

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 10-16, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We gather weekly to rejoice in God's gracious forgiveness and blessing for ourselves, as people chosen by God. In this rejoicing, we are given the responsibility to be faithful proclaimers of God's faithful word of forgiveness to others, including those who sin against us or reject our love.

To speak of our responsibilities may remind us that the love we owe one another can appear at times to be a chore, requiring effort on our part. Today, in our Old Testament lesson, the prophet Ezekiel was called by God and given the responsibility of being a "watchman," someone who delivers God's word of warning and deliverance regarding sin.

At times, it is a difficult chore to speak God's Word to those who may ignore us or even reject us. Yet God, who called and appointed Ezekiel, also calls you by your Baptism and enlightens and strengthens you by His spirit even in the face of rejection.

Through all our days, we are called to love others as we have been loved in Christ, and point people to God's promised deliverance and pray, "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, Shirley Emling, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Katy Krause, Betty Bennett, Diana Wickboldt, Bob Svehla, Sonja Burkett, Dianne Kent, Thelma Breen

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Holy Trinity—Rogers; Village Bible Evangelical Free Church; Village House

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 "Who's the Greatest?" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

THANKS

Thank you for the prayers and the cards. Surgery went well and I'm healing. I thank you for your loving ways.

Diana Wickboldt

We thank you for the many cards and visits we enjoyed last week at our 60th anniversary open house. Almost half of the 60 years were here in Bella Vista, and we celebrate that, too, as a blessing to be a part of this wonderful gathering of the people of God – Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Just a little preview of heaven. We thank God for you. Stan and Dorothy Jones

MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

Please see Chuck Merriman or Marland Thurston about being a mentor for one of the schools in Gravette, Bella Vista, or Bentonville. This is an opportunity to have a lasting impact on a child in need.

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** Ray Vander Laan DVD Bible Study Series continues today. Today's session is "Within Your Might—The Final Test."
- **Inquirer's Class:** This class continues and introduces people to Christianity, Lutheranism and Bella Vista Lutheran Church. This class meets in the Conference Room and is led by Pastor Hass.
- **Chapel Meeting Room:** "What Does This Mean?" continues today. 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: The holidays are closing in and our pantry **needs** a large amount of Pure Pumpkin, Evaporated Milk and Cranberry Sauce **OR** the funds to purchase this stock. Please help us to help our neighbors.

Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our church directory is available through **Instant Church Directory** on your smartphone. This is a way to have the directory available—anytime, anywhere! Instructions on how to install Instant Church Directory are on the kiosk.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

will meet tomorrow Monday, Sept. 11
at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING

The new film, "*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*," is set to air nationally on PBS September 12 at 7:00 p.m. central time. The film dramatizes the events that shaped Luther and examines the questions he wrestled with, such as "Who am I?" "What is my purpose?" and "How do I get right with God?"

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Have you heard that LWML is 75 yrs. old having begun in 1942? This is the organization's mission statement: "The mission of the LWML is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world."

In the weeks ahead we will share some details of the specific interest groups under the umbrella of our local LWML.



THE LORD'S WEEK
September 10-16, 2017

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:30 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) "Who's the Greatest?"
 3:00 p.m. Concordia Service

Monday

10:00 a.m. Village House Service
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Camilla Hass

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library
 Writing Group—Classroom 5

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
 10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Library

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—September 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or
 KURM-AM (790)
 2:00 p.m. Sunday Riders
 7:00 p.m. SAC III—Vern Gruhn

BV LUTHERAN GOLF

Mixed 9 Holers - Singles & Couples
 Great Fellowship!
 For further information
 call Bill Scholten: 855-1324

NEW PHONE NUMBER: Joan Rana 479-268-1268

LIBRARY CORNER

The Library has a nice selection of DVD's, including Martin Luther, God's Not Dead (1 and 2), Courageous, The Greatest Story Ever Told, The Crusaders, Unconditional and several more. Take home, enjoy, and return to the library.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Matthew 18:4 — "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish: we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life: Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYER TIME



The *Prayer Time* prayer requests are now 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, Jack Grober

Your Stephen Ministry Team

MEN'S BUNCH LUNCH

Wednesday, September 13 at noon
 Lunch will be at Bella Nita (Bakery)
 2836 Bella Vista Way

Across from CVS Pharmacy-- right at Village Insurance to north end of strip mall. Car pool from Harps Bella Vista parking lot at 11:30 a.m. or on your own. Come join us for fellowship and fun outing--LOTS OF GOODIES TO EAT!!! For information or a ride call Loren at 885-3400 or Bill at 621-3737

LOST AND FOUND

The following is a list of items that have been left on the coat rack in the narthex for an extended period of time. Items not picked up by Monday, September 19th will be sent to Helping Hands.

Jackets/Coats

London Fog Teal colored jacket—Small Petite
 Child's navy blue hooded sweatshirt—Large
 Girl's pink sleeveless vest
 London Fog pink jacket—Large
 LL Bean red jacket—Men's Tall
 Gray & pink hooded sweatshirt—Medium 7-8

Large Umbrella

Blue & white—1
 Black & white—1
 Arkansas Razorback red—1

Small Umbrella

Black—1
 Navy Blue—1
 Pink—1
 Blue flowered—1
 Purple—1