

The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2023

How Do We keep the Sabbath?

Sabbath, another way to say the seventh day, is a gift we often fail to receive because we are too busy. Other things invade this space and we are left as tired and drained as we were on the other days of the week. The sabbath is a gift of time, one day to be set aside for rest, for worship, for family and community. We keep the sabbath best when we include these things on this special day. As Christians, our sabbath is the first day of the week when Christ arose bringing not only new life to a dying world, but also a new way of being in the world. We remember that he observed the sabbath by going to the synagogue to teach, to have conversations with others and to heal those afflicted with physical ailments. This set him on a collision course with the religious leaders who kept the sabbath in the ways God taught them through Moses. They did not recognize the presence of God in the flesh, Emmanuel, who was present with them, even though the signs of God's presence were unmistakable. How might we recognize his presence in our midst and follow his example?

Jesus' example invites us to imagine new ways we might keep the sabbath in our day. He invites us to consider what heals and restores us, what gives us rest for body and soul. It seems to me that the traditional way of keeping the sabbath fits these needs. We come for worship, we gather to hear about the previous week from one another, we hear the joys and sorrows of the rest of the body of Christ on a specific day, every week. We hear the Word and learn together. We pray for one another. We sing familiar hymns and learn new ones. But what happens when we leave the assembly? Do we go right back to work? Do we have habits which cause others to work for us? Do we do our shopping and errands instead of getting the rest our bodies need?

It seems to me that refraining from the usual weekday activities is the best way to keep the sabbath. Sometimes we must "pull the ox out of the ditch" (Luke 14:5) meaning taking care of emergencies which need our immediate attention, but most of the time, our usual duties can wait at least 24 hours. For those of us who are retired, our sabbath might include doing things we don't normally given that every day is like a Saturday. We might ask ourselves if doing something new, learning a new skill might rest us from the usual activities of the week.

Whatever we do and however we do it, let us observe God's first command, to keep a holy Sabbath, in order that we might rest, renew and restore the bodies, minds and spirits given to us to steward.

How will you keep the Sabbath? May God bless you as you do.

Pastor Phyllis

Sundays, at 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. No Sunday School Class on July 2. On July 9, we will complete the study of Corinthians. Beginning July 16, join in the study of the Old Testament ancestors (e.g., Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, etc.). All are welcome to attend. Teachers: Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell.

Sunday, June 25, following worship: Hospitality Committee will meet in the choir room for an important meeting.

Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections:” The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections: **July 2: ComfortCare Women’s Health**, Augusta County, reflects a commitment to understanding the needs of their patients. They seek to empower women with honest and accurate healthcare information. **July 16: General Fund:** Within PVELC’s approved 2023 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. **July 30: TBD.**

July 2, First Sunday Celebration will be held immediately following the worship service in the Main Hall.

Independence Day, July 4, “Declaration of Independence:”

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Choir Practice (no choir rehearsals in July). Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

The Blessings Group will not meet during the months of July and August. The next meeting will be September 9 at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes or Terry Bunch.

Wednesday, July 12, at 10 a.m.: WELCA Meeting in the Social Hall. The program will include making “Linus Blankets” for the Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization meeting. All are welcome. For further information on monthly WELCA activities, please contact Goldie Shiflett, Becci Page or Linda Page.

July 13-15, Power in the Spirit: Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, music directors, choir members, council and committee members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry. Location: Roanoke College, Salem. Contact: Pastor Phyllis or Rosemary Spell. For information and registration: [Summary - POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2023 \(cvent.com\)](#)

Wednesday, July 19, at 4 p.m.: PVELC Constitution and Bylaws Update Committee Meeting in the Social Hall. Contact: Rosemary Spell or Carol Troxell.

Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m.: Summer Vespers in the Pavilion (Also August 16). Come and bring either a salad or sandwiches. The Hospitality and Worship and Music Committees will provide light desserts. Fellowship and meditation will follow. Mark your calendars.

July 21-22, Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) Annual Convention: The convention will be held at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. Registration for the Convention is \$100 per full participant (\$50 for one-day participant). The theme is "Weave Us Together." The Love offering from the convention will go to Project Horizon, Lexington. Please see Linda Page for Registration Forms and Call to Convention information. Registrations must be submitted by June 30; voting members by June 15. Contact: Becci Page or Rosemary Spell.

Friday, July 28, at 12:30 p.m.: Pleasant View Lutheran Men of Faith Gathering at Rowe's Restaurant: Larry Landes, Gene Lilly, and Steve Troxell are asking any men, their sons, grandsons, nephews and/or male friends to join us at Rowe's Restaurant. We will gather for fellowship as Pleasant View Lutheran "men of faith." Lunch is on your own and those who wish to eat, and run can do so. We will have a prayer and some Christian fellowship conversations led by one of the leaders mentioned. Questions should be directed to one of the four names mentioned for more information.

Friday, August 4, and Saturday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. are the performance dates of SUMMER IN CRICKET COUNTY by Eddie McPherson. The Hospitality Committee will be serving dessert only immediately following the play. Children under 5, free; Children, 6-10, \$5; and Adults, \$15. This is a fundraiser; the profits will help pay for the new doors in the Main Hall and Social Hall.

Saturday, August 12, at 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Southern Valley Women’s Organization:

The **SVWO** will meet at the Sipe Center, 100 N Main St, Bridgewater, to view **Sight and Sound’s movie presentation of “Noah”** (movie starts promptly at 10 a.m.). There is no individual cost for attending the movie. The PVELC group will eat at a local restaurant immediately following the movie. Anyone interested in attending or carpooling from PVELC, please contact either Becci Page or Rosemary Spell. PVELC WELCA will not meet on Wednesday, August 10.

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. Other options for making contributions include designating your IRA distribution as a qualified charitable distribution that will be directly sent to PVELC from your IRA account. This distribution will be tax free to you. PVELC also maintains an investment account with Truist Investments formerly Scott and Stringfellow if you would like to make a donation of stock to the directly to the church. This type of donation will save you from paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the stock donated. If you have any questions please contact Karen Fauber or Terry Bunch. Thank you for your ongoing support of PVELC.

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.

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.

The **Spark Family** quarterly booklet has been distributed to families with young children. This quarterly issue’s focus is “Animals in God’s Word.” If you would like a copy for a member of your family, please contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

“Families Celebrate-Summer” deck of 56 cards was distributed to families with young children. The deck of cards is full of activities, rituals, reflections and other ideas for families for the summer months. Contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

“Word in Season” (July, August, and September 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-based 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 June 14, 2023

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and toured the 29th Division Military Museum in Verona

29th Division Museum Tour: Larry Meeks, PV Member was our tour guide. The tour was so informative and interesting and the Museum is really sophisticated. The mannequins looked so real, as though they could see and talk to you. We learned so much. The tour was an hour and a half. After the tour, we met at Northridge Café and Coffee and held our business meeting.

Thank you notes: were presented from Habitat and Minnick Center (enCircle).

Treasurer's Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$268 in our treasurer. Today we took up offerings for:
Love Offering-\$125 and Habitat \$110

Upcoming events were announced:

VSWO Annual Meeting: July 21 and 22 at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. The Service Project for the year is Project Horizon in Lexington, Va. They are requesting “stress balls” and “fidget rings”. We were going to order these from Amazon and send to Project Horizon. Since we have done several projects recently, we agreed today to NOT order the stress balls and fidget rings and instead make the “Linus Blankets” instead. We will make these blankets at our July meeting.

Summer Event: Sight and Sound Movie “Noah” Saturday, August 12, 2023

Where: Sipe Center, 100 N. Main St., Bridgewater, a. (Rental fee \$250)

9:30: Doors Open

10:00 Movie (130 minutes) (\$200) –Costs to be divided between WELCA church units

12:30 Lunch-options: Cracked Pillar, Francesco's, El Charro-to name a few

Open to members and friends of Participating SVWO Congregations

We took a count of members/friends that will most likely attend the movie: So far there are 13. We will do a final count at our July Meeting. We also need to make reservations for lunch at Francesco's. We still need to get the cost our group needs to pay for the movie and Sipe Center.

Fall Gathering “Weave Us Together” Sunday, October 8, 2023

Where: Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, 281 E. Market St., Harrisonburg

2:00 Registration/Gathering:

2:30 Opening Devotions

2:45 Program –Speaker: Alison Thomas, VA Quilt Museum

3:45 Short Business Meeting

4:00 Fellowship and Feasting (attendees to bring finger foods, Salads, Desserts)

WELCA US Triennial Gathering; will be held September 21-24 in Phoenix, Arizona. Further details available at Women of the ELCA (welcatg.org).

Members attending the Museum Tour: : were: Becci Page, Linda Page, Jo Cline, Goldie Shiflett, Sue Cook, Terry Bunch, Jackie Meeks and Christine Puffenbarger.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 12, 2023: At church. We will be making the Linus blankets for Project Horizon.

Linda Page, WELCA Secretary

Our Prayers

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

For those serving on military active duty: Chapman Toman and Alex Rankin

For healing and recovery: Bill Braithwaite, Fred Cox, Dale Moyers, Pastor Price, Rebecca Perrin, Jimmy Cox, Diane Hizer and Bill & Mary Tueting

For our friends and neighbors: Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Linda Holbert**, aunt of Joy Landes; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **Kamden Bunch**, grandson of Terry Bunch; **Mark Tueting**, son of Bill & Mary Tueting; **Howard Ratcliffe**, our former Pastor; **Connie**, friend of Pastor Phyllis; **Mark Price**, son of Pastor Kenneth & Joe Price; **Shirley Garrett**, aunt of Roger Shiflett; **Larry Kelly**, friend of Mandy and Gene Lilly; **Sarah Bowers**, daughter-in-law of Bill Luders

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July Birthdays

Jeff Cox	7/2
Sandi Painter	7/3
Beth Bowers	7/7
Donald Lee Cary	7/8
Roger Shiflett	7/8
Stephen Dickerson	7/9
Barbara Burch	7/11
Douglas Painter	7/11
Jay Cox	7/13
Bonnie Craun	7/13
Cameron Hensley	7/18
Mike Lilly	7/21
Ashlea B. Hevener	7/24
Joy Cason Knicely	7/26
Mary Garber	7/29

July Anniversaries

David & Hannelore Beisner	7/14/1967
Eddie & Frances Michael	7/19/1981
Kenneth & Linda Page	7/26/1963
Ian & Stephanie Hensley	7/28/2008
Roger & Goldie Shiflett	7/29/1961



60th Wedding Anniversary Reception- Pleasant View congregation is invited to a 60th Anniversary Reception for Kenneth & Linda Page in the church Social Hall, July 29th from 4-7p.m.

Baby News: Congratulations to Chris and Jordan Shiflett on the birth of their son, Bryar Todd Shiflett, born on June 17. The proud great grandparents are Roger and Goldie Shiflett; grandparents are Todd and Lisa Shiflett.

Worship Assistants for July

Assisting Minister: Doug Diamond

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Mandy & Gene Lilly

July 2, 2023	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
July 9, 2023	Lay Reader: Robyn Dean	Acolyte: James Cox
July 16, 2023	Lay Reader: Dale Rankin	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
July 23, 2023	Lay Reader: Rebecca Perrin	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
July 30, 2023	Lay Reader: Larry Landes	Acolyte: Robyn Dean