

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 23-29, 2018  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today's Old Testament Reading happened about 2,600 years ago, yet it sounds like today's headlines. As Jeremiah, God's prophet, preached God's Word to an increasingly unfaithful people, their anger and attempts to silence Jeremiah blindsided him. If he was doing God's will, shouldn't people appreciate and thank him? We like to hear "feel good" stories about people today being faithful to God and receiving respect and adulation in return. But we also hear stories, and sometimes see live real-life events where we act or speak in Christian kindness, yet get blindsided by an angry or ungrateful response.

The rejection of Jeremiah points to Jesus' rejection by His own people. While Jesus was not blindsided by Judas, or Peter, Jesus persevered in faithfully fulfilling His mission to suffer, die, and be raised for the very people who betrayed Him.

In those times when we are blindsided by negative reactions to God's will for the world, our Savior empathizes with us and sustains us by the Holy Spirit. And because of the Father's love for us in Christ, there are times even now when we are blindsided by Jesus' mercy though we know we don't deserve it.

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, Lillian Pingel, Mary Brauer, Sandy Gaul, Deb Raymond, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Shirley Peshek, Bonnie Quednow, Joanne Cline, Glenn Wickboldt, Rick Benson, Gary Aaron, Pat Eckart, Don Jorgensen, Helen Weeks, Stan Jones, Carroll Casey

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Unidos En Cristo—Springdale; Judson American Baptist; NWA Children's Shelter

## 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 "Come, Lord Jesus" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to the members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church for taking the Generation to Generation Assessment Survey. You were able to achieve 96% of the target samples. This is very good! On November 3 several members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church who are on the Generation to Generation Team will go to a workshop to help interpret the results to insure we move forward with the proper ministry opportunities. If you have any questions contact Chuck Merriman.

Thank You to all my friends here at BVLC for your concern and prayers prior to and after my hip replacement surgery. Thanks also for the meals provided. I am getting along very well. It is so wonderful to be a part of such a loving community. God is so GOOD!!!  
Marlys Rustman

Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers during my recovery from a broken foot. I am doing very well.

Marilyn Powell

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

### Adult Bible Study

- The Fellowship Hall Bible Study today will be led by Pastor Hass as he continues his study of the book of Acts.
- "Believe" class led by Dale Wandrie and Brett Sost will continue today in the Library.
- The study of Romans will be led by Terry Held and will be in the Chapel Meeting Room.
- Sunday school for children will meet downstairs.

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

September is *Hunger Action Month!* It is a month to spread the word and to fight hunger in Northwest Arkansas. Fact: In NWA, over 63,000 men, women, children, and senior citizens face hunger **every** day. Fact: Over 25,000 children in NWA are **food insecure**. Hunger happens **year-round**. By utilizing the *NORTHWEST ARKANSAS FOOD BANK*, and with the help of our generous congregation and donations from all around this area, The Shepherd's Food Pantry is dedicated to the mission to fight hunger. View food insecurity rates in each state at [map.feedingamerica.com](http://map.feedingamerica.com).

The Shepherd's Food Pantry continues to need jelly, sugar-free Jell-O, and Heart Healthy Soup. Thank you!!

**HELP!** We currently need more volunteers, on a temporary basis, to help on Friday mornings from 10-12 noon.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Starting October 7: **Inquirer's Class** is an opportunity for people who wish to join Bella Vista Lutheran Church to learn about our church, how it operates and the Lutheran Doctrine. This is also an opportunity for current members to refresh about our Lutheran Doctrine. – by Pastor Hass

Starting October 7: **Ray Vander Laan series on St. Paul** (And Introducing 40 days of prayer for a new associate pastor) – by Chuck Merriman

LWML FALL RALLY at Mountain Home on  
Saturday, October 13.

Sign up sheet and further details are at the kiosk.

## PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

Prayer shawls will be blessed at the Unity service next Sunday, September 30. Please bring your completed Prayer Shawls to the church office by Friday, Sept. 28.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



A reminder: Next Sunday, September 30, has been designated as LWML Sunday. We invite all of the congregation to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord in the Unity service.

(Note - Place your membership dues envelopes in the labeled LWML box on the kiosk. Put your name on the envelope for credit. Thank you.)

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
September 23-29, 2018

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or  
KURM-AM (790)  
3:00 p.m. TLC East—Wickboldts

**Monday**  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**  
9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Margaret Kuehn  
JOY IIIC—Dianne Sickman  
11:00 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mike's  
2:00 p.m. Different Strokes/Different Folks  
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. Quilting  
9:45 a.m. Food Bank Delivery  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library

**Thursday**  
10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library  
12:30 p.m. Hope SFP Delivery  
3:00 p.m. Grief Share

**Friday**  
10-12:00 noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**  
10:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal  
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**NEXT SUNDAY— September 30, 2018**  
9:30 a.m. **Unity Service w/communion**  
11:00 a.m. **Fellowship**  
12:00 Noon **New Member Lunch**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or  
KURM-AM (790)  
3:00 p.m. Concordia Service  
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**LESSONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**  
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
James 5:1-20  
Mark 9:38-50  
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**GREETING CARDS**  
LWML will no longer be selling Dayspring greeting cards. If you wish to purchase anything on the card rack in the library, please do so before September 30.  
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Please help the Youth Group by signing up for a volunteer spot at the Arts and Crafts Festival October 18 - 20. Explanations and time periods are shown on the sign up poster. See Chuck Merriman for questions.  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

Decorating the church for Christmas will be on November 29 starting 9:00 a.m. Contact Donna Henning at 899-6319 with questions. All members are invited to help.

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**



**Mark 9:32—**"But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him."

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.

**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  
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**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF**  
**The "WOMEN DRIVERS"**

**Ladies Golf Group**  
Call Cyndi Isaacson at 806-290-3801  
or Diana Watts at 479-855-9397.



**THURSDAY MIXED 9 HOLLERS**  
**SINGLES & COUPLES**

**Great Fellowship!!**  
**For more information**  
**Call Bill Scholten at 855-1324.**  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SENIOR SAFETY ACADEMY**

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

8:00 am-4:00 pm

**Sign up at the kiosk!**

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