

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 26-December 2, 2017
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday we recognize that we are celebrating the Last Sunday of the Church Year! Next Sunday you can greet one another by saying, "Happy New Year." Yes, I know it is not the last week of December, but, indeed this Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. This Sunday's lessons are all about continuation. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to guard and guide His flock. His sheep, who have traveled with Him through earthly pastures, now await the new heaven and new earth He has prepared. And how amazing it will be! Paul shares a glimpse of the eternal life that is to come in these words: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard . . . God has prepared for those who love Him." Joyfully awaiting what is yet to be, we say, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" 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, Deb Raymond, Bob Wenzel, Ed Barnoski

Congratulations: Jamie & Markus Koch at the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace

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

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the small groups that adopted a CASA child for Christmas. If you can get your gifts to the church a week early (starting week of November 27) it would be greatly appreciated. Pat Eckart

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 "Show Me" with speaker emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars burning above if you're in love, show me; tell me not dreams filled with desire if you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. (Matthew 25:31-46)

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:** The Fellowship Hall Bible Study will conclude with the Martin Luther final session. We will discuss the most recent Ministry Update with the Amazing Mystery Journey, along with Pastor Hass giving an update on security at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.
- **Chapel Meeting Room:** The class on "What Does This Mean" continues today with the study on Baptism. 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 grocery distribution. If you can help, that would be great.



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

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

The Family Life Ministry Team is again collecting **CAPS AND MITTENS** for school children. The collection box will be in the narthex through December 11. Purchased items are always welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Dayspring Christmas cards are in. They are located in the narthex near the bulletin board. If you want to purchase any, please put your money in the envelope provided and put the envelop in Diana Watts' mailbox.

Please give your donations for LWML projects directly to LWML. Write checks to LWML and put them in Diana Watts' mailbox. Thank you!

Please plan to attend this year's **Children's Christmas Program** between services on **Sunday December 17**. This will be a program you don't want to miss. We will be singing many of the popular Christmas songs, along with an intergenerational flavor to the Christmas story.

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 26-December 2, 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)

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Fae Miskimen—Clubhouse
11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mikes
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Old Testament
Promises of the Messiah
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—No Meeting
JOY IIC—Sherryl Staiger
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Old Testament
Promises of the Messiah

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Vicki Dehnert
JOY IIIC—
12:00 noon JOY IV—Allen's Parking Lot
2:00 p.m. Different Strokes for Different Folks

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library

Thursday

10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery

Friday

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

Saturday

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

NEXT SUNDAY—December 3, 2017

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)

COOKIES

The Fellowship Team is asking for donations of Christmas cookies to be served after the Christmas Concert on December 10th. Individuals need to only bring 1 dozen cookies. Please sign up at the kiosk as soon as possible.

NEW ADDRESS:

Rev. David & Katy Krause
1 Concordia Drive Apt. 407
Bella Vista, AR. 72715

**THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE
CHURCH YEAR**

Stewardship



Matthew 25:44 "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask Him to increase our faith!

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.

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.

TABLE DECORATING COMMITTEE

Is in need of more members to serve 1 month a year. If interested, please contact Donna Henning at 479-899-6319.

In memoriam: Sadie Frerking's brother-in-law, Pastor John Reehl, passed away November 19th in Grand Island, NE. Some of you may know Pastor Reehl as he was very active in missions, especially with Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE. and in Russia and the Baltics, bringing the gospel and providing support to over 80 orphanages with much needed medical, food and other supplies. Pastor Reehl's daughter, Karen Tiedeman, will continue this mission work and is also available for speaking engagements.