

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past Sunday I shared with you that I have received a Call from Lamb of God Lutheran Church, in Flower Mound, Texas to serve as their Senior Pastor. So, the question has come to me several times since that announcement, "How does a Call process work?"

What it most definitely is not is send-out-resumes, secure an interview, and get-a-job process. Some church bodies work that way. It is also not a top-down, we'll-tell-you-where-you're-going process. Overall, any congregation can call any rostered pastor. Rostered means that a pastor is in good standing within the District and Synod. There are different ways of getting names, but generally, if the pastor is rostered, he is eligible for a Call. In that way, this process is very congregational.

In the LCMS, the district presidents are usually involved in the call process of congregations in their districts. So, what makes a Lutheran congregation's call different than, say, a Baptist or non-denominational congregation? A Call in our LCMS is not a congregation "hiring" the pastor. While a Call comes from the congregation, it is also, and ultimately, a Divine Call from God to serve His people in that place. Thus, it is God who, through means, as He always does, Calls His pastors from one place to another.

Right now my path forward is, "as clear as mud." I genuinely love serving the Lord in this place, and my family loves Bella Vista, yet God saw fit to have this Call come. So, whenever a pastor receives a new Call, the Lord of the Church provides an excellent opportunity for a pastor to consider his God given abilities and to reflect upon the question of where he may best put those abilities to use in Christ's kingdom. Each new Call prompts the need in pastors to evaluate both the current Call in which they serve, as well as the new Call received.

This decision making process is usually not a process of choosing between making a right decision or a wrong decision. It is more the process of choosing between one good place the Lord has previously Called a pastor to serve, or choosing the other good place the Lord most recently has Called a pastor to serve. As a result of receiving a new Call, pastors gather data, seek advice, turn to the Lord in prayer, and come to a decision trusting that God will bless this decision making process.

Again I ask for your continuing prayers and please do share with me anything you think may be helpful.

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 Hening, Marlys Rembold, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Paul Behnke, Chuck Scherz, Richard Meyer, Georgia Kinney, Jan Poe, Nancy Larsen, Dick Lubeck, Linda McMillin, Elaine Schurman, Bill Stuckenbroker

**Condolences:** June Lear at the loss of her brother, Ben; LuAnn Roy at the loss of her brother, Donald.

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Messiah Lutheran-Pea Ridge; Village Baptist Church of Bella Vista

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

### Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Mid-South District Office Presents *Cycle and Serve*.
- Library: We continue with "Blessings in Disguise" which is led by Dick Munster. The lesson this week is titled "Blessed the Poor/Woe to the Rich".

### Sunday School

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

**Each One – Bring One** continues to request healthy cereal flour, sugar and oil at this time. Thank you for supporting us in our mission to help our neighbors. And as a reminder, if we can be of assistance to you or anyone you know, please give Linda a call in the office. We need empty, clean plastic bottles about the size of V-8 juices.

John 11:40 (ESV)

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Bella Vista Lutheran Church is responsible for delivering **Meals on Wheels** during the month of **JUNE!** We will need **66 teams of two!** Please take this opportunity to serve your community as well as making life a little easier for those who need help with meals. Watch for the sign-up board in the narthex next week!

## THANKS

Thank you Pastor Hass, Pastor Jones and all of my church friends for all you have done for me over the past 18 years that I have been in Bella Vista.

You all know who you are that helped me through many trials and tribulations in my life. I will always remember all of my Bible Study groups and have learned much from them. God is so good.

Betty Long

## PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Rehearsals for the June Choir Concert will be starting on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We will be doing the Patriotic Program, "The Home of the Brave" this year at the end of June. Anyone that is interested in singing, please come join us.

Valerie Good attended Stephen Ministry Leadership Training this past week and today she will be commissioned as a Stephen Ministry Leader. Please keep Valerie in your prayers as she helps train others to bring Christ's love and care to hurting people.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



### LWML MEMBERS

You will find a sign-up sheet and registration forms for the District Convention on the kiosk. The Convention date is June 10-12, 2016

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
April 17-23, 2016

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
**10:45 a.m.**  
3:00 p.m.

Divine Worship w/communion

Fellowship

**Blended worship**

Cycle & Serve

**Monday**

9:00 a.m.

Backpackers—Multi Purpose Room  
JOY I—Church Library  
Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3  
Silver Needle Quilters  
JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
JOY IIB—Curly Baehr  
JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting  
Men's Discipleship Class—Classroom 3

JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig  
JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings  
Prayer Shawl Makers  
JOY IV—Clarice Gnuse  
Grief Share—Library

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

JOY VB—Church—Classroom 3  
JOY VA—Church—Church Library  
Parent's Night Out  
Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
12:30 p.m.

Sonshiners—Chapel  
Pray—ers  
Harps SFP Delivery  
HOPE SFP Delivery  
Ladies Bridge—Fellowship Hall

**Friday**

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

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**NEXT SUNDAY—April 24, 2016**

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
**10:45 a.m. Blended worship w/communion**  
3:15 P.M. Singles—Meet at BV theater

**NEW ADDRESS:**

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9426 WPA Road  
Gentry, AR. 72734

**PHONE # CORRECTION:**

Wayne Levering: 479-790-7220

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**SINGLES**

BVLC Singles will meet on Sunday, April 24th to tour the Frank Lloyd Wright home near Crystal Bridges Museum and then eat at the Flying Fish in Bentonville. We will meet and car pool from the Bella Vista Theater at 3:15 p.m. with the tour at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are free for the home tour. Please sign up at the kiosk. Call Vera Fenner at 855-0420 or JoAnne Adamek at 855-0042 with questions.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Stewardship**



John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the shepherd's voice—and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out: let us follow Him!

**GRIEF SHARE** class continues on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. This is a 13 week series and is led by Dorothy Jones. Please call her at 366-1700 if you have questions.

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**BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF**

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



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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, April 18th. Please park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

We will continue our study of The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus Call to Righteousness (Matthew 5-7).

If you were not able to join us before—NOW would be a good time to join us as we begin to listen and learn from Jesus Our Lord and Savior.

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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April Birthdays will meet at the River Grille in Bentonville on Wednesday, April 27th at noon. Spouses and guests are always welcome. Please sign up at the kiosk.

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**PRAYER SHAWLS**

We are in great need of prayer shawls so I am asking anyone that has time, to knit or crochet some prayer shawls. Please wash your prayer shawl to remove the sizing. If you need yarn, please contact Elaine Schurman at 531-3395 or des1965@att.net.

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**HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW**

Bella Vista Lutheran Church will be holding a Hot Rod and Custom Car show in the front parking lot on May 14 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. By providing a forum for a Car Show and inviting the public to attend Bella Vista Lutheran Church, we will have an opportunity to talk with visitors about our love of Christ.