

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nov. 22-28, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Twelve months have passed and Advent is right around the corner. This final Sunday in the life of the Church gives us a time to reflect upon the second coming of Jesus Christ, even as we prepare to celebrate His first coming in the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our merciful King will speak to us through His Word and fill us with His everlasting presence as we gather around His Means of Grace today. As we do so, may our eyes of faith be fixed on this King until the Day when He returns, and we will see Him face-to-face.

That means the Last Sunday of the Church Year is all about Jesus! Every Sunday is always all about Him. Every Sunday is only about Him. Today's service helps us to focus upon the One who came once to save us and will come again to claim us as His own forever. The Last Sunday of the Church Year is a day to worship our reigning and coming King. As we will see, He is not a detached King keeping a safe distance from His people. No, He is a King who loves to come near and show us that our righteousness and salvation are in Him alone. Jesus. It's all about Him and what He has done, is doing, and will do for you!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Ula Biesterfeld at 855-6840 or the church office at 855-0272 with information for the Prayer Chain.

Prayers, please include:

Our Members: Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, Marv Henning, Marie Herr, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Al Gruenewald, Barbara Harlson, John Brack, Ron Fant, Gary Nelson, Doreen Lubeck, Buz Moxon, Melody Plaisance, Stan Crandall, Lillian Pingel, Betty Long, Deb Roesener, Linda McMillin

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Holiday Island; BV First United Methodist Church; Sonshiners

THANK YOU

June and I would like to thank everyone for the appreciation that was shown to us as a couple last Sunday for the work that God led me to do on the building project. We always felt your prayers during the project and also appreciated the kind words and hugs. The plaque with the well wishes is so appreciated – it will hang on the wall next to the one that I received when I retired from Illinois Bell. We also want to thank Pastor, BOD and the Congregation for allowing me to keep the computer that was purchased for the building project. We are so blessed as a congregation to have so many members who are willing to sacrifice their time and talents to expand His Kingdom. We were happy to do our small part. To God be the Glory!

John & June Lear

Thank you so much for letting this group (Friendly Stitchers) meet at your church. They are so sweet and kind. I have truly been blessed by them and the members of your church as I attend their meetings. This little group is truly a mission to the community as women who have been ill, who are caretakers for their husbands, etc. get to enjoy fellowship while serving critically ill children at Arkansas Children's Hospital, all in a loving Christ centered church environment. Thank you for letting us meet and be blessed in your church. Connie Brown

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

- Fellowship Hall: Conclusion of "Christianity and the Competition" series with Dr. Paul Maier "A Christian Response"
- Choir Room: The study, "Christian Life Today: Health and Well Being" is led by Dick Munster.

Sunday School

All children and youth Sunday School classes will meet in the lower level of the new building.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Children & parents, join us in viewing

Red Boots For Christmas

cookie decorating and card making.

Saturday, Dec. 5

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Bella Vista Lutheran Church

19990 Forest Hills Blvd.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One is planning the menu for Christmas and requests *au gratin* or *scalloped* potatoes, fruit cocktail, gelatin, and dessert as part of the holiday meal. Guests will receive their regular groceries in addition to the special bill of fare each of the 3 Fridays in December. The menu for Christmas will be ham, potatoes as listed, fruit cocktail, gelatin, and cake & frosting or fruit pie filling & crust.

The food pantry is looking for two volunteers to pick up food items from Fresh Market in Rogers on one Tuesday per month. Call Glenn Wickboldt, 866-3744. We appreciate your food donations and monetary donations to cover costs of meats and we thank you again for your support for the Thanksgiving meals.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2016 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please check that the label # matches your envelope #.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Your votes have selected Seminary student Anthony DiLiberto as the recipient of our LWML support this year. Anthony, his wife Jamie and 2 year old daughter are currently living in St. Louis where he is a second year seminary student. They have been missionaries in Peru for 6 years. Anthony was the Peru mission team's Mercy Outreach Specialist at Mighty Fortress Mercy House. This church body reaches out to the children and teens forced to live and work on the streets of Lima, Peru. Anthony is from California and Jamie is from Tobias, Nebraska.

THE LORD'S WEEK
Nov 22-28, 2015

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Diane Howard

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Church Library
1:00 p.m. JOY IIB—Lunch
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—No Meeting
JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry—Multi Purpose Room

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shirley Swenson
9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—No Meeting
1:30 a.m. JOY IV—No Meeting

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. JOY VB—No Meeting
JOY VA—No Meeting

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday

Office Closed
Food Pantry Closed

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—November 29, 2015—Unity Service

9:30 a.m. Unity Worship Service w/communion
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
3:00 p.m. Concordia Service

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsal for the adult choir Christmas Program continues on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Come & join us!

NEW PHONE NUMBER:

Linda McMillin: 479-250-8881

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Stewardship



THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Isaiah 51:6: "For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment." The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF



Friday 18 Holes
Singles & Couples
Call Ron Burkett 268-3303

The Library Is Waiting for YOU!

The building project is completed; the Library has been relocated to the room that was formerly Pastor Hass's office. It has not only changed location, but has changed in other important ways.

The Library is now a conventional "Lending Library". Books will no longer be "checked" in and out. You may take out books at any time. There will be a "return" basket where you will leave the books when you bring them back.

JOY books are located in the library as always. They are in separate bookcases along the wall. A specially marked shelf holds sample copies of the Bible Studies. There is a separate basket for returning JOY books.

A new addition to the Library is the LWML card carousel. It is in a great spot for you to browse and buy.

As we do not have enough shelf space to have all our books out at this time, there is no space to hold donated books. As soon as some more shelves are available we will inform you when you can start bringing them in.

The newly relocated Library will also serve as a meeting room and is furnished accordingly with a meeting table, chairs, and a coffee pot.

Claudia Jorgensen and Lora Rolling's are the new Librarians.

We wish to thank Ula Biesterfeld for all her work in keeping the Library in such good shape. Please let her know how much you appreciate all her hours put into our library.