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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome Home! It is so good to be together again! Though things will remain different for several more Sundays, we thank God we can be together here celebrating our resurrected Savior, Jesus!

Today we hear from the Book of Acts the telling of the last days of St. Stephen, the first martyr for the faith. In Stephen's day, the confession of this faith can become a life or death issue. In fact, it is estimated that more than 10,000 die annually for their confession of Jesus as their Savior. That is the reason the standard question at every Confirmation has remained the same for more than 500 years, "Would you rather die than give up this faith?"

We, like Stephen, are called to confess Christ regardless of the intensity of the good fight of the faith, and like Stephen, we see our Savior Jesus come to deliver us. We see Him in the water of Baptism with His Word, in the Body and Blood we share at His command, in the authoritative and comforting word of Holy Absolution, and in His Word preached, as we wait to see Him as He comes on the Last Day.

Today we gather to join all creation in praise to our saving and resurrected Lord!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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 "Words Matter" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words Matter. People matter, you matter to God, and He will stop at nothing to get your attention.

(Exodus 19)

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes during my chemo treatments. A special thank you to the pastors for their visits and prayers.

Bev Effinger

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Stewardship



1 Peter 2:9 — "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may "proclaim the excellencies of Him" who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

At this time, The Shepherd's Food Pantry has resumed distributing groceries on Friday morning from 10 to 12 noon—by a drive-through method.

A visitor will pull up to the pantry door to place their order, and the food will be brought to their car.

If you know of anyone in need of help at this time, put out the word that the pantry is open at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU!

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

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



National Mission Grant #12 "Women's Witness and Mercy Asia—Mission Central" \$100,000 is paid in FULL.

Among the recipients are Pastor J.P. & Aimee Cima. Aimee wrote a note to the LWML thanking everyone for continuing to remember and support missionaries in prayer and with financial support. They are praying for us also during this time of isolation and loss of work; many people are struggling. To read more of her article, go to "missioncentral.us/Cima" or check out the LWML.org site and click on "Missions." There is a copy of Aimee's article on our LWML bulletin board, also.

THE LORD'S WEEK

May 10-16, 2020

Sunday

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

Through May 17, meetings must be 10 people maximum. Everything after May 17 is to be determined.

Monday

10:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt's home
5:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Mtg.

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Stitched With Love
11:30 p.m. HOPE SFP Delivery

Friday

10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9-2 p.m. Car Show

NEXT SUNDAY— May 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with 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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—May 17, 2020

Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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 to pack groceries for clients.
Can you help?

For further information, contact Diana Wickboldt at 202-2417.

BV LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes
Singles & Couples
Great Fellowship!

For more information call
Bill Scholten. 855-1324


