

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 16-22, 2018

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we prepare for the Lord's coming, how do we know when He has arrived? John the Baptist asked a similar question of Jesus, and as always, Jesus points us to the answer.

God's rule and reign is seen in the restoration of His people and His kingdom. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the lepers are cleansed, the poor receive the Gospel preached to them.

When we see the reign and rule of God occurring, the King must be there, ushering in His kingdom. So, we rejoice that Jesus is the one we have waited for, and He is among us.

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, Sandy Gaul, Deb Raymond, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Shirley Peshek, Joanne Cline, Rick Benson, Helen Weeks, Sharon Crandall, Phyllis Munster, Dave Schurman, Libby Dreier, Lewis Watts, Bob Miskimen, Stan Crandall, Pastor Stan Jones, Gene Gnuse, Rick Hebar

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Cambodia; Unidos En Cristo—Springdale; Bella Vista Baptist; Korean School Ministry

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 "In Anxious Times, Rejoice!" with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace. God's grace in Christ. (Philippians 4:4-7)

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that brought the delicious cookies for the choir concert reception. Thank you again.

The Fellowship Team

HOME FURNISHINGS

If you or someone you know has living room furniture or a refrigerator that they would like to donate to a needy family, please call Kay Gaudian at 855-0384.

The BVLC Financial books will be closed on Monday, December 31. So, if you wish to have your donation counted in 2018, it must be in by Sunday, December 30.

Ron Burkett, Administrator

The children of Carroll and Marcella Casey are looking for someone to pick dad up for 8:30 services on a weekly visit. They live at The Meadows 2300 SE 28th St in Bentonville. We are willing to pay the individual or make a donation for this service. Dad is really missing his church. If you have any questions, please call Sandy, his daughter, at 651-295-0576. Thank you so much, Sandy Winegarten

The Family Life Ministry Team is again collecting **CAPS AND MITTENS** for school children.

The collection box will be in the narthex through December 18. Purchased items are always welcome.

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

No Adult Bible Study classes as the Children's Christmas Program will be between services. The first service will conclude and people will start singing Christmas Songs as the sanctuary is made ready for the Children's Christmas Program. At the conclusion of the Children's Christmas Program, everyone will exit the Sanctuary to go to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and celebration of Bill and Marilyn Powell's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

No Sunday School classes as all children will be in the Sanctuary.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you!

Church Family and Friends: The Shepherd's Food Pantry thanks you all for your generous support as we gather donations (food and funds) for the Christmas grocery bags. So far this year, we have helped feed over 5,000 people!

At this time, The Shepherd's Food Pantry is requesting pie filling and cereal.

Thank you and God Bless You for all the help you are giving.

Matt 25:21a (ESV) His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

GIVING QUILTS

Please note: Something new has been added between the fireplace and the sofa in the narthex.

The following mission statement will be placed on the wall above the "Giving Quilt" rack.

The BVLC Quilters would like to share the quilts they make by making a quilt available to any member of our church family. The quilt on this quilt rack may be taken to be given to someone they feel is in need. One does not need to ask or tell where it goes. It is our prayer and hope that the quilts that are given from this **Giving Quilt Rack** will touch the lives and hearts of each recipient. If the quilt rack is empty, another will soon be in its place. Please join us in this mission as we seek to **Connect, Grow and Serve** with those around us. May those that receive a quilt feel the blessings of our love and prayer.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



We have good news: Six charities will be receiving \$100+ from our Christmas Stocking donations.

Those charities are: Children's Advocacy Center of Benton Co; Concordia Seminary Food Bank at St. Louis (for seminary students and families); Restoration Lutheran Church, Fayetteville; Sheepdog Impact Assistance of Rogers; Benton County Meals on Wheels; and Open Avenues (providing transportation to disabled individuals in NW Arkansas.) Thank you donors!

THE LORD'S WEEK
Dec. 16-22, 2018

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Brookfield
12:00 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab-Christmas
Lunch
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Jeanie McCord
JOY IIIC—Coleen Gast
1:30 p.m. Joy IV—Diana Wickboldt

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Advent Service

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners
9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
10:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library—CD Lesson 4
12:30 p.m. Hope SFP Delivery
Ladies Bridge

Friday

10:00 a.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY— December 23, 2018

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)

LESSONS FOR SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2019 is on the bulletin board. The price will remain at \$50.00 per arrangement. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.

SAVE THE DATE!!

March 31, 2019

BVLC 30th Anniversary Celebration

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Stewardship



Philippians 4:5b-6—”The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.” Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.



STEPHEN MINISTRY 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 Stephen Ministers 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 Stephen Ministry, please contact a leader – Pam Benson or Jack Grober.

Your Stephen Ministry Team

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Napoli's Italian Restaurant
Rogers, AR.

Wednesday, December 19th
Please sign up by Monday, December 17th.

Please consider this your invitation to join all of us born in November and December to enjoy a special luncheon.

Spouses and guests are welcome.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Next Sunday, December 23, after 1st service, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments to honor Vern Gruhn on his 90th birthday.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION for December 16, 2018

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