# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 7-13, 2016 WEB SITE: www.bvlutheran.com

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

1990 Forest Hills Blvd.

FAX: 479-876-6097

The Lord has blessed Bella Vista Lutheran Church as we seek to Connect, Grow, and Serve. His blessings include additional ministries, resources, facilities, and much, much more! As we look to the future and seek to further advance our Vision, we must seek to understand whether or not the church is staffed to meet the growing needs of its ministries. This means that we need to hear from each member of our congregation. We are asking you to prayerfully complete a survey to help the board determine our future needs. The copy below is for your prayerful consideration. We will distribute the actual Survey document to you on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your input and commitment to Connect, Grow, and Serve.

In Christ, Dr. Bill Foster Chair – Board of Directors

# Sample of the Congregation Survey that will be distributed on August 14, 2016.

Please read the questions below and circle the answer that best represents your perspective:

As the congregation has seen in the recent past, it is possible for Pastor Hass to receive a Call from another congregation even though his name is not on a Call List. With this in mind, do you believe that Bella Vista Lutheran Church is well prepared for a Vacancy in our Senior Pastor position in the near future?

#### Well prepared Prepared Not prepared

Do you believe that Bella Vista Lutheran Church is prepared if Pastor Jones decides to no longer lead Congregational Care?

Well prepared Prepared Not prepared

Do you believe that Bella Vista Lutheran has fulfilled its Vision to Connect, Grow, and Serve?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Do you believe there are more opportunities for Bella Vista Lutheran to engage with the communities of NWA than we do today?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Would you support the addition of an Associate Pastor to Lead Outreach who also assists in Congregational Care?

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Would you be willing to financially and prayerfully support the addition of another pastor?

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#### **THANKS**

Thanks to my friends at Bella Vista Lutheran Church for the cards and especially the prayers during my surgery and rehab. I am doing well but progress is slow. Your continued prayers are much appreciated. Sharon Crandall

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

PHONE: 479-855-0272

E-MAIL: office@bvlutheran.com

#### **Adult Bible Study**

- **Fellowship Hall:** Please plan to attend an interesting presentation by Congregational Chairman, Bill Foster, as he shows and explains the key points addressed at the National LCMS Convention in Milwaukee the week of July 10.
- Adult Bible Study on August 14.
  Chuck Merriman will be leading the Fellowship Hall Bible Study on August 14 with the next Ray Vander Laan series about "Jesus Renews the Mission: Seeking the Lost."
- **Library**: We continue with "Blessings in Disguise" which is led by Dick Munster. The lesson this week is titled "A Matter of the Heart. Comfort from God's Word in hard times."

#### **Sunday School**

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

## THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

The Shepherd's Food Pantry wants each of you to know that we are here for our entire community—and that <u>includes</u> our own Church Family!

Please... if you have a need at some point in time, it would please us to be able to assist you—whether it be food for the body or prayer and information.

Call Linda at the church office so a private appointment can be made as soon as possible with one of the pantry Board members to see how we can be of help.

It may seem that "Each One – Bring One" is posted in the Weekly News each Sunday to *ask* for your help. Just know that our purpose is to be of service to all in this congregation as well. Know that we are very grateful for all the support we receive from our Bella Vista Lutheran Church family. You are a **blessing**!

#### 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:

<u>Our Members:</u> Marcella Casey, Fran Bloomer, Marv Henning, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, Paul Benke, John Moldenhauer, Georgia Kinney, Helen Weeks, Dearl Graupner, Mike Dwyer, Paul Martin, Muriel Albers <u>Condolences:</u> Barb Roseen at the loss of her husband, Bob

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; St.John's Lutheran—Springdale; Bella Vista Presbyterian; Sonshiners

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



THE LWML MITE BOX

IS ON THE KIOSK TODAY.

#### THE LORD'S WEEK August 7, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

Blended Worship 10:45 a.m.

Monday

1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highlands Rehab. 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3

**Tuesday** 

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University Congregational Care Meeting 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting

10:00 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery 1:00 p.m. Writing Group—Classroom 5

Thursday

Friendly Stitchers 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery 12:00 noon **HOPE SFP Delivery** 

<u>Friday</u>

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

Saturday

5:37 p.m. 537 Worship Service

#### NEXT SUNDAY—August 14, 2016

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship** Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Blended Worship w/communion 10:45 a.m.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **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 "The Word in a World of Words" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. It's "Archives August" and Pastor Gregory Seltz revisits a classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

#### EMAIL ADDRESS:

Mary Ann Partridge: maryann.partridge@yahoo.com

# Men's Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 10 --- Meet at Harps Town Center at 11:30 to carpool

For lunch at The Jukebox --- [North on Hiway 71]
Different Adventure --- "Come Join Us"! For more information call Loren at 855-3400



#### THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 12:24 "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them." God feeds the birds of the airthis we know, it's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds...to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will

always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to trust to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

#### BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

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



### **Gravette Junior High School Supply list:**

#2 pencils

WIDE RULE loose leaf notebook paper

Red grading ink pens

Highlighters

Pink pearl erasers

Composition books (NOT perforated pages)

1/2 " ring binders

Yellow legal pads (8 x 11")

3 x 5" index cards

Pencil pouch for binder

Puff or Kleenex tissue

Paper towels

Please place the items in the collection box located in the narthex. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, August 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12. We will see how Jesus responded to the Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes attempts to discredit Him and His ministry. And see how to apply to our lives what Jesus was teaching to His disciples.

To help you prepare for our class, write out your questions and comments to share as you read through Chapter 12. If you have not been able to join us before - now would be a good time to join us as we listen and learn from Jesus our Lord and Savior. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*