

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 28-March 5, 2016
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our fallen human condition, no one is exempt from the need to repent. But in our pride, we often fail to see our own need to do so. We think other people are worse sinners than we are.

In our Gospel lesson today from Luke, the religious people thought that those killed by Pilate or crushed by a tower collapse must have deserved God's judgment. But Jesus ignored their question of "Why?" and turned those events into warnings to everyone to repent while there was time.

Through Ezekiel, God offered life to the wicked, if they would only repent. To the Christians in Corinth, Paul used the perils of God's Old Testament people as warnings, while promising God's help to resist temptation.

The message is clear: now is the time for each of us to repent!
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 Henning, Marlys Rembold, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, Bev Hess, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Lewis Watts, Paul Behnke, Jerre Lender, Chuck Scherz, Bob Sanford, Ken Wood, Ron Fant, Roy Knafla

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Redeemer Lutheran—Mountain Home; Heritage Baptist Church of Bella Vista, Village House

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and beautiful cards I received after the loss of my son, Brian. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Jerry Kolb

SINGLES

Meet **TODAY** from 3-5 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall and will play Bingo.
Bring your favorite appetizer and
come and enjoy the fellowship.

IT IS TAX TIME AGAIN---Do you need help completing and filing your Income Tax return? AARP/VITA has a tax site located in the Computer Club at the Crossings, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd., that will prepare your return without charge. The site is open 10am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have trouble traveling and/or are homebound, our congregation has a qualified individual who can assist you, in a confidential manner. Call and let us help coordinate a visit with this tax preparation specialist. Contact our Family Life Minister, Chuck Merri-man by calling 855-0272 or e-mail to:

familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com.

NEW ADDRESS: Millie & Ivan Hirsch
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SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Today we continue a Dr. Paul Maier Bible Study on "Christianity, the First Three Centuries." This is led today by Brian Sappington.
- Library: We continue the Concordia Publishing House Study, "The Truth About Islam" which is led by Dick Munster.
- The "Inquirer's Class" continues in the Conference Room. This class is led today by Chuck Merriman.

Sunday School

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

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One is requesting lemon gelatin for Easter bags. We wish to thank you for your support of the **JOY I** Lenten Supper. Thank you indeed, JOY I, for your efforts. At the same time, The Shepherd's Food Pantry invites you to this coming Lenten Supper, March 2nd. We hope you enjoy! All proceeds will go toward the hams we are including in the Easter Dinner Bag that we will be distributing each Friday during March. We truly thank you, and our patrons are so appreciative.

1 John 4: 11-12: *ESV*¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

DR. PAUL MAIER

will visit BVLC on
Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10.

Mark your calendars!!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SURVEY

If you are interested in growing as a disciple of Jesus with other men who call Jesus their Lord and Savior, please complete the survey which was placed in your mailbox today. On the survey, indicate your preference of the Gospel to be studied and indicate the class time you would prefer to meet together. The class will begin on Monday, March 7th. Next Sunday you will be informed as to what we are going to study and what time we will meet. Call me at 876-2715 if you have questions.

Fred Schaap

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



LWML REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites
NEXT SUNDAY, March 6th.
The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

THE LORD'S WEEK
February 28-March 5, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
3:00 p.m. Singles—Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting at the Hass Household

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Irma Miesbach
Backpackers—Multi Purpose Room
11:00 a.m. BV Baptist SFP Delivery
1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—Marlys Rembold
JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIC—Bev Effinger
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Cyndi Isaacson
11:00 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery
11:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch Service
1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Carol Sanders

Wednesday

9:30-3:00 p.m. S.W.A.P.—Multi Purpose Room
9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly—Church
1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper—Chili Supper
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.
7:00 p.m. SAC III—Marty & Brian Bibler

Friday

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—March 6, 2016

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship w/communion
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Ken Meyer

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, March 1st at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Stewardship



Luke 13:3 “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

The last day for pictures is Sunday, March 6th.

The directory will soon be available to access on line. In order to access it, a member must have an email address included in his/her information. The directory will be password protected, however, if anyone would not like his/her information or picture included, please let me know.

Photos, and changes can be sent to Toni Shane at directory@bvlutheran.com

LENTEN SUPPERS

As in the past, we need groups to commit to planning and serving a light supper at 5:00 p.m. The only date open is March 16. Please sign up at the kiosk indicating the food you will serve. **This week the Shepherd's Food Pantry will be serving a chili supper.**

LENTEN SUPPER DONATIONS

When attending the Lenten Suppers, please remember that if you donate by check to an organization which is not designated in the budget of Bella Vista Lutheran Church, all checks must be made out to that specific organization, NOT BVLC. These donations will go directly to the group sponsoring the meal and will NOT go through the office at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

EASTER SERVICES

Each Wednesday between now and Palm Sunday, March 20th, we will continue our Lenten Suppers and Services.

On Palm Sunday, March 20th, we will have a Unity Service which will begin at 9:30 a.m. At this service, 6 of our young adults will share their faith stories, be confirmed and receive their first communion.

Our Maundy Thursday service, with communion, will be on March 24th at 6:00 p.m. Our Good Friday service will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

On Easter Sunday, March 27th, we will again have a Unity Service which will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will have communion on both Palm Sunday and Easter.

Please mark your calendars so you can be here to celebrate the confirmation of our young adults on Palm Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter.