

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2023

September brings with it lots of changes and opportunities. Teachers and students go back to school and parents adjust their schedules to a faster pace. The weather begins to cool and the last of the garden vegetables and flowers are brought in. The light begins to change making the world a clearer, bluer place which highlights the brilliant colors of the changing leaves.

We turn a corner in the church calendar as well. We focus on planning worship opportunities such as Reformation and Care of Creation Sundays. We will join with other ELCA congregations in marking a time in which we intentionally look for opportunities to work with our hands to better the community in which we live. This emphasis is named **God's Word, Our Hands**. Sunday, September 10th is the day designated for us all to remember the needs of the community and to get our hands dirty. There are many opportunities for our hands to do God's work, one of which is helping those who minister to the community at the Verona Community Center. There is a need for laundering towels because the center gives those it serves the opportunity to shower as needed. There is also a need for cleaning the center, power washing some walls and touching up the paint. If you would also like to help, please let me know of your interest. We are looking at a date in October for this opportunity to help at the Center. Together we will work as we are able to make the world a better place for all of God's people.

Deacon Phyllis Cox will be leading worship while Doug and I are away. We expect to be gone for three weeks (September 17, 24 and Oct 1) as we follow in the steps of Paul in his missionary journeys. We are excited about going and hope to be able to share what we learn when we return. We will miss you but we are leaving you in good hands. Together, as partners in the work of ministry, may we lift up one another and our neighbors in the coming months.

Blessings+

Pastor Phyllis

Sundays, at 10 a.m.: Open Door Sunday School Class. Join us in the study of the Old Testament ancestors (Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Deborah). All are welcome to attend. Teachers: Bryan Huffman, Larry Landes, Bill Luders, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell.

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections:" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections: **September 3 and 17: 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.

Sunday, September 3: A Special Congregation Meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary. The Council will review and recommend two property repair projects: (1) Painting the trim on all Sanctuary and Narthex windows. This is a specialized project as it involves wood trim around the stained glass windows. (2) Replacement of three sections of the Sanctuary's copper roofing to address two holes (cemetery wall side). Also recommended is the replacement of several sections of gutter and downspouts on the courtyard side (both Sanctuary and Parish Hall building). The meeting will also include a report on the final phase of the replacement of all exterior church doors. Property Committee Council representatives are John Bowers and Doug Painter.

Sunday September 3, First Sunday Celebration will be held immediately following the Special Congregation Meeting in the Main Hall. Thank you to Alice Fauber and Mary Garber for providing the cake.

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

Thursday, September 7, at 5 p.m.: Council Meeting. in the Social Hall: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for worship services and overseeing the operations of our Church. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Rosemary Spell (preferably in writing) no later than September 1.

Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m.: Blessings Group will meet at Panera Bread in Waynesboro.

Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m.-noon, Rise Against Hunger: Volunteers are needed to put together dehydrated meals of rice, vegetables, and other fortified dehydrated ingredients. The task is to assemble, pack, and make these meals ready for shipment. If you are interested in helping with this initiative – youth and adults, please contact Rosemary Spell.

Sunday, September 10, God's Work, Our Hands: Covered dish dinner in the Social Hall immediately following the worship service. Meat and drinks will be provided.

September 11th -30th: Pastor Phyllis will be on vacation. Deacon Phyllis Cox will preside over the Sunday worship services. If you have pastoral care needs or questions, please contact Rosemary Spell, Council President, or Terry Bunch, Council Vice President.

Monday, September 11, 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.

Wednesday, September 13, at 11 a.m.: **WELCA Meeting at the home of Jo Cline (371 Lookout Mountain Lane, Mount Solon) for a covered dish picnic and fellowship.** We will meet at the church at 11 a.m. to carpool/follow out there. Please contact Becci Page by September 10 if you plan to attend.

Sunday, September 17: Finance Committee: All Committee chairpersons need to submit any special 2024 budget requests to either John Bowers, Rebecca Perrin or Karen Fauber.

Friday, September 29, at 12:30 p.m.: **Pleasant View Lutheran Men of Faith Gathering** at Rowe's Restaurant. Questions should be directed to Larry Landes, Gene Lilly, or Steve Troxell.

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 donate stock 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 "God Is Great." If you would like a copy for a member of your family, please contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

"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 August 12, 2023

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and attended the Sight and Sound Movie "Noah" at the Sipe Center in Bridgewater. This was a Southern Valley Summer get together. The following attended from Pleasant View: Sue Cook, Karen Fauber,(with a visitor), Valerie Smith, Rosemary Spell, Terry Bunch, Linda Page (with a visitor), Becci Page, Goldie Shiflett (with 2 visitors) and Janet Braithwaite (with one visitor). After the movie, several of us went across the street to Francesco's for lunch.

VSWO Annual Meeting: July 21 and 22 at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. The Service Project for the year was Project Horizon in Lexington, Va. Rosemary Spell attend4ed this annual meeting.

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).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the home of Jo Cline (371 Lookout Mountain La. Mt. Solon) for a covered dish Picnic. Picnic is at noon. We will meet at church at 11:00 to carpool/follow out there.

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, Phil Dixon, Rebecca Perrin, Mary Tueting and Tina Carrillo

For our friends and neighbors: Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Linda Holbert**, aunt of Joy Landes; **Kamden Bunch**, grandson of Terry Bunch; **Howard Ratcliffe**, our former Pastor; **Connie**, friend of Pastor Phyllis; **Larry Kelly**, friend of Mandy and Gene Lilly; ; **Dwight Dart**, son of Karen Fauber; **Pam**, friend of Alice Fauber and Mary Garber

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 886-5880 Cell (540)448-3466

Sexton: Jimmy Cox 241-8500

Church Leadership Contact information

Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Vice President: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

Committee Representatives:

Education: Larry Landes 448-0047

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587; John Bowers 337-7061

Hospitality and Fellowship: Debbie Hastert 430-0000

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

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

Worship and Music: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

September Birthdays

June Ratcliffe	9/1
Emily Vayvada	9/1
Hunter Wright	9/3
Jeremy Magoon	9/5
Hannelore Beisner	9/6
Katlyn Bates	9/6
Joan Free	9/9
Susan St. Clair	9/10
Glen Worrell	9/10
Kori Martin	9/12
Frances Knott	9/15
Bill Braithwaite	9/16
Camalee Lihos	9/25
Teddy Wright	9/25
Vanessa Burns	9/27
Carolyn Cox	9/30
Robert "Andy" Fauber	9/30
Benjamin Arlie Wright	9/30

September Anniversaries

John & Martha Arehart	9/2/1967
Dustin & Katie Wright	9/9/2016
Brad & Robyn Dean	9/15/2012
Gene & Mandy Lilly	9/16/1961
Larry & Jackie Meeks	9/16/1972
Clark & Sue Cook	9/17/1969
Dale & Lisa Rankin	9/19/1987
Austin & Brooke Bowers	9/19/2015



THANK YOU NOTES:

Anniversary Thank You: We want to thank everyone for their calls, well wishes, cards and gifts for our 60th Wedding Anniversary. For everyone who attended our reception at Pleasant View, your attendance was such a blessing to us and helped make our day even more special. Kenneth and Linda Page

We received a gift from King Family Vineyard for our anniversary without a card or tag. If you or someone you know gave it to us, please let me know so we can write a Thank You note. Thanks, Linda Page 540-294-6596

Worship Assistants for September

Assisting Minister: John Bowers

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Carole & Bryan Huffman

September 3, 2023	Lay Reader: Jackie Meeks	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
September 10, 2023	Lay Reader: Gary Flavin	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
September 17, 2023	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: James Cox
September 24, 2023	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Robyn Dean

September

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Concordia
Publishing House

1

Read
Luke 10:41–42.

Pray, “O Savior, bear my
anxieties and remove
my distractions”
(TLSB, p. 1736).

2

Read
Isaiah 40:31.

Write this verse on a card,
then send it to someone
who is struggling.

3

Read
Psalm 46:10.

Try sitting still for five
minutes as you pray or
read the Bible.

4

Read
Matthew 11:28–30.

Pray that God would lift
your burdens and give
you rest.

5

Read
John 8:12.

Sing “Christ Be
My Leader” (LSB 861).
Bookmark it.

6

Read
Matthew 4:19.

Sing LSB 861:1.
How does Christ lead us?

7

Read
Matthew 4:23.

Sing LSB 861:2. What
does Christ teach us?

8

Read
Titus 3:4–5.

Sing LSB 861:3. How has
Christ saved us?

9

Read
Proverbs 9:10.

Pray for all students to
grow in godly wisdom
this school year.

10

Read
Philippians 1:3.

Write a thank-you note to
a teacher, a custodian,
or anyone who works
in a school.

11

Read
Psalm 121:7.

Pray for God’s protection in
your family, your commu-
nity, your country, and the
world.

12

Read
Galatians 6:9.

Pray for God to give you
strength when you are
weary today.

13

Read
Isaiah 9:6.

What is your favorite
name of Jesus from
this verse?

14

Read
1 Corinthians 1:18.

Draw a cross outline,
add glue, and fill it with
pom-poms or beads.

15

Read
John 10:9.

Read this verse aloud in
the doorway to your home.

16

Read
Psalm 34:8.

Share a sweet treat
with your family and
thank God for His sweet
grace!

17

Read
Philippians 4:6.

Have each family member
thank God for one thing
and ask Him for one thing.

18

Read
Joshua 1:9.

Go to a dark room and say,
“I don’t need to fear;
God is with me!”

19

Read
Matthew 7:28–29.

Look up the definition
of **authority**.

20

Read
Colossians 3:13.

Ask God to help you be
more forgiving today.

21

Read
Matthew 9:9.

Discuss what you know
about Matthew from
the Bible.

22

Read
Philippians 2:1–2.

Pray that your church
would be united in Christ’s
love and Holy Word.

23

Read
Philippians 2:3–4.

What does the word
humility mean?

24

Read
Philippians 2:5–8.

Read the explanation of the
Second Article of the Creed
in **Luther’s Small Cate-
chism with Explanation**.

25

Read
Philippians 2:9–11.

Look up how to say “Jesus
Christ is Lord” in another
language.

26

Read
Mark 9:24.

Pray, “I believe; help
my unbelief!”

27

Read
1 Corinthians 2:2.

How does Jesus’
sacrifice for you affect
your daily life?

28

Read
Psalm 121:1–2.

Memorize these verses.

29

Read
Psalm 91:11–12.

Thank God for His strong
angels who protect us
and tell the Good News.

30

Read
Psalm 91:15–16.

Sing “What a Friend We
Have in Jesus” (LSB 770).