

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How would you answer if someone asked, "What are you waiting for?"

In church, you might think of Jesus' return on the Last Day, but our Readings point us back to the present moment. There is no time to wait, for our Lord might return today. He will usher in the kingdom of God with both judgment and grace.

Confident of grace, we now stay awake and prepare, as Jesus urges in the Gospel. In Romans, Paul writes that such preparedness means walking properly, as if we "**put on the Lord Jesus Christ.**"

When the Kingdom breaks in, then, Isaiah writes, it will be like beating "**swords into plowshares.**" We can't wait!

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, Fran Bloomer, Lillian Pingel, Craig Peterson, Shirley Peshek, Libby Dreier, Neil Vanderbush, Elaine Schurman, Scott Roy, Verna McCafrey, Mike Dwyer, Marlys Rembold, Jim Swicegood, Barbara Hartwig, Bev Hess, Ilene Vought, Kristen Richardson, Clarice Gnuse, Sandy Gaul, Tracy See, Dorothy Jones

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church-Fayetteville; Redeemer Lutheran—Mountain Home; St. Bernard's Catholic Church; Friendly Stitchers

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 "Enough with the Self-Talk" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We are not always who we say we are. What you say to yourself about yourself may or may not be what's true. Dr. Michael Zeigler says "Enough with the self-talk!" Who does God say you are? You'll find that you are worse than you thought, and yet, more loved than you could ever imagine. (Luke 18:9-14)

THANK YOU

The Property Maintenance Team extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of those congregation members that came out and helped at the Fall Cleanup on November 23. Despite the cold and wet weather, a great deal of work was accomplished. Rain gutters were cleaned out, unsightly tree branches were taken down, lots of fallen leaves were removed, many weeds were pulled, and best of all the Nativity scene was set up. The church grounds look great! A job well done.

S.W.A.P.

SWAP cards sale is NEXT Sunday!

Check your calendar and make a list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Fellowship Hall Bible Study: Pastor Gorshe will lead an "**Advent**" focused Bible Study.

Choir Room: "**Inquirer's Class**" An opportunity for new members (or current members who want a refresher course) to learn about what it means to be a Lutheran and about Bella Vista Lutheran Church. Led by Pastor Hass.

Library: "**Confidential Caregiving**" Learn how to care for people who need a confidential, caring, listening ear. Led by Jack Grober.

All Sunday School classes for children and youth will be held downstairs.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

We are asking for these Christmas groceries now to pack along with the standard groceries for the visitors of the Shepherd's Food Pantry. Listed below are some of the items needed for distribution December 6-10;

Boxed mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, canned cranberry, small red or green gelatin (sugar-free or regular), and **yellow or white cake mix.**

We are encouraged by all you do to support the mission of the pantry and your neighbors. You are a blessing to so many.

1 Corinthians 10:31b (ESV) "whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 Offering envelopes are on a table near the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes for next year.

"**Keeping Christ in Christmas**" signs are available for taking

home to put in your yard. Feel free to pick one up next to the

Welcome Center.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The ballot as to which Charities the Christmas Stocking monies will go to is in the mailboxes today. Please mark your choices and return the ballot promptly.

The sign-up sheet for the Dec. 5th luncheon at Gusano's is still on the kiosk. Sign up TODAY if you haven't done so. Bring your Christmas Stocking monies to the luncheon.

The Mite and General fund boxes are on the kiosk today.

THE LORD'S WEEK

December 1-7, 2019

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—No Meeting
11:00 a.m. JOY IIC—Market Place
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shirley Swenson
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Roxie Wyr
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University—Library

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library
1:30 a.m. HOPE SFP Delivery
JOY IIB—Papa Mikes

Thursday

10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library

Friday

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Concert Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—December 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship Service**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship Service w/communion**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour (KURM-FM (100.3) or
KURM-AM (790)
3:30 p.m. "Messiah" Christmas Concert

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—December 8, 2019

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stewardship



Matthew 21:3 — "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her fowl. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one fact of stewardship we often forget: it is a blessing to us to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals.

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 regarding Confidential Caregiving, please contact a leader, Jack Grober or Pastor Gorshe

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS

on Fridays and also someone with a truck to pick up on Thursday at HOPE. For further information, contact Diana Wickboldt at 202-2417. Can you help?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Annual Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15, between services. Hear the Christmas story being told by the children of Bella Vista Lutheran Church.
