

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 21-27, 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's Epistle, Paul urges us to imitate him by rejecting those whose "minds are set on earthly things" and self-glorification. Instead Paul calls us to stand "firm in the Lord."

God's people in Jeremiah's time had their minds set on themselves and the physical temple rather than on the Lord. The Temple was the Lord's House in Jeremiah's day. The Temple was still thought of as the Lord's House in Jesus' day, but by that time the Temple had forsaken the true worship of God.

The Biblical mind-set we hear about in today's sermon keeps in focus that our citizenship is in heaven. We shall endeavor, with our Lord's help, to keep that mind-set foremost as we journey through Lent, towards Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday and on to the celebration of Easter.

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

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Grace Lutheran—Holiday Island; Fellowship Missionary Baptist; Lutheran Braille Workers

INSTALLATION

Rev. Mark Eisold will be installed as Associate Pastor of Mission and Outreach at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida next Sunday, February 28th. Cards may be sent to Mark at the following address: Grace Lutheran Church
860 Banyan Blvd.
Naples, Florida 34102

Please keep this family in your prayers as they adjust to their new home and life in Florida. The Eisolds were missionaries in Peru for 5 years.

IT IS TAX TIME AGAIN---Do you need help completing and filing your Income Tax return? AARP/VITA has a tax site that will prepare your return without charge located in the Computer Club at the Crossings, 1801 Forest Hills Blvd. 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 Merriman by calling 855-0272 or e-mail to:

familylifeminister@bvlutheran.com.

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 continues to accumulate stock for the special Easter dinner bag and anticipates at least 150 families visiting during March. We are asking for ready made graham or shortbread pie crusts. Our neighbors can also use flour, sugar and oil.

Clean juice bottles are needed as we make laundry soap for our clients.

Anything you can contribute will be appreciated by many.

Romans 8:11 *ESV*¹¹ If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



MID-SOUTH DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS

- \$11,400 Mid-South District Church Planting.
- \$25,000 Financial Aid for Professional Church Workers
- \$ 5,000 Trinity/Hope Lutheran School Feeding Program in Haiti providing a noon meal for one specific school. Trinity Lutheran, Gallatin, TN.
- \$10,000 Deaf Ministry Outreach
Cross of Calvary Lutheran, Memphis, TN.
- \$10,000 Special Needs Educational Program with LSEM (Lutheran Special Education Ministry)
Immanuel Lutheran, Memphis, TN.
- \$ 8,000 Mwaui Lutheran School Boys' Dormitory
Construction in Tanzania
Grace Lutheran, Clarksville, TN.

THE LORD'S WEEK
February 21-27, 2016

Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship w/communion**
Fellowship
9:30 a.m. **Blended Worship**
12:00 noon New Member Lunch
7:00 p.m. SAC I—Marlys Rembold

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Lillian Pingel
1-3 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
1:30 p.m. JOY IIB—
JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIC—Joanne Cline
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Vicki Dehnert
9:30 a.m. JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings
11:00 a.m. United Way SFP Delivery
1:30 a.m. JOY IV—Diana Wickboldt

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
1:00 p.m. JOY VB— Church—Classroom 3
JOY VA—No Meeting
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper—BBQ Sandwiches
6:00 p.m. Lenten Service
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00-12:00 p.m. Friendly Stitchers
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Conference Rm.

Friday

10—1:00 p.m. Shepherd's Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. YAC III—Dick & Doreen Lubeck

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—February 28, 2016

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**
4:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting at the Hass Household

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

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

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF

training session on
February 27 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM
at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO.
Additional information is on the kiosk

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Stewardship



Philippians 3:19: "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Check out the new shipment of **all occasion cards!** This is an LWML project and all cards are only **\$3.00 a box.** **The display is located in the church Library.** Just place the money in the envelope provided and put it in Elaine Schurman's church mailbox. Make checks payable to **LWML.**

PICTURE DIRECTORY

Our new church directory will be coming out in April. If you would like a new photo taken, please meet me in the narthex by the fireplace **BETWEEN SERVICES TODAY.**

If you need to make address and/or phone # changes, please complete one of the 'Church Directory' forms located on the kiosk and return to Toni Shane. Photos can be e-mailed to 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. We will ask for a free will offering to be used for a service project of their choice. Please sign up at the kiosk for the date and food you will serve. **This week JOY I will serve BBQ Sandwiches, potato salad, pickles & cookies.**

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.

DR. PAUL MAIER

will visit BVLC on

Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10.

Mark your calendars!!