem at Arvest Ballpark again this year on Friday, July 1. We would love to have more singers join us!

There will be \$7.00 tickets available for choir members as well as anyone who would like to go to the game. Please sign up at the kiosk.

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## SUMMER LWML QUARTERLY MAGAZINES

are available in the LWML box in front of the mailbox.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

It's time to celebrate your SPECIAL DAY on Wednesday, June 29th at the River Grille at noon. Join those who were born in May and June to enjoy a special luncheon prepared just for us. Spouses and guests are welcome! Please sign up at the kiosk by Monday, June 27th.

This is a regularly scheduled outing sponsored by the Fellowship Team.

Questions? Call Betty Bennett at 479-855-2759.

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## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR at 9:45 a.m.

### Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: VBS Ministry update and "Digging Deeper" with today's scripture lesson in Luke led by Pastor Hass.
- We continue with "Blessings in Disguise" which is led by Dick Munster. The lesson this week is titled "Blessed the Despised/Woe to the Popular."

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One – Bring One** The pantry is in real need of healthy cereal, sugar, oil, and flour. We also need clean juice bottles (with caps) which we use when making laundry soap...about the size of V8 juice. Thank you for supporting us in our mission to help our neighbors. We *rejoice* for all you do for The Shepherd's Food Pantry.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you

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**GRIEF SHARE** class continues on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. This is a 13 week series and is led by Dorothy Jones. Please call her at 366-1700 if you have questions.

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you or someone you love hurting?

A Stephen Minister is trained to listen.

Contact Pastor or Pam Benson



## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



### LWML LUNCH/MEETING

Please join us for lunch and a very brief meeting on Thursday, July 7 at El Pueblito at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the kiosk until July 5. Treat yourself to lunch! Any questions? Call Clarice Gnuse at 479-876-5040 or Diana Wickboldt at 479-202-2417.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
June 12-18, 2016

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**  
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern Gruhn

**Monday**

1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab  
JOY IIB—Peggy Stuckenbroker  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Tuesday**

2:00 p.m. Grief Share—Library

**Wednesday**

**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  
2:30 p.m. Highland Rehab

**Friday**

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal

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**NEXT SUNDAY—June 19, 2016**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**

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**ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS**

June 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
Beginners welcome!  
Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395

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**ALLERGY REMINDER**

When attending services/activities at BVLC, please be considerate of your fellow members when using cologne and/or aftershave. "A little is a lot" to folks that have allergies and a sensitive nose! We want everyone to be comfortable when they are at BVLC! Thanks for your cooperation.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**



Luke 7:41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty..." Our debt of sin and death has been paid by the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been forgiven much so we love the Lord much! How could we not therefore gladly and generously support the work of the Church in bringing this saving Gospel message to all nations, starting right at home in our own congregations?

**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF**

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes  
Singles & Couples  
Call Bill Scholten at 855-1324  
if you would like to play.



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**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

Next month the Bella Vista Youth Group will be heading down to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.

The National Youth Gathering is an event that happens every three years that provides wonderful learning sessions, Bible Studies, hands-on activities, servant event projects, and the Mass Events at the end of each day. This will give our youth a chance to build their faith and help ground them in Biblical principles for their adult lives.

We are excited for the following youth and the adult leaders who will guide them on this program. This is a trip the youth will remember the rest of their lives.

- Tim Colville
- Kameryn Fabrizio
- Madi Griggs
- Isaac Hass
- Zachary Mattingly
- Marshal Pitt
- Sam Pitt
- Louis Plaisance
- Hanni Griffin (Adult Leader)
- Chris Griffin (Adult Leader)
- Chuck Merriman (Adult Leader)

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**\*MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Discipleship Class resumes tomorrow, June 13th at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

We will continue our study of The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus' Call to Righteousness (Matthew 5-7). To help you prepare for our class, read Matthew 7:13-28 and write out your questions and comments to share with the class.

If you were not able to join us before—NOW would be a good time to join as we listen and learn from Jesus Our Lord and Savior.