

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the surface it sounds so simple. "Love the Lord your God." After all, as we gather here today, how many people would actually come out and say, "I don't love God"? Yet in today's Readings, when the Lord speaks through Moses to the Israelites, and when Jesus affirms all that was written long before, we realize it is not as simple as it sounds or seems. As all Ten Commandments are summed up in our love for God and love for our neighbor, we look at ourselves and quickly realize we daily fall short of the perfect love and obedience the Lord commands. Yet when we see our sin, we're pointed to a greater love—a perfect love—that has been given for us. Our Epistle reveals that in Christ, who through His blood on the cross and sacrificial act of love for humanity cleanses our consciences, we may serve and love the living God and our neighbors as ourselves.

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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, Marie Herr, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Jerre Lender, Myrna Ewoldt, Paul Martin, Al Gruenewald, Barbara Harlson, John Brack, Ron Fant, Patrice Eggert, Gary Nelson, Doreen Lubeck, Buz Moxon, Melody Plaisance

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Eureka Springs; Bella Vista Christian; Lutheran Campus Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ron and Dee Hachinsky who supplied the donuts last Sunday as their going away gift to BVLC. We wish them God's blessings in their new home. Fellowship Ministry Team

Thank you for praying for my husband, Jim. He is with God now. We appreciated the prayers.

Beverly Weredyk & family (sister of Ron Gaudian)

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful cards, comforting words and especially the hugs I received after the loss of my brother, Jim. He fought a courageous battle but we now thank God that his struggles are over and he is at peace. Linda Dwyer

GRAVETTE ELEMENTARY LION BUDDY PROGRAM

The Lion Buddy program is for elementary grades K—5. The purpose is to give counselor-selected children time with a stable adult for at least one hour per week. We do not tutor nor do the children have a learning disability. Lion Buddies go to lunch with their child (30 minutes) and then to recess (30 minutes) for one hour total per week. Volunteers pick the day when they will visit. Lunch time is set by the grade the child is in. When you are assigned a child, you will learn why they are in the program. For example, Mrs. Boston, Upper Elementary Counselor, said in a recent E-mail, "Clearly there is a need for this program. I have another student who was approved today. His name is Nathan, and I LOVE this child."

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

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: The class will continue with Christianity and the Competition with Dr. Paul Maier. Today is Part 7 entitled "The Cults" and is led by Chuck Merriman.

Construction update will be shown before the start of the Bible Study.

- Choir Room: The new study, "Christian Life Today: Health & Well Being" is led by Dick Munster.

Sunday School

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

He has a great personality and is really fun to talk to. He lost his beloved grandmother this summer and could really benefit from the program!" At this time we have no one to visit with Nate plus four other boys and two girls. Please volunteer if you can spare about two hours per week to help a child. Contact Chuck Merriman if you are interested.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One will begin distribution of Thanksgiving turkeys/chickens and food bags this Friday November 6th. We are so very grateful for your support of this ministry. May your contributions of food, money and volunteering of time be your blessing as well as our neighbors'. Still, our biggest need is **financial** to cover the increased cost of turkeys. And, thank you for using our new collection area in the fellowship hall entry. It is beautiful to see the Father's overflowing love shown generously through you.

Acts 20:35b (ESV) ...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

REMINDER

The LWML Mite Box is on the kiosk today.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



LWML Celebration Sunday

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout this community and the world. Today the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Together, we offer our praise using the theme "Seek First the Kingdom of God," based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33, and invite you to learn more about the missions and ministry of the LWML.

THE LORD'S WEEK
Nov 1-7, 2015

Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
1:30-3:30 p.m. TLC Highlands West—Church
2:00-4:00 p.m. TLC Highlands East—Church
3:00-5:30 p.m. TLC Eastside—Doug & Rae Jean Petersan

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Helen Hise
Backpackers—Chapel
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIB—Marlys Rembold
JOY IIC—Cathy Johnson

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Vicki Dehnert
9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Diana Watts
9:30 a.m. Perfect Harmony SFP Delivery
11:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch Service
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Kay Gaudian
7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday

9:30-3:00 p.m. SWAP
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Classroom 3
JOY VA—Church
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
11-12:00 noon Harp's Delivery—Shepherd's Food Pantry
12-1:00 p.m. HOPE Delivery—Shepherd's Food Pantry

Friday

10-1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—November 8, 2015—Dedication Service

9:30 a.m. **Unity Service**
10:30 a.m. Fellowship

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

BACKPACKERS
will meet TOMORROW
November 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
in the Chapel (former Fellowship Hall.)
Come & join us!

Stewardship

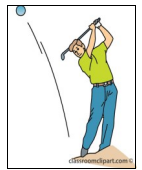


ALL SAINTS' DAY

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven...” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in his House we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away—everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Friday 18 Holes
Singles & Couples
Call Ron Burkett 268-3303



CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsal for the adult choir Christmas Program continues on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Please consider joining us to celebrate the birth of our King. Invite your friends and neighbors to sing with us.

COOPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR

Please come to the Sanctuary on **Thursday November 12 at 11:15 AM to enjoy the Cooper Elementary School Choir.** This has been a highlight and enjoyment of our members for the past few years. Your encouragement of the children will be greatly appreciated.

POINSETTIA ORDER

In your mailbox today is an order form for the Poinsettias for Christmas. To order, please complete the bottom portion of the order form and place in Pat VandenBerge's mailbox. Use a special offering envelope and mark "Poinsettias" on the outside of the envelope and place in the offering plate.

Bella Vista Recycle Group {AARP 109} is having a huge, free program at Riordan Hall in Bella Vista on Nov 12th starting at noon. At noon free hot dogs will be served with a program starting at 1:00 p.m. We want to thank all the folks that bring their recyclables to the center, the workers and the volunteers. There is no admission charge but folks are asked to bring canned food or \$2.00 for the 2 Food Banks in Bella Vista.