

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At work, home, and even at times in the church, we often do the things we do seeking or expecting some kind of recognition or reward. As Christians, though, we are reminded that through our Spirit-given faith, the greatest reward we could ever desire has already been attained for us through the life, death, and rising of Jesus, who came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

With our hearts and minds on His sacrificial service for us, in response to His eternally rewarding grace, we can humbly go about our lives with these simple words: ***"We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."***

Luke 17:10 In Him, Paul 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, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, Paul Benke, John Moldenhauer, Mike Dwyer, Judy Moxon, Bill Powell, Curly Baehr, Dick Hise, Wayne Koepp, Ellie Wood, Fae Miskimen
Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Ablaze Christian Academy—Tulsa; Faith-Bentonville; Bella Vista Church of Christ; Helping Hands

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) at 12:30 p.m. Today's program is "The Only Way to Live: By Faith!" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. God cares about you, listens to you, and answers your difficult questions with grace and compassion. Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

SENIOR SAFETY ACADEMY Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Tuesday, Oct. 18
9:00-5:00 p.m.

The Academy is an all-day effort to bring information to seniors. **There is no charge for this event**, but you are asked to call the church office with the number attending or sign up at the kiosk. Refreshments, as well as "breakfast" and "lunch" are provided by the vendors. Invite family & friends and enjoy the day!

VOLUNTEERS/BUDDIES NEEDED

The new school year has started at Gravette Schools and Cooper Elementary School. They are looking for "Buddies" to be a friend to children who need someone to listen to them and to be a source of encouragement. You can visit your Buddy one day a week during the lunch period. Please contact Marland Thurston or Chuck Merriman if you are interested or need more information.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up for the Annual Arts and Crafts festival (Thursday October 13 – Saturday October 15) to help the youth group and the many volunteer slots for our Annual Trunk and Treat program on Monday, October 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** Brian Sappington, BVLC Board Member, will lead the discussion on the recommendation of adding an Associate Pastor to the staff.
- **The "Inquirer's Class"** continues and will meet in the Conference Room. This class will be led by Chuck Merriman.

Sunday School

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

Help give a Thanksgiving Meal to a family!

The Shepherd's Food Pantry has a green bag with a grocery list attached, if you would like to provide any part of a Thanksgiving Meal for a family. **These green bags are on a stand in the Narthex.** Just bring the groceries & bag back and place it in the food collection box next to the water fountain in the church Narthex. If you prefer, you can make a check payable to BVLC, with a notation for SFP and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for reaching out to our neighbors in need.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 11 we will be presenting a Christmas Concert, 'Joy, Joy, Joy'. Rehearsals will start on Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. and will be held every Saturday until the program. Anyone that is interested in singing, please come and join us.

LWML MEMBERS: Several members have paid their dues by returning the envelope to Elaine Schurman with cash in the envelope. The problem? No name was on the envelope. **If you have paid your dues with cash, please call Elaine Schurman.**

NEW ADDRESS: Mary & Monte Niederklein
18167 Taylor Corn Road
Siloam Springs, AR. 72761

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

NWA LWML Fall Rally

Saturday, October 8

Salem Lutheran Ministries

Springdale, Arkansas

Registration is \$10.00 from 9-10 a.m.

Ingathering: Health Kits

We will car pool from Church at 9:00 a.m.

Sign up at the kiosk today or call LuAnn Roy by Sunday evening.



THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE
September 25, 2016

Worship Service:	Saturday 5:37	24
	Sunday 8:30	181
	Sunday 10:45	94
Projected for September		\$55,000.00
Received to Date		\$52,537.76
Amount needed for September		\$ 2,462.24

Offering Counters

October 3	Bonnie Quednow and Gary Raymond
October 10	Clarice Gnuse & Vern Howard

THE LORD'S WEEK
October 2-8, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Divine Worship w/communion
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	Inquirer's Class—Conference Room
10:45 a.m.	Blended Worship
12:30 p.m.	Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3)
	"The Only Way to Live: By Faith!"
7:00 p.m.	SAC I—Jerry & Alice Lundwall

Monday

9:00 a.m.	JOY I—Sally Peterson
1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3
	Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m.	JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
	JOY IIB—Eloise Haddock
	JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting

Tuesday

8:30 a.m.	JOY IIIA—Vicki Dehnert
9:30 a.m.	Perfect Harmony SFP Delivery
9:00 a.m.	JOY IIIC—Cyndi Isaacson
11:30 a.m.	Communion & Lunch Service
1:30 p.m.	JOY IV—Alice Lundwall
2:15 p.m.	S.W.A.P. at Brookfield

Wednesday

9:00-3:00 p.m.	S.W.A.P.
9:30 a.m.	LWML Quarterly
10:00 a.m.	United Way SFP Delivery
1:00 p.m.	JOY VB—Secretary's old office
6:00 p.m.	Grief Share—Library
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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
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Saturday

9:00 a.m.	Pastoral Care Meeting
5:37 p.m.	537 Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY—October 9, 2016

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

JOY 5A just started the Bible Study, "Bad Women of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We meet on Thursday at 10:15 in the Library. You are welcome to join us for this study. Questions? Call Ruth Bruch at 802-6432.

Stewardship



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 17:10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants, and our need for that work of the Lord in the Church that blesses us with His Word and Sacraments.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holer
 Singles & Couples
 Call Bill Scholten at 855-1324
 if you would like to play



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, Oct. 3 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

We will continue our study of Matthew in Chapter 14. Jesus explains why He chose to use stories (parables) to reveal the secrets of the Kingdom to His disciples. The spiritual truths were not intended for those whose hearts were hardened by their rejection of Jesus. They were not able to understand or believe the teaching of Jesus because they would not repent and saw no need for a savior.

To: All Disciples of Bella Vista Lutheran Church
3 New Bible Studies starting in October

Part of my responsibility as Family Life Minister is to review all of the Bible Studies and Sunday school opportunities being offered on Sunday mornings. The Sunday School program was enhanced with the addition of singing of Bible songs and the introduction of the Hall Monitor program as part of the Child Protection Policy.

October 2—There will be a new Bible Study class in the Library studying the entire Bible by using the book, The Story. The Story is a narrative presentation of the Bible in chronological order. Dale Wandrie will be leading this exciting study. This class will be a great introduction or refresher discussion type class for people who want to see the story of God as it weaves throughout the Bible. Required course material will be available at the class in the Library.

October 9—The Fellowship Hall will start a new Bible Study on the Book of Acts led by Pastor Hass.

October 9—A new Parenting Class will start. This class will focus on what the Bible has to say about parenting in ways you may not have understood in the past. This will be a great class for parents with children of all ages. Brian Sappington will be leading this seven week class.

If you have any questions or comments, please call.

Chuck Merriman
 Family Life Minister

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
 11:30 a.m.

Remind your friends/neighbors of this service