

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus' words and actions are for the benefit of all human beings. Isaiah 53:3 says, "**He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities.**"

Jesus was also transfigured for our transformation. In this mysterious mountaintop encounter in our Lesson today from the Gospel of Luke, the veil between the seen and the unseen is pulled aside, and Peter, James, and John beheld Jesus, the man, as He is in the brightness of the glory of God.

Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah about His coming Passion in Jerusalem. Luke records our Heavenly Father's blessing echoing again the words spoken at Jesus Baptism, "**This is My Son, My Chosen One, listen to Him!**"

As faith opens us to God's love, that divine conversation powerfully transforms us, changing our ways of thinking, seeing, and living as we are sent out by God each week to love and serve others, just as Jesus did. 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 and Carroll Casey, Fran Bloomer, Lillian Pingel, Sandy Gaul, Deb Raymond, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Rick Benson, Dave Schurman, Libby Dreier, Bob Miskimen, Caroline Searls, Bob McNew, Stan Isaacson, Marlys Rustman, Marlys Rembold, Barbara Harlson

Condolences: Claryce Thomas at the loss of her mother-in-law, Louise

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Salem Lutheran Springdale; St. Theodores Episcopal; 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 "Is God Everybody's Father?" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A Christian can say, "I am not Jesus, but we have the same Father." (John 8)

THANK YOU

Praise & thanks for my successful surgery. I am home and recuperating well. Thank you everyone for all of your prayers. They are very much appreciated. Coleen Gast

A long-time member of BVLC, Claudia Jorgenson, died this past Sunday, February 24. Funeral services are planned for Saturday, March 2 in New Richmond, WI where she and her husband, Don, had moved recently. Claudia will be remembered, among other things, for her enthusiasm in working with the Fellowship Committee and in helping reorganize the library following the construction of the new addition. Condolences may be sent to Don at 1127 W. 8th Street, #234, New Richmond, WI. 54017. Memorials are to be made to either the church library to enlarge the children's section or to the Scholarship Fund at BVLC.

Jerry Odell, a former member of BVLC has gone to Norfolk Veterans Home to live. A card from some of his friends would be great. His address is Norfolk Veterans Home 600 E. Benjamin Avenue Norfolk, NE. 68701-0830.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Confidential Caregiving: This is an introductory class and is open to anyone. This class will meet in the Choir Room.

Fellowship Hall: Pastor Hass will lead the Bible Study on the Book of Acts.

Sunday School for children will meet downstairs.

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder...Easter Meal grocery sacks with attached shopping list are available on a stand in the narthex. You may take the list with you the next time you shop and purchase items to donate to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. We will be distributing an extra Easter bag the first two Fridays in April. Please place your items in the collection box provided.

Please note, we are especially in need of regular and sugar-free Jell-O. Please, no more egg cartons while BV Harps is closed for remodeling. They were our egg supplier.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV) Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

LETTERS TO J.P. CIMA

Pastor Hass will be working with J.P. Cima in Cambodia as the next step in his doctoral requirements. If you would like to send a letter or card of encouragement to J.P. and his family, please put them in the box that is on the Welcome Center specifically for those letters. Please place them in that box by March 10th.

LENTEN SUPPERS

Lent begins on March 6 and with that our Lenten suppers. A sign up sheet is on the kiosk for your small group to choose when you would like to serve **The dates of April 3 and April 10 are still open.** Please discuss with your group or groups to determine if and when you could serve one of these meals. Please give this your earliest consideration and reply ASAP. Thank you. Questions, call Irma Miesbach, Fellowship Team

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



We welcome Pastor Gorshe, Bethany and his family to BVLC. Pastor Gorshe has been involved with LWML having served as the St. Ansgar Zone Counselor of the Iowa East District.

The Mite and General Fund Boxes are on the kiosk today.

THE LORD'S WEEK
March 3-9, 2019

Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service w/communion**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or
KURM-AM (790)
3:00 p.m. Final service at Peace-Prairie Grove

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Helen Hise
10:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters—Barb Ostermeier
Men's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shirley Swenson
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Diana Watts
11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch Service
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan
3:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting
6:15 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
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service with communion

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library
12:30 p.m. HOPE SFP Delivery
1:30 p.m. LWML Board Meeting

Friday

10-12:00 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY— March 10, 2019

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**
9:45 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or
KURM-AM (790)
11:30 a.m. New Member Lunch
1:30 p.m. TLC Highlands West—Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. TLC Highlands East—Karen & Lynne

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

TRANSFIGURATION

Stewardship Luke 9:36— “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then they are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him, and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary.

When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”



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 Congregational Caregiving, please contact a leader – Pam Benson or Jack Grober.

SECURITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the ever-increasing number of random incidents of violence in businesses, schools, and churches, the BVL Security Committee has recommended that the doors in two areas be closed and locked before all services. The doors in question are: (1) the door next to the elevator; and (2) the entrance doors to the old Sanctuary Narthex. Both areas cannot be seen by the Trustee stationed at the kiosk or by the surveillance cameras and would be excellent places from which an assailant could stage an attack. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. However, we believe that the safety of our congregation members and our guests is of the utmost importance.

CORRECT CELL PHONE #:

Niles Daniels: 630-639-9687

BELL CHOIR

Our choir director plans to start a bell choir in the near future. If you are interested, please sign up at the kiosk. Rehearsals will be on Saturday mornings.

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The invitations to our 30th Anniversary Celebration are in your mailboxes. The RSVP deadline is March 17th. There is a BLACK AND WHITE box on the kiosk to deposit your RSVP.