

# The VIEW

## News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Lutheran Church

July 2017

### **Pastor's Pencil: *Sabbath***

On the seventh day God created. . . *rest*. Genesis tells us God rested from the work of creating, calling that day *sabbath*.

Daily rest comes at nightfall for many people, but not all. While we are sleeping God is getting the new day ready, working beneath creation to restore it. We awaken to a day already prepared by God. *This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!* (Psalm 118)

The third commandment speaks of God's plan for weekly rest, *Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy*. In Exodus 20, weekly rest extends to "sons, daughters, slaves, livestock, and the alien resident among you."

Jesus was criticized for failing to keep the sabbath. He responded, *The sabbath is made for man, and not man for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath* (Mark 2), revealing God's intention. We benefit, and creation does too, when we cease from working and take in God's ongoing love and care. The third commandment still stands and it is life-giving. Eugene Peterson, in a book called Working the Angles, says two easily neglected things turn out to be important, *praying* and *playing*. Daily living can pull us in many directions and lead to feeling frayed and empty. Sabbath is God's invitation to allow re-Creation, by turning to the one able to make things new. We quit working so we can witness God's ways with words, with bread and wine, and with our lives. As Jesus says, *the sabbath is made for humankind*.

Reflect on these Sabbath thoughts...

Sabbath is less about rules, and more about remembering the One who rules.

Jesus told his followers, "Come apart for a while" otherwise you will come apart!

Sabbath time, holy time, is how God makes creation and creatures whole.

**PVELC Council Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2017**

**Members Present:** Pastor Briehl, Fred Bowers, Terry Bunch, Mark Cline, Rebecca Coffin, Gary Flavin, Frances Knott, Rebecca Perrin, Jim Sheets, Goldie Shiflett

**Members Absent:** Robyn Dean, Karen Fauber

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

**Sharing Time:** The choir visited Margaret Cox and sang to her. We discussed the importance of maintaining our ministry with members who cannot attend services or participate in activities as often as they might desire.

**Secretary's Report:** The May meeting minutes were approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Briehl provided a statistical report (see hallway bulletin board) of May visits, meetings, worship, etc. The Renewing Homes project was essentially completed the first week of June. Vespers will be on Thursdays at 6 p.m. – dates are June 22, July 20, and August 17. Pastor will be on vacation July 24-31. Jim Sheets will preach on Sunday, July 30, and Kenneth Price will preside at Communion.

**Assisting Minister's Report:** Jim Sheets presented his report for May (see hallway bulletin board). He will attend the Synod Assembly Meeting, June 9-11, and training at the Lay School of Theology July 23-26.

**Treasurer's Report:** N/A

**Committee Reports:**

- Education: N/A
- Finance: N/A
- Youth/Recreation: N/A
- Hospitality/Social: The group assisted with the Cricket County play and provided a reception for graduates. They plan to serve an evening meal to staff at the Free Clinic.
- Property: Contractors will be coming to the church and submitting proposals for work that needs to be completed.
- Worship/Music: Vacation Bible School begins June 12 at Salem Lutheran Church. There will be an outdoor service on Sunday, July 16.
- Evangelism: N/A

**Old Business:** A drain is clogged – a call will be made for repairs. The Cricket County play was a success, earning \$3400. This money will be used to complete the Renewing Homes project. Rebecca Perrin reviewed a list of Church Sexton duties with Jim Cox. Council approved to offer Jim a monthly stipend of \$100 with \$25 per additional event, such as funerals or weddings. The photo collage of pastors is complete.

**New Business:** Council discussed the need for an organized Altar Guild, independent of the Worship & Music Committee. Also in discussion is the need for a hand rail next to the pulpit, and the need for a defibrillator. Terry Bunch will obtain information on the defibrillator.

**Next Council Meeting:** August 10, 2017 at 6 pm.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## WORSHIP WORKSHEET

<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b> – Michael Thompson
	<b>Ushers and Communion Preparation</b> – Burke and Allison Simmons
<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	Lay Reader – Duane Perrin    Acolyte—Zane Simmons Communion Assistant—Cody Coleman
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	Lay Reader—Phil Dixon        Acolyte—Sibbie Jetton Communion Assistant—Sarah Dabney
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	Lay Reader—Robyn Dean        Acolyte—Dylan Moyers Communion Assistant—Jordan Toman
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	Lay Reader—Caden Richter    Acolyte—Hunter Richardson Communion Assistant—Kori Simmons
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	Lay Reader—Bill Luders        Acolyte—Sydney Moyers Communion Assistant—Laurel Simmons

## LOOKING AHEAD

Our **summer vesper services** will continue on the 3rd Thurs. in July and August. This summer we are celebrating that We Are All God's Children by having individuals from different faiths and backgrounds come to fellowship with and speak to us. Please take this opportunity to worship and celebrate that "the spiritual journey is like a cluster of paths. Each path is different, some are longer and more difficult to walk than others, but they all lead to the same place. Each soul walking these varied paths finds its way to God." All are welcome, and these services replace Pleasant Memories and the Men's Fellowship for the summer.

Our **choir** will share a patriotic musical program at Brookdale on Sunday, July 9, at 3:00. You are invited to join us to sing or just to visit with the residents. Our own Lucille Baker lives at Brookdale.

**WELCA'S July meeting** will be Tuesday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Rosemary Spell will lead the program, and all ladies are invited.

The next meeting of **Heavenly Hands** will be Monday, July 24, at 1:00 at the church when Debbie Hastert will show us the art of making soap. (Meet in the church kitchen.)

The **hospitality committee** will sponsor an outdoors service on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. The service will be followed by a picnic. Hot dogs, baked beans, and drinks will be provided; bring salads and desserts. Come and enjoy this special day.

**Personals**  
**In Memoriam**  
Bernice Landes

**Joy Campbell** has spent some time in the hospital since our last VIEW but is now at home.

**Pastor Briehl** was recognized on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination by Bishop Mauney at the assembly of the Virginia Synod. Congratulations, Pastor.

**Some changes to directory information:**

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**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
Pastor Mark Briehl	7-12
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

# Happening at Pleasant View in July

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>3</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>4</b> Happy 4th	<b>5</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>6</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship  2:00 Choir sings at Brookdale	<b>10</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>11</b> 10:00 WELCA	<b>12</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>13</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Outdoor Worship and Picnic	<b>17</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry 12:00 Trinity lunch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>20</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry  6:00 Vespers	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>24</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry 1:00 Heavenly Hands	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>27</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>31</b> 9:00 Staff Food Pantry	<b>Notes:</b>				

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