

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Isaiah describes the people of God as a pleasant vineyard which He has made every effort to bless and care for so that it might bear fruit. But the people of God in Isaiah's day produced "bloodshed" rather than "justice" and "an outcry" rather than "righteousness." Jesus hearkens back to Isaiah as He tells the parable of the wicked tenants in order to condemn the Jewish leadership. The scribes and Pharisees who were supposed to lead God's people became the very opponents of Jesus who would condemn the Son of God to death. They mistakenly took their leadership over Israel for outright ownership of Israel!

Do we ever mistake our place in this way? We may not beat or kill others, but we have our own way of making it clear that this is OUR vineyard! This is MY life! We often refuse to be led by God's Word, and we bear so much "wild fruit" rather than the fruit of righteousness and justice.

Thankfully, our God is loving and long-suffering. It is preposterous that the vineyard owner would send his son after those wicked tenants had already killed so many servants. The Gospel of Jesus is preposterous from our worldly perspective. Yet, God sent His Son for you and me. The wicked tenants killed the son to get his inheritance. In a twist of fate, the scribes and Pharisees would crucify the Son of God, and we have become the inheritors of His forgiveness, life, and love.

In Him, Pastor Gorshe

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, Tracy See, Chuck and Katie Scherz, Jan Poe, Bev Effinger, Doug Petersan, Jessica Anderson, Bob Svehla, Gene Dreier, Connie Morse, Barbara Hartwig, June Hanson

Condolences to Candy & Rick Hebar at the loss of Candy's mother, Audrey

Missions: Pastor J.P. Cima—Cambodia; Pastor JD Zischke—Restoration Church—Fayetteville; Stamped With A Prayer Ministry; Village Bible Church; Grace Lutheran—Eureka Springs

THANKS

I want to thank everyone for their calls, cards and prayers during my illness and my stay in the hospital. It is very comforting to be a member of a very caring church family.

Vern Hinz

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION

Tuesday, October 6th
11:30-12:30 p.m.
Everyone welcome!

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

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

Chapel Meeting Room—Parenting Class. The 8-week DVD series is a very professional, fun, and engaging Bible Study enhancing your parenting skills. You will follow along with your own workbook. Please see Chuck Merriman for questions.

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

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you, Church Family, for supporting the work of the Shepherd's Food Pantry. So far this year we have helped 575 families—or 1800 people.

We will be posting a list of needed holiday foods in the *Weekly News* next week.

PARENTING BIBLE STUDY CLASS

continues between services in the Chapel Meeting Room (Old Fellowship Hall). This is an excellent "FamilyLife" organization, professional production 8-week program. Each couple or family group will follow along in their workbook as they watch the DVD videos. If you are unable to attend during this time period, please contact Chuck Merriman to set online access to watch the video at your convenience.

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 "Victory in Defeat" with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Our annual meeting was held this past week. Twenty-three ladies attended including three new ladies. Elected co-secretary was Linda Schmelig. There were no candidates for co-president.

Fifty school kits were packed following the meeting. These will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief in November.

**MITE BOX and GENERAL FUND BOX ARE
ON THE KIOSK THIS MORNING.**

THE LORD'S WEEK

Oct. 4-10, 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)
- 2:00 p.m. Soday Riders

Monday

- 9:30 a.m. JOY I—Chapel

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- 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Library
JOY IIIA—Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. JOY IV—Clarice Gnuse

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 9-12 noon Shepherd's Food Pantry Set-up
- 3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Chapel

Friday

- 10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—October 11, 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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—October 11, 2020

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Philippians 4:4-13
- Matthew 22:1-14

GRIEFSHARE

The Grief Support Group is on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel and will continue weekly until Thursday, November 12.

This group is to provide help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Call Dorothy Jones at 366-1700 with any questions.

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Stewardship



Matthew 21:43—"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

**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.



BV LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes
Singles & Couples
Great Fellowship!

For more information call
Bill Scholten at 855-1324.

CORRECTION!

I made a mistake in last Sunday's announcement about our small groups reconvening. I said that the Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. That is no longer the case! The group meets Wednesdays—same time in Classroom 3. I stand corrected. Gentlemen, my apologies!

Sonja Burkett—479-268-3303
Congregational Care Ministry Team
Liaison to small groups

YOU ARE INVITED!

Our TLC group, Highlands West, will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 25th, at 1:30 p.m. to view the video, "The Intersection of Church & State." This DVD was produced by the Men's NetWork, a program of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Running time for the video is 1 hour. This is your invitation to join us. Individual members as well as other small groups of BVLC are most welcome! Sonja Burkett-Facilitator/Highlands West TLC.