

# The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

**March 2024**

## Remembering Our Baptism

Lent is a beautiful time of the year. As the earth wakes up from its winter sleep, may we be awakened to the grace of God by which we live. As plants are drawn to the light which gives them life, we turn to the light of God and away from the darkness of sin throughout the year, but especially in this season. We have begun by remembering the eternal promises of God as the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads. Through this sign, we remembered that we are mortal and that the God of all time will sustain us through this life and in to the next. Lent is a time to remember our baptism, to remember who we are and whose we are.

On the five Sundays of Lent, we will look back to the covenants made to our ancestors in faith. Remembering these eternal promises add another layer of meaning to our understanding of the covenant made to us in baptism.

We have considered the salvation of Noah and his family as they are preserved from death in the waters of the flood. We will consider the covenant made to Abraham and Sarah and how this eternal, irrevocable promise impacts our understanding of baptism. We will look again at the Ten Commandments and consider how they guide us in living out our baptismal covenant. We will read again how Moses held up a sign for the healing of the people and relate it to cross upon which Jesus was raised. Finally, we will explore the new covenant which has been written on our hearts according to the prophetic words of Jeremiah.

The month will culminate in the passion of Our Lord which made our salvation possible by his glorious victory over death and the grave for us and for our salvation.

As we walk together, learn new things together and remember the covenants, may we connect the new life given to us in baptism to the lives of those who walked this path ahead of us so that we might live fully and connect to those who join us on the paths of this life.

Our history is a rich one. The faith we have been given is indeed a mysterious and wondrous thing. Together let us consider them so that we might praise our Lord together at the end of our journey through Lent, to the cross and tomb, and on to new life found in the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

Thanks be to God!

**Pastor Phyllis**

**Sundays, 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. “Journeying through Lent with Mark.”** Teachers: Bryan Huffman, Larry Landes, Bill Luders, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell. All are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday Lenten Services: February 28, March 6, 13 and 20 at 5 p.m. in the Social Hall. Soup and Sandwiches** followed by Lenten vespers. The focus for the Lenten vespers is “Here I Am.” The Council Committees will coordinate food for each Wednesday’s meal. Everyone, please volunteer with your Council representative or Committee coordinator to bring either soup or sandwiches. Drinks will be provided.

- February 28: Worship and Music Committee
- March 6: Education Committee
- March 13: Evangelism and Property Committees
- March 20: Finance Committee and Council Executive Team
- March 28: (Maundy Thursday): Hospitality and Worship and Music Committees

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

**Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections:”** The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections: **March 3 and 31 : 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. **March 17: “Rise Against Hunger:”** April 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon: Cherryvale UMC, Staunton, is sponsoring a Meal Packaging Experience in the movement to end hunger. In addition to raising funds through this “Red Bucket” collection, Cherryvale UMC is requesting volunteers to help package dry food “rice” meals for distribution to a foreign country. If you have questions or are willing to volunteer, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Rosemary Spell. To register to volunteer: [Home page for Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Events \(force.com\)](#)

**March 3, First Sunday Celebration** will be held immediately following the worship service. Thank you to Sandi and Doug Painter for providing the cake.

**Thursday, March 7: 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 3.

**Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m.: Blessings Group** will meet at Cracker Barrel, Staunton. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

**Sunday, March 10, Daylight Saving Time begins. Spring Forward!**

**Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m. (also April 8):** 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, March 12, at 10 a.m.: WELCA Meeting in the Social Hall. All are welcome.** Since it is Easter season, and we do a lot of cooking traditions, we ask that you bring your favorite cookbook and tell the story behind it. You are welcome to bring your favorite recipe if you want to share with others and (bring a sample) if you'd like. For further information on monthly WELCA activities, please contact Goldie Shiflett, Becci Page or Linda Page.

**Worship and Music Committee:** Will not meet in March.

**PVCA Cemetery Annual Meeting** - The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association will be held in the Social Hall of the Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 pm for the following purposes:

- Review and approve financial reports for 2023
- Review and approve lot sales and burials records for 2023
- To conduct any other business properly presented

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Susan B. Wright, PVCA Secretary/Treasurer

**March 24, Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) at 11 a.m.** The Worship Service will include procession with palm branches and a narrative reading of **"The Passion of Our Lord According to Mark."** Please plan to attend and volunteer to participate as a reader. Contact: Pastor Phyllis or Gary Flavin.

**Live Easter Lilies and "Easter Lily" Project (donations in lieu of live Easter Lilies):** Forms are available in the Narthex, in the Main Hallway, and via email. The cost of a live Easter Lily is **\$11.75** each; checks are payable to Terry Bunch. The deadline for ordering is **March 24**. The deadline for the "Easter Lily" Donation Project is **March 28**, provide donation form to either Terry Bunch or Stephen Dickerson.

**March 28, Maundy Thursday, at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall:** Please bring a covered dish for the meal (meat and drinks will be provided). A Worship Service, including Holy Communion, will be held immediately following the meal.

**March 29, Good Friday, at 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service** will be held in the Sanctuary.

**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.

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

**April 7: First Sunday Celebration in the Main Hallway.**

**April 7, 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.

**The Education Committee** is exploring the possibility of having a special time for all age children one Sunday each month during the regular service. The children would have special Bible stories, children's Bible songs, arts and crafts, snacks, etc. Please let Larry Landes know if you are interested in exploring the opportunity of Children's Church!

**Baby News:** Ryan, Kelly and Ethan welcomed a new member to the family, Ava Josephine, born on February 1. The proud great-grandmother is Jo Cline.

**In Memoriam:** Agnes Raynes Breeden passed away on February 20. Our prayers and condolences to Tammy and Michael Cox on the death of her mother, Agnes, and to their extended family and friends.

**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 2023 Annual Report and Congregational Directory:** If you are unable to attend the congregational meeting and would like a copy of the 2023 Annual Report, including the 2024 Congregational Directory, please contact Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page.

**The Constitution was ratified at the special called Congregation meeting on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** and there is a cover sheet available to be added to your copy of the constitution that says your draft copy of the constitution was ratified. An attached copy is included with this email and there are also copies of this notice in the church office.

**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.

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

**“Gathered into One,” Devotions for Lent:** The booklet provides daily devotions for February 14 through March 30. “Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from 1 Corinthians. The writers then bring their diverse voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.” Copies are available in the Narthex.

**Lent Study 2024** from ELCA World Hunger: The booklet provides weekly devotions on “Reconciliation, Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Restoration, and Resurrection” and is available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

**“World Hunger Calendar – Lent 2024:” February 14 – March 30 devotional leaflets** are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

**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.

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**“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](#)

**Pleasant View Women of the ELCA  
Minutes February 13, 2024**

The Pleasant View WELCA met Tuesday, February 13,, 2024 in the church social hall.

Devotions: Linda Page had devotions on God's Love

**Program:** Becci Page presented a video on Micha's Ecumenical Ministries. (video was 28 minutes long) This is the love offering project for VSWO for 2024. We need to do some more checking into this project before we decide exactly what we want to do for them.

**Candlemas:** Rosemary gave a short presentation on Candlemas which is a Christian festival celebrated on February 2 commemorating the occasion when the Virgin Mary went to the temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth if Jesus.

**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 \$491.27 in our treasurer including today's offering.

**Pill Bottle Collection for Matthew 25 Ministries.** Linda reported we collected 148 pill bottles and they have been mailed.

**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, Rosemary has scheduled one of her timeshares for that week, so anyone going to the convention can stay at her timeshare.

**Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, March 12, in church social hall. Since it is Easter season, and we do a lot of cooking traditions, we ask that you bring your favorite cookbook and tell the story behind it. You are welcome to bring your favorite recipe if you want to share with others and (bring a sample) if you'd like.

NOTE: in April we are thinking about going to Gloria's Pupuseria's for a luncheon meeting.

Those Present today: Sue Cook, Linda Page, Becci Page, Rosemary Spell and Carol Troxell.

**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, Leslie Adkins, Tina Puffenbarger-Carrillo, Roger Shiflett, Mike Lilly and Martha Arehart

**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; **Nolan Fetty**, grandson of Frances and John Knott

### **Church Contacts**

Parish Secretary: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Music Director: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Organist: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Parish Nurse: Sue Cook (540) 248-1123

Financial Secretary: Becci Page Home 886-3220; Cell 255-3887

Assistant Financial Secretary: Janet Braithwaite 448-3466

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

## March Birthdays

Milo Davis Hastert	3/11
Chip Lilly	3/12
Janet Braithwaite	3/13
Tammy Lilly	3/15
Austin Bowers	3/17
Jedidiah Winfrey Cox	3/17
Connie Quick	3/18
John Bowers	3/26
Timothy Lihos	3/26
Bill Coffin	3/29
Jasmine Cook	3/29
Gavyn Hensley	3/30

## March Anniversaries

Chip & Tammy Lilly	3/19/2010
Paul & Rachel (Coffin) Townsend	3/24/2023



**Thank You:** “I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the very kind note and monetary gift I received from the church council and congregation for my help as Assistant Financial Secretary. It is my honor and pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,  
Janet Braithwaite”

**Thank You:** “Thank you Pleasant View Congregation and Council for the note of appreciation and monetary gift I was given last week. Also for the reception added to the first Sunday celebrations. I appreciate all the kind words. Becci”

**Thank You:** “Thank you Pleasant View for the generous donation of appreciation for my tending to the flowers and landscape. I will use the money to buy more flowers for our beds ❤️ God’s blessings to all love Sue and Clark”

**Thank You:** “We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the recognition and gifts given to us at the February Celebration. Thanks to all! Steve and Gary”

## Worship Assistants for March

Assisting Minister: John Bowers

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Roger & Goldie Shiflett

March 3, 2024	Lay Reader: Michael Vayvada	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
March 10, 2024	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
March 17, 2024	Lay Reader: Duane Perrin	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
March 24, 2024	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: James Cox
March 31, 2024	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Bill Luders