

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 1-7, 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Life has a certain rhythm. Worship has a certain rhythm to it as well. In our congregation each service begins and ends in a specific way, with the name of God. We begin worship with the name of the Trinity in the Invocation. We later end worship with the Benediction, "The LORD bless you and keep you . . ." (Numbers 6:22-27).

This rhythm of worship can serve as a model for each new day. In his Small Catechism, Luther wrote, "*In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'*" Luther also suggests that in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the cross again as God's name is spoken."

This New Year's Day, what better way is there to conclude the old year and begin the new one than in the name of our Lord?

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, Deb Roesener, Gary Hartwig, Paul Benke, John Moldenhauer, Mike Dwyer, Judy Moxon, Wesley Hass, Rick Benson, Richard Meyer, Elda Wenzel, George Albers, Jerry Kolb, Marian Martin, Gerrie Onischuk

Condolences to the family of Roy Grote at their loss

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Christ Lutheran—Siloam Springs; BV Presbyterian; NW Arkansas Children's Shelter

LUTHERAN HOUR

Listen to the Lutheran Hour each Sunday over radio station KURM-FM (100.3) at 12:30 p.m. Today's program is "Right on Time, Just When We Need His Grace" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. (Galatians 4:4-7)

THANK YOU

The Merriman's would like to thank everyone for the Christmas gift and thoughtfulness. We are blessed to be in ministry at Bella Vista Lutheran Church.

Communion Service and Lunch

Tuesday, January 3 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal slips are in your mailbox. Please return the slip to the office before January 22. If you wish to renew, be sure your current address is on the form. If you do not wish to renew, please mark appropriately.

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES

will resume on Wednesday evening
January 11th at 6:00 p.m.

The class will meet in the church library.
Please call Dorothy Jones at 366-1700 with questions.

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

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will not be held today.

"Who am I? What am I doing here?"

Bible Study in the Library

This will be a great class to help you connect your life to the Bible.

Please join us in the Library starting on January 22 with a Bible Study produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries utilizing Professor Dr. Joel Biermann of the St. Louis Seminary. Joel is very down to earth as he talks about what we are doing here on earth, what our purpose is. This is presented in easy to understand terms, from creation, Law and Gospel, worldviews, our purpose in the ministry (the best segment of the series), our role in telling others, and of course the end times. He does a great job wrapping Creation, Jesus, and the End times all together to answer the questions, "Who am I and what am I doing here?"

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2017 envelopes are in the narthex for you to take home.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." ... what better example of a new beginning is there, than the birth of Jesus?

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Dr. Betty Duda was called home to Jesus on December 24, 2016. Betty was the past President of LWML from 1987-1991. Many will remember Betty not only for her inspiring leadership, but also for her humble service to the Lord.



Betty emphasized LWML's theme by saying, "When we talk about serving the Lord with gladness—and I always add "and joy"—that's how it is in the LWML. We are a mission organization. We're dedicated to the Great Commission. When we are doing that, we are developing leadership."

THE LORD'S WEEK
January 1-7, 2017

Sunday

9:30 a.m. **New Year's Day Service w/communion**
12:30 p.m. Lutheran Hour KURM-FM (100.3)
"Right on Time, Just When We Need His Grace"

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—LuAnn Roy
1:00 p.m. Silver Needle Quilters
Men's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
JOY IIB—No meeting
JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. JOY IIIA—Doreen Lubeck
JOY IIIC—Judie Dollar
11:00 a.m. Communion Service/Lunch
12:00 noon SFP Food Bank Delivery
1:30 p.m. JOY IV—No Meeting
2:15 p.m. S.W.A.P. at Brookfield

Wednesday

9 a.m.-3 p.m. S.W.A.P.
9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly
1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Library
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pray—ers
10:15 a.m. JOY VA—Library
11:00 a.m. Harps SFP Delivery
12:00 noon HOPE SFP Delivery

Friday

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

Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY—January 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. **Divine Worship**
9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. **Blended Worship w/communion**
2-4:00 p.m. TLC-E Chapel

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the LWML ladies who participated in the Christmas Stocking project. We were able to send \$50.00 to 10 charities. Thank you so much for your support!!

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Stewardship



Luke 2:21 "And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb." There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the Name of Jesus? The Lord Saves. That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith in action.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Discipleship Bible class resumes on **January 2nd** at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Please park behind the Fellowship Hall and enter through the basement door.

GOOD SAMARITAN'S CARE TEAM

"NEED A LITTLE HELP"

There are cards on the kiosk to fill out if you need help around your home. Place them in Dale Wandrie's mailbox or contact him at 855-8708 or dalewandrie@att.net. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

January 17 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Beginners welcome!
Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395



I received this prayer shawl from Bella Vista Lutheran Church in Arkansas who have been praying for me. I am so humbled and blessed by people from all over the country. Thank you, Jesus.