

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We are family!

We all enter the family of God the same way. We have been adopted into Christ Jesus at our baptism. And this family, like every family, is peculiar. What makes us peculiar? Faith in Christ, which trusts the Word of God rather than worldly wisdom. And a supernatural ability to love others as Christ intended.

The great news about this family of God is that there are no dead relatives! Our family tree is very much alive! One day we will join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His Body and Blood. In Him, Pastor Gorshe

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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 and Carroll Casey, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Verna McCaffrey, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Bev Effinger, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Bob Svehla, Gene Dreier, Barbara Hartwig, Jim Breen, Geary Nelson, Wayne Koepp, Connie Morse, Nita McKelvey

**Missions:** Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Hispanic Ministry; Beautiful Savior; Redeemer Lutheran, Mountain Home

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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 "Some People Never Change?" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some people never change. Most people do. With God, all people can. (Daniel 4)

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There is a quilt on display in the narthex on the half wall going down to the lower level. It is a quilt that was made by Caroline Searls and given by Jim and Caroline's family. If you are interested in this quilt and would like to make a generous donation to a charity of your choice, please contact Clarice Gnuse 876-5040 or Irma Miesbach 619-7511. Thank you.

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A sign up sheet is on the kiosk for table decorators in the Fellowship Hall for 2021. The sheet has a brief explanation with months. Please help.

There are decorations in the left front closet in the Fellowship Hall to use or add to, or you can do your own thing! There is a small budget available. Questions? Call Irma Miesbach at 479-619-7511.

## EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

**Fellowship Hall—120 Bible Stories** series led by Pastor Gorshe.

**Chapel Meeting Room—Parenting Class.** This DVD series is a very professional, fun, and engaging Bible Study enhancing your parenting skills. You will follow along with your own workbook.

**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 classrooms.

## SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all for supporting us in our mission to serve the needy in our area. Distribution of the special Thanksgiving meals begins Nov. 6 for 3 weeks. Due to recent health concerns, holiday gatherings will be unique this year. We ask for prayers for our neighbors and their families that come to the Shepherd's Food Pantry. We are here to welcome them and be a blessing to them.

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## REMINDER

We have designated the Choir Loft, *in the First Service only*, as an area of the Sanctuary that is set aside for those who wish to wear masks *for the entirety of their time inside the building; from the time they enter the church until they leave the church.*

If you do not wear a mask, or if you wear a mask into the building but remove it to sing or pray, *please do not sit in the choir loft.*

Folks, we are called to trust God above all things, even among viruses and a world that seems bent on its own destruction. In Psalm 46 we hear that, "*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*"

I pray God's continuing, daily mercy and blessing on you as you continue to connect, grow, and serve.  
Pastor Hass

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Today is LWML Sunday when we would like to recognize the women who do so much to advance the kingdom of God through their Mites and willingness to work for the Lord. Our women make quilts, prayer shawls, sew hearts on bears to give children as they enter the hospital and pack school kits to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. We have fun get-togethers and support each other with the love of Christ. Please join us.

The **Mite Box** and **General Fund Box** are on the kiosk today.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**

Nov. 1-7, 2020

**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
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Camilla Hass

**Tuesday**

- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Chapel  
JOY IIIA—Library
- 11:30-12:30 Drive Through Communion
- 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Clarice Gnuse
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday**

- 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
JOY VB—Multi-Purpose Room
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Thursday**

- 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Chapel

**Friday**

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

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**NEXT SUNDAY November 8, 2020**

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

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**LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—November 8, 2020**

- Amos 5:18-24
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

**Stewardship**



**Matthew 5:7 — “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us—His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity—flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

**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 or Pastor Gorshe.

**LUTHERANS ENGAGE THE WORLD**

You have been receiving a copy of this quarterly magazine in your mailbox, but things look a little different for everyone these days. And *Lutherans Engage the World* is no exception. You will no longer be receiving a copy of the magazine as it is now digital only.

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