

# BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 6-12, 2015

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am just rediscovering that for many people the cooling weather and the beginnings of the changing of the colors of the leaves on the trees brings a sense of anxiety or dread as the cycle of the year and of life draws to a close. As one that loves the season of Fall, I have to be reminded that others see Fall as a time of withering and slowing down, a time of decay leading to the dread of winter.

As I have been preparing this week's sermon, I noticed that the prophet Isaiah, in Chapter 34, in a certain sense used that same kind of image about dying leaves, as he prophesied the demise of the nations and peoples opposed to God: ***"All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree."***

We, as God's people, have been purchased and won by Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection! We are strengthened through the fulfilled promises of God, promises completely fulfilled in Jesus! When all the world looks as if it is falling apart, when we ourselves look to be falling apart, physically, spiritually, and even emotionally, we as God's people know that we are given a special sense of His mercy! He tells us to, ***"Fear not!"***

We, as redeemed people, rejoice in God's power made evident in His works that display His goodness. As His people, we live out our days demonstrating faith that is truly alive and evident in good works. In Him, *Pastor Hass*

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## 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, Verna Menard, Mo Kunkel, Ken Meyer, Thelma Breen, Jerre Lender, Jerry Herr, Linda McMillin, Helen Hise, Myrna Ewoldt, Ellie Wood

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

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## THANK YOU

Thanks to all for your prayers, phone calls, cards and concern at the time of my ablation. Thanks to Pastor Jones, Debi, Lauren and Miles for being with Gary during the procedure. Also thanks to Debi, Lauren and Miles for the great cookies you baked for us. A very special thanks to my JOY Sisters and Jan for the wonderful meals you brought us. The ablation was successful and I no longer have a-fib and I thank God for that each day. Barbara Hartwig

I want to thank all the 'Sonshiners' that have visited mom these last years. She is with her Lord now—gone with all the afflictions. Thanks. Diane Watts

Thanks to all of you who attended the Granny's Quilts of Love dinner and auction last Saturday night. We were very successful again this year and will be able to put many smiles on little sick children's faces this coming year. Many thanks to all of you Grannies that have helped throughout the year. Again, blessings and thanks to all of you.

Granny's Quilts of Love/Friendly Stitchers

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

### Adult Bible Study

- Fellowship Hall: "What Does This Mean?" is led today 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" 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.

I want to thank God and each and every one of you for praying for the good results of the drainage of two cysts on my lower back on each side of my spine! I felt your prayers and God's hands working on my back. I am completely pain free, which I have not been for years! I pray the fluid will not come back, but it possibly could and then I would have to have lower back surgery to remove the cysts and have other work done on joints and disks. It is all in God's Hands and I trust Him. Helen Hise

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## *We need you in October*

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.



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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

September 10, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

"THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES!"

No matter what our occupation or economic status, we all find ourselves bored with the regular routine of most days. As wonderful as this world is, and as marvelous as the intricacies and grandeur of Our Father's creation, we can often times become preoccupied with just the corner of our own world and the predictable patterns of our days.

However, the Miracle of Pentecost indicates that something much more powerful than we know lies outside our observable world. God's Holy Spirit broke through into our limited world of time and space to demonstrate His life-giving, unifying, emboldening power. And His Spirit continues to break through into our world today.

In preparation for our study, please read Acts 2:1-13 and consider inviting a friend to our study.

In His Word, Pastor John Lindner

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



### THE LWML MITE BOX

IS ON THE KIOSK TODAY.

**THE LORD'S WEEK**  
September 6-12, 2015

**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

**Monday**

9:00 a.m. Backpackers  
11:30 a.m. JOY IIB—No meeting  
1:30 p.m. JOY IIA—No meeting  
**LABOR DAY — OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Property Maintenance Team Meeting

**Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Quilting  
9:30 a.m. LWML Quarterly  
1:00 p.m. Writing Group  
6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Friendly Stitchers  
11-12:00 noon SFP Harp's Delivery—Fellowship Hall  
12-1:00 p.m. HOPE/Food Pantry—Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. SAC III—Bev & Bob Hess

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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**NEXT SUNDAY—September 13, 2015**

**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  
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**NEW ADDRESS:** **Bob & Lynda Fontana**  
17760 Dracena Circle  
Fort Myers, FL. 33917

**Linda McMillin**  
Concordia Nursing Home  
7 Professional Drive #112  
Bella Vista, AR. 72715

**CORRECT CELL #: Craig Peterson: 479-295-4054**  
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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.  
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**STEPHEN MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!**

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

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**Stewardship THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



James 2:2: "For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in..." God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. Both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving, that is: giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

**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



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**THE SHEPHERD'S FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you, Church Family, for filling the food collection boxes. Our focus now will be on hearty meals. Each One – Bring One requests egg noodles, sugar, flour and oil. With the meat and staples we are able to purchase through your generous donations, our guests can rustle up some wholesome meals. **Romans 12:12-13 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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**BACKPACKERS** will meet **TOMORROW, Sept. 7th** at 9:00 a.m. in the former Fellowship Hall. Come & join us!

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**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.

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**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.**