

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 19-25, 2017
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend I will be with our sisters and brothers in Christ at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund's Leadership Conference in New Orleans. Please pray for safe travel for the six hundred, or so, attendees and that our work there proves valuable in the kingdom.

In verse 2 of Genesis, Chapter 1, it states that in the beginning, "darkness was over the face of the deep." The first recorded words spoken by God are "Let there be light." And there was light, created as part of God's good creation.

There is another darkness in the world now, the darkness of sin. But again, we hear of God's bringing light through Jesus, the Son of God, who says, "I am the light of the world."

As those who reflect the light of Christ, we have a clear vision not only of this darkened world but, as children of the true light, we can look forward to the brightness of the new heaven and the new earth promised by our Lord.

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, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Craig Peterson, Norma Codling, Kathryn Hinz, Gene Roy, Curly Baehr

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Holiday Island; Bella Vista First United Methodist Church; Korean School Ministry

THANK YOU

Pastor Hass and Chuck Merriman would like to thank all of the volunteers who are connecting with 20 children in the Bella Vista, Bentonville and Gravette schools to be a mentor to them, and showing your love and care for who they are. Thank you God for your support in reaching out to these children.

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 "The Reckoning" with Guest Speaker Dr. Dale A. Meyer. You hear little talk about the 'Fear of God' anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God. (Matthew 25:14-30)

FEAR NOT!

For we will be with you...

(even as you learn to help with the sound system!)

Anyone even remotely interested in learning
We Need You

No need to fear the unknown. We will teach you!

Thank you for being willing to help!

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** Today is the last segment on "A Man Named Martin" a Lutheran Hour Ministries video based series teaching the history of Martin Luther.
- **Chapel Meeting Room: WILL NOT MEET TODAY!** The class on "What Does This Mean" **continues next Sunday, November 26.** Dale Wandrie will be using CPH's "Luther's Catechism" as the study guide to walk through Lutheran Confessions.

Sunday School

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

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One—Bring One: Thank you for continuing to fulfill our food drive requests. We are in dire need for cereal for our regular grocer distribution. If you can help, that would be great.

We are full up on plastic bags. Thank you for your help.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Hebrews 13:16 (ESV) Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Fellowship Team is in need of individuals to assist with coffee/treat preparation on Sunday mornings. You would need to be at church at 7:00 a.m. ONE Sunday per month. For further information, please contact Claudia Jorgensen at 479-899-3960.

HELP NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS FOR IGNITE SATURDAY SERVICE

We are in need of volunteers to help with greeting and serving our guests who attend Saturday evening services (IGNITE). It would be a once-a-month commitment on a Saturday from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Please sign-up at the kiosk.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



For our December 7, 2017 get together, you are invited to lunch at Fred's Hickory Inn at 12:30. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk and has all the details.

Please sign up soon!

THE LORD'S WEEK
November 19-25, 2017

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
 KURM-AM (790)
 1:30 p.m. TLC-Highlands West—Burketts
 3:00 p.m. TLC—Haddocks

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Helen Hise
 11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mike's
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—John 21
 Silver Needle Quilters
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 JOY IIC—Vera Fenner
 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—John 21

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
 JOY IIIC—No Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—No Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—No Meeting

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday

OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY CLOSED

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Saturday IGNITE service

NEXT SUNDAY—November 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:45 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
 KURM-AM (790)

Join us for our **Thanksgiving Day Service**

Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
 AFTER PENTECOST**

Stewardship



Matthew 25:30 “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master—and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

STEPHEN MINISTRY 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 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 or Jack Grober

Your Stephen Ministry Team

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are on tables in the narthex by the steps. Please pick up your envelopes at your convenience.

GOOD SAMARITANS

We are now ready to serve you. Please call Tim Verble at [479-321-1675](tel:479-321-1675) with your request or email him at tim.verble@gmail.com.

NEW ADDRESS:

Sara Janssen
 800 E. Frederick St.
 Milford, IL. 60953

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Bob Wenzel: robertwenzel1933@att.net

DISHES & CONTAINERS

Several dishes or containers have been left in the kitchen area.

Please check to see if any of them belong to you!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 10, we will be presenting a Christmas concert, “A Thrill of Hope.” Rehearsals for the concert continue on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Interested in singing? Please, come and join us.