

The VIEW

News of the ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church September 2018

Greetings from your Council President,

It's an exciting time to live in the Shenandoah Valley. This is, without a doubt, the wettest August I can remember. The farmers have been blessed with the extra moisture to finish out the growing season along with the challenge of finding dry days for harvesting hay. Likewise, some of you with gardens have found that the extra rain may cause some of your plants to grow so rapidly that they literally burst on the vine. Regardless, I am thankful for the extra rain rather than the drought conditions we often experience this time of year.

As for our church, this is also an exciting time. On September 1st & 2nd we will have Alexis Witt visit with us. Alex is a pastoral candidate who has shown interest in our congregation. She comes to us with a BA in Religion/Religious Studies from the University of Richmond and a Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She presently resides in Windsor, PA.

Just to highlight a few of her competencies (in her own words):

Pastoral care and visitation was a large part of her internship which she considers one of her strengths and passions. She enjoyed having the chance to build deep relationships with the homebound members of the congregation. She believes that love is the basis of care and visitation and she seeks to listen deeply and respond empathetically.

Preaching & Worship Leadership is something she has been involved in since Junior High. She seeks to lead worship in ways that are both meaningful and highly contextual. Her preaching is grounded in biblical interpretation in Lutheran theology and the life of the community.

Teaching is one of her loves and strengths. She enters into teaching situations not just as a teacher, but also as a learner knowing that each person in the room has something to bring to the conversation.

Interpreting Theology is an area where she strives to articulate in a manner that, whether a 3-year-old coming up front for children's time, a high schooler trying to figure out where you fit in, a 25-year-old visiting church for the first time with no knowledge of Christianity, or a 90-year-old who has been Lutheran all their life, you understand the message.

Social Ministry is another one of her passions. Since high school she has been involved with developing sustaining relationships with a companion congregation and synod in Tanzania. On her trip to Tanzania she fostered a love and passion for the wider world and church - whether it's our neighbors in the community or our siblings in Christ halfway around the world.

While these are merely short snippets from her resume it gives you an idea of some of her background and passions. She has worked extensively during her internships with a wide variety of individuals of all age and social backgrounds.

Our plan for the visit is for Pastor Boggs, Jim, Jennifer, and I to meet Alex for dinner on Saturday evening and provide a welcome/informational session about our church, the local area, and to answer any questions she may have. On Sunday morning, Jennifer and I will bring her to church to observe our worship service. Afterward, the call committee will take her to lunch to debrief, ask and answer questions, evaluate the perceived fit, and develop a plan for moving forward. If we, as a call committee, along with Alex, mutually agree on the benefit of a return visit, then the congregation will be notified at least two weeks in advance of her return. At that visit, Alex will be asked to lead worship and after the service there would be a meal in the social hall with a time for you to informally visit with her. After this visit, the call committee will discuss whether or not to make a recommendation to the congregation for a vote. The congregation will be notified of any decision reached by the call committee and if a recommendation is to be made, the congregation will be notified at least two weeks in advance of a congregational gathering to vote.

I am aware of the challenges during a transition period and the need for transparent, open conversation. Given this, I would encourage anyone who has questions or comments to reach out to a member of the call committee. We can provide accurate information to reduce confusion or inaccuracies.

May God's Blessing be with you,
Mark



SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

The vision of National Back to Church Sunday is to create a movement of churches encouraging their members to invite every person in America back to church. Now in its 10th year, the goal of the 2018 National Back to Church Sunday movement is to see over 10,000 churches participating and inviting their community to give church a try! At

Pleasant View we will celebrate this way:

10:00-10:45 a.m. Social Gathering. Please join us in the social hall where we will enjoy pastries and coffee as we get to know one another better. Create your own message rock to pass along and help in making hands for a display –Why we gather at Pleasant View? How well do you know your fellow church friends? A fun game will help you learn more.

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship. Join us for worship at the picnic shelter. Holy Communion will be served. We praise outside with all ages of the church and sing familiar hymns. Accessible seating will be provided.

12:00 noon. Covered Dish Lunch. We continue our celebration at the picnic shelter with a covered dish lunch. The church will provide chicken, rolls, drinks, and tableware. Accessible seating will be provided.

In case of inclement weather, all activities will be held inside the church.

Children and Youth Books and DVDs. We are starting a “mini” library of new and gently used Bibles, Bible story books, coloring books, and DVDs for the Youth - ages tykes to teens. If you have religious and/or appropriate items that you would like to donate, please see Rosemary Spell or place them in the boxes in the Narthex or Social Hall. A TV and VHS/DVD player will be installed in the Nursery. We are also seeking donation of a small bookcase.

Lutheran Golf Tournament

September 22, 2018

Ingleside Golf Course

Sponsored by Pleasant View Lutheran
Church Out Reach Ministries

Here are the Particulars

1. The Cost is **\$30 per player** for Green and Cart Fee
2. Breakfast will start to be served at 8:00 am at Pleasant View, and a free will offering will be accepted.
3. The format will be Captain's Choice with Shot Gun start at 9:00 am.
4. Players are welcomed to bring their own foursome
 - a. It would be well if each team could have an A player, followed by a B, C and D player or a combination of such that equals to that format.
 - b. We would like for the teams to be evenly matched as possible, and that one team is not out "just to win." The emphasis is not on winning, but enjoying the fellowship and having a good time!
5. If one has not been selected to a team, come to the breakfast, and we might have to do some changing of teams in order to make sure that everyone who wishes to play may be involved.
6. Those over 75 years may hit from the yellow tees.
7. It would be helpful if we had some idea as to how many may be playing in order to prepare breakfast and scheduling. Please call Kenneth Price at 885-3749 or 290-3109; email: priceken32@gmail.com
8. We also hope to "sell" advertisement for each hole. If you would like or know someone who would like to sponsor a hole call Karen Fauber at 290-1999, or email at karenandrickFauber@gmail.com. The cost for a hole is a free will donation, hopefully more than \$50.00. Checks may be made to Pleasant View Lutheran Church, 2733 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401.
9. If you do not go to breakfast with us, you need to see Karen Fauber at the golf course to pay your green and cart fee in as much as the pro shop is not to collect the fees. **She will also accept your donation to the outreach ministry.**

Put this date on your calendar and don't miss this fun opportunity.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA

Minutes – August 21, 1918

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Church. Rosemary Spell had a wonderful program from Guideposts on Women in the Bible. We talked about: Eve, Hagar, Rebecca, Rachel, Ruth, Ester, Elizabeth and Mary, Martha and Mary and Mary Magdalene.

Minnick School: Linda read a thank you letter we received from Minnick School regarding the kitchen items we collected for them.

Treasure's Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$160 in our treasure. We collected \$40 today. She mailed a \$50 check to Crossroads Heritage Center in Harrisonburg.

Southern Valley Fun Trip: Linda reported that the group toured Trinity Episcopal Church and learned all about their stain glass windows and other items and history of the church. Lilchy Huffman was our tour guide. 18 women attended.

VSWO Fall Gathering: Is Sunday, October 21 at St. Jacob-Spaders Church at 2:00 p.m. Program is "Women in Justice". After church, we will eat a sandwich and then car pool to St. Jacob-Spaders.

Church Women United will meet on Friday September 7, 2018 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Shutterlee Mill Rd., Staunton. Registration and refreshments are at 9:30 with the program at 10: The speaker will talk about "Human Rights".

Thank Offering: A reminder that our Thank Offering will be taken up in November.

Next Meeting is: Tuesday, September 11 at 10:00 at Church. Judy Shuey will present the program.

Cards: We signed birthday cards for Dick Zullig, Jean Link and Gladys Fockler

Passing: During our meeting today we received a call from one of our faithful WELCA members, Joy Campbell's son Greg, that Joy who had been admitted to the hospital over the weekend was not doing well. We had prayer for Joy. This afternoon we learned that Joy had passed away around 1:30. p.m.

Attendance today: Mandy Lily, Linda Page, Becci Page, Emily Vayvada, Rosemary Spell, Sue Cook, Joe Price, Joe Cline and Goldie Shiflett.

Linda Page, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Women United will meet on Friday, September 7, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Shutterlee Mill Road. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 and the program on "Human Rights" will begin at 10. All ladies are welcome.

Pleasant View **WELCA** will meet at the church at 10:00 on Tuesday, September 11. Judy Shuey will lead the program on "What Does God Really Want?" Women of all ages are welcome.

Read This!

Pleasant Memories begin this month with a fascinating program that includes food, fun and fellowship. Don't miss this. Everyone is invited.

The group will gather at the church on September 18 at noon for a covered dish meal. You are asked to bring a dish to share. After the meal the Perrins will lead us to their home on 4177 Springhill Drive in one of their old cars. (Depends on which one they may get started.) At their home the group will have an opportunity to view their hobby of collecting old cars. Their cars are old, but shiny.

No dues, no membership rolls, no requirements . . . just come.

Personals

In memoriam Joy Baber Campbell

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the loved ones of **Joy Campbell** who died on August 21.

Since our last VIEW **Michael Thompson** has spent some time in Augusta Rehab but he is home now and has even helped lead worship.

Our choir sang for a large and enthusiastic crowd at Stuart's Draft Christian Home in August and we are happy to report that Linda Zullig is doing well there.

September Birthdays



June Ratcliff	9-1
Emily Vayvada	9-1
Hunter Wright	9-3
Jean Link	9-4
Dick Zullig	9-4
Jeremy Magoon	9-5
Korey Rankin	9-5
Hannelore Beisner	9-6
Katlyn Bates	9-6
Katie Garrison	9-7
Gladys Fockler	9-9
Joan Free	9-9
Susan St. Clair	9-10
Glen Worrell	9-10
Kori Simmons	9-11
Frances Knott	9-15
Mary King	9-15
Bill Braithwaite	9-16
Camalee Lihos	9-25
Vanessa Burns	9-27
Carolyn Cox	9-30
Robert "Andy" Fauber, Jr.	9-30

September Anniversaries



John & Martha Arehart	9-2-1967
Fred & Wanda Bowers	9-13-1958
Brad & Robyn Dean	9-15-2012
Gene & Mandy Lilly	9-16-1961
Clark & Sue Cook	9-17-1969
Dale & Lisa Rankin	9-19-1987

Happening at Pleasant View in September

September 2018						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship and Music No Sunday School 11:00 Worship	3 Happy Labor Day	4 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	5 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 6:00 Choir Picnic	6	7 9:30 Church Women United	8
9 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	10	11 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 10:00 WELCA	12 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 7:00 Choir	13 6:30 Council	14	15
16 Back to Church Day 10:00 Activities for All 11:00 Outdoor Worship 12:00 Covered Dish Lunch	17 12:00 Trinity Lunch	18 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 12:00 Pleasant Memories	19 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 7:00 Choir	20	21	22 8:00 Golf Breakfast 9:00 Tee Time
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