

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 17-23, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The readings for this Sunday focus on living together in forgiveness, under the kingship of God. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. Jesus tells a parable about God's overwhelming forgiveness and how such forgiveness leads us to forgive others.

We can live under the kingship of God only because He has forgiven our sins. In Jesus, God has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. As we practice that kind of absolute forgiveness with one another, we live out our faith as we live together as the family of Christ.

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, Diana Wickboldt, Bob Svehla, Dianne Kent, Thelma Breen

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Salem Lutheran—Springdale; Highlands Methodist Church; Helping Hands

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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 "Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life." with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

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## THANKS

Ron and I deeply appreciate the many cards, e-mails and phone calls expressing sympathy for the unexpected death of his brother, Doug Burkett, on September 1st. I also am very grateful for the encouragement I received from so many of you during my recent illness. Thank you! Sonja Burkett

Thank you for your prayers and your offers of help during Marilyn's cataract surgery. The surgical results were very successful. Praise the Lord! Marilyn & Bill Powell

We received so-o-o many lovely Happy Anniversary cards from our Church friends, with thoughtful messages and meaningful greetings for our 70th celebration. Thank you so much to all of you, also to those who helped us celebrate in the fellowship hall after the first service Sunday.

Also, thank you all who expressed concerns about Jerry's health issues. Marie & Jerry Herr

Thank you to all our dear friends in Bella Vista who prayed for us and called to check on us after Hurricane Irma. We are fine and do so appreciate all your prayers and phone calls.

Ivan & Millie Hirsch

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## SENIOR ADULT PRAYER/GAME DAY

Game day will be Tuesday Sept 26th starting at 1:30. We will say a prayer and then play a number of different games. If you have a particular game to play, please bring it with you and we will enjoy playing together. Any questions, call Ellie at 586-1020. We look forward to seeing you.

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

### Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** "The Journey from Unbelief to Faith" is a Lutheran Hour Ministry Outreach presentation that will be facilitated by Garry Raymond today in the Fellowship Hall. You will find this presentation, about a Jew who becomes an LCMS pastor, very thought provoking. His story easily can become our story.
- **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.

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## MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

will meet tomorrow Monday, Sept. 18  
at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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## OCTOBERFEST 2017

### October 29th

The Reformation Service will be at 9:30AM.  
After the service an October Fest luncheon  
will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The Fellowship Team will be making calls for workers in the following weeks. Please consider being part of this day. Don't miss out on a good time.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The timing was just right when the 69 quilts, (a mix of baby and adult sized), were packaged and ready for shipment that a huge need arose from Texas and Florida. What a bit of joy to come to those who've lost everything when they receive a quilt prayerfully made by our ladies. (Otherwise the quilts go to Lutheran World Relief and baby quilts to a hospital for those in need.)

If quilting is an interest of yours, please come to church when the quilters meet at 8:30 the 2nd and 4th Wed. each month.



**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**September 17-23, 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) "Unleash the Power of  
 Forgiveness in Your Life."  
 1:00 p.m. Sunday Riders  
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern Gruhn

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library  
 11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mikes  
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
 Silver Needle Quilters  
 JOY IIC—Mary Willie  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab  
 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shirley Swenson  
 JOY IIIC—Barbara Harlson  
 12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers  
 7:00 p.m. SAMaritans—Clubhouse

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners  
 9:30 a.m. Pray—ers  
 10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library  
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery  
 12:30 p.m. Ladies Bridge  
 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 24, 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)

**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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Stewardship**



Romans 14:7—"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

**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 IRMA**

To assist congregations as they make plans to help those impacted by Hurricane Irma, the Mid-South District Office recommends the following avenues of support.

**Monetary Donations:**

- Checks payable to the Mid-South District and designated for "Irma Relief" can be mailed to Mid-South District Office 1675 Wynne Road Cordova, TN. 38016

**OR**

- Visit the Mid-South District website at <https://mid-southlcms.org> and click "GIVE NOW." Enter the donation amount in the "restricted" field and designate the gift for "Irma Relief."

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**LOST AND FOUND**

A number of items have been on the coat rack in the narthex for an extended period of time. Please check the jackets and umbrellas to see if any belong to you. Items not picked up by Monday, September 18th will be given to Helping Hands.

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**BV LUTHERAN GOLF**

Mixed 9 Holers - Singles & Couples  
 Great Fellowship!

For further information  
 call Bill Scholten: 855-1324