

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 25-31, 2015

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we remember. We remember our Lord's life, death and resurrection. We remember our heritage, not as just history, but as foundation for going forth, sharing Christ in our lives and throughout our community.

History is the occasion, but not the focus, of this observance of the anniversary of the Reformation. It was a real event, for sure, but it was an event precipitated by a crisis of teaching.

The observance of Reformation Day remains a day on which we focus upon teaching; the faithful teaching of the justification of the sinner before God by grace through faith. Being justified, being made right by God alone, is what we thank God for daily. God is also just, so the debt of sin must be satisfied. Here is where the Gospel becomes clear. God sends His Son to justify us, to make us right, by paying our debt for sin and dying our death. God is just, and He alone is our justifier. Thanks be to God!

As we look back on the history of the Reformation, we recall what happened so long ago. We also look back to understand that what was then is also here and now. The Reformation stands as a warning to us, today, here and now, that we must not allow our teaching to be corrupted and the Gospel of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ become a new law that binds instead of frees the sinner from his chains.

Today, we are thankful for our past, but we gather today to affirm in the present the same commitment to deliver the faithful Gospel of Jesus Christ: the justifier who declares the sinner just.

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, Jerre Lender, Myrna Ewoldt, Paul Martin, Al Gruenewald, Barbara Harlson, John Brack, Ron Fant, Patrice Eggert, Gary Nelson, Doreen Lubeck, Buz Moxon

Missions: Pastor J. P. Cima—Viet Nam; Unidos En Cristo--Springdale; Bella Vista Baptist Church; Friendly Stitchers

TRUNK AND TREAT

Trunk and Treat is on Saturday, October 31 from 5:30 until 7:30. Please sign up at the kiosk to bring your decorations and serve children from the back of your car. Bible theme decorations are always welcome. We also need volunteers to help keep an eye on all of the activities going on. **SEE CHUCK MERRIMAN TO SIGN UP AND WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

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

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

Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: The topic today will be "Reformation" and will be led by Pastor Hass.

Construction update will be shown before the start of the Bible Study.

- Choir Room: The new study, "Christian Life Today: Health & Well Being" is led by Dick Munster.

Sunday School

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

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. For example, Mrs. Boston, Upper Elementary Counselor, said in a recent E-mail, "Clearly there is a need for this program. I have another student who was approved today. His name is Nathan, and I LOVE this child. He has a great personality and is really fun to talk to. He lost his beloved grandmother this summer and could really benefit from the program!" At this time we have no one to visit with Nate plus four other 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.

SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY

Each One – Bring One continues to request these items in order to complete our Thanksgiving bag for our pantry neighbors: pumpkin (puree only), evaporated milk, pie crust, cream soups, and canned cranberries. Thank you for placing your donations in our new collection bench section. And, thank you for participating in the food collection at Oktoberfest!

James 1:17 (*ESV*): ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[a]

REMINDER

Be sure to bring your mites **NEXT SUNDAY, November 1**. The Mite Box will be on the kiosk.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Next Sunday is LWML Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 has been designated as LWML Sunday at BVLC. The women of the LWML invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the body of Christ under the theme, "Seek First the Kingdom of God" based on Matthew 6:26, 32b, 33. Join us and learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML in bringing the lost and erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry.

THE LORD'S WEEK
October 25-31, 2015

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Divine Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 Annual Congregational Meeting
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. Blended Worship w/communion
 7:00 p.m. SAC I—Vern & Diane Howard
 7:00 p.m. YAC I—Ivan & Millie Hirsch

Monday

9:00 a.m. JOY I—Marie Herr
 1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—Highland Rehab.
 JOY IIB—Curly Baehr
 JOY IIC—Vera Fenner
 Stephen Ministry
 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. JOY IIIA—Margaret Kuehn
 9:00 a.m. JOY IIIC—Ilene Severns
 11:00 Noon United Way Delivery
 1:30 p.m. JOY IV—Rachel Sanford

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Quilting
 12:00 Noon River Grille Birthday Lunch
 1:00 p.m. JOY VB—Classroom 3
 JOY VA—Church
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

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. SAC III—Arlo & Irma Miesbach

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Program Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NEXT SUNDAY—November 1, 2015—LWML SUNDAY

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

COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCH

Tuesday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Please remind our homebound members/friends of this service.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Due to lack of interest, Advent by Candlelight will not be held this year.

NEW ADDRESS effective Nov. 5.

Ron & Dee Hachinsky Phone: 816-623-3084
 4518 SW Olympia Drive Ron's Cell: 816-313-7160
 Lee's Summit, MO. 64082 Dee's Cell: 816-572-8042

Stewardship



REFORMATION DAY

Romans 3:20 "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." The Law of God is good—it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God, the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wednesday, October 28th at the River Grille

This is your invitation to join all of us born in September and October to enjoy a special luncheon prepared just for us at the River Grille. Spouses and guests are welcome! Please sign up at the kiosk by Monday, October 26th.

This is a regularly scheduled outing sponsored by the Fellowship team. Questions? Call Betty Bennett at 479-855-2759

CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsal for the adult choir Christmas Program continues on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. Please consider joining us to celebrate the birth of our King. Invite your friends and neighbors to sing with us.

Consecration Sunday Results – October 11, 2015

A total of 118 of 247 giving units completed the *Estimate of Giving Cards* for a total of \$452,906. Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$188,808 during the coming year from those who did not provide an *Estimate of Giving Card*. Based on the average total loose plate offerings over the past several years we can expect to receive \$15,000. Other sources of income are estimated to be \$7,800. This gives a total of \$664,514 anticipated income during 2016. This is an increase of \$7,414, or 1%.

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.
