

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 13-19, 2015

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today we read in Mark 9 of a father who begs Jesus for help. In the midst of that encounter the father confesses the truth, about his condition and ours, ***"I Believe; Help My Unbelief!"***

That prayer is the shortest summary of the prayer we often share, our family prayer, the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is holy conversation with God. Sometimes the words we use for that communication are not easily formed. Often we are subject to forces in the world that leave us almost speechless when it comes to speaking with God.

By God's grace, we are reminded that at those times of weakness, our Lord Jesus Christ supplies the strength we need. His Spirit intercedes for us, and as we grow in faith and faithfulness, we are taught anew to pray to God with all boldness and confidence.

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, Ed Barnoski, Marlys Rembold, Jerry Lundwall, Thelma Breen, Jerre Lender, Jerry Herr, Helen Hise, Myrna Ewoltdt, Ellie Wood, Mavis Meyer

Condolences: to the family of Mo Kunkel and the family of Byrl Friesen at their loss

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Peace Lutheran—Prairie Grove; Village Baptist Church; Hispanic Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards and prayers and those who helped me celebrate my mom's (Dorothy Turner) life this last Wednesday. It meant so much to me. She is in the arms of our Loving Lord now.
Diana Watts

I thank you all for your prayers. My eye was saved and though it will require further treatment, may God's will be done.

Ken Meyer

Ladies of the LWML: Thank you so much for sending the Prayer Shawl, your prayers and thinking of Joyce and I during my bypass surgery. The shawl was very comforting when I got back home and also very warming.

I begin cardiac rehab and expect that they will have some lifestyle and eating habit changes for me before I am done. Thanks again for the Prayer Shawl. It was much appreciated.

In God's love Dennis & Joyce Paulsen

Today is

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

APRECIATION SUNDAY

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We want to thank all of our Sunday School teachers for their dedication in teaching our children each and every Sunday.

You are a blessing to all at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

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

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: Today we will have a DVD based on the Paul Maier study on "Christianity and the Competition - Islam"
Construction update will be shown before the start of the Bible Study.
- Choir Room: The new study, "Christian Life Today: Health & Well Being" starts and is led by Dick Munster.

Sunday School

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

If you want an opportunity to **dunk the Family Life Minister, Chuck Merriman**, come to the **Bella Vista Hay Days festival across the street from our church on Saturday, September 19 from 11:15 – 11:30 AM**. This will be part of a city fund raising event for the "Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County". Show your support for Bella Vista Lutheran Church and the Children's Advocacy Center.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

September 16
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Friendly meal, games, crafts & music

Children ages 3-12

Call 855-0272 with questions

MEALS ON WHEELS

12 local churches in Bella Vista take turns distributing meals to shut-ins. **OCTOBER** is our month! We need 66 teams of two! Please take advantage of this opportunity to not only serve your community but also help our less fortunate neighbors in Bella Vista! The sign-up board is located in the narthex.

PORTALS OF PRAYER is distributed to members of BVLC every quarter in either the regular or large print format. Concordia Publishing has now started publishing this devotion in a 'Digest' size format. If you would like to personally order the 'Digest' size for your family, go to page 108 in your current Portals of Prayer to find the order form. You will still receive a copy at church. **A sample of the 'Digest' size is on the kiosk.**

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



ATTN: LWML MEMBERS

You are invited to attend the Fall Zone Rally on Saturday, October 3 at First Lutheran Church in Harrison, AR. Coffee and registration is from 9-10 a.m.

Ingathering and offering for First Lutheran Church's School Backpack Program. A sign up sheet is on the kiosk.

THE LORD'S WEEK
September 13-19, 2015

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
 3:00 p.m. TLC-Eastside—Dave & Loey Hudak
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Alice & Jerry Lundwall

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Lillian Pingel
 11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—Papa Mike's—Curly Baehr
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings
 12:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Makers

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Mo Kunkel's Memorial Service
 5:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Sonshiners
 9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
 11-12:00 noon SFP Harp's Delivery—Fellowship Hall
 12-1:00 p.m. HOPE/Food Pantry—Fellowship Hall
 12:30-3:00 p.m. Ladies Bridge
 1:30 p.m. Building Team Meeting
 2:30-3:30 p.m. Highland Rehab.

Friday

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

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—September 20, 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

NEW CELL #: Ron Fant: 731-335-1604
 Martha Fant: 731-335-2830

NEW ADDRESS: Jackie Klees
 713 W. 6th St. Apt. B208
 Wabasha, MN. 55981

A local company is in need of temporary help for installation of equipment and some service work. Some lifting required. Please contact the church office for further information.

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

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

Stewardship THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Mark 9:24 “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this? Notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity; He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow! By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

Thursday Mixed 9 Holes
 Singles & Couples
 Call Bill Scholten 855-1324



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

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

You continue to fill the collection boxes and offer your time and donations, and we sincerely *thank you*, Church family. You are a blessing to many. Each One – Bring One continues to ask for egg noodles, flour, sugar and oil. And remember -- shop local! 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Training begins September 28th
 Contact Pam Benson 855-5853 or Pam.Benson@cox.net

WEEKLY SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are familiar with Power Point or would like to learn about it, we would sincerely appreciate your help with the weekly announcements projected on the screen in the Sanctuary. This takes approx. 2 hours per week and we do a month at a time. At this time there are only two of us so any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Deb Roesener 479-644-9349.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Advent by Candlelight sign up sheet is on the kiosk. Those who would like to Hostess a table this year please sign up. We know that this is early but we would like to have some type of count. Thank You

PHOTO BLOG OF BVLC

Are you good at taking pictures????
 Please join our new team called
 Photo Blog of BVLC.
 Call Peggy Nelson 855-7913 or
 e-mail peggyGnelson@msn.com
 All are welcome to join...