

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 25-March 3, 2018  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever had someone tell you to not make promises you can't keep? This old proverbial saying is a good one. If a person heeds it, they can avoid much trouble!

In today's Old Testament Reading, God Himself makes a promise that seems impossible to keep. The Lord appears to a ninety-nine-year-old man and promises him descendants, and not just a few descendants, but that he will be the father of a multitude of nations!

Thankfully, God never makes promises He can't keep. Through the fulfillment of His promise to Abraham, the Lord ultimately provides a descendant by whom all nations would be blessed: Jesus Christ, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God.

Through Him, God promises you forgiveness, life, and salvation; a promise that the Lord will keep!

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, Richard Meyer, Lillian Pingel, Jerry Herr, Rick Benson, Marion Martin, Mary Brauer, Grace Meyer, Sandy Gaul, Curly Baehr, Deb Raymond, Jan Barnoski, Niles Daniels, Craig Peterson, Linda Dwyer, Vicki Dehnert, Helen Hise, Barbara Harlson, Marie Herr, Esther Meier, Bob Miskimen, George Albers

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Peace Lutheran—Prairie Grove; Beautiful Savior Lutheran; Korean School Ministry

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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 "Living and Dying" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? (Romans 5:1-11)

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## THANK YOU

Dear Bella Vista Lutheran Church Prayer Warriors: Boy, that Timothy sure knew what he was talking about when he urged us to request, pray, intercede and give thanks for everyone! And you know, it's the everyone part that I sometimes have the most trouble with. It's hard to remember even the sinners that get on my last nerve and just keep grinding away! Really?!? Them, too? Then I remember the grace and forgiveness that I receive because Jesus died on the cross for me! Even if I was the only cross person on earth, He still would have died on that cross to pay the price for my sins! That truly is amazing grace. My daughter, Lisa, has a long journey ahead of her but with so many powerful prayers, the doctors, nurses and all the medical personnel all refer to Lisa as the miracle child of God and isn't that true of each of us? We are blessed beyond what any of us deserve...even a sinner like me!

Thank you for your prayers and God bless you and your ministry.  
Connie Sanders—Niece of Ruth Bruch

Thank you for your cards and prayers. Your words of encouragement really helped me during recovery from knee surgery. Thanks to Joy 11C and the Food Pantry for the meals. They were awesome.  
God Bless Sherryll Staiger

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

### Adult Bible Study

**"Walk With God in the Desert"** Join Chuck Merriman in the Fellowship Hall with this Ray Vander Laan series. Learn what it means to trust in God. The desert is a place where we learn what we can endure. What does it mean to be separated from the safety of society? The desert is where you learn to put your trust in God. Help others to understand the deserts that they might be going through.

**"Mark the Evangelist and the Gospel of Immediacy"** continues. Terry Held will be leading this class on a journey through the Gospel of Mark. This class will be held in the Library.

**"Believe—Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus"** continues today. This study will be led by Brett Sost and Dale Wandrie and will be held in the old Fellowship Hall.

**Inquirer's Class** led by Pastor Hass continues for 8 weeks. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what it means to be a Lutheran at Bella Vista Lutheran Church. This is a great class for people looking to become members or for current members who wish to be refreshed on what our church believes and how our church operates.

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Shepherd's Food Pantry is collecting groceries for our Easter Bag distribution, now through March 18th. The bags containing these listed items will be distributed March 2-23, in addition to their regular groceries: boxed Chicken Stuffing, canned Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Boxed potatoes, canned Fruit Cocktail, boxed yellow or white Cake Mix, Orange or Cherry Jello.

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**JOY 6** is extending an invitation to come for Bible study using the LWML Woman's Quarterly. Facilitator Diane Howard reports they meet the first Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m. in the library. It is a small group where good discussions will happen.

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## HELPING HANDS WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 3 from 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.**

**Please sign up at the kiosk.**

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**REMINDER:** The Mite Box will be on the kiosk March 4.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



**NOTICE :** Our next LWML meeting is April 5 at 4:30 p.m. Presenters will be Heidi and Sue from Immanuel Lutheran in Joplin with their Comfort Dogs to tell about their special ministry.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
February 25--March 3, 2018

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship  
9:30 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)

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Irma Miesbach  
1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab  
JOY IIB—Peggy Stuckenbroker  
JOY IIC—Vera Fenner  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shirley Swenson  
JOY IIIC—Nancy Larson  
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Susan Coon  
2:00 p.m. Different Strokes/DifferentFolks—Library

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library  
8:30 a.m. Quilting  
5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper  
6:00 p.m. Lenten 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

**Friday**

10-1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Saturday IGNITE service

**NEXT SUNDAY—March 4, 2018**

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

**March 4th scripture readings:**

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 2:13-22 (23-25)

**PHONE # CORRECTION**

Marland Thurston: 850-598-3843  
Patty Thurston: 850-598-3842

**Lenten Supper on Wednesday, February 28**

Spaghetti, green beans, bread & cookies  
Serving time is 5-5:45 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Youth Group

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE**

Please pray for our newly formed Associate Pastor Call Committee. The members of this team are: Rick Aron, Ramona Benson, Brett Sost, Bill Foster, Monte Niederklein, Dale Wandrie, Sally Pfluger, Wendell Pitt, Paul Hass.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Stewardship**



Mark 8:32—"And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice to us.

**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

**Financial Peace University on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. through about 11:30 a.m. starting March 12 for nine weeks.**

The Family Life Team is conducting a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace personal budgeting and financial planning workshop for our members. This nine week class which consists of a one hour video by Dave Ramsey followed by about 30 minutes of discussion will start on Monday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. As a footnote, Pastor Hass has gone through this program several times. Many members in our congregation have been through this program with very positive results. Sign up at the kiosk.

*The Mid-South District office is so excited by what Bella Vista Lutheran Church is doing that they have agreed to pay for the class for each family that completes the program.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

It's time to celebrate your special day!  
**Wednesday, February 28 at noon at The River Grille**

Please sign up at the kiosk **TODAY, FEBRUARY 25th.**  
Questions: Call Betty Bennett at 479-855-2759.

**LIBRARY CORNER**

A recent addition to the Library is the book "Cancer, Now What? Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead." A practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones. The author is Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., who is a clinical psychologist and pastor, and is the founder and Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, copyright 2017. This can be found in the center shelves under Help in Times of Crisis.

**FELLOWSHIP TEAM MESSAGE**

Please **DO NOT** leave left over food unmarked in the refrigerator. Take it home, give it away or whatever. It is a waste to throw away week old or even month old food waiting for someone to claim it. Thank you.