



The View

Sharing the ministries of
Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Called by God's love... Inviting, nurturing, growing, serving.

Activities at a glance

Worship:

Each Sunday
-Sunday School 10:00 AM
-Worship 11:00 AM

Church Council:

Apr. 8 6:00-8:00 PM

Choir Practice:

Wednesday
April 14, 21, 28
-7:00 PM

Bell Choir

Sunday
April 11, 18
-9:15 AM

Staff Meeting:

Apr. 21 6:00 PM

Worship & Music:

Apr. 4 9:00 AM

Evangelism:

Apr. 11 9:00 AM

From the Pastor

A Note from the Interim Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Pleasant View,

The Church Council decided that we ought to try to publish the newsletter on a monthly basis except maybe during the summer. The response from members and friends about the newsletter has been very positive, and it is one more effort to keep all informed about the ministry and happenings at Pleasant View. Let me remind anyone who has information to contribute about committees or meetings to please make sure that the information is included in the newsletter.

On Sunday, March 21, I had a sermon entitled "The Balancing Act." The text was from John 12 where Mary took pure nard and anointed Jesus feet. Judas Iscariot complained that the nard should have been sold and money given to the poor, but Jesus praised Mary for her devotion. The question proposed in this text is when do we give to those in need and when do we support the church. The council recently faced that same question. Traditionally the Lenten Offering has been given to help those in need, but this year because we have missed several Sundays at worship due to the snow, the current offering is down. The discussion centered around do we give the Lenten offering to the Giving Tree Project or do we pay current bills with it. The council decided to give the offering to the Giving Tree in the anticipation that members of the congregation will make up the current offerings. I trust that you will be diligent in helping your congregation catch up what was missed.

Spring is finally here and may the Risen Lord spring in your life.

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Price

From The Church Council

Council Minutes - 3/11/10

Council approved the first \$1000 of the Giving Tree funds be directed to the Augusta Free Clinic. The next \$1000 was approved to be awarded to United Lutheran Appeal. Council President Jim Sheets was proud to announce that our congregation reached our benevolence pledge to the Synod last year. We should be very proud of this, as many congregations were unable to do this. The next Synod assembly is in June, and we need 2 delegates from our church to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact a council member for more information.

Revised Copy of the Constitution Available

The latest version of the Constitution of Pleasant View is now available. A copy may be picked up either in the narthex or in the Sunday School Area. Many thanks to Michael Vayvada for preparing the new edition.

March 2010 Financial Report

Weekly offerings:

03/07/2010	\$3,767.69
03/14/2010	\$2,695.00
03/21/2010	\$1,563.25
03/28/2010	\$1,985.09

**Weekly Target: \$2,550.67 (Weekly Target = Annual Budget of \$132,635
divided by 52 weeks)**

Get in on the ground floor of an exciting opportunity!

No, it's not a sales pitch. After several snow postponements, the young/middle age adults finally had their game day. Several people gathered for food, fellowship and fun. I, for one, enjoyed getting to know people in the church better. We thank Gary Flavin and Steve Dickerson for hosting this gathering and everyone who came and shared. We hope to make this a monthly gathering. The next social will be on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 PM at Doug and Sandy Quick's house. If you are young/middle aged (you know who you are) you are invited to join us. David Taylor.

Visit our website at www.pvelc.org

From Your Youth Director, Judy Shuey

It's a mystery. What do young people REALLY want?

It's parents' big question. "What do young people want, anyway?" While I certainly don't pretend to know what they want in clothing or music or lots of other areas, I have done a bit of research, along with those who study youth and the church, and I do have some answers about what young people want from the church. Stay with me, because some of it may surprise you.

First we need some comparisons, so let's ask ourselves what we adults want from our church. There is a lot of research on this too, and I expect our answers will be close to what the majority of Americans say. Most of us answer that we want our church to

- ∞ Give us the opportunity to worship God
- ∞ Help us lead a Christian life
- ∞ Show us how to minister to others
- ∞ Help us learn more about God's word

And

- ∞ Guide us in making life decisions

Now, as individuals we may add a few things or leave a few things out, but this is a good working list for most of us.

You may notice there's nothing here about "having lots of fun" or "being entertained." While we often do have fun at church and sometimes are even entertained, that's not the reason most of us adults come to church.

Now here's the surprise: that's not why young people come to church either. In study after study, young people say they want almost the same things from their church that adults want. They want the chance to worship, to minister to others, to study God's word, and to learn how to live as Christians. **They don't say they want to have fun or to laugh a lot, and they don't mention wanting to be entertained.**

Makes you wonder why so many churches spend all of their youth program time on bowling parties and lock-ins, doesn't it?

They **do** say they want a close relationship with the adults in their church, they want to be asked to help in meaningful ways, not just do busywork, and they want to be taken seriously. They want to feel welcome and a part of all the church does. Isn't that what most of us want, too?

Our young people here at Pleasant View want to worship with us, learn the lessons of the Bible for daily life, minister to others alongside the rest of us, and feel a part of all we do here. They want to be just like the rest of us who come to church to worship, to learn, and to serve others. They want all of us to take them seriously and to value what they can bring to our church's life and ministry. That's what they really want. Maybe it's not such a mystery after all.

God Shines His Light On...

Billy Coffin

Billy Coffin is 14 yrs old, and attends Beverly Manor Middle School. He is playing on the JV baseball team for Riverheads High School. He pitches and plays outfield. He has been a member of Pleasant View for 3 years. He attends church with his parents, Rebecca and Bill, and his sister, Rachel. He has to leave his dog, Sam, at home.

Billy has been working hard over the past 2 yrs in his confirmation classes. He has been attending classes under the direction of Pastor Bunn at Mt Tabor Lutheran Church. He began his final phase of preparation in mid-March with Pastor Price, here at Pleasant View. Billy enjoys the one-on-one time with the Pastor, and takes his studies seriously. He is currently completing his study on the Lord's Prayer. Although he prefers the text of the traditional Lord's Prayer, he does admit that the contemporary version helped him understand the meaning better.

Billy's confirmation is tentatively scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. Please mark your calendars to help congratulate Billy on his special day.

We thank Rebecca Coffin for these interesting interviews with Pleasant View personalities and look forward to more in future Newsletters!

Upcoming Hospitality Events

Coffee and Pastries will be served in the Sunday School Wing Hallway the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 before Sunday School.

April 4: Coffee and pastries for Easter. Before and after Sunrise Service.

April 18: Surprise Gathering after Church – details to follow in bulletin.

April 25: Baptism of Watts Jetton – reception to follow.

Dinner Treatre At Pleasant View!

Fifteen people are needed to perform in a one hour play called "Summer In Cricket County." Four teenage girls and two teenage boys are needed (or someone who can pull off the look). Nine other roles can be filled by either adults or teenagers. Therer will be two audition times – Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 AM, and Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 PM. Come on either day and try out, it will be great fun!

If you would be willing to help backstage with costumes and props or willing to help serve or prepare the meal, get in touch Gary Flavin and let him know you would be willing to help. Gary Flavin, 885-8479.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA

Ladies please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

April: No Regular Meeting

May 4 Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Devotion Leader: Shirley Crawford Package Health Kits

May 19 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Southern Valley Women of the ELCA Spring Bible Study here at PV.

Pastor Price as Leader - Salads & Desserts Luncheon at noon.

June 1 Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

at Loyaltan, Bible Study with Betty Cox leader.

July: No Regular Meeting:

July 16-18 VSWO Convention Roanoke College

“Washed and Forgiven: Called to Serve” based on John 13:15

The Women of the Church: have decided to assemble health kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to replace those used up during the recent earthquakes. We invite you to be part of this mission. Items will be collected through April. Baskets will be provided in the foyer and the back hallway. The following items will be included in each kit:

One hand towel, dark color recommended

One washcloth, dark color recommended

One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz.) of soap

One adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging

One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached. No emery boards!

Six band-aids, preferably 1/2" to 3/4"

You may complete a kit, or just donate single items. All items should be new and in good condition. We appreciate any donations you can give us. Questions? Call Mandy Lilly at 886-2218.

Summer Planning

Vacation Bible School is June 13-17 Springhill Church. The theme this year is “Back Stage With The Bible.”

**COME YOUNG AND YOUNG OF HEART TO CELEBRATE
A VERY IMPORTANT DAY!**

**April 18, Noon Lunch Served in The Fellowship Hall
The Hospitality Committee is planning an afternoon of
Fellowship, Surprises, and Fun!
PLAN TO ATTEND!**

SACRA Gets Help

An anonymous donor has offered the match dollar for dollar every contribution to SACRA during the months of March and April. Therefore, our treasurer, Karen Fauber will give to SACRA our entire contribution to that organization during these two months in order that it may be matched dollar for dollar. This contribution is money from the regular budget and not from the Giving Tree.

SACRA, which stands for Staunton Association of Church Relief Association, is an organization that seeks to help on a temporary and emergency basis people who are in dire need special help such as medical, heating, clothing, food and the like.

Pleasant View Short Reports

Thrivent News:

A brand new and different giving program “Thrivent Choice” is replacing Care in Congregations. It is a charitable giving program in which all members help direct Thrivent Financial’s charitable dollars. Watch for more important details in the mail or newsletter. We will have a Thrivent meeting soon to plan for this program and Thrivent Builds when more information is available.

The Trinity Noon Lunches are served each weekday to the homeless and anyone who cannot afford to prepare or purchase meals for themselves or family members. Many lunch guests struggle with illness and financial hardships. Six or seven Pleasant View workers arrive by 9:45 the third Monday morning, (plus a few extra Mondays this year) to prepare a healthy meal. The average time required each day is three to four hours. We provide and prepare the food, serve and clean up, oh yes we eat too! With spring the numbers are increasing. This year we have served ninety three guests. When the guest returns with thanks and for a second plate you know they enjoyed the meal. It’s a real joy having the great support of the congregation sharing in this outreach program. Volunteers are always appreciated and welcomed. It is a privilege to serve others.

Pleasant View WELCA continues to collect Campbell's Soup labels. Campbell's has changed their policy, and we now need to save the UPC label code and the Campbell's signature boy alongside it. We are currently sending these labels to the Minnich School in Harrisonburg. You can continue to put the labels in the WELCA box in the hallway, or give them to Mandy Lilly. Thank you for your continuing support of this program.

Welcome New Members

It was our privilege to welcome **Judy Shuey and David Taylor** as member of Pleasant View on March 21. Both of these people have for a while been part of the Pleasant View Ministry. Judy serves as choir director and also director of youth. David acts as secretary and we all enjoy his trumpet and special music with the organ.

Personals

Anyone is welcome to contribute to the "Personals." We like to know the good things that happen to our members and friends as well as the need to keep them in our prayers.

Dorothy Craun is now living with her son and daughter-in-law, **Bill and Bonnie Craun** at 3164 Springhill Road.

Lucille Baker has had some health problems of recent and hopefully at this writing she is better. We always miss her smiling face at church and are thankful that she mails bulletins to the shut-ins.

It is good to report that **Earl and Frances Quick** seem to be holding their own and keep abreast as to what goes on in the church. **John Flavin** still has trouble walking but he hopes to be able to come to church when he feels better. He still feeds his birds and raises tomato plants. **Mary Guyer** always has a smile and tries to keep up with activities at the church. **Homer and Ellen Moyers** have enjoyed watching the snow and glad that they did not have to go out in it. They both seem to be doing fine. **Thelma Quick** is better after having some infection. She too liked to watch it snow, but is glad that spring is finally here.

Billy Coffin is now finishing his confirmation with Pastor Price and will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

Bill Coffin was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Virginia Army National Guard. Bill works full-time at the Staunton Armory as the Deputy Commander for the 116th Brigade Combat Team.

Chip Lilly and Tammy Ashman were married March 19, 2010.

Pleasant View Happy Birthdays!

April

1	Mary Guyer
	Cassidy Simmons
2	Loma Johnson
6	Marcia Smith
8	Janet Bautista
9	Elizabeth Cox
10	Rebecca Simmons
17	Bernice Landes
20	Earl Cline
22	Gene Lilly
25	Russell Landes

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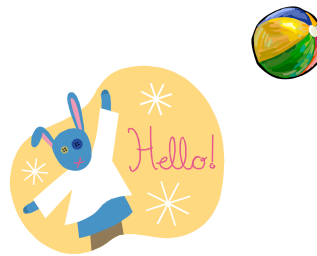
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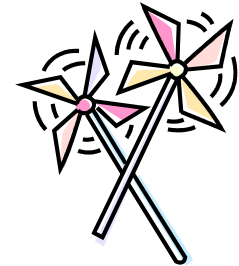
CHILDREN'S YARD SALE

April 24th 7:00 am until 2:00 pm
109 Mill Pond Road, Verona, VA

Children's clothes (infant to teen), toys, books, furniture and other children's items.

If you have items you would like to donate, please contact me and let me know or you may bring items to my home or to church. Also, if you able to help with the sale let me know.

All the money raised at the yard sale will go to the "Giving Tree" Campaign.



Shirley Crawford 248-2066

