

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 29-December 5, 2015
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you counted your blessings recently? Chances are, you have. With our Thanksgiving celebrations now behind us, and the Christmas shopping list before us, we need daily reminders to keep counting our blessings.

Every day, in every season, God's provision for our every need stands right before us. With ungrateful spirits, our sinfulness blocks us from seeing all that our gracious Savior gives.

Today, we are reminded how Jesus Christ has removed our transgressions so that we can receive His salvation, full and free, and be taught and guided in His way, not our own. His way is one of thankfulness and love. Let's walk this way together!

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, Marie Herr, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Al Grue-newald, John Brack, Ron Fant, Gary Nelson, Doreen Lubeck, Buz Moxon, Melody Plaisance, Betty Long, Deb Roesener, Linda McMillin, Gary Aaron, George Albers, Mary Loveless

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Redeemer Lutheran—Mountain Home; Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church; Lives Under Construction

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the youth group members that came to my house on Monday to clear the leaves in my yard. Your help was very much appreciated. A job well done! Vern Gruhn

We would like to thank the members of Bella Vista Lutheran Church for all of your wonderful donations and continued support of Helping Hands. You are very much appreciated!!

Nancy Manos & Clarice Gnuse

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2016 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please check that the label # matches your envelope #.

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

LWML REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites **NEXT SUNDAY,**

December 6. The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR TODAY
WILL CONSIST OF JOINING
YOUR BVLC FRIENDS FOR COFFEE
IN THE NARTHEX OR FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
UNITY SERVICE.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WILL NOT BE HELD TODAY.**

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Children & parents, join us in viewing
Red Boots For Christmas
cookie decorating and card making.

Saturday, Dec. 5

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Bella Vista Lutheran Church

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THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One has planned the menu for Christmas and requests *au gratin* or *scalloped* potatoes, fruit cocktail, gelatin, and dessert as part of the holiday meal. Guests will receive their regular groceries in addition to the special bill of fare each of the 3 Fridays in December. The menu for Christmas will be ham, potatoes as listed, fruit cocktail, gelatin, and cake & frosting or fruit pie filling & crust.

NOTICE: The food pantry is looking for two volunteers to pick up food items from Fresh Market in Rogers on one Tuesday per month. Call Glenn Wickboldt, 866-3744. We appreciate your food donations and monetary donations to cover costs of meats and we thank you again for your support for the Thanksgiving meals.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Mums may be picked up after the service today.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Your votes have selected Seminary student Anthony DiLiberto as the recipient of our LWML support this year. Anthony, his wife Jamie and 2 year old daughter are in St. Louis where he is a second year seminary student. They have been missionaries in Peru for 6 years. Anthony was the Peru mission team's Mercy Outreach Specialist at Mighty Fortress Mercy House. This church body reaches out to the children and teens forced to live and work on the streets of Lima, Peru. Anthony is from California and Jamie is from Tobias, Nebraska.



THE LORD'S WEEK
 Nov 29-December 5, 2015

Sunday

9:30 a.m. **Unity Worship Service w/communion**
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
 3:00 p.m. Concordia Service

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—No Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Village House Service
 1:00 p.m. JOY IIB—No Meeting
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA— Highlands
 JOY IIC—Joanne Cline

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Ula Biesterfeld
 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Judy Dollar
 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—Marlys Rembold
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
 2:00 p.m. JOY VA—Bradford House
 6:00 p.m. Advent Service
 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
 11-12 Noon SFP Harps Delivery
 12-1:00 p.m. HOPE/Food Pantry Delivery

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Choir Rehearsal
 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Red Boots for Christmas**

NEXT SUNDAY—December 6, 2015

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education
 10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship**
 11:45 a.m. Worship Arts Meeting

BACKPACKERS

will meet December 7th

at 9:00 a.m.

in the Chapel (former Fellowship Hall.)

Come & join us!

Stewardship



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Luke 19:31: "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it" - and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities we live in. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Friday 18 Holes
 Singles & Couples
 Call Ron Burkett 268-3303



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is having Circle of Life Hospice on Dec 14th 6:30 p.m. They will share information on the benefits of hospice and their grief support.

Hospice care is a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain and symptom management, as well as spiritual support. It provides comfort and quality of life for patients and their families during life's final transition, with little to no out of pocket expense. Hospice also offers bereavement support for individuals who have experienced the loss of a family member, friend or loved one, regardless of whether they had a hospice experience. Join us as we share about the benefits which have helped so many.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsal for the adult choir Christmas Program continues on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Come & join us!

SOUND TEAM

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of our sound team. We have lost several members and need your help and consideration to fill those places. Contact the church office if you are interested.
