

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,"* **Philippians 1:3-7**

With those words Paul introduces his Letter to the Christians in Philippi with descriptions of exactly who these beloved saints are, and the profound love that they share with Paul, who himself introduced them to the Good News found in Jesus Christ.

As a servant of Christ Jesus, Paul takes great pains to be faithful to the ministry entrusted to him. Paul means to encourage every reader, then and now, by describing us as saints and by announcing that the words of the Letter to follow, which are inspired by the Holy Spirit, are words that will bring grace and peace to us.

I echo those words to you, thanking God for making us His saints and for providing His Word of grace and peace to sustain us.

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, Chuck Scherz, John Moldenhauer, Richard Meyer, Georgia Kinney, Dick Lubeck, Bill Stuckenbroker, John Ritter

**Condolences:** Dave Schurman at the loss of his nephew, Aaron

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; St. John's Lutheran—Fayetteville; Bella Vista Wesleyan; Quilting Outreach

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## THANKS

We would like to thank our Bella Vista Church family for all the sympathy cards, calls, prayers and hugs regarding the death of our granddaughters husband. We really appreciate your kindness during this most difficult time. We ask for continued prayers for Samantha and their 2 year old daughter as their lives change so drastically. God bless you.

Craig and Sally Peterson

I want to thank everyone for their prayers for me while I was in the hospital. Also for the cards I received. I am doing good but getting ready for my next surgery May 24th. Please keep me in your prayers.

Bill Stuckenbroker

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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, May 9th. 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).

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

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

### Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: "Ascension Sunday 2016" will be led by Pastor Hass.
- Library: We continue with "Blessings in Disguise" which is led by Dick Munster. The lesson we start this week is titled "Blessed the Hungry/Woe to the Well Fed".

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One – Bring One** continues to request 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. And as a reminder – if we can be of assistance to you or anyone you know, please give Linda a call in the office.

*"For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart"*  
**1 Samuel 16:7b ESV**

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Bella Vista Fire Chief, Stephen Sims, will be the speaker tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. at our Stephen Ministry meeting. He will talk about who they are as a department, what they do, the 9-1-1 process, ambulance billing, and the new fire station by the Highland Gates. He will also offer an open question and answer period at the end. **Consider this your invitation to attend. Everyone is welcome!**

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Please invite your children, grandchildren, or neighbors to attend this wonderful event with meal, games, crafts, story time, and music. If you would like to "Connect, Grow, or Serve" as a volunteer, please contact Chuck Merriman or Brandi Gaudian.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Thank you to Muriel Albers and Phyllis Munster for serving on our LWML nominating committee. Please take this opportunity to add additional names to the ballot. Offices needing to be filled are Chairman, Co-Chairman, Co-Secretary, and Human Care. Please reply with your nominations by May 15 to Clarice Gnuse (478 876 5040) or Diana Wickboldt (479 202 2417).

**FYI: The projects receiving our Mites can be found by going to [LWML.org](http://LWML.org).**

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**May 8-14, 2016**

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
 10:45 a.m. **Blended worship w/communion**  
 2-4 p.m. TLC-HE—Gene & Clarice Gnuse

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library  
 1:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA— Highland Rehab.  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—Donna Henning  
 JOY IIC—Vera Fenner  
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3

**Tuesday**

9:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shoebox Ministry  
 Perfect Harmony SFP delivery  
 11-11:30 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery  
 1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Karen Kraszewski  
 2:00 p.m. Grief Share—Library  
 6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Quilting  
 12:00 p.m. JOY VB—Lunch at Mason Dixon Restaurant  
 1:00 p.m. JOY VA—Library  
 Writing Group—Classroom 5  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers  
 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—2:00 p.m. Rod & Custom Car Show  
 10:00 a.m. Patriotic Concert Choir Rehearsal

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**NEXT SUNDAY—May 15, 2016**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
 10:45 a.m. **Blended worship**  
 3:00 p.m. TLC-E—Dave & Loey Hudak  
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Marlys Rembold

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

The **Meals on Wheels** sign-up board is up!!! Sign up early so that you can pick the days and the route you and your partner would like! We still need **30 teams of two!** This is truly a wonderful way to help those in need of a hot meal.

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**Stewardship**



Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended—and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus—and who know that he is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and care of the things of this world.

**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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**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF**

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



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**PRAYER SHAWLS**

We are in great need of prayer shawls so I am asking anyone that has time, to knit or crochet some prayer shawls. *Please wash your prayer shawl to remove the sizing.* If you need yarn, please contact Elaine Schurman at 531-3395 or des1965@att.net.

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**HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW**

Bella Vista Lutheran Church will be hosting a Hot Rod and Custom Car show in the front parking lot on May 14 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. By providing a forum for a Car Show and inviting the public to attend Bella Vista Lutheran Church, we will have an opportunity to talk with visitors about our love of Christ.

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**PATRIOTIC CONCERT**

Rehearsals for the June Choir Concert have started and are held on Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. We will be doing the Patriotic Program "The Home of the Brave" this year at the end of June. Anyone that is interested in singing, please come join us.

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**MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH**

Wednesday May 11, ~~~ "HAVEN "55" IN PINEVILLE  
 Meet at South side Harp's parking lot  
 You 'all come! Eat and chat!  
 Questions? call Loren at 855-340

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**NEW PHONE #:** Lyle & Patti Brierly: 918-637-3405

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