

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

1990 Forest Hills Blvd.
FAX: 479-876-6097

September 13-19, 2020
WEBSITE: www.bvlutheran.com

PHONE: 479-855-0272
E-MAIL: office@bvlutheran.com

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We live in a world filled with uncertainty and much of this uncertainty becomes very personal. Significant questions become a part of what afflicts us these days, as we ask;

“Who am I?”

“What is it that gives my life its identity?”

“What is the meaning of it all?”

“What is my purpose in life?”

Today, St. Paul reminds you of your real and true identity! You belong to the Lord! Whether you live or die, you belong to the Lord. Being the Lord’s own is what shapes your self-understanding and defines how you relate to others.

All the things that divide us on earth and how we are tempted to identify ourselves by preferences, or desires, are completely overcome by the Lord, who suffered for us, died to save us, and lives to set us free.

Even in these very difficult days, Jesus’ love makes it possible for you to see others as your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 “Fireplace Spirituality” with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our relationship with God is not something to “set and forget” like a thermostat. (Acts 2:37-47)

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, 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, Mike Morse, Wes Pulst, Vern Hinz, Helen Hise

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Share your thankfulness on LWML's Giving Tuesday, September 15. You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Goal. Your donation will be matched by a generous donor's gift on Giving Tuesday. Donate online through LWML Facebook or "[lwml.org/givingtuesday](https://www.lwml.org/givingtuesday)." If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.

EDUCATION HOUR SCHEDULE

Fellowship Hall —120 Bible Stories series led by Pastor Gorshe

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

SHEPHERD’S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you, Church Family, for all the support you give the pantry. Because of you, we can continue the mission to “Feed His Sheep.”

Grace and mercy in Jesus!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: In these days of the coronavirus, out of love and concern for all those that can attend, we have carefully reopened BVLC, and have continually improved what we are doing. Out of love, we continue physically distancing, we refrain from shaking hands or giving hugs, we meet outside with friends, we constantly clean our building, and we are respectful of opinions, especially when they differ from ours.

With these things in place, I yet have been asked if there might be a way to designate an area of the Sanctuary for those who feel they must wear a mask continually. In an experiment, attempted in love, we are going to try something.

For the next several weeks we will designate the Choir Loft, in the First Service only, as an area of the Sanctuary that will be set aside for those who wish to wear masks for the entirety of their time inside the building: from the time you enter the church until you 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.

After several weeks, this accommodation will be evaluated and revisited.

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.

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

PARENTING BIBLE STUDY CLASS to begin on Sunday, September 27 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.

THE LORD'S WEEK
September 13-19, 2020

Sunday

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)

Monday

9:30 a.m. JOY I—Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Confidential Caregiving

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.
12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers—Note day change
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Chapel

Thursday

3:00 p.m. GriefShare—Chapel

Friday

10-12 Noon Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Assistant Training

NEXT SUNDAY— September 20, 2020

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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY—Sept. 20, 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:12-24, 19-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Stewardship



Romans 14:7—"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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.

DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION

The next Drive Through Communion will be on
Sept. 22 from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

There will **NOT** be Drive Through Communion Sept. 15.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The first meeting of the Women's Bible Study will be on September 21 at 6:00 p.m. This group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at the home of Camilla Hass. Our study will be on Ephesians. Call Camilla at 685-2580 with questions.

S.W.A.P.

We will meet again
to make our beautiful handmade greeting cards
on Sept. 16 at 9:00 a.m.
Join us!!