

# The VIEW

News of the ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 2017

## **Pastors Pencil: *What to Give?***

Choosing a gift for someone special is a challenge. What to give? Gifts cards are appreciated and useful. A homemade item that bears the giver's touch can be a real delight. Maybe an addition to the recipient's hobby collection? There is always good old cash, hard to beat.

What about when the recipient is God? What to give? Any question of *how much* to give is off base since God already owns it all. So, it is a question of *what*. Perhaps a good place to start is what we are giving presently. Money? Check. Time? Check. Great gifts both of those, as units of stored energy that God can use in a variety of ways. Good also because they begin to get near what God really wants, to the heart of things. Says the prophet Hosea, "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings" (6:6).

There it is! God wants our hearts, our selves. Of course, we had an inkling all along. Nothing new there. But before leaving the thought we need to face it squarely. It is, after all, what God really wants. Jesus says the same when praying to the Father before his arrest, before offering himself, "I consecrate myself, so that they also may be consecrated in truth" (John 17:17).

Consecrated means wholly dedicated, set apart for service. Or we could say: all in, tried and true. Jesus gives himself without reservation—good news. It is also good news that Jesus consecrates us, keeps us close, helps us get from turned backs to turned faces.

For each of us it comes down to this, "Jesus wants me, all of me, and this is doable." Can we now hear a voice saying, "But, this is asking so much", "I am not capable", or "My life is kind of messy right now"? Better to listen to Jesus, who knows us better and says, "My grace is sufficient", "I am with you always", "I have overcome the world." Giving our hearts to God may not be perfectly doable, but it is *so doable*. And there is no gift more usable by God for changing this world, and certainly us for the better.

**PVELC Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2017**

**Members Present:** Pastor Briehl, Fred Bowers, Terry Bunch, Mark Cline, Karen Fauber, Gary Flavin, Jim Sheets, Goldie Shiflett

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Coffin, Robyn Dean, Frances Knott, Rebecca Perrin

**Called to Order:** Gary called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Sharing Time:** Included update on preparations for the Cricket County play, and prayer upon the election of a new Virginia Synod bishop next month.

**Secretary's Report:** Review and approval of April minutes is postponed until June meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Briehl provided a statistical report (see hallway bulletin board) of April visits, meetings, worship, etc. Services and care for Shirley Crawford, Bessie Fauber, and their families was noted. Holy week and Easter worship was reviewed. The Pastoral Relations Team will schedule a meeting in early summer.

**Assisting Minister's Report:** Jim Sheets provided a report of April visits, meetings, worship, etc. He plans to receive additional training at the Lay School of Theology at Gettysburg Seminary, July 23-26. Jim is registered to serve as our representative at the Virginia Synod Assembly, June 9-11, at Roanoke College. He notes there is still time for a second person to register.

**Council voted** to pay the expense of Jim's registration (\$308) and housing at Lay School of Theology, (total under \$500).

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen provided a Balance Sheet for April, 2017, and Income & Expenditures Sheet, January thru April, 2017. Income is short of expenses due to significant building expenses. Item to note, ice machine repairs have been costly (\$1463 last eighteen months). We will look at other service options and weigh against cost of replacing the unit.

**Committee Reports:**

- Education: Rosemary is back teaching Sunday school. VBS dates were noted.
- Hospitality/Social: Group is preparing to serve meals at Cricket County play, working with Salem church (serving help needed Sat. night). A reception for graduates is in the works.
- Property: A meeting for ones willing to help plan future heating/cooling steps has been announced. There is a badly clogged underground drain on cemetery side; **council moved and voted** to get roofer estimates. Routine exterminating was done this past quarter.
- Worship & Music: Jim reviewed last committee meeting noting, noting dates and suggestions for Summer Picnic/Vespers: *All God's Children* theme. Let's invite leaders of other faiths and backgrounds to share with us so we can better understand and respect one another. Council supports this approach. First Vespers: Wednesday, June 21, 6 pm in pavilion.

**Old Business:** Play Update, Becci has tickets available. Property will put together a financial plan to address long term heating/cooling, and door repairs in time for this fall's 2018 budget process. Paper supplies—Goldie is tracking down a supplier; we have enough for now. Church Sexton, unrelated to cleaning duties—someone unlock/lock doors, adjust thermostats before/after services, arrange table/chair settings for Sunday and special worship occasions, assist in further ways as needed; in discussion.

**New Business:** Paschal Candle needs replacing, is burning down into decorative element. Lutheran Church Women of congregation have offered to donate a new permanent paschal candle (oil filled) in memory of Shirley Crawford and Bessie Fauber. Council receives with appreciation and asks Becci to purchase. New Photo Directory: Reps from directory company have been in touch. Current directory was done in 2014. Discussion noted concerns about cost and quality of family photo packages. "Maybe 5 years is about right between directories." Usher badges were suggested to help our guests, on Sundays and especially at funerals, etc. to know who can assist them. Council also voiced support for a hand-out on upcoming Ruritan Sunday. The Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 10, will recognize both moms and dads.

**Adjournment:** Gary closed with a reading of Hebrews 3:17-18, and all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

## WORSHIP WORKSHET

JUNE 2017

**Assisting Minister** – Betty Cox

**Ushers** – Hunter and Alice Fauber, Bill Tueting

**Communion Preparation** – Hunter and Alice Fauber

Sunday, June 4	Lay Reader – Mary King	Acolyte – Sibbie Jetton
	Communion Assistant – Laurel Simmons	
Sunday, June 11	Lay Reader – Terry Bunch	Acolyte – Dylan Moyers
	Communion Assistant – Sarah Dabney	
Sunday, June 18	Lay Reader – Jim Sheets	Acolyte – Hunter Richardson
	Communion Assistant – Jordan Toman	
Sunday, June 25	Lay Reader – Gary Flavin	Acolyte – Sydney Moyers
	Communion Assistant – Kori Simmons	

## Looking Ahead

The May meeting of **Pleasant Memories** has been cancelled, and there will be no meetings in June, July, or August. The group will resume meeting again in September.

The **Men's Fellowship** breakfast on Saturday, June 10, at 8:00 a.m. will now honor fathers and mothers. The speaker will be The Reverend Debbie Huffman, chaplain at Bridgewater Retirement Community. WELCA ladies will prepare the meal.

**Vacation Bible School** will begin June 12 at Salem Lutheran Church. See Jim Sheets if you would like more information or to register a child.

**Heavenly Hands** will take a break until Monday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. This time will allow those who might be interested in joining to meet and discuss types of arts/crafts they would like to teach or take part in and whether they want to meet weekly, monthly or other times. If you have questions or suggestions, call Linda Page at 885-0539 or Jo Cline at 540-350-2708.

## Summer Vespers

*Again this year, we will gather each month to enjoy God's beautiful world and an outdoor fellowship meal and a brief devotional at vespers. This year's dates are all Wednesdays, June 21, July 19, and August 16. We gather at 6:00 for a salad and sandwich covered dish supper, then have our devotions, and end with dessert and fellowship afterwards. The theme this year will be "We are All God's Children" and we hope to learn more about the faith of our neighbors. Plan to come and bring your friends.*





## Lutheran Golf Tournament

August 5, 2017  
Ironwood Golf Club

Sponsored by Pleasant View Lutheran  
Church Out Reach Ministries

### Here are the Particulars

1. The Cost is **\$40 per player** for Green and Cart Fee
2. Breakfast will start to be served at 7:45 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 silver 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](mailto: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 248-0103 or 290-1999. 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.

*Personals*

**In Memoriam**

***Bessie Deaver Fauber***

***Lucille Baker*** spent some time in the hospital recently but has returned to Brookdale now.

We congratulate all of our graduates. **Cassidy Simmons**, daughter of Burke and Allison Simmons and granddaughter of Dave and Von Simmons, graduated from Fort Defiance High School. **Alisha Cary**, daughter of Mike Cary and granddaughter of Lou Cary, graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. **Travis Shiflett**, son of Eric Shiflett and grandson of Roger and Goldie Shiflett, graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. **Brooklyn Burns**, daughter of Sam and Vanessa Burns and great-granddaughter of Hunter and Alice Fauber, graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. **Simon Liggett**, son of Sam and Sherry Liggett and grandson of Bonnie Craun, graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. **Coffman Liggett and wife Lauren**, son and daughter in law of Sam and Sherry Liggett and grandson of Bonnie Craun, graduated from University of Kansas. **Naomi Fetty**, daughter of John and Frances Knott, graduated from the police academy in Weyers Cave. We are proud of all of you!

**Thank you:** “We want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, meals, and visits during Mom’s illness and passing. Most of all thanks for all your love and support. It’s comforting to know we have such kind, caring people in our church family.”

*Dennie and Debbie Hastert and family*

*The new **pascal candle** is given in memory of Shirley Crawford and Bessie Fauber by the Women of Pleasant View Church. The brass memorial tag is given by the choir.*

## ***June Birthdays***



John Cox	6-1
Ben Hastert	6-1
Jill Richter	6-2
Fred Bowers	6-3
Wanda Bowers	6-4
Mark Wheeler	6-4
Leslie Adkins	6-6
David Simmons	6-8
Zach Hastert	6-13
Mary Sue Hise	6-17
Chapman Toman	6-17
Bill Luders	6-18
Charlotte Ashman	6-19
John Arehart	6-19
Aaron Garber	6-20
Howard Ratcliffe	6-20
Kegan Knott	6-21
J. W. Cox	6-22
Alice Fauber	6-23
Aaron Adkins	6-24
Rebecca Coffin	6-26
Katelyn Miller	6-27

## ***June Anniversaries***



Fred & Vrla Leach	6-4-1966
Forester & Susan Wright	6-4-1988
Bill & Mary Tueting	6-7-1969
Shawn & Kimberley Toman	6-8-1996
Bill & Pat Luders	6-9-1989
Bill & Margaret Cox	6-10-1950
Jason & Katie Garrison	6-12-2009
Kenneth & Alma Landes	6-13-1953
David & Von Simmons	6-25-1970

# Happening at Pleasant View in June

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 Worship and Music 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>5</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>8</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  6:00 Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men's Fellowship Mother's and Father's Breakfast
<b>11</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>12</b> 5:00 Staff Food Pantry  6:00 Heavenly Hands VBS	<b>13</b>  VBS	<b>14</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  VBS	<b>15</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  VBS	<b>16</b>  VBS	<b>17</b>  VBS
<b>18</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>19</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  12:00 Trinity Lunch	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  6:00 Vespers	<b>22</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>29</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>



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