

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 6-12, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We live in a world of too many broken relationships. Without reconciliation, life can be exhausting and draining, like plants get without water or the battery of your car gets if we forget to turn the headlights off.

In our Old Testament lesson today Isaiah looked forward to a day in which God's people would not only return from exile, but "will draw water from the wells of salvation," as we do. David was drained, his strength "dried up as by the heat of summer," but he rejoiced that God forgave and reconciled him.

The father in Jesus' parable single-handedly reconciled his prodigal son to himself and offered that to his elder son, as our heavenly Father does to us each day.

So, are you drained? In the grace of God, that life "has passed away; behold, the new has come," Paul writes.

In Christ you have been reconciled and have been given life that is full of both joy and rejoicing!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Ula Biesterfeld at 855-6840 or the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, Marv Henning, Marlys Rembold, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Paul Behnke, Jerre Lender, Chuck Scherz, Ken Wood, Ron Fant, Carroll Casey

Condolences to Bob Svehla at the loss of his brother, Don

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Peace Lutheran — Prairie Grove; Highland Christian; Helping Hands

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the prayers and beautiful cards and kindness you gave to me and our family after my son, Tim, passed away. They helped to get through a very difficult time. I know God was there for His comfort and love and I know He will always be there. I so appreciated talking to Pastor Hass and Pastor Jones for their kind words and prayers. A special thanks to my JOY class who was there to give comfort, love and support and to let me talk and share special times with Tim. With thanks and love.

Joanne, Charlie & Kim Cline

IT IS TAX TIME AGAIN---Do you need help completing and filing your Income Tax return? A tax site located in the Computer Club at the Crossings, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd., will prepare your return without charge from 10am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our congregation also has a qualified individual who can assist you. Contact our Family Life Minister, Chuck Merriman at familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com.

Holy Trinity in Rogers is sponsoring a free Mission U class through Lutheran Hour Ministries to help people share their faith. This is on Saturday, March 12 from 9-2 p.m. Lunch is provided and child care is available, if needed. Sign up at the kiosk before Tuesday, March 8th. The presenter is Richard Cohrs from St. Louis. Contact their church office at 479-636-1135 to register or e-mail office@holytrin.org.

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

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Today we continue a Dr. Paul Maier Bible Study on "Christianity, the First Three Centuries." This is led today by Chuck Merriman.
- Library: We continue the Concordia Publishing House Study, "The Truth About Islam" which is led by Dick Munster.
- The "Inquirer's Class" continues in the Conference Room. This class is led today by Pastor Hass.

Sunday School

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

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One wishes to thank you for your support of our Lenten supper. All proceeds will go to the hams we are including in the Easter dinner bag and which we will be distributing each Friday in March. At this time we are requesting the following items to restock our pantry shelves: diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili and all assorted canned beans. We thank you, and our patrons are so appreciative.

John 3:18 *ESV* Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SURVEY

The Men's Discipleship Class will begin Monday, March 7. The afternoon class will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. The evening class is from 7-8:30 p.m. We will meet in one of the classrooms below the Fellowship Hall. If you will be here for the evening class, park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. If you have a Study Bible, please read the introduction material for Matthew. You can also Google "An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew" and read it. Please be prepared to share your information and/or ask questions based on what you read. Every man is welcome to meet with us and continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

A disciple in training —Fred Schaap

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



THE MITE BOX
IS ON THE KIOSK
TODAY

THE LORD'S WEEK
March 6-12, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
 Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
10:45 a.m. SAC I—Ken Meyer
 7:00 p.m.

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Barbara Hartwig
 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—Donna Henning
 JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 JOY IIC—Vera Fenner
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Thelma Sauer
 9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Diana Watts
 Perfect Harmony SFP Delivery
 11:00 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery
 1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Alice Lundwall
 6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
 JOY VA—Church
 Writing Group—Classroom 5
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper—Soup & sandwich supper
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Friday

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Training

NEXT SUNDAY—March 13, 2016

2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
 8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
 2-4 p.m. TLC-HE—Dale & Nancy Wandrie

STEPHEN MINISTRY is having a speaker on Monday March 14th 6:30 pm from the Village House. All are welcome to come and hear what the Village House has to offer for our members.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Stewardship



Luke 15:12 "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth: give me my inheritance now! Which is to say: you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well: to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO HAVE PICTURES
 TAKEN FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY.
 MEET TONI SHANE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Photos, and changes can be sent to Toni Shane at:
directory@bvlutheran.com

LENTEN SUPPERS

We need one more group to commit to planning and serving a light supper at 5:00 p.m. on March 16th. Please sign up at the kiosk indicating the food you will serve. **This week JOY IIC will be serving a soup and sandwich supper.**

GRIEF SHARE classes are scheduled to start on April 5 at 2:00 p.m. here in the church library. This is a 13 week series and is led by Dorothy Jones. Please call her at 366-1700 if you have questions.

UNITY SERVICES

On both **Palm Sunday, March 20th and Easter Sunday, March 27th**, we will have a Unity Service with communion. **These services will both begin at 9:30 a.m.**

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, March 9th, 12:00 noon
 Village Inn Restaurant -- Free Pie day
 Car pool at 11:30 -- Lot east of Theater
 For information or a ride call Loren at 855-3400
 "All men invited to join us"

NEW MEMBERS:

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 Benjamin, Joshua, Zachary
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ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

March 15th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
 Beginners welcome!
 Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395