

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 13-19, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the next weeks we celebrate the Highest of the Holy Seasons of the Church Year, Holy Week. We enter into Holy Week next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Palm Sunday. Not only will we re-enact Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, but we will hear several young people confessing their faith in all that God has accomplished in their lives through Jesus!

Next is Maundy Thursday, with a service in which we remember Christ instituting the Holy Supper with His Disciples in the Upper Room. Then we move to Friday, the Friday we call "Good," when we relive the depth of God's love for us in the giving of His Only Son, for us.

On Sunday, March 27, we gather for the Highest of Holy Days, Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior.

Please remember that the Sunday Services on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be Unity Services at 9:30 a.m. and the Holy Week Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be at 6:00 p.m.

May God richly bless your worship in these coming days as we leave Lent and celebrate the joy of our Lord's Resurrection!

In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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## 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, John Moldenhauer, Kay Gaudian, Paul Behnke, Jerre Lender, Chuck Scherz, Ron Fant, Carroll Casey

**Missions:** Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Holy Trinity—Rogers; Judson American Baptist; Stephen Ministry

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## THANK YOU

I want to thank Pastor Jones for being at the hospital the morning of my hip replacement surgery; for prayers and then coming back to spend time with Ellie after the surgery. Also, thanks to Loren and Greta Thiele for being with Ellie during my surgery. A special thanks for all your prayers, cards and phone calls - this was all very much appreciated. We thank GOD for my successful procedure. GOD IS SO GOOD!

Ken Wood

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**IT IS TAX TIME AGAIN**---Do you need help completing and filing your Income Tax return? A tax site located in the Computer Club at the Crossings, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd., will prepare your return without charge from 10am to 4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our congregation also has a qualified individual who can assist you. Contact our Family Life Minister, Chuck Merriman at [familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com](mailto:familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com).

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## BACKPACKERS

will meet **TOMORROW**

March 14th at 9:00 a.m.

in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Come & join us!

## 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 by Chuck Merriman.
- 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 by Pastor Hass.

### 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 the following items to restock our pantry shelves: tomato sauce, chili and all assorted canned beans. We can always use more flour, sugar and oil, too. Thank you for supporting the pantry as we support our neighbors in need.

1 John 3:18 (ESV) <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk -- but in deed and in truth.

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### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Class continues tomorrow, March 14th. The afternoon class will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. in Classroom 3. The evening class is from 7-8:30 p.m. and **will meet this week in the Multi-Purpose Room.**

We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. If you haven't already done so, please read the introduction material for Matthew. Be prepared to share your information and/or ask questions based on what you read.

All men are invited to meet with us and continue to grow as disciples of Jesus.

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### SAVE THE DATE

THE NEXT LWML MEETING IS APRIL 7th

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



**\$100,000**  
**Opportunities in Uganda**

The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) hosts 100 plus congregations with less than 20 ordained pastors. This LWML Mission Grant will go toward completion of the seminary in Uganda and to continue the work of the Women of the Pearl (WOTP) to teach and put resources in the hands of women and men. The WOTP's mission is to provide education in literacy, nutrition, sanitation, business ownership, and agriculture to women in Uganda so they may serve God, support pastors, congregations, and communities through the teachings of Scripture. The seminary allows pastors and lay leaders the opportunity to study closer to home.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
**March 13-19, 2016**

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.  
 10:45 a.m.  
 1:30 p.m.  
 2-4 p.m.

**Divine Worship**  
 Fellowship  
**Blended Worship w/communion**  
 TLC-HW—Gary & Millie Aaron  
 TLC-HE—Dale & Nancy Wandrie

**Monday**

9:00 a.m.  
  
 12:30 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m.  
  
 6:30 p.m.  
  
 7:00 p.m.

JOY I—Barbara Hartwig  
 Backpacks—Multi Purpose Room  
 JOY IIC—Birthday Celebration  
 Men's Bible Study—Classroom 3  
 JOY IIB—Marlys Rembold  
 JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.  
 Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.  
 Stephen Ministry Speaker—Classroom 3  
 Men's Bible Study—Multi-Purpose Room

**Tuesday**

9:30 a.m.  
  
 11:00 a.m.  
 12:30 p.m.  
 1:30 a.m.

JOY IIIA—Shoebbox Ministry—Church  
 JOY IIIC—Mary Ann Partridge  
 United Way SFP Delivery  
 Prayer Shawl Makers  
 JOY IV—Nancy Gruenewald

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m.  
  
 5:00 p.m.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3  
 JOY VA—Church  
 Lenten Supper—Beef & Vegetable Casserole  
 Parent's Night Out  
 Lenten Service  
 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.  
 12:00 noon  
 12:30 p.m.  
 2:30 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Sonshiners  
 Pray—ers  
 Harps SFP Delivery  
 HOPE SFP Delivery  
 Ladies Bridge—Fellowship Hall  
 Highland Rehab.  
 SAC III—Bob & Bev Hess

**Friday**

10—1:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Food Pantry

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m.

Pastoral Care Training

**NEXT SUNDAY—March 20, 2016—PALM SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Unity Service w/confirmation & communion  
 10:45 a.m. Fellowship  
 3:00 p.m. TLC-E Rich & Eloise Haddock  
 Concordia Service  
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern Gruhn

**ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS**

March 15th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Beginners welcome!  
 Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Stewardship**



Luke 20:16 “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said “Surely not!” The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom—let us not take it for granted, but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

**LENTEN SUPPER**

This week's menu is beef & vegetable casserole, salad & bars.

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**GRIEF SHARE** classes are scheduled to start on April 5 at 2:00 p.m. here 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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**UNITY SERVICES**

On both **Palm Sunday, March 20th and Easter Sunday, March 27th**, we will have a Unity Service with communion. **These services will both begin at 9:30 a.m.**

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY** is having a speaker tomorrow, March 14th 6:30 pm from Village House. All are welcome to come and hear what the Village House has to offer for our members. This will be held in Classroom 3.

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**DR. PAUL MAIER**

Will visit BVLC on

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10.

***Mark your calendars!!***

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**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

March 16th, 2016

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Kid friendly meal, games, crafts & music

Children ages 3-12

Call 855-0272 with questions

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

It's time to celebrate your Special Day!

Wednesday, March 30th

12:00 Noon

The River Grille

Spouses and guests are welcome! Please sign up at the kiosk by Monday, March 28th.