

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 4-10, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we navigate our annual journey in stewardship, this week our focus is on our use of the talents God gives to each one of us. Our Gospel lesson today, the Parable of the talents, speaks about how God gives to each one of us differing gifts, yet has a clear expectation that we will use those gifts for His purposes and His glory.

You and I are called to be faithful servants; people of faith entrusted with God's resources. The only way to do this is in faith, to trust in the goodness of God so we are not afraid to take some risks. In the Parable you will see that the first two servants appear to have no fear of hard work, or of failure. As Christians, we are to never fear failure.

In the parable the one who had that overwhelming fear of failure was paralyzed by it. The servant who did nothing with what was entrusted to him was hampered by fear. His response was to say, **"I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."**

If we imagine God as a fearful overlord we will not be motivated to take risks, we will not be compelled to give our resources and abilities and energy to serve and love others. If we are afraid of failure, or afraid of God, we will not invest our money or time or our abilities into the lives of others and for the common good of our society.

We are called to be faithful and fruitful. That means, through faith, we are motivated to take great risks; we are willing to give much in terms of our money, time, and ability, all in response to the love we know in Christ Jesus.

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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## 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, Ed Barnoski, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Thelma Breen, Jerre Lender, Myrna Ewoldt, Paul Martin, Al Gruenewald, Dick Hise, Barbara Harlson

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Faith-Bentonville; Bella Vista Church of Christ; Helping Hands

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## HELP THE YOUTH GROUP AS THEY PREPARE TO GO TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN 2016

Please sign up in the Narthex for a fun time helping out the Youth Group in raising funds at the Arts and Craft Fair on October 15-17. Our members in the past have greatly enjoyed volunteering so that the youth receive help with their wonderful trip. More detailed instruction of the job duties is posted on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Merriman.

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## THE LWML MITE BOX

IS ON THE

KIOSK TODAY!!!

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

### **Adult Bible Study**

- Fellowship Hall: Today our Bible Study is entitled "Talent" and is lead by Pastor Hass.  
*Construction update will be shown before the start of the Bible Study.*
- Choir Room: The new study, "Christian Life Today: Health & 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.

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Thank you so much** for all the wonderful donations to the Thanksgiving collection box (wherever it is)! The Shepherd's Food Pantry is off to a good start in collecting items that make up the Thanksgiving food bags. Items we continue to need are shown on a list attached to the collection box if you don't have the list from last Sunday. There is going to be a new arrangement for a "drop off" area in the fellowship hall lobby. In the meantime, please look for our box or the grocery cart for your donations. Any contributions of food or money to purchase food are very much appreciated. You all are so kind! James 1:17a (ESV) <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...

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## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Advent by Candlelight sign up sheet is on the kiosk. Those who would like to Hostess a table this year, please sign up. We know that this is early, but we would like to have some type of count. Thank You

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## OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest planning is well underway and we need your help. We need someone with a truck to **pick up the cooking grill** at Arvest Bank in Bella Vista on Sunday, October 18th in the morning and return it after the festivities. We also need volunteers to **cook** on the grill. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to support the 2015 Oktoberfest.

Contact Jack Grober at 268-3868 for further details. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



The signup sheet for the LWML worship service on November 3rd, is on the kiosk. PLEASE sign up for the service.

Deadline for membership renewal is October 30th, please place your \$20.00 envelope in Elaine Schurman's box.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**October 4-10, 2015**

**Sunday**

**8:30 a.m.** Divine Worship w/communion  
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education  
**10:45 a.m.** Blended Worship

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Choir Room  
 Backpackers—Old Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
 JOY IIB—Curly Baehr  
 JOY IIC—Mary Lou Zuhlke

**Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Rose Graham  
 9:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Shoebbox Ministry—Join us!  
 Perfect Harmony Food Delivery  
 11:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch Service  
 12:00 Noon United Way Delivery  
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Lois Sullivan

**Wednesday**

9:30-3:00 p.m. SWAP  
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly  
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB —Classroom 3  
 1:30 p.m. JOY VA—Lunch with Verna Menard  
 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9-12:00 noon Friendly Stitchers  
 11-12:00 noon SFP Harp's Delivery—Fellowship Hall  
 12-1:00 p.m. HOPE/Food Pantry—Fellowship Hall

**Friday**

10-1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry  
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Mavis Meyer

**Saturday**

9:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Assistants Meeting

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**NEXT SUNDAY—October 11, 2015**

**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  
 1:30 p.m. TLC Highlands West—Church

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of our **sound team**. We have lost several members and need your help and consideration to fill those places.

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**CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Rehearsal for the adult choir Christmas Program begins on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. Please consider joining us to celebrate the birth of our King. Invite your friends and neighbors to sing with us.

**Stewardship**

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
 AFTER PENTECOST**

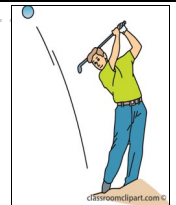


Mark 10:6 "But from the beginning of creation..." In recent years our country, along with most all the Christian nations of Europe, has lost its way. When it comes to marriage we have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off the tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world is from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual: things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator's instructions for life.

**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF**

**Thursday** Mixed 9 Holes  
 Singles & Couples  
 Call Bill Scholten 855-1324

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



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**YOU ARE INVITED!**

TLC-Highlands West will view "The Crusades," a two-part video produced by the History Channel, on Sunday, October 11th, and Sunday, November 8th. We meet at church from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome and refreshments will be served! If you would like to attend, sign up at the kiosk. For more information, call Sonja Burkett, 268-3303.

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**SENIOR SAFETY ACADEMY**  
**Bella Vista Lutheran Church**

**Tuesday, October 20th**  
**9:00-3:30 p.m.**

**Sign up at the kiosk or call the church office.**

The Academy is an all-day effort to bring information to seniors. Refreshments, as well as "breakfast" and "lunch" are provided by the vendors. Invite family & friends and enjoy the day!

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**NEW ADDRESS: Alma Halladay**  
 12312 Brittany Lane  
 Cedarville, AR. 72932  
 Phone: 381-7923

**Eleanor Wierman**  
 4685 Park Nicollett Ave. SE Apt. 217  
 Prior Lake, MN. 55372

**NEW MEMBERS: Marty & Monte Niederklein**  
 21990 W. Big Springs  
 Gravette, AR. 72736

Ph: Mary: 402-984-5292/Monte: 402-984-6445

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**COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH**

Tuesday October 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Remind our homebound members/friends of this service