

THE LORD'S WEEK

January 3-9, 2021

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service w/communion**
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
- 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. JOY I—Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group—Library

Tuesday

- 11:30-12:30 Drive Through Communion
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan

Wednesday

Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Undecorating

Friday

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY January 10, 2021

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- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour
Congregational Meeting—FH
- 10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**
- 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or KURM-AM (790)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—January 10, 2021

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Romans 6:1-11
- Mark 1:4-11

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Christmas decorations will be taken down on Thursday, January 7 starting at 9:00 a.m. We can always use volunteers. Your help is always appreciated!!

Stewardship

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



1 Kings 3:4—"And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar." Now that's a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow's mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

CONFIDENTIAL CAREGIVING 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 Confidential Caregivers 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 about Confidential Caregiving, please contact a leader, Jack Grober, Pastor Gorshe or Marie Parvi.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This is notice of a single agenda item Congregational Meeting on January 10, 2021, regarding the potential of delaying the 2022 Synodical Convention to 2023.

As a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod moves into 2021, it is normal in this year of our regular triennium to conduct a District Convention in each one of the synods 35 Districts. Due to the pandemic, there are several states, in the northeast and on the west coast of our country, that do not at present have the legal opportunity to schedule any large public gatherings in 2021. Since the business conducted at District conventions precedes the Synodical Convention, the Board of Directors for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has asked congregations to consider the question of moving the date of the next convention from 2022 to 2023.

BVLC will hold a Congregational Meeting, to discuss and resolve this question the morning of January 10, 2021, in our Fellowship Hall between Services.

If you wish to know more, please visit the Synodical website: <https://blogs.lcms.org/2020/council-of-presidents-encourages-harrison-to-invite-congregational-vote-on-convention-delay/>

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

About the only thing that I know that exceeds the incredible generosity of this family of believers is their generosity! My family thanks all of you for your gifts and tokens of love this Christmas Season, and beyond. Please know that we especially thank you for your reminders that we are in your prayers!

The end of a calendar year and the beginning of a new set of months brings a special opportunity to look at our lives. What has been most memorable in our lives in the past weeks and months? How might our priorities change in the next months?

The Readings in today's service are not often heard because the calendar rarely provides us a Second Sunday in the Christmas Season. These lessons focus our attention on wisdom, something God has waiting for us, every time we gather in this place, as we hear his Word and seek his kingdom in this New Year of grace.

God's wisdom is here to bless us each time we gather for worship! 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 and Carroll Casey, Shirley Peshek, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Barbara Hartwig, Jim Breen, Stan Isaacson, Arlo Miesbach, Harlene & Richard Meyer, Wes Pulst, Bill Stuckenbroker, Vicki Hoskins, Pat & Bob Eckart, Bettye Deppeler, Nancy Larson, Howard & Barb Harlson, Kristin Irwin, Faye Miskimen, Phyllis Munster, Dave & Lorie Jensen, Marie Parvi, Claryce Thomas, Shirley Swenson, Jack & Denise Kilsdonk, Dick & Helen Hise, Karen Leak, Lynne Tolzmann

Condolences to David Krause at the loss of his wife, Katy and also to Fern Svehla at the loss of her husband, Bob

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Stamped With A Prayer Ministry; Highland Christian; St. John's Lutheran—Fayetteville

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 "Too Much" with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior who is always on the move. (Mark 1:1-2:12)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2021 offering envelopes are on a table near the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes for next year.

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall—120 Bible Stories series led by Pastor Gorshe

Library—Christianity 101—Pastor Hass leads this class which will discuss what we believe, teach and confess as Lutherans, and especially how this congregation seeks to be a missionary enterprise in northwest Arkansas.

All children and teen youth will have Sunday School Classes downstairs in their appropriate classroom.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Happy New Year!

Blessings and thanksgiving to all of you! And thank you for your prayers and continued support of the food pantry. We cannot do what we do without you!

Psalm 23:6 (ESV) ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

THANK YOU

The Merrimans would like to thank the congregation for their generosity with the Christmas gift to us. We appreciate the opportunity to serve Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

Blessings from Chuck and Elena Merriman

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The six charities receiving \$144 each from our Christmas Stocking Fund are: Saving Grace, NW AR Children's Shelter, Loving Choices, Sheep Dog, Concordia Seminary Student Food Bank and Children's Advocacy Center. Thank you for all your support. Now it is time to start putting money in your stocking for our 2021 charities, one coin for January. There are still several new stockings on the kiosk if you need one.

MITE BOX & GENERAL EXPENSE BOXES ARE ON THE KIOSK TODAY!!