

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the month of October, we will be focusing on ways we might be better stewards of the earth. This blistering heat of this past summer, the excessive flooding, drought and fires have prompted us to look to the source and norm of our life together, the Bible, for direction. In the month of October, this is what we will be doing. Deacon Phyllis Cox has graciously agreed to fill in for me on that first Sunday. She is an expert in this area and will be glad to answer any and all questions you may have. In addition, we hope to be able to plant a new tree on the church property in the not-so-distant future as a way of remembering to be the good stewards of the earth God intended us to be. As a follow up, I am hoping that we will be able to have the Advent gift exchange we enjoyed so much last year. This is a way of recycling which brings joy as well as another practical item, or impractical item, that may otherwise end up in the landfill.

To end the month, we will once again celebrate the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th. What red item will you wear this year? How might we be reformed in Christ's image? What might we learn?

While we are looking forward to following the steps of Paul, we are also looking forward to the time our steps bring us back to Pleasant View. I hope to have many stories to tell which will enrich our understanding of the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul.

May God bless us and keep us in his grace +

Pastor Phyllis

Since we will be focusing on Creation Care during October, here is a list of things we might do to reduce the effect of climate change.

Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth.

Convert all lighting to LED.

Use only compost-able disposable dinnerware (at church events and home for picnics).

Consider using homegrown or dried arrangements on the altar.

Make a list of things when you run out to reduce the number of trips made using a gas-powered vehicle.

Buy local instead of incurring the increased costs of transportation.

Through October 2nd: Pastor Phyllis will be on vacation. Deacon Phyllis Cox will preside over the Sunday worship services. If you have pastoral care needs or questions, please contact either Rosemary Spell, Council President, or Terry Bunch, Council Vice President.

October: The “Season of Creation” will be the main topics for worship services.

Sundays, at 10 a.m.: Open Door Sunday School Class. Join us in the study of the Old Testament ancestors (Deborah, Samson, Ruth, David, Solomon, Elijah). All are welcome to attend. Teachers: Bryan Huffman, Larry Landes, Bill Luders, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell.

Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections:” The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections: **October 1: Church World Service – Blanket Drive (\$10 per blanket).** “The CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.” **October 15: Valley Mission’s Afterschool Snack Program:** Collection will support the purchase of crackers, chips, cookies, juice boxes, and small bottles of water. **October 29: General Fund:** Within PVELC’s approved 2023 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekly Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry.

Sunday, October 1, Plant a Tree Today Project. A dogwood tree has been donated from the Virginia Synod’s Care of Creation Tapestry project. Weather permitting, this tree will be planted immediately following our worship service.

Sunday October 1, First Sunday Celebration. Thank you to Linda Page for providing the cake.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Choir Practice. All are welcome. Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

Thursday, October 5, at 5 p.m.: AED/CPR Training, Social Hall. PVELC purchased an AED “Defibrillator” earlier this year. A Registered Nurse will provide training to anyone interested. Please contact either Terry Bunch or Rosemary Spell if you plan to attend as per person booklets must be purchased. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Thursday, October 5, at 6 p.m.: Council Meeting in the Social Hall. The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for worship services and overseeing the operations of our Church. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council’s consideration, please submit them to Rosemary Spell (preferably in writing) no later than October 1.

Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m. The Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synodical Women of Virginia will hold its Annual Fall Gathering at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg. The director at the Virginia Quilt Museum will present the program on “Quilts in the Shenandoah Valley.” Refreshments and fellowship will follow. If you are interested in attending and carpooling from church, please contact Becci Page no later than October 1. **There is a sign up sheet in the back hall for those attending and whether they are bringing drinks or dessert.**

Monday, October 9, at 7 p.m.: Pleasant View Open Door Sunday School Class members will serve a meal to the Spring Hill Ruritan Club in the Social Hall. Net proceeds benefit Open Door Class Projects. For details, please contact Goldie Shiflett.

Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m.: Blessings Group will meet at Panera Bread in Waynesboro. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes or Terry Bunch.

Sunday, October 15, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee Meeting in the Choir Room.

Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m.: Bishop Phyllis Milton’s Installation at First Presbyterian Church located at 249 S. Wayne Ave, Waynesboro. A reception will follow the service at Grace Lutheran Church located at 500 S. Wayne Avenue. All are welcome to attend. The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton, Pastor at Holy Communion in Portsmouth Virginia, was elected June 11 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA. Bishop Milton is the first female bishop and first African American Bishop in the history of the Virginia Synod. She began her ministry as Bishop on September 1, 2023.

Friday, October 27, at 12:30 p.m.: Pleasant View Lutheran Men of Faith Gathering at Rowe’s Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Larry Landes, Gene Lilly, or Steve Troxell.

October 29: Reformation Sunday: In 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, in protest against the abuse of indulgences in the teaching and practice of the Roman Catholic Church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. Remember to wear something RED.

November 5, All Saints Sunday: PVELC members and friends: At this service, we will commemorate members of our congregation, relatives, and friends who passed away since November 1, 2022. Please provide name and date of death to either Mary Garber or Rosemary Spell no later than October 29.

Sunday, November 12, Congregation Meeting following the worship service in the Social Hall. Preliminary Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda: approval of budget for 2024; review of 2023 selected year-to-date financials; and election of Council members. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert and to enjoy a meal and fellowship prior to the meeting.

Property Issues: What a Difference a Month Makes: (1) Painting the trim on all Sanctuary and Narthex windows has been completed. (2) Replacement of three sections of the Sanctuary's copper roofing to address two holes (cemetery wall side) has also been completed. (3) A Knox Box has been installed which provides building access for the Fire Department in the event of an emergency. If you have any follow-up questions, please contact the Property Committee Council representatives: John Bowers and Doug Painter. If you would like to donate toward any of these projects, please designate "Building Fund" in the memo line of your check." Thank you.

In Memoriam:

Charles "Charlie" Edward Johnson passed away on September 12th. Our prayers and condolences to his wife, Laura, and their children, Amy and Adam, and to the extended family, friends and neighbors.

Dakota Patrick Humphries passed away on September 16th. Our prayers and condolences to his parents, Kirk and Cherish Humphries and extended family and friends, which includes Terry Bunch.

Mark Spivey passed away on September 16th from a heart attack. Our prayers and condolences to his wife, Claire, their children, and their extended "Fairfax" family, Charles and Helen Marie Leach and their children Kenneth Leach and Carol Rollins.

Thank You: Rise Against Hunger: Volunteers from 20 local churches packed 30,000 dehydrated meals of rice, vegetables, and other fortified dehydrated ingredients. Thanks to PVELC for its donation of \$500 and to participants, Janet Braithwaite, Jo Cline, Kenneth Leach and Rosemary Spell.

PVELC Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, 2733 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401.** If you wish for your contribution to be designated to a special fund (e.g., Outreach, HVAC, Change for Hope request, new Doors), please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution. Other options for making contributions include designating your IRA distribution as a qualified charitable distribution that will be directly sent to PVELC from your IRA account. This distribution will be tax free to you. PVELC also maintains an investment account with Truist Investments, formerly Scott and Stringfellow. If you would like to donate stock directly to the church. This type of donation will save you from paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the stock donated. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Fauber or Terry Bunch. Thank you for your ongoing support of PVELC.

Sermon Manuscripts for each Sunday's sermon are available in the Narthex and are sent to our shut-ins.

PVELC Communications: If you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone or by email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Rosemary Spell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson.

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page either by phone or by email. To be included in the prayer chain text list, please contact Linda Page. In addition, please refer to the "Our Prayers" section of the weekly Announcements.

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search website and Facebook posts: <http://www.pvelc.org/> and [Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Good Stuff is a section of the bulletin board beside the pastor's study. The good stuff may include newspaper articles related to faith, background information for the seasonal or weekly liturgies, photos and definitions of difficult words, to name a few. So, as you go down the hall, check it out.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Emails. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page.

"Word in Season" (October, November and December devotional booklet) and "Living Lutheran" are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

"Daily Grace" is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith-based reflection every day. Sign up for an email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#)

Staying in Touch: Holidays, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You: Please take time to send a note of encouragement to one another, make a phone call, send a text message, post a social media message, light a candle, donate to a charity serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters at home and around the world.

Verona Community Food Pantry: The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett.

The **Spark Family** quarterly booklet has been distributed to families with young children. This quarterly issue's focus is "God Is Great." If you would like a copy for a member of your family, please contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

**Pleasant View Women of the ELCA
Minutes September 13, 2023**

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the home of Jo Cline for a summer picnic. **Thank you** to Joe Cline for hosting our meeting.

Treasures report: Sue couldn't attend today to give a report. We were given \$40 for Bill Tueting's funeral luncheon and collected \$57 today.

AED & CPR Training: at Church on October 5 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Cards: We signed Birthday Cards for Bill Braithwaite and Alma Landes and thinking of you cards for Sue Cook and Von and David Simmons

Fall Gathering "Weave Us Together" Sunday, October 8, 2023

Where: Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, 281 E. Market St., Harrisonburg

2:00 Registration/Gathering:

2:30 Opening Devotions

2:45 Program –Speaker: Alison Thomas, VA Quilt Museum

3:45 Short Business Meeting

4:00 Fellowship and Feasting

Pleasant View is responsible for the drinks and desserts. We need to know by Sunday, October 1 if you plan on attending and whether you are bring drink or dessert. There will be a sign up sheet in the back hall.

WELCA US Triennial Gathering; will be held September 21-24 in Phoenix, Arizona. Further details available at Women of the ELCA (welcatg.org).

Collecting Pill Bottles for Developing Countries: Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies which fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in **developing countries** and caring for our environment.

ACCEPTABLE COLLECTIONS ITEMS INCLUDE

1. Prescriptions and over-the-counter pill bottles
2. Large and small bottles
3. Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

PILL BOTTLE DONATIONS SHOULD ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
2. Bottles should be sorted by color and type
3. All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue
4. All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot water and dish soap, rinsed and dried thoroughly
5. Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles
6. Clean, recapped bottles should be placed into large re-sealable bags and marked "Clean Bottles". These will be included in shipments of medical supplies

Bottles should be sent to:

Matthew 25 Ministries

11060 Kenwood Road

Blue Ash, OH 45242

After discussion, our WELCA group decided to participate in the pill bottle collection. **A box will be in the Narthex for deposit of the pill bottles for the months of October, November and December.** All members and family of Pleasant View are welcome to participate in this project.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. ,Muhlenberg Lutheran in Harrisonburg.
We will bring a sandwich and drink to eat after morning worship and then at 1:00 will carpool to Muhlenberg.

Linda Page, WELCA Secretary

Our Prayers

For the good of the church: Our bishops, Elizabeth and Robert, Pastor Phyllis and all pastors and deacons.

For those serving on military active duty: Chapman Toman and Alex Rankin

For healing and recovery: Bill Braithwaite, Fred Cox, Dale Moyers, Pastor Price, Phil Dixon, Rebecca Perrin, Mary Tueting and Tina Carrillo

For our friends and neighbors: Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Linda Holbert**, aunt of Joy Landes; **Kamden Bunch**, grandson of Terry Bunch; **Howard Ratcliffe**, our former Pastor; **Connie**, friend of Pastor Phyllis; **Larry Kelly**, friend of Mandy and Gene Lilly; **Dwight Dart**, son of Karen Fauber; **Pam**, friend of Alice Fauber and Mary Garber; **Barbara Burch**, former member and choir member; **Judy Curry**, stepsister of Terry Bunch. Judy's grandson, **Dakota Humphries**, died in a car accident September 16th.

Church Contacts

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Church Leadership Contact information

Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Vice President: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

Committee Representatives:

Education: Larry Landes 448-0047

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587; John Bowers 337-7061

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Social Ministry (Outreach): Rosemary Spell 703-298-3604

Worship and Music: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

October Birthdays

Judy Shuey	10/2
Brayden Scott Bowers	10/4
Berkley Dean	10/6
Weston Dean	10/6
Alma Landes	10/9
David Magoon	10/9
Amy Moyers	10/10
Andrew Luders	10/12
Julia Dixon	10/13
Gary Roudabush	10/13
Corbin Wheeler	10/17
Bob Hise	10/20
Jason Knicely	10/22
Alisha Cary	10/24
Marvin Fauber	10/24
Van Hizer	10/26
Andrew Cary	10/27
Diane Hizer	10/30
Niall Hurt	10/31
Steve Troxell	10/31

October Anniversaries

Bill & Janet Braithwaite	10/4/1981
Dale & Amy Moyers	10/4/1997
Jason & Cassidy Knicely	10/5/2019
John & Beth Bowers	10/15/1988
Pastor Phyllis & Doug Diamond	10/18/1997



THANK YOU NOTES:

“Thank you so very much for the monetary gift. It was very helpful since I had been out of work for 2 months after hand surgery. I was able to return to work on August 14 with weekly doctor checkups. Thanks for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. Your help is very much appreciated! Take Care. Diane and Wayne Hizer”

Worship Assistants for October

Assisting Minister: Bill Luders

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Terry Bunch and Sue Cook

October 1, 2023	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: James Cox
October 8, 2023	Lay Reader: John Bowers	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
October 15, 2023	Lay Reader: Duane Perrin	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
October 22, 2023	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
October 29, 2023	Lay Reader: Robyn Dean	Acolyte: James Cox