

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27—October 3, 2015
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As our gracious Father, God gives His mercy and grace to us in a manner beyond any manner to which we are accustomed. We live in the light of His good gifts! He provides forgiveness for sin, comfort for sadness, as well as life for death.

God, Himself, daily and richly provides for all our needs of body and soul! The focus this week is God's gift of time. God created time for our benefit. He exists entirely outside of time, and yet controls time. Someone who really does love you very much deposits into your bank of time 86,400 seconds every single day. That someone is God. And the condition is that you must spend it. You can't save up time today and apply it toward tomorrow; there are no 27-hour days. So, each and every day, you have the opportunity to invest your precious commodity of time. The psalmist wrote *Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.*" Psalm 39:4.

St. Paul also touched on time in Ephesians 5:15-17: "*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*"

Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, our worship fills us with the Spirit and truth of God's gift of time, time to engage fully in the study, use and spreading of His Word. Just as your Father shows His grace to you in Word and Sacrament, He also sends you forth to show the world His love in a manner beyond any manner to which the world has grown accustomed, as you spend your time serving others in Jesus Name.

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, Ed Barnoski, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Thelma Breen, Jerre Lender, Jerry Herr, Myrna Ewoldt, Ellie Wood, Paul Martin, Lyle Brierly

Condolences: Ken Meyer at the loss of his wife, Mavis

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Christ Lutheran—Siloam Springs; Bella Vista Wesleyan; Village House

THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to Pastor Hass and Camilla for being with me at the hospital when Byrl Friesen became ill. To Pastor Jones for all of the visits and prayers. Thank you all for your kind words and memorial contributions to the Shepherd's Food Pantry and Lutheran Hour on behalf of Byrl. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Diane Turner & family

Bella Vista Lutheran Church: Thank you for the prayer shawl and all the prayers while I was in the hospital. I could feel the Lord's healing hands, also as I heal at home.

God Bless Glenice Henderson

LWML REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites **NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 4.** The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

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

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Today our Bible Study is entitled "Time" and is lead by Pastor Hass. *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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Individuals that signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels in October are asked to meet in the southeast corner of the sanctuary immediately after the first service today.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Check it out!! It's that season again and time for the food pantry (with your help) to stock all those special items that make up the Thanksgiving food bags distributed to our neighbors in need. And, if you look in your mailbox, you will see a colorful sheet listing suggested items to donate. **Surprise!** The collection box is now located in the lobby of the new fellowship hall, under the north window. Any contributions of food or money to purchase food are very much appreciated. Keep the list with you – you never know when you might come across a sale! *James 1:17a (ESV) ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...*

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Advent by Candlelight sign up sheet is on the kiosk. Those who would like to Hostess a table this year, please sign up. We know that this is early, but we would like to have some type of count. Thank You

SINGLES GROUP

Please meet at the church today, Sunday, Sept. 27 at 3:00 p.m. to carpool to the theatre in Rogers to see the movie, "War Room". We will be having dinner after the movie at Applebees. Any questions? Call Lora Rollings at 855-7249 or Ruth Bruch at 802-6432.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



ATTN: LWML MEMBERS

You are invited to attend the Fall Zone Rally on Saturday, October 3rd at First Lutheran Church in Harrison, AR. Coffee and registration is from 9-10 a.m.

Ingathering and offering for First Lutheran Church's School Backpack Program. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

THE LORD'S WEEK
September 27-October 3, 2015

Sunday
8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**
7:00 p.m. YAC I—Bev & Gary Effinger

Monday
9:00 a.m. JOY I—Choir Room
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIB—Curly Baehr
JOY IIC—Mary Willie
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday
8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Church
9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Judy Dollar
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt

Wednesday
1:00 p.m. JOY VA —Church—Classroom 3
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday
9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
11-12:00 noon SFP Harp's Delivery—Fellowship Hall
12- 1:00 p.m. HOPE/Food Pantry—Fellowship Hall

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

Saturday

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OKTOBERFEST

It is that time of the year!
You are invited to Oktoberfest-our annual church picnic on
October 18th from 1pm-4pm
to celebrate harvest and God's blessings.
(On the Arts and Craft Grounds across from the Church)
The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few!

SENIOR SAFETY ACADEMY

Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 20

9:00-3:30 p.m.

The Academy is an all-day effort to bring information to seniors. **There is no charge for this event, but you are asked to call the church office with the number attending or sign up at the kiosk.** Refreshments, as well as "breakfast" and "lunch" are provided by the vendors. Invite family & friends and enjoy the day!

Stewardship

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Mark 9:45 "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell." So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? We need the Lord's help, and you are in the right place this Lord's day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes
Singles & Couples
Call Bill Scholten 855-1324

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



WEEKLY SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are familiar with Power Point or would like to learn about it, we would sincerely appreciate your help with the weekly announcements projected on the screen in the Sanctuary. This takes approx. 2 hours per week and we do a month at a time. At this time there are only two of us so any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Deb Roesener 479-644-9349.

**HELP THE YOUTH GROUP AS THEY PREPARE TO
GO TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN
2016**

Please sign up in the Narthex for a fun time helping out the Youth Group in raising funds from the Arts and Craft Fair on October 15-17. Our members in the past have greatly enjoyed volunteering so that the youth receive help with their wonderful trip. More detailed instruction of the job duties is posted on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Merriman.

YOU ARE INVITED!

TLC-Highlands West will view "The Crusades," a two-part video produced by the History Channel, on Sunday, October 11th, and Sunday, November 8th. We meet at church from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome and refreshments will be served! If you would like to attend, sign up at the kiosk. For more information, call Sonja Burkett, 268-3303.

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday October 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service