

The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 2019

Greetings from your Council President,

Happy Summer! As with every season in the valley, the transition to summer brings exciting changes as well as unexpected challenges. Without a doubt, the temperature is going to be hotter than we would like and it's going to rain when we already have too much. I talked to one of my neighboring farmers recently and he informed me that between January 2018 and January 2019, he documented 90" of rain. For most of us, we would think that provides a great growing season. However, did you know that too much rain washes all the nutrients in the soil deeper and out of reach of the roots? This requires farmers to add more topical nutrients which directly impacts their cost per acre. Even in the routine of farming there is constant evaluation and adaptation.

We, as a church, are also in a season of adaptation and change. We have experienced some challenges and those bring subsequent changes (and, I would add, change frequently brings new opportunities!). Here are some of the current changes happening at PVELC:

For about five years now, Judy Shuey has diligently preformed the duties of church secretary. She contacted me in late March with a desire to step down at the end of April. She has continued to fulfill these duties while we searched for a replacement. Please take a moment to THANK HER for her service to our church. I am happy to announce that Stephen Dickerson has accepted the position and will begin training immediately. His first official day will be July 1st. This position can have some challenges of its own...last minute additions to the bulletins, unexpected funerals, copier issues, etc. Please keep these things in mind and extend a great deal of grace to Stephen as he steps into this position. Also, please be reminded that all information for the bulletin must be submitted no later than 5 pm on the Wednesday prior to service. Also, the newsletter comes out the first Sunday of the month and all information needs to be submitted seven days in advance. Please use the church g-mail account for all communications with the church secretary or council, pvelchurch@gmail.com.

One of our more challenging issues this year has been the search for a pastor. I have been in continuous communication with Synod as they work to find us a candidate. Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that the selection committee met with a potential candidate this past Tuesday. We found the individual to be very excited about the spiritual work they are involved in. We will be speaking more with this potential candidate and as information is made available, we will share it with you. Please continue to pray for wisdom and God's will in this situation.

In closing, I would like to reflect again on the farmer. Farming is much like our spiritual walk. As the farmer continually, and without pause, is committed to his work; we, as Christians, should be continually committed to our spiritual walk. The farmer isn't necessarily pleased with every situation that arises but instead embraces them for what they are and works to make the

adjustments necessary to ensure success. Sure, there are times when we encounter situations that are difficult as well but if we stay focused on our spiritual journey we too will find the success God has planned for us.

Blessings, Mark Cline

Open Door Sunday School. Please join our “all ages” class on Sunday mornings at 10 as we study portions of the Gospel of Luke in a series entitled “**Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind.**” The key verses are provided but take time to read the expanded scripture passages as well. “Luke emphasizes God’s loving choice in Christ to befriend those who are estranged and considered outsiders. His close encounters with sinners, foreigners, those who were unclean, those who were young, women, tax collectors, prostitutes, those who were poor, and others reveal the inclusivity of grace. These close encounters tell of how Christ engaged the estranged of Luke’s time and speak to us of how he does the same for us now.”

Beginning July 28, we will begin a 16-session study entitled: “**The Greatest Story: Paul.**” We will learn about the earliest Christian communities – how they developed, grew, and spread around the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Acts will provide the overview of Paul’s story and will be our “travel guide” for our journey. We will study the apostle Paul through his journeys and his letters to these communities.

Pastries and coffee available at 9:30 a.m.

Teachers: Joy and Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell, Steve Troxell

		Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind: Luke (Continued)	
Sunday	Topic	Key Reading	Expanded Reading
Jul 7	Jesus is Close to Those Estranged by God’s Distance	Luke 9:51-62	Luke 9
Jul 14	Jesus is Close to Those Seeking the Estranged	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Number 11:10-30; Acts 8:25-38
Jul 21	Jesus is Close to Those Learning from the Estranged	Luke 10:25-37	Matthew 12:1-14; Mark 10:17-27
		The Greatest Story: Paul (16 Sundays)	
Jul 28	God’s Story and Paul’s Story	Acts 22, 24 & 26	
Aug 4	Life in the Roman Empire and Greco-Roman World	Acts 19, 21 & 25	

Salem and Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Churches
Vacation Bible School -- *Splash Canyon*
July 8-12, 5:30 p.m., dinner; 6:15-8:15 p.m., VBS
VBS Finale – Family Event - July 13, 11:30 a.m.- early afternoon

This promises to be a fun week of learning, singing, dancing, eating, and lots of water fun for ages 3-18. Ages 3 & 4 will be in a self-contained class while grades K-5 will participate in learning centers. Pastor Derek Boggs promises some interesting activities for the Youth class. Invite your friends to come for an adventure in ***Splash Canyon***.

The closing will be a fun-filled Saturday afternoon for the whole family on July 13th. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., we will have a VBS finale in the Imagine Center. At 12 noon, we will eat lunch together. After lunch we will have a Family Water Day. Families can sign up to prepare a water game for the children. Examples of water games would be....duck pond, water balloons, water races, slip and slide etc. Each family prepares the game and sets it up for kids to play after lunch. You do not have to have kids to help us have a great day. All are welcome! Kids will need to plan to be WET and outside. (bathing suit, towel, sunscreen). This will be a great day of fun with our church families. Email Meredith Boggs (boggsmd@gmail.com) if you would like to donate a water game.

Pleasant View Children Sign up: Email Meredith Boggs (boggsmd@gmail.com) name and age.

Red Bucket -- "Rise Against Hunger": The **July 7** collection will be designated for "Rise Against Hunger." These funds will be used to purchase food items that will be packaged in September.

For a third year, Grace Lutheran is inviting all Lutheran congregations from the Southern Valley Conference to join them in Rise Against Hunger. It is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030." <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

Pleasant View has affirmed its commitment to this initiative which requires our two-part participation. This initiative will be one of our projects in support of the ELCA's "God's work, Our hands" planned for early September 2019.

- **Financial Support:** The more we raise, the more meals we can package to reach hungry children and adults around the world. An estimated cost per meal is 33-35 cents. The advance donation is required to allow purchase of the right amount of ingredients and supplies for packaging.
- **Volunteers:** a commitment to take part in assembling packages on **Saturday, September 7, beginning at 10 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Waynesboro – mark your calendar.** Please contact Jim Sheets or Rosemary Spell if you will participate.

LOOKING AHEAD

Pleasant Memories will meet on July 16 for a picnic at Roger and Goldie Shiflett's camp. Gather at noon for a covered dish meal, with the Shifletts providing ham and homemade ice cream. Please bring a dish of your choice and a lawn chair. Maps to the camp are available, but those who wish can meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to follow Pastor Price and Joe to the camp. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

On Wednesday, July 17, we will meet for our **July vesper service**. The evening will begin at 6:00 with a covered dish meal in the picnic pavilion. Bring sandwiches, salads, or desserts to share. After the meal, the vesper service will feature Chaplain Carl Trost. Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and worship in the beautiful outdoors.

WELCA's next event will be the Southern Valley Play and Dinner on Sunday, July 21 at 3:00 p.m. The group will see the musical "Bright Star" at ShenanArts with tickets \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors (over 50). After the play, the group eat at Gypsy Hill Place for a buffet, catered by Brent Hisey, for \$15 plus tax. **Deadline for ordering tickets and dinner is tomorrow, so see Rosemary Spell ASAP. Write your check to PV WELCA and give it to Sue Cook.** Please specify the type of ticket needed.

WORSHIP WORKSHEET

July Assisting Minister – Michael Vayvada

Ushers and Communion Preparation – Terry Bunch and Janet Braithwaite

- July 7. - Lay Reader – Joy Landes Acolyte – Zane Simmons
Communion Assistant – Jim Sheets
Worship Leader – Jim Sheets
- July 14. - Lay Reader – Terry Bunch Acolyte – Dale Rankin
Communion Assistant – Sydney Moyers
Worship Leader – Deb Huffman
- July 21 – Lay Reader – Burke Simmons Acolyte – John Knott
Communion Assistant – Gottfried Pikel
Worship Leader – Kenneth Price
- July 28 – Lay Reader – Steve Troxell Acolyte – Zane Simmons
Communion Assistant – Laurel Simmons
Worship Leader – Deb Huffman

PERSONALS

It was wonderful to see **Bill Braithwaite** in church recently. We continue our prayers for **Fred Bowers**.

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
Ashley Bowers Hevener	7-24
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

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Happening at Pleasant View in July

◀ Jun 2019		July 2019				Aug 2019 ▶
	1 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	2	3 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	4 Happy birthday, USA!	5	6
7 9:30 Worship and Music 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS at Salem	9 5:30 VBS at Salem	10 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS at Salem	11 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 5:30 VBS at Salem	12 5:30 VBS at Salem	13 Noon VBS Closing at Salem
14 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	15 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	16 Noon Pleasant Memories picnic at Shiflett's	17 8:30 Staff Food Pantry 6:00 Vespers and supper	18 8:30 Staff Food Pantry	19	20
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