

# The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2024

*We are Easter people. Alleluia is our song!*

Together we have walked the road which has led us to the cross during this Lenten season. We took an ashen cross upon our foreheads as we began to remember our mortality and God's sacrificial love. We have known all along that this road leads to crucifixion and yet we have followed Our Lord in the discipline of Lent. We have met for worship and reflection. We have shared meals and recounted the covenants God made with all of humanity. We have re-enacted the events of the last three days of Jesus' earthly life, and have waited at a distance from the cross along with his mother and the faithful women. And now, the time has come to celebrate!

We celebrate what we thought would never happen, could never happen...that life would come from death, that death would be defeated once and for all by the raising of Jesus from its clutches. His resurrection assures our resurrection for we follow him, trusting and in faith believing that God's promise of new life extends to us.

We give heartfelt thanks for the gift of baptism which, along with the Word, faith and grace, has set us free from death and free from death dealing effect of sin. Sin is our constant partner and had it not been for Jesus, we would be eternally bound by it. Because of Jesus, we are set free...free to live fully, free to love and serve one another as Christ has loved and saved us.

Now, we continue on our baptismal journeys knowing that we are not alone, knowing that Christ walks with us giving us strength for the journey. We walk together, holding one another up and supporting each other in the new life we live together.

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!! Thanks be to God!

Your travel partner,

Pastor Phyllis

**March 31, Easter Sunrise Service, at 7 a.m.: Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. The service will be held in the Sanctuary.** Pastries, coffee and juice will be available in the Social Hall immediately following this service. The Open Door Sunday School Class will not meet.

**March 31, Easter Sunday, at 11 a.m.: Easter Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.**

**Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections:”** The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections: **March 31 and April 7: General Fund.** Within PVELC’s approved 2024 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekly Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry. **April 21: Augusta County Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** Their mission is “to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.”

**Wednesdays, Choir Practice, at 6 p.m.:** All are welcome as Choir Practice resumes. Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

**Thursday, April 4: Council Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Social Hall:** The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for worship services, overseeing the operations of our Church, and discussing transition issues for the 2024 Council. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council’s consideration, please submit them to Terry Bunch (preferably in writing) no later than March 31.

**Sundays, 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. April through July.** “Luther’s Small Catechism and Religious History” Teachers: Bryan Huffman, Larry Landes, Bill Luders, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell. All ages are welcome to attend this “refresh” study of our basic Lutheran beliefs. The schedule is available in the Main Hall.

**April 7, First Sunday Celebration** will be held immediately following the worship service. Thank you to Rosemary Spell for providing the cupcakes.

**April 14, Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following the Worship Service in the Social Hall.** The Youth and Education Committees will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for young children and youth. Easter eggs will be hidden on the west and north sides of the church. Plan to bring a basket for the egg hunt. Pastor Phyllis will share a children’s Easter story. Prizes will be awarded. Food and drinks will be served. Please your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. All are welcome to attend and participate in the festivities.

**Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m.:** Pleasant View Open Door Sunday School Class members will serve a meal to the Spring Hill Ruritan Club in the Social Hall. Net proceeds benefit Open Door Class Projects. For details, please contact Goldie Shiflett.

**Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a.m.: WELCA Meeting in the Social Hall. All are welcome.**

Rosemary Spell will lead a program on “Flowers in the Bible” and their special meaning. Please plan to discuss your favorite flower and why. Also bring a “living flower” to add to the Resurrection cross at the cemetery wall. For further information on monthly WELCA activities, please contact Rosemary Spell, Goldie Shiflett, or Linda Page.

**Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.: Blessings Group** will meet at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

**Sunday, April 21, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee** will meet in the Choir Room.

**Sunday, April 21, at 11 a.m.:** We will be honored to welcome Bishop Milton as she comes to worship with us on April 21st. She is planning to bring us a message from the Word. She will also meet with the council immediately after worship. Let us all plan to greet her as she comes.

**Friday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m.: Pleasant View Lutheran Men of Faith Gathering** at Rowe’s Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Larry Landes.

**Sunday, April 28, at 12 noon, Birthdays Celebration:** Please plan to attend our special Birthdays Celebration luncheon and fellowship for everyone immediately following the worship service. Please bring a covered dish to share (casseroles and salads). The Birthday Cake and drinks will be provided.

**Lenten Services:** Thank you to everyone who provided Soup and Sandwiches and to the Committee who coordinated the meals for the Lenten vespers.

**Pleasant View Cemetery:** Please have all floral arrangements and other items removed that are on the ground in the cemetery for the upcoming mowing season by April 1, 2024. We thank you for your attention to this request. PVCA Board

**Blessing Box:** We are pleased to report that the blessing box is fulfilling its purpose as food, gloves, a Bible and children's Bible story books are regularly taken by those who pass by. If you have something for the box and it is full, please know that you can leave them on the table by the Pastor's study and she will see that they get put in it. Hearty soups and canned meat items have been popular items. Thanks to all who have contributed to this ministry.

**Communion Options:** Prefilled (disposable) communion packets are located in the Narthex. Please pick up a packet of wine/wafer or juice/wafer if you choose this form of Holy Communion rather than participating in Intinction. During Communion you may either bring your disposable packet with you to the front of the sanctuary or you may remain in your seat.

**Sermon Manuscripts** for each Sunday's sermon is available in the Narthex and is sent to our shut-ins.

**PVELC Contributions:** Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, 2733 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401**. If you wish for your contribution to be designated to a special fund (e.g., Outreach, HVAC, Change for Hope request, new Doors), please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution.

**PVELC Communications:** If you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone or by email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Rosemary Spell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson.

**Prayer Chain Requests:** To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page either by phone or by email. To be included in the prayer chain text list, please contact Linda Page. In addition, please refer to the "Our Prayers" section of the weekly Announcements.

**In Memoriam:** **Charles Douglas Huff** passed away on March 12. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Nancy Ellis Sullivan Huff** on February 22. Our prayers and condolences to the Huff and Burtner families on the death of their two relatives.

**Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church:** search website and Facebook posts: <http://www.pvelc.org/> and [Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

**Good Stuff** is a section of the bulletin board beside the pastor's study. The good stuff may include newspaper articles related to faith, background information for the seasonal or weekly liturgies, photos and definitions of difficult words, to name a few. So, as you go down the hall, check it out.

**Bulletins, Newsletters, Emails.** If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page.

**"Word in Season" (April, May, and June devotions) and "Living Lutheran"** are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

**"Daily Grace"** is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Signup up for an email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#)

**Staying in Touch:** Holidays, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You: Please take time to send a note of encouragement to one another, make a phone call, send a text message, post a social media message, light a candle, donate to a charity serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters at home and around the world.

**Verona Community Food Pantry:** The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett.

**Pleasant View Women of the ELCA**  
Minutes March 12, 2024

The Pleasant View WELCA met Tuesday, March 12,, 2024 in the church social hall.

Devotions: Rosemary Spell had devotions

**Program:** Our program today was “Cookbooks”. Each of us brought our favorite cookbooks and discussed our favorite recipes. Some of our cookbooks went back to our great grandmothers and several of us had the “Cooking for Cathy” cookbook our church previously published.

**Cards:** We signed and sent get well, thinking of you and birthday cards to our sick and shut-in’s.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sue Cook reported we have \$531.27 in our treasurer including today’s offering.

**Southern Valley Planning Team:** will meet, Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. at Rowes Restaurant. (dutch treat).

**Spring Bible Study:** Is Tuesday, May 14 at Salem Lutheran Church, 417 Salem Church Rd., Mt. Sidney. Registration is 9:30. Bible Study begins at 10:00. Bible Study Leader is Kathy Thompson, Va. Synod Lay Pastor. Lunch will be ordered from Valley Market, Weyers Cave.

**Virginia Snodical Women’s Organization Annual Convention** is July 26 and 27 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Norge, Va.. Love Offering Project for this year is Micah’s Ecumenical Ministries in Fredericksburg, Va. They are in need of money, first aid kits, umbrellas, personal care items, notebooks, etc. Since Norge is close to Williamsburg, At this point in time, Rosemary and Carol Troxell are going to the convention.

**Summer Fun Event:** Sight and Sound Movie: Queen Ester. Saturday, August 10, Sipe Center in Bridgewater. Doors open at 9:30 and movie begins at 10:00. Lunch options are Cracked Pillar Pub, El Charro and Francesco’s (to name a few).

**Fall Gathering:** Sunday, October 13 at St. Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church, 3555 Spaders Church Rd., Mt. Crawford. Registration is at 2:00 p.m. Please bring finger foods, salads or dessert. Drinks/Set up items provided by the host church.

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, April 9 , in the church social hall. Rosemary Spell will have a program on “Flowers”.

Those Present today: Sue Cook, Linda Page, Becci Page, Rosemary Spell and Goldie Shiflett

**Linda Page, WELCA Secretary**

## Our Prayers

**For the good of the church:** Our bishops, Elizabeth and Phyllis, Pastor Phyllis and all pastors and deacons.

**For those serving on military active duty:** Alex Rankin

**For healing and recovery:** Bill Braithwaite, Fred Cox, Pastor Price, Phil Dixon, Mary Tueting, Rebecca Perrin, Jimmy Cox, Carolyn Cox, Jeff Cox, Tina Puffenbarger-Carrillo, Roger Shiflett, Martha Arehart and Steve Troxell

**For our friends and neighbors:** Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Dwight Dart**, son of Karen Fauber; **Pam**, friend of Alice Fauber and Mary Garber; **Timmy Simmons**, friend of Mark Price; **Terri Pomphrey and her mother**, friends of Tina Puffenbarger-Carrillo; **Vera Baker**, friend of Mandy Lilly; **Margo Leach**, prayers requested by her daughter Kimberley and the Leach family; **Lois Emswiler**, mother of Linda Page's cousin;

### Church Contacts

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Sexton: Jimmy Cox 241-8500

### Church Leadership Contact information

Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Council Vice President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

### Committee Representatives:

Education: Larry Landes 448-0047

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: John Bowers 337-7061; Burke Simmons 292-8674

Hospitality and Fellowship: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Property: Doug Painter 280-0882; John Bowers 337-7061

Social Ministry (Outreach): Rosemary Spell 703-298-3604

Worship and Music: Rosemary Spell 703-298-3604

Youth and Recreation: Bill Luders 271-1101

## April Birthdays

Cassidy Knicely	4/1
Kim Toman	4/1
Zane Simmons	4/3
Emmarae Dawn Cary	4/4
Rosemary Spell	4/4
Jordan Toman	4/4
Bryan Huffman	4/7
Zack Cook	4/11
Lisa Rankin	4/15
Gene Lilly	4/22
David Jetton	4/28

## April Anniversaries

Mark & Leah Wheeler	4/10/2010
Michael & Emily Vayvada	4/18/1998
Glen & Ruth Worrell	4/20/1996
Gary & Mary Virginia Roudabush	4/27/1986
Duane & Rebecca Perrin	4/30/2011



**Thank You:** I wish to thank all who have sent cards of expressed concerns during my recent eye surgery. I greatly appreciate your thoughts and get well wishes.

Stephen Troxell

## Worship Assistants for April

Assisting Minister: Larry Landes

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Gene & Mandy Lilly

April 7, 2024	Lay Reader: Bill Luders	Acolyte: James Cox
April 14, 2024	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: James Cox
April 21, 2024	Lay Reader: Robyn Dean	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
April 28, 2024	Lay Reader: Susan Wright	Acolyte: Robyn Dean

# April

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday



Concordia  
Publishing House

Monday

1

Read  
Romans 13:9.

Repeat this as a family:  
"You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself."

Tuesday

2

Read  
1 Thessalonians  
5:12–13.

Pray for your pastor.

Wednesday

3

Read  
1 Corinthians 9:14.

Discuss your family's tithe  
commitment for the year.

Thursday

4

Read  
1 Timothy 2:1–2.

Name three government  
leaders to pray for today.

Friday

5

Read  
Ephesians 5:33.

Highlight the words love  
and respect.

Saturday

6

Read  
Proverbs 22:6.

Pray for a parent you  
know who is going  
through a difficult time.

7

Read  
Ephesians 6:1.

Thank God for  
your parents.

8

Read  
Lamentations 3:22–23.

Listen to a recording of  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

9

Read  
Ephesians 1:7.

In what areas of life have  
you fallen short? Say this  
verse before you go to sleep.

10

Read  
Colossians 3:23–24.

How can Christians be a  
witness to Jesus in  
the workplace?

11

Read  
John 15:5.

Go outside or near a plant  
and repeat this verse.

12

Read  
1 Corinthians 10:31.

Write this verse on a  
sticky note and put it  
where you can see it.

13

Read  
Matthew 28:19.

Who could you invite  
to church?

14

Read  
Matthew 28:20.

Say, "God is always  
with you" as you hug each  
of your family members.

15

Read  
Ephesians 2:10.

Replace we with the names  
of each person in your  
family and repeat  
the verse.

16

Read  
1 Corinthians 12:4–6.

Pray for three people who  
serve your church  
(organist, custodian, and  
so on).

17

Read  
1 Corinthians 12:27.

How can you serve your  
church in this  
season of life?

18

Read  
Galatians 5:25.

Memorize this verse.

19

Read  
Galatians 6:2.

Who in your life is  
burdened? How can  
you help?

20

Read  
Galatians 2:20.

Which part of the verse  
stands out to you?

21

Read  
Isaiah 40:28–29.

Ask God to renew your  
strength on this  
Sabbath day.

22

Read  
Matthew 11:28.

Are you tired from your  
daily work? Pray for rest.

23

Read  
Psalm 90:17.

Hold hands as a family  
and repeat this verse.

24

Read  
1 Timothy 2:1.

Pray for someone who  
is sick.

25

Read  
Psalm 86:5.

Memorize this verse.

26

Read  
Matthew 6:19–21.

Draw a picture based on  
this verse.

27

Read  
Matthew 6:24.

Repent for the times you've  
loved money more  
than God.

28

Read  
Ephesians 2:8–9.

Thank God that your  
salvation is all because  
of Jesus.

29

Read  
Proverbs 16:3.

Pray for those who are  
struggling to find  
fruitful work.

30

Read  
Psalm 46:1.

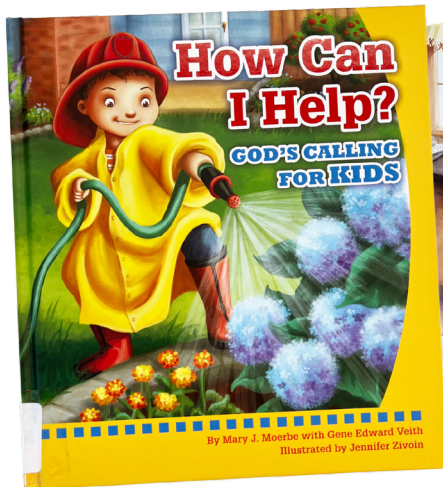
Pray for those whose labor  
is difficult or dangerous.



# Featured Family Resources

## *How Can I Help? God's Calling For Kids*

Children have callings long before they enter the workforce! *How Can I Help? God's Calling for Kids* teaches about our God-given vocations of helping others as citizens, Christians, and family members.



## *Portals of Prayer for Kids: Daily Devotions*

Strengthen the family bond and lead children to Christ with these daily devotions. Each day features a relatable devotion with an engaging illustration, followed by a journaling prompt and a prayer.



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