

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We like to think of ourselves as worthy, worthy of both honor and respect. We like to live as though we are deserving of first-class treatment. But in today's Gospel, recorded in Luke 14:1-14, Jesus encourages us to live humbly among people around us and He echoes the directives in Proverbs.

Not only does Jesus instruct us to humbly find the lowest seat, but when we do the inviting, He also cautions us against expecting a social payback.

By ourselves, we would chafe under such limits, but our faith in the grace of God, coming to us through the sacrifice of Christ's Blood on our behalf, moves us to rely on His undeserved favor. That frees us to hear those instructions as descriptions of the sort of living by which we may return praise and honor to our Savior! 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, Helen Weeks, Mike Dwyer, Judy Moxon, Betty Deppeler, Louis Plaisance, Nita McKelvey, Ilene Severns

Condolences: Lillian Pingel at the loss of her sister, Betty

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Redeemer Lutheran—Mountain Home; United Lutheran; Korean School Ministry

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) at 12:30 p.m. Today's program will be "Boasting—Ridiculous or Real" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Modern man boasts, "God is dead," but what have we gained from such thinking? (Galatians 6:14)

BACKPACKERS

will meet **TOMORROW**
August 29th at 9:00 a.m.
in the Multi Purpose Room.
Come & join us!

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, September 6th at 11:30 a.m.
Please remind our homebound members/friends
of this service.

GRIEF SHARE

Our first class session will be
Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
in the Library here at BVLC.
Register for the class by calling the church office
479-855-0727 or sign up at the kiosk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

For those who have a birthday in July and August,
it's time to celebrate your special day!
Wednesday, August 31 at 12:00 Noon
The River Grille
Please sign up at the kiosk **TODAY**.
Call Betty Bennett at 855-2759 with questions.

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

Adult Bible Study

- **Fellowship Hall:** Chuck Merriman will be leading the Fellowship Hall Bible Study with the next Ray Vander Lann series titled "The Lost Son: In a Far Country."
- **The "Inquirer's Class"** starts today and will meet in the Chapel. This class is led by Pastor Hass.
- **Library:** The title of this week's Bible Study is "Noah and the Flood." This class is led by Dick Munster

Sunday School

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

MINISTRY UPDATE SEPTEMBER 4th: Ministry Update "Highlights of the Bella Vista Lutheran Church Child Protection Policy" at the beginning of the Fellowship Hall Bible Study presentation.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One is requesting cooking oil, sugar, and flour. If you wish to help with this need, "Each One – Bring One" will appreciate any donations. Have you considered lending a hand at the pantry on Fridays? We can use any time you can give us, and that includes truck drivers to help pick up food during the week. Thank you, dear friends.

Psalm 40:11 (ESV) ¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir will resume rehearsals on
Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome!!

MOSES

Sight & Sound Theatres in Branson

Thursday, September 29th.

Sign up at the kiosk!!

Please contact Betty Bennett at 855-2759 with questions.

LWML REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites
NEXT SUNDAY, September 4th.
The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



We will have an LWML Meeting on
Thursday, September 1st beginning with
salads and desserts at 4:30. Please bring
a salad or dessert to serve at least 8.

Following the meal there will be a
hands-on activity.

THE LORD'S WEEK
August 28-September 3, 2016

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
 12:00 noon New Member Lunch
 12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3)
 "Boasting—Ridiculous or Real"

Monday
 9:00 a.m. Backpacks
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highlands Rehab.

Tuesday
 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Wednesday
 7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday
 9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
 4:30 p.m. LWML Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
 12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery

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

Saturday
5:37 p.m. 537 Worship Service

NEXT SUNDAY—September 4, 2016

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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS YARN!

1 Shawl uses 3 (6 oz.) skeins of "Home Spun" or 3 (6 oz.) skeins of "I Cannot Believe This Yarn". The yarn must be washable & dryable. If you can help, please leave the yarn in the church office.

Stewardship

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Luke 14:11 "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: that's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

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



The Board of Directors has begun evaluation of our congregational needs. To start, a survey asking a few pertinent questions was distributed through services two weeks ago. These results were discussed in Bible study last week and are as listed below with 178 returned in total...not all voted on every issue:

- Is BVLC prepared for a vacancy in the near future?
 Yes 105, no 58
- Is BVLC prepared if Pastor Jones stops leading Congregational Care? Yes 88, no 82
- Has BVLC fulfilled its vision to Connect, Grow & Serve? Yes 158, no 23
- Are there more opportunities to engage NWA communities? Yes, 158, no 16
- Would you support an associate pastor to lead Outreach and who would assist with Congregational Care?
 Yes, 132, no 32
- Lastly, would you support with prayer and finances the addition of an associate pastor? Yes, 130 and No 42 which is 75.58% in favor both with prayer and money.

Your Board of Directors feels the need and support are present in our growing congregation but cannot Call without the congregational approval AND financial commitment to fund the position. As more information becomes available, it will be disseminated to all.

Should any voting member of the congregation wish to be on the Board, elections will be the last Sunday of October. Please present your name to Hanni Griffin, our secretary, in the next two weeks. Ask any board member any questions this may have stirred in your minds. Thanks be to God for our congregation and faith.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class will **resume on September 12** at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We will continue our study of Matthew in Chapter 13.