

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 3-9, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever been asked, "Do you remember where you're going!"

Of course, memory deals mainly with things in the past, where we've been already. Rarely are we told to remember something that has not happened yet, except when it comes to remembering plans for the future and our goals. Sometimes we lose sight of where we're going or what we are trying to accomplish. So occasionally we need to be stopped and reminded.

That's what Jesus is doing when He speaks today to His disciples about suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. That conversation went against every hope, expectation, and dream of His disciple Peter who responds by saying, "Far be it from You, Lord!"

So we, too, need to be reminded that the Christian faith and life is not really about our successful living or glorious past. Our faith is about Jesus' cross and call to a blessed future. It is about daily repentance all along the way in good times as well as in evil times.

Dear friends, it is always about repentance, taking up the cross and following Jesus wherever He leads.

In Him, Pastor Hass

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## 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

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Peace Lutheran—Prairie Grove; Village Baptist Church of Bella Vista; Lutheran Braille Workers

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## 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 "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)

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## THANKS

Our thanks to everyone for the thoughtfulness shown to us as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Your congratulations, cards, and best wishes touched our hearts. We are so blessed to be a part of a church family like BLVC.

Mike & Mary Loveless

I would like to thank my church family, and all the prayer chain members for all the cards, emails, calls and especially for the prayers during my recent illness. I am feeling better and I feel very blessed to belong to such a caring congregation.

Sincerely, Sally Peterson

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## 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.

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## LWML REMINDER

The Mite Box is on the kiosk.

## 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 "By Every Word—Striking the Rock."
- **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.
- **Library:** The Bible Study "Lutheran Spirituality" is led by Terry Held and will continue through September 3.

### 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.

Isaiah 57:13...but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land and shall inherit my holy mountain.

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## 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. (You must have a valid e-mail address in the directory in order to download this onto your phone.)

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## CHOIR REHEARSAL

resumes on September 9th at 10:00 am

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## THE MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

**WILL NOT MEET** on Monday, September 4.

Our next meeting will be September 11.

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The Board of Directors would like to thank those that have submitted names for potential Board Candidates. We appreciate your participation in this process.

Hanni Griffin, Board Secretary and Nomination Chair

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

### A REMINDER:



This Thursday, Sept. 7, at 4:30 p.m., is our next general meeting.

Please bring your favorite salad to share.

We will have two very interesting speakers to enjoy.

This will be followed by a short business meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**September 3-9, 2017**

**Sunday**

**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) "Finding Life In Jesus'  
 Steps"  
 2:00 p.m., Sunday Riders

**Monday**

LABOR DAY—Office Closed  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—No Meeting

**Tuesday**

11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch Service

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.  
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly  
 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  
 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Library  
 4:30 p.m. LWML Meeting

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY—September 10, 2017**

**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)  
 2:00 p.m. Sunday Riders

**BV LUTHERAN GOLF**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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?"

**E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE:**

Sally Peterson: shelm602@gmail.com

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**



Matthew 16:26—"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" He who dies with the most toys...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

**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

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**HURRICANE HARVEY**

The flooding in Texas caused by Hurricane Harvey has been devastating. For those of you that have weathered a hurricane and then been a part of recovering from a hurricane will recall that the need for help lasts much longer than the news reporters stay on the scene. Recovery in this instance will not be measured in hours, or days, or weeks, or months; it will be measured in years. Real relief for this kind of situation is a very, very long term prospect.

To that end, and after several requests as to how to best help those in need, my suggestion would be to support those in need through the Texas District of the LCMS. I trust our brothers and sisters of the District's Disaster Relief group in deciding on where best to use the resources you might provide.

The first resource is prayer. Pray for patience, wisdom, safety and courage. Pray that Jesus be seen in the response of God's people.

Following prayer, the need will be for financial resources. As assessments are being made, and greatest needs are being determined, financial assistance will allow the district to resource people whose property has been damaged as well as provide supplies for future volunteers who will come to clean-up or even re-build homes, schools and churches.

One way to give is to go directly to the Texas District Website and contribute there. The website address is:

<https://txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey/>

Another way would be to send a check to the Texas District at:  
 Texas District Disaster Relief  
 Texas District LCMS  
 7900 E. Highway 290  
 Austin, TX 78724

Again, I encourage you to continue to pray for those still in harm's way, and for those that risk themselves to serve others.

In Him, *Pastor Hass*