

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 24-30, 2017
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our reward for being called to work in God's kingdom does not change based on how long we have been in our Lord's service. After all, we are saved by grace through faith, not by works.

Isaiah's call for the wicked and unrighteous to return to the Lord shows God's immense compassion for all people, no matter when they return to Him.

God's ways are not our ways, yet we continue to work in His kingdom until He calls us when we die.

In our sermon text today, from the book of Phillipians, Paul contends with a desire to depart and be with Christ and a desire to go on living and laboring for the Lord. While death and life contend for Paul's attention, Paul knows life will win. He knows that Jesus will return, raise the dead, and dwell forever with those that love Him. 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, Bob Svehla, Dianne Kent, Thelma Breen, Dave Schurman

Condolences to Howard Biesterfeld at the loss of his sister, Audrey

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

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 "The Latest Polls" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Believing the latest public opinion polls is not the same thing as believing the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

THANKS

Thanks to everyone who called or sent a card or Email with good wishes for my current health issues and for the prayers in my behalf!

It's very humbling and heartening to know that your church family is concerned and praying for you! I have a very strong family history of throat/esophageal cancer, so when suspicious symptoms starting appearing, I became very concerned and have been doing a myriad of tests to see what is happening. So far, so good but still doing some tests in a process of elimination. Please continue to pray with me that the Lord will provide healing according to his will and not take away my love of music and singing. Dianne Kent

Many, many thanks for the wonderful cards, letters and prayers sent my way during my recent surgeries. Knowing you all had me in prayer made my recovery faster and easier. I'm feeling great again. God bless you all. Betty Bennett

Thank you to all at Bella Vista Lutheran for the many cards, visits in the hospital, food and especially prayers for my recent surgery and recovery. It was a joy to see Pastor Hass and Pastor Jones in my hospital room. Everything is going well but it will take time to overcome such an emergency. Katy Krause

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** "A Well-Watered Garden" is the last of the Ray Vander Laan series. This study will be led by Chuck Merriman.
Next week Oct. 1 we will start the Luther video series.
- **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: WILL NOT MEET TODAY.**

Sunday School

- All children and youth Sunday School classes will meet in the lower level.

Coming Soon (October 1)

to a Fellowship Hall Bible Study near you (yes starting at 9:45 AM in our Fellowship Hall Bible Study). "A Man Named Martin" is a Lutheran Hour Ministries video based series teaching the history of Martin Luther. This is not the Luther movie that is coming out. With the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther on October 31, 2017, it will be good to review or learn what Luther was about.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One—Bring One: A gentle reminder: There are bags with shopping lists attached in the narthex. Please help stock the pantry as we prepare for our Thanksgiving visitors.

Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

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

OCTOBERFEST 2017

October 29, 2017

The Reformation Service will be at 9:30AM.

After the service an Octoberfest 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



Our member, Marlys Rustman, was one of about 3,500 people at our June national convention. She reports the goal for the 2017-2019 mission being set at \$2.075 million. This money comes from the collection of mites in our churches, the first Sunday each month. It is amazing what mites can do. The next chance to give our mites is Oct. 1st.

(To see specific mission projects and grants, please go to the LWML website.)

THE LORD'S WEEK
September 24-30, 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) "The Latest Polls" or
 2-4 p.m. TLC-HE—Lillian Pingel

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
 JOY IIC—Joanne Cline
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab
 JOY IIB—Curly Baehr
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
 JOY IIIC—Judy Dollar
 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Prayer/Game Day
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Camilla Hass

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
 12:30 p.m. JOY VB—Packing school bags for LWML
 in the lower level.

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

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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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)

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 For further information
 call Bill Scholten: 855-1324

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Matthew 20:9 "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God—and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

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 or Jack Grober.

Your Stephen Ministry Team

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.

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

- Have you had a stroke or other traumatic brain injury?
- Do you care for someone who has?

Come join us to share ideas, learn from others, problem solve and socialize with caregivers and stroke/brain injury survivors.

The "Different Strokes for Different Folks" Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) starting **October 24th from 2:00pm to 3:30pm** in the Bella Vista Lutheran Church Library/Office Area.

Call Ellen Creakbaum [479-282-5457](tel:479-282-5457) for further information. No registration required. Just join us!

LIBRARY CORNER

A recent addition to the Library is the book "Cancer, Now What? Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead." A practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones. The author is Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., who is a clinical psychologist and pastor, and is the founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, copyright 2017. This can be found in the center shelves under Help in Times of Crises.