

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3-9, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When a person of notoriety comes to your home, what do you do? When a president or a king comes to a city people prepare in many ways. Often there is a police presence that is seen and unseen. There are limousines and barricades, security people and cameras everywhere. Crowds stand behind barriers, bodyguards surround the dignitary and everything is orchestrated to bring the leader swiftly and safely to his or her destination.

That is not how Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords arrived on Palm Sunday. Jesus rides a humble donkey. He plods down the road at a slow pace. The crowds interact with Jesus, throwing their cloaks along His way and waving palm branches. Jesus has no security detail other than the disciples who were also caught up in the celebration.

Jesus is a different kind of dignitary. Even though the crowds may not fully realize it, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords who comes in humility. This King chooses to come humbly and lay down His life for those who line His way and for all people, including you. In Him, Pastor Hass

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, John Moldenhauer, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Craig Peterson, Curly Baehr, Deb Raymond, Bob Wenzel, Ed Barnoski, Mike Dwyer

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Peace Lutheran, Prairie Grove; Heritage Baptist Church of Bella Vista; NWA Children's Shelter

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## THANK YOU

I want to thank all of the Pastors, people, and prayer groups that prayed for me while I was hospitalized.

I know that the prayers, cards, visits, and God's goodness helped me to a speedy recovery.

I send a special thank you to Pastor Hass and Pastor Jones for their hospital visits, both before and after surgery. This gave me a positive and hopeful outlook, that with God's grace, everything would be alright. Kathryn Hinz

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## 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 "Advent Adventure" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight." (Mark 13:24-37)

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## LWML - CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Each year our LWML selects a number of charities, mostly local, with whom to share our blessings. You will find a ballot in your mailbox with the charities listed. This is your opportunity to choose the 10 charities you would prefer to help. Place your gift in the big stocking by December 20. The big Christmas stocking for your donations is near the mailboxes.

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

### Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** The Fellowship Hall Bible Study will be led by Pastor Hass as he presents an indepth study of Advent.
- **Chapel Meeting Room:** The class on "What Does This Mean" continues today with the study on Baptism. Dale Wandrie will be using CPH's "Luther's Catechism" as the study guide to walk through Lutheran Confessions.

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One—Bring One:** You've been so generous. Thank you! BUT we still need more Christmas groceries PLUS cereal for regular distribution. Thank you all for contributing to our neighbors.



2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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The Family Life Ministry Team is again collecting CAPS AND MITTENS for school children. The collection box will be in the narthex through December 11. Purchased items are always welcome.

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## CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Dayspring Christmas cards are in. They are located in the narthex near the bulletin board. If you want to purchase any, please put your money in the envelope provided and put the envelope in Diana Watts' mailbox.

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Please give your dues for LWML projects directly to LWML. Write checks to LWML and put them in Diana Watts' mailbox. Thank you!

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Please plan to attend this year's Children's Christmas Program between services on Sunday December 17. This will be a program you don't want to miss. We will be singing many of the popular Christmas songs, along with an intergenerational flavor to the Christmas story.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



For our December 7, 2017 get together, you are invited to lunch at Fred's Hickory Inn at 12:30. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk and has all the details.

**LAST CHANCE!!!**

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
December 3-9, 2017

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or  
KURM-AM (790) "Advent Adventure"  
with Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Library  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Birth of the Messiah  
in Matthew & Mark  
Silver Needle Quilters  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting  
JOY IIB—No Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Birth of the Messiah  
in Matthew & Mark

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Thelma Sauer  
10:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Coleen Gast  
11:30 a.m. Communion/Lunch Service  
12:00 noon JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt  
6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. S.W.A.P.  
9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly  
11:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery  
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library  
6:00 p.m. Advent Service

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers  
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library  
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery  
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery  
7:00 p.m. SAC III—Arlo & Irma Miesbach

**Friday**

10-1 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Saturday **IGNITE** service  
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**NEXT SUNDAY—December 10, 2017**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship  
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**  
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3) or  
KURM-AM (790)  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert "A Thrill of Hope"  
TLC East—Concert and dinner at  
El Pueblito after concert

December 10th scripture readings: Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Stewardship**



1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our real comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

**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

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**GOOD SAMARITANS**

We are now ready to serve you. Please call Tim Verble at [479-321-1675](tel:479-321-1675) with your request or email him at [tim.verble@gmail.com](mailto:tim.verble@gmail.com).

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**DISHES & CONTAINERS**

Several dishes or containers have been left in the kitchen area.

Please check to see if any of them belong to you!

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On December 10, we will be presenting a Christmas concert, "A Thrill of Hope." Rehearsals for the concert continue on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Interested in singing? Please, come and join us.

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**TABLE DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Is in need of more members to serve 1 month a year. If interested, please contact Donna Henning at 479-899-6319.

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**COOKIES**

The Fellowship Team is asking for donations of Christmas cookies to be served after the Christmas Concert on December 10th. Individuals need to only bring 1 dozen cookies. Please sign up at the kiosk as soon as possible.