

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nov. 8-14, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These past years, months, weeks, days, and everything that encompasses our Building Project have included much work and much joy! Our Lord has brought us to this day to celebrate what He has accomplished through each of us. This day is both a day of celebrating the completion of a project and the beginning of a new adventure in using all we are receiving to Connect people to the cross of Jesus, to Grow in our faith and to Serve our King!

The text for today's Sermon is one that is dear to me. Jeremiah 18:1-4 has had my full attention over the course of all my time here at Bella Vista Lutheran. *"This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.' So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him."*

This project, this new building and the renovations to the previous building, are a miracle! They are, without any doubt, gifts from God. There are so many memories, so much reshaping in the potter's hands, and all of this began long before the need for a new and renovated facility was realized. It started with a congregation that was certain that God was calling them to a new task, a new direction, an enormous challenge. This group of Jesus followers became united in the common struggle that Christians who take their faith seriously come to know. It is a daunting thing to reprioritize ministry. But, that is exactly what this congregation understood. So after repenting before God, the way forward was determined, and the work began. And in that process we soon saw that when we are faithful in small ways, God blesses faithfulness with fruitfulness.

God began creating the need for the changes to our facility by bringing new children and families into the midst of this refining experience. In essence that is the reason we are here today. To thank God for calling us to be faithful, and to ask His blessing as we receive these good gifts and commit anew to using them to be fruitful for His Glory. 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, Barbara Harlson, John Brack, Ron Fant, Gary Nelson, Doreen Lubeck, Buz Moxon, Melody Plaisance, Gene Gnuse, Stan Crandall, Lillian Pingel

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; St. John's Lutheran—Fayetteville; Bella Vista Church of the Nazarene; Stamped With A Prayer

GRAVETTE ELEMENTARY LION BUDDY PROGRAM

The Lion Buddy program is for elementary grades K—5. The purpose is to give counselor-selected children time with a stable adult for at least one hour per week. We do not tutor nor do the children have a learning disability. Lion Buddies go to lunch with their child (30 minutes) and then to recess (30 minutes) for one hour total per week. Volunteers pick the

**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.**

day when they will visit. Lunch time is set by the grade the child is in. When you are assigned a child, you will learn why they are in the program. At this time we have no one to visit with five boys and two girls. Please volunteer if you can spare about two hours per week to help a child. Contact Chuck Merriman if you are interested.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One will begin distribution of Thanksgiving turkeys/chickens and food bags this Friday November 6th. We are so very grateful for your support of this ministry. May your contributions of food, money and volunteering of time be your blessing as well as our neighbors'. Still, our biggest need is **financial** to cover the increased cost of turkeys. And, thank you for using our new collection area in the fellowship hall entry. It is beautiful to see the Father's overflowing love shown generously through you.

Acts 20:35b (ESV) ...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

COOPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR

Please come to the Sanctuary on **Thursday November 12 at 11:15 AM to enjoy the Cooper Elementary School Choir.** This has been a highlight and enjoyment of our members for the past few years. Your encouragement of the children will be greatly appreciated.

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Noon luncheon at Razorback Pizza

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

North of Macadoodles location. Ya all come!!

For information call: 479-855-3400

COOPERATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME!

We have many new rooms and many activities. When your group uses a room, no matter **what** room, please **leave it like you found it!!!** No exceptions!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Time to vote to support a Seminary Student. You will find a ballot in your box with names and information about 3 seminary students. Please vote for one and place your ballot in the box provided.

THE LORD'S WEEK
Nov 8-14, 2015

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Unity Service
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship
 1:30-3:30 p.m. TLC Highlands West—Church Clrm 3
 2:00-4:00 p.m. TLC Highlands East—Church—FH
 3:00-5:30 p.m. TLC Eastside—Doug & Rae Jean Petersan

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Irma Miesbach
 10:00 a.m. Baptist Delivery—Shepherd's Food Pantry
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 JOY IIB—Marlys Rembold
 JOY IIC—Bonnie Whiting
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry—Multi-Purpose Room

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Linda Schmelig
 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Lora Rollings
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Clarice Gnuse
 6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting
 7:00 p.m. PMT Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
 9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly—Marlys Rembold
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Classroom 3
 JOY VA—Church
 Writing Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers
 11:15 a.m. Cooper School Choir—Sanctuary
 11-12:00 noon Harp's Delivery—Shepherd's Food Pantry
 12-1:00 p.m. HOPE Delivery—Shepherd's Food Pantry
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY—November 15, 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
 First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
 Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25
 Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

November 18, 2015 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 Children ages 3-12
 Call 855-0272 with questions

Bella Vista Recycle Group (AARP 109) is having a huge free program at Riordan Hall on Nov. 12th. At 12:00 noon free hot dogs will be served with a program starting at 1:00 p.m. We want to thank all the folks that bring their recyclables to the center, the workers and the volunteers. There is no admission charge, but folks are asked to bring canned food or \$2.00 for the two Food Banks in Bella Vista.

Stewardship



Mark 12:44: "For they all contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN GOLF

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



CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE by NOV. 16th

To order a Poinsettia for Christmas, please complete the bottom portion of the order form and place in Pat Vandenberg's mailbox. Use a special offering envelope and mark "Poinsettias" on the outside of the envelope and place in the offering plate. Payment is due by Nov. 30th.

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS

November 17th from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Beginners welcome!

Call Elaine Schurman at 531-3395

MEALS ON WHEELS—We just want to take this opportunity to thank the 59 people who delivered approximately 630 daily meals plus 26 frozen weekend meals during the month of October. Bella Vista Lutheran is so blessed to have all the wonderful volunteers that serve their Lord by serving those recipients in our community. God is so good. Thank you again. Irma Miesbach & Muriel Albers

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Jesus' plan for fulfilling the Great commission is explained in Acts 1:8. To prepare for class, read the first twelve chapters of Acts and look to see how the early disciples were led by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' plan.

The time span between chapters one and twelve is approximately ten years. Make some notes on any questions or insights you may have as you read through these chapters.

Ask the Father to open your eyes, mind and heart to see things you had not been aware of previously. This may be a memorable Bible Class for all of us!