

The VIEW

News of Ministries and Missions of Pleasant View Lutheran Church

August 2017

Pastors Pencil, *Looking for the Big One*

“I can worship God just fine in the great outdoors.”

Have you heard those words before, or perhaps spoken them? They are an effective way of ending a conversation which included an invitation to worship. *Thank you for inviting me but my Sunday plans do not include church. Besides, I spend a lot of time with God in the beauty of creation.*

When I hear someone say those words part of me agrees. It is a good day when aching muscles and dirty socks are evidence of time spent outdoors! We feel alive in different way when we get outside to play. Surely God has designed creation with recreation in mind. *I am right there with you, let's grab the golf cleats, hiking boots, gardening shoes, or maybe no shoes at all and get out there!*

And while outdoors let's try spotting a solitary tree. It is a good bet we will not find one. At least in natural settings trees grow together. In a stand of trees each one can thrive—roots joined in a mutually beneficial ecosystem of nutrients and physical support. The tree and its neighbors in turn feed pollinators and a host of insects on which birds and animals depend, the basis of the food chain. Trees produce oxygen for planet earth, turn sunlight into fruit of all kinds, filter rainwater, provide shelter and much more. A tree growing solitary and exposed is a human idea. If it could choose, would take up its roots and head for the nearest woods?

Worship is its own kind of forest. It is a place of God's choosing where unexpected things can happen. It is a little strange, a place not to rush through but linger, to listen closely, to open the heart and to absorb. By listening closely, we will hear God's voice. And we will hear our neighbors' heartfelt sighs, yearnings, prayers, songs, declarations, and maybe tears. Community worship is not like anything else we do in the week. It is a time and place for giving ourselves up and not holding back. When it comes to worship God will never be missing in action. But you and I might be and only we can do something about that.

If you have not been to church in a while, or even if you have, here is a thought. Next Sunday put on your favorite golf shirt, fishing hat or camouflage pants and go to church. If anyone asks you just say, “I'm here looking for big one, how about you?”

You'll be right at home.

JOINT MINISTRIES WITH SALEM LUTHERAN

We have enjoyed several joint ministries with our neighbor, Salem Lutheran Church, in the past few months, and it is time to evaluate and see where we want to go next. Anyone interested is invited to a meeting on **Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30**, at the Verona Community Center to share your input.

One of our partnership events was VBS. Below are two articles from the Salem newsletter, THE SALEMETTE.

Barnyard Roundup

I just love Vacation Bible School. It's a time to simply sing, listen, play, and learn. This year our theme was "Barnyard Roundup" so it incorporated cows, sheep, chickens, donkeys, and pigs. We talked about God's abundance, God's love, and God's forgiveness. The energy in the Imagine Center each evening was incredible—loud singing, children's laughter, and occasional animal noises filled the room.

I had the privilege of taking the older youth into the community each evening to visit various farms. We went to a dairy farm, a sheep farm, a place that had donkeys, a pig farm, and finally to a farm pond where we fished. It was a great week of learning about the symbolism of these animals in the Bible and relating this to our faith.

*Again, it was a fun-filled week. But what really struck me is how community minded it turned out to be. We partnered with Pleasant View Lutheran, and together we had leaders and participants from both congregations who made the week a great success. We had people from the community, who are not members of either congregation, come and join us. And by going out each evening to different farms, we extended this exciting week of learning outside our church walls. I wonder how all of this will matter to those who participated in some way? Was a seed planted? Did some sort of transformation happen? How was the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts and minds of those gathered? The answer is, **we may never know**. Yet I have to believe that VBS this year did make a difference, maybe a very significant difference in someone's life.*

*So **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this a worshipful and meaningful event in our community! **THANKS** to the leaders, teachers, students, cooks, artists, drivers, singers, and helpers in any way! But most of all, **THANKS BE TO GOD** for giving us the opportunity to be the church together!*

*Peace, Baa, Moo, and Oink,
Pastor Derek Boggs*

And From the Directors

Vacation Bible School is now in the past for another year. We had a great week as we celebrated our Barnyard Roundup theme with stories, Bible challenges, crafts, songs and games, beginning each evening with a wonderful meal! We averaged 50 children and youth each night starting with Pre-K and continuing through high school. We were so excited about the attendance and enthusiasm from all age groups.

*This was a **Psalm 23** VBS! The message is that Jesus graciously gathers us together! Jesus is present with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too!*

Thanks so much to all our volunteers who graciously gave of their time in so many ways. Everyone is busy and has to make choices about how they spend their time, their energy and their resources. We are so grateful that you followed God's call to serve His children and His church with us—and to share how Jesus gathers us together in VBS!

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

Diane Chaffin and Dauria Huffman, Coordinators

WORSHIP WORKSHEET

Assisting Minister for August – Frances Knott

Ushers – Roger and Goldie Shiflett, Bonnie Craun

Communion Preparation – Roger and Goldie Shiflett

August 6 – Lay Reader – Burke Simmons Acolyte- Zane Simmons

Communion Assistant – Sarah Dabney

August 13 – Lay Reader – Bill Luders Acolyte – Sibbie Jetton

Communion Assistant – Cody Coleman

August 20 -- Lay Reader – Janet Braithwaite Acolyte –Dylan Moyers

Communion Assistant – Jordan Toman

August 27 – Lay Reader – Dale Rankin Acolyte – Hunter Richardson

Communion Assistant – Kori Simmons

You are invited . . .



2418 OLD PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE WEST AUGUSTA

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Covered Dish Meal: 5:00 P.M.

Drink and plates will be furnished.

Please bring your lawn chair.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone
for afternoon and evening of fellowship.**

**Directions: Take US-250 West-thru Churchville
Turn left onto Deerfield Valley Road -Go 3.2
miles**

**Bear left onto Old Parkersburg Tpke Road -Go
1.7 miles**

Camp on right with white board fence.

Roger & Goldie

LOOKING AHEAD

Don't forget our last vespers of this summer on August 17th, beginning with a covered dish salad and sandwich supper. Following the meal, we will hear of the Muslim faith and have opportunity for discussion, and we will end the meal with a furnished dessert. All are welcome.

The next **WELCA** meeting will be Tuesday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Each member is to talk about memorials they have visited (i.e. Vietnam, Washington, etc.) and if possible bring pictures of their visit. **Heavenly Hands** will meet Monday, August 22, from 1-3 at the church. Lavonne Simmons will teach how to make dill pickles. Each person should bring a canning jar with lid and ring, (pint or quart) along with enough pickles to fill the jar. Vonn will provide the spices, help us make the pickles, and process them for us.

All are invited to the Annual Harvest Sale and Supper at Mt. Tabor Lutheran church on Saturday, September 9, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The country ham and turkey family style meal costs \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

WELCA Minutes – July 11, 2017

The Pleasant View WELCA met at Church on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Rosemary Spell presented a very informative program on “Patriotic Hymns, Pledges, American Creed and the U.S. Flag.” We learned these were all written about conflicts and resolutions. She also presented the background for the anthems of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard and Taps. She also reviewed the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble of the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address.

Thank You Notes: were passed around from the Augusta Regional Clinic for the meal we provided; Church World Services for our Blanket Drive donation of \$450 and from Gary Flavin for the breakfast served to the PV men for Father’s Day.

Treasurer’s Report & Va. State WELCA Convention. We currently have \$332.65 in the treasure and collected \$30 today. Joy Campbell made a motion that we send \$100 for the Love Offering at the Convention on, August 17, 18, & 19 at St. Phillip Lutheran in Roanoke. Rosemary Spell second the motion which passed. Bishop Jim Mauney is the keynote speaker.

Southern Valley Fun Trip: is Saturday, September 30, for a trip to Madison, Va. To tour Hebron Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran church in Va. (300 years old), with lunch at Graves Mountain Lodge at approximately 12:30. Cost of meal with taxes and gratuity is \$15.45. Anyone planning to go needs to send a check for each person going and number of people, to Lucy Dennison, 282 Seawright Springs Rd., Mt. Sidney, Va. 24467 (540-248-3702) by August 1, 2017. Carpooling is mode of transportation; details are yet to be worked out for this. At this point in time no one from PV will be going.

Fall Gathering for Southern Valley, WELCA is Sunday, October 1 at 2:30 at Salem Lutheran. Speaker is: Rev. Lynn Litchfield, Dir. Of Development of GraceInside, Virginia’s Prison Chaplin Services. Goldie Shiflett has gotten a grant from Thrivent for \$250 to purchase items for this program, such as stamps, cards (birthday, holidays, etc). pens, writing paper, etc. She will purchase these items and we will deliver them to Rev. Litchfield at the Fall Gathering.

Shut-In-List: We signed a card for Debbie Blackwell and Goldie passed out a new Shut-In List.

Memorial for Bernice Landes: Goldie Shiflett suggested we do a memorial for Bernice Landes for all the years she was president and member of the PV WELCA. We decided on a Communion Wafer Plate. Linda Page will find out more information for this plate and will bring to next meeting.

Heavenly Hands- Our next meeting will be Monday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Church. Debbie Hastert will show us the art of making soap. Therefore, we will meet in the Church kitchen. Anyone interested in making soap is invited to attend.

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Those present today: Linda Page, Goldie Shiflett, Rosemary Spell, Joy Campbell, Joe Price and Sue Cook.

Linda Page, Secretary

Personals

Michael Vayvada is recovering and is participating in therapy. **Doug Painter, Sr.** had surgery and is recovering. **Debbie Blackwell** is homebound at this time. We also continue to remember **Carolyn Cox** during her treatments. All appreciate your prayers.

We are in the process of updating our prayer chain. If you are included on the list and wish to remain, you do not need to do anything. Please let Wanda Bowers know if you wish your name to be removed of if you would like to be added to the list. Wanda Bowers 886-2662

August Birthdays



Joy Campbell	8-4
James Cox	8-6
Andrew Leach	8-6
Karen Fauber	8-8
Leah Wheeler	8-8
Debbie Hastert	8-10
Watts Jetton	8-10
Mandy Lilly	8-11
Tracy Lilly	8-11
Ashley Leach	8-12
Branson Garrison	8-13
Naomi Knott	8-14
Dale Moyers	8-16
Tina Carrillo	8-17
Linda Zullig	8-18
Phil Dixon	8-22
Hunter Fauber	8-23
Alex Rankin	8-23
Joe Price	8-25
Jenny Roudabush	8-27
Tanya Cook	8-28
Braylee Wheeler	8-28
Vrla Leach	8-29

August Anniversaries



James & Carolyn Cox	8-2-1969
Larry & Joy Landes	8-4-2011
Bob & Mary Sue Hise	8-12-1977
Malcolm & Jean Link	8-13-1949
Mike & Tracey Lilly	8-14-2010
Mike & Tammy Cox	8-16-1986
Douglas & Sandi Painter	8-17-2003
Dick & Linda Zullig	8-18-1962
Keith & Jill Richter	8-18-2001
Sam & Vanessa Burns	8-24-2000
Ashley & Stephanie Leach	8-31-2001

Thank yous:

My sincere thanks to my friends at Pleasant View for their prayers, telephone calls, and many cards sent during my recent hospitalization and re-cooperation. Special thanks to Jim Sheets and Pastor Briehl for their visits.

Sincerely, Joy Campbell

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during the loss of Keith's dad. It was a comfort to know we had the support of so many.

Keith, Jill, Caden and Josh Richter

