

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church October 2020

It's been one year since I was called by the Synod and the parish council to be your interim pastor. It has been a very interesting year to say the least! When I arrived last year I learned the church had an active call committee with some new members. I saw and felt a desire from the congregation for pastoral continuity and identified that as a primary aspect of my ministry here.

At the time I expected I would serve Pleasant View for six, maybe nine months, before the church would be interviewing candidates and setting the stage to welcome a new pastor. I felt blessed to be a part of that process. How times have changed. COVID-19 has stalled the call process across the state (indeed across the country) as churches scramble to provide meaningful virtual ministry and help their congregations stay connected to God and one another. I am convinced now, more than ever before, that continuity and a pastoral presence is very much needed at Pleasant View and it is my desire to continue to provide pastoral care into the future as we carefully work our way through this pandemic and the restrictions it places on all of us.

What gives me great pleasure and great hope is that this last year has not been about me but about you. Yes, I deeply appreciate the kindness that you have shown me and continue to show me, but what I find truly inspiring is the love and warmth you show one another especially those who are most frail and vulnerable. Perhaps you have been too close to one another for so long that you can't see it...but it is very clear to me, from my limited one year perspective, that what I am witnessing week after week is our Lord working through you as you show love for each other.

I encourage you now, more than ever to not give up but look up. Worship is important and last month the church council felt we could begin to come together safely again. Using an outdoor setting and the social hall to maintain social distancing and other protocols we began in-person worship services. Now that the weather is turning cooler, this month we'll have services both in the social hall and the sanctuary. The current projection is to have only one service at 11:00 am. in the sanctuary beginning in November. Then, after the new year we hope to be able to return to Sunday School and gradually open up to other church related activities. As you can see we're proceeding step-by-step and cautiously. I thank you for your patience. The health and safety of everyone who comes to the church is our most fervent concern.

As we take these incremental steps to return to in-person worship we know that for some people the risk of infection is too great and they are not yet comfortable returning to church in person. Know that they are just as much a part of the congregation as those who attend in-person worship on Sunday mornings. We will continue to make available by email and a box outside of the church the Sunday bulletin and church news as we have been doing during these past months so no one is left out. We will also make every effort to include them in congregational meetings and every other aspect of our church life.

As I begin my second year with you I am hopeful and optimistic. God is indeed in our midst and I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use you and me to further his ministry in the weeks and months ahead. God bless you all!

Pastor Larry

Tuesday, September 29 at 1 p.m.: PVELC and Pastor Larry continues to host one telephonic vesper service each Tuesday. The vesper service “bulletin” is available in the weekend distribution and redistributed on Monday prior to the service. After the service, which will last 20-30 minutes, there will be a time for those on the call to share prayer requests or other concerns. Please plan to participate. This will be the last vesper service for the Summer.
1 p.m. – dial **1-888-469-1070** a few minutes before 1 p.m. Next you will be asked to enter a passcode followed by the # key (lower right key on your phone).

- Enter **29735#** (Don't forget to press "#"). This number will bring you into the conference call. Please announce your name.

Sundays in October: “In-Person” Worship Services:

- **9 a.m. Fellowship Hall**
- **11 a.m. Sanctuary**

Guidelines for worship services:

- A mask must be worn, both in the Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary. If you do not have one, an usher will provide a mask.
- Per CDC guidelines, please do not attend if you have a temperature, if you are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are quarantining for any reason.
- Expect someone to request to take your temperature with a "no touch" thermometer.
- A sanitation station will be available throughout the worship areas.
- At the 9 a.m. service enter and exit by the Fellowship Hall door on the side of the church.
- At the 11 a.m. service enter the Sanctuary via the Narthex doors on the side of the church; exit the Sanctuary via the handicapped doors.
- Holy Communion will be offered at the end of the worship service. Individual pre-packaged communion packets will be used. Ushers will direct this process.

- Liturgical responses will be spoken by a congregational representative, not the entire congregation.
- Physical distancing of six feet will be required between family units in both locations.
- Offering plates will not be passed but a collection area will be designated (also Change for Hope “red buckets”).
- A children’s room for families with children is available in the Main Hall.
- Attendance will be noted; visitors will be asked to provide names/contact info.

It is understandable that when we return to in-person worship that some may elect not to participate in worship at the church until the virus is further contained and some of the restrictions are lifted. We understand. Please know that whether you come to the church on Sunday morning or choose the “safer at home” alternative, each one of you is a vital part of our worshipping community. We are all one body. We will continue to keep everyone abreast and involved in the church’s ministry.

Floral Arrangement: The floral arrangement is given by the Leach Family in memory of Frances and Reginald Leach.

Thursday, October 1: Council Meeting (in person) @ 6:30 p.m.: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for in-person worship services, overseeing the operations of our Church, and discussing issues for the November 8 Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council’s consideration, please submit them to Rosemary Spell (preferably in writing) no later than September 29. Email to rlspell528@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 4: Change for Hope (“Red Bucket”) – Michael Vayvada: As you know, the Staunton floods decimated many businesses along the Wharf. One was Michael Vayvada's. His request is for financial support to reestablish his business. Although he was able to recover his computer, his needs are extensive and there is uncertainty whether, when, and how the insurance will assist in the recovery of expenses incurred.

Change for Hope (“Red Bucket”) Outreach Requests: If you have an Outreach request, please submit it to Mary Garber via email. The Council approves these requests at their monthly meetings.

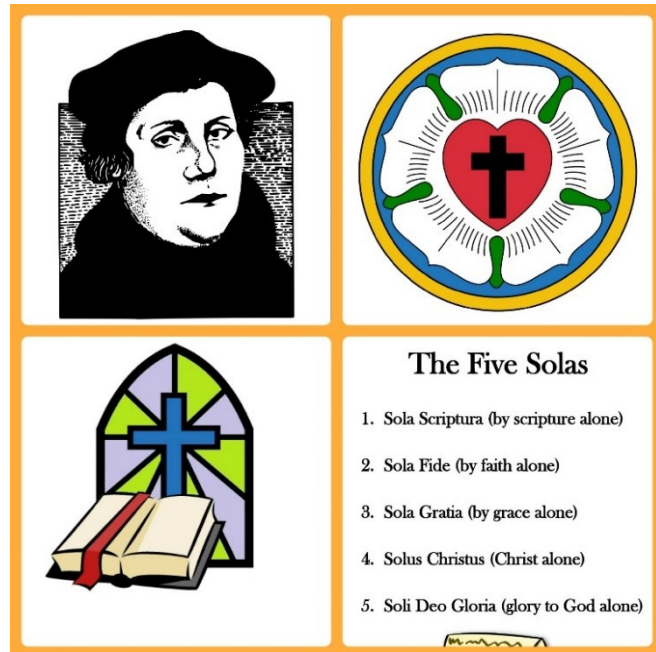
PVELC Contributions: If you mail your contribution, send to: **PVELC, P.O. Box 346, Verona, VA 24482.** If you wish a contribution to be designated to a special fund (e.g., HVAC) or Change for Hope request, please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution.

Tuesday, October 13, 10 a.m.: WELCA meeting -- (Pavilion – weather permitting; otherwise, Fellowship Hall): Pleasant View WELCA will meet Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. at church. We will meet in the shelter (weather permitting). If not, will meet in the social hall.

Wear a MASK and practice social distancing. This will be the only meeting we will have the remainder of this year. Becci Page will present a program on “Thank Offering”. Please bring your Thank Offering in the boxes that were provided to you last year at our thank offering meeting. Our project will be to make “Welcome Kits” for New Directions. The items to make the kits will be provided at this meeting and we will be putting them together. However, we asked that each member bring a NEW dishtowel and NEW dishrag to put in each kit. We are using a Thrivent Grant for this project. We will also make plans for our December activities.

**Sunday, October 25:
Reformation Sunday**

Reformation Day is a Protestant holiday that commemorates the **Reformation** movement started by Martin **Luther** in the 16th century. 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.



The Five Solas

1. Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone)
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone)
3. Sola Gratia (by grace alone)
4. Solus Christus (Christ alone)
5. Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone)

Sunday, November 1, All Saints’

Sunday: All Saints' Day is a day when we commemorate those we have lost as well as the Christians who have lived before us and have testified to their Christian faith.



”For Lutherans, All Saints resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner a saint, Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God’s grace, apart from our works, that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.”

At this service, we will commemorate members of our congregation, relatives, and friends who passed away since November 3, 2019. Please provide name and date of death to either Stephen Dickerson or Mary Garber.

- L. Douglas Painter, Sr. (12/5/19)
- Mary “Lou” Cary (3/6/20)
- Loretta “Jean” S. Link (3/14/20)
- Charles “Chick” Crawford (2/21/20)
- (other names to be added upon request)

Sunday, November 8: PVELC Congregational meeting: Please mark your calendars. This meeting will be held immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. Preliminary Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda: approval of budget for 2021; review of 2020 selected year-to-date financials (major property expenditures); election of Council members; election of Council representative to Call Process Committee; update on Handicapped Door Replacement project; and approval of proposed ADA Restroom project.

Staying in Touch -- Thinking of You, Get Well, Birthdays, and Anniversaries:

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 organizations serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world. To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via text or phone.

Oct 9 Alma Landes
Oct 25 Betty Cox
Oct 29 Kenneth Landes



Faith Formation at Home (Online Worship Opportunities)

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search Facebook posts

<http://www.pvelc.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/pg/PleasantViewEvangelicalLutheranChurch/posts/?ref=page_internal

Virginia Synod: The Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop will be providing sermons (10-15 minutes) each Sunday through the Christmas season for use in congregations.

Synod's website at vasynod.org/resources/pulpit-supply.

September 13: Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. Viktoria Parvin for Pentecost 15a

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOR9sDPMNSQ&feature=youtu.be>

September 20: Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. Terrie Stern for Pentecost 16a

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCj4_tOl0o4&feature=youtu.be

Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC

<https://cathedral.org/online/>

NOTE: Bible Stories: Muhlenberg Lutheran and Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church are using the Narrative Lectionary series beginning September 13. The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year reading plan that is designed to be read September through May, following the school year.

These readings focus on the narrative from Genesis through Jesus life. The second Sunday is the Biblical Story of “God’s Promise to Abraham.”

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg; Pastors Lauren Eanes and Alex Zuber

<https://www.muhlenberglutheran.org/>

September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or digital streaming at 11 a.m.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uAKETb2RGE> (worship service)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVc4VdBcoWY> (sermon only)

September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or digital streaming at 11 a.m.)

<https://www.yoButube.com/watch?v=tZFQFVgcRZo> (worship service)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3qtxjZyin8> (sermon only)

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Sidney; Pastor Derek Boggs

<http://salemlutheranva.org/>

<https://salemlutheranva.org/recordings/>

September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (“parking lot” worship service)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=c_g83HBFCxI&feature=youtu.be

September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (“parking lot” worship service)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6hw2mndXsE&feature=youtu.be>

Season of Creation: October 4: Renewing, Repairing and Restoring Our

Commitments to God, to One Another and to All Creation. “The ongoing protection and sharing of clean water are part of our baptismal vocation to love neighbour as self...” (See separate email attachment.)

Women of the ELCA. “Just Love, Act Boldly, Faithful Friends” Just love means acting boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ – together. Add “Women of the ELCA” to your Facebook feed.

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God’s extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. Make sure you select the “Daily Grace from Women of ELCA” app.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>

PVELC Activities (per Council’s recommendation):

- **Sunday School:** Suspended; date to resume TBD.
- **Pleasant Memories:** Suspended for the remainder of 2020.
- **Verona Food Pantry:** PVELC will continue to support this outreach program.

PVELC Communications: If you need a pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Larry via phone or email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Rosemary Spell or Carol Troxell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please

contact Stephen Dickerson. To initiate a prayer chain request or to be included in the prayer chain communications, please contact Linda Page.

Communion – special circumstances: On an individual or a couple basis, limited at-home (on your porch or patio) communion may be administered by Pastor Larry or Sue Cook. If you are interested, please contact them via email or telephone.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Etc. A plastic bin containing these materials has been placed outside at the Parish Hall door. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact Steve Dickerson or Becci Page. These materials will continue to be available after we begin “in person” worship services. The “Word in Season” for October/November/December is available. Materials in the PVELC bin:

From Pastor Larry: Sunday Gospel reflections; Midweek reflections
Sunday Bulletin; Announcements; Roots and Wings
Devotion Materials: “Word in Season” and “Living Lutheran”

Entering the Church: If you need to be in the building, please use the Main Hall entrance. Please wear a mask and social distance. Also, a sign-in "tracking" document is in the Main Hall at the mailboxes. Please sign in and note the applicable rooms you visited. Vendors are required to do the same and are requested to provide a contact telephone number. This will assist with any contact tracing, if necessary. The health and safety of everyone is paramount.

Outreach “in kind” Requests:

- **Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP):** HELP has new ownership effective September 2020 and is renovating the Churchville facility. They are requesting assistance with their local outreach program through gently used medical equipment (e.g., walkers, canes) or cash donations.
- **Valley Mission Donation Request:** Valley Mission is requesting the following supplies: brooms & dustpans, glass cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, bleach, disinfectant wipes, gloves, trash bags. Items may be dropped off at the shelter: 1513 West Beverley Street, Staunton. For additional information, please call 540-886-4673.

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October Birthdays

Judy Shuey	10/2
Ryan Leach	10/3
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
Betty Cox	10/25
Van Hizer	10/26
Andrew Cary	10/27
Michael Thompson	10/27
Kenneth Landes	10/29
Diane Hizer	10/30
Niall Hurt	10/31
Steve Troxell	10/31

October Anniversaries

Bill & Janet Braithwaite	10/04/1981
Dale & Amy Moyers	10/04/1997
Jason & Cassidy Knicely	10/05/2019



Thank You

Thank you to everyone for their calls, cards and prayers during my recent shoulder surgery and current recovery.

Becci

Our Prayers:

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

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

For healing and recovery: Linda Zullig, Bill Braithwaite, Betty Cox, Jo Cline, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Hunter Fauber and family, Fred Cox, Frances Knott, Naomi Knott and Becci Page

For our friends and neighbors: **Rette Cline**, friend of Rosemary Spell; **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Emily Simmons**, grandmother of Laurel and Zane Simmons; **Jerry Byrd**, friend of Robyn Dean; **Ella Peters**, friend of Laurel Simmons; **John Davis**, friend of Mary and Bill Tueting; **Andrew Moyers**, brother of Dale Moyers; **Scott**, nephew of Mandy Lilly; **Mike Magoon**, Jeremy Magoon's father; **Dottie Hall**, sister of Jim Sheets; **Alex Zuber**, Associate Pastor, Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

For our healthcare and safety members and friends: Leslie Adkins, Andy Bunch, Jennifer Cline, Rebecca Coffin, Alex & Nathan Hall, Courtney Johnson, Frances & John Knott, Kegan Knott, Naomi Knott, Dr. Timothy Landes, Amy Moyers, Casey Parady, Karen Quick, Lisa Rankin, Thomas Ratcliff, Beth Sheets, Susan St Clair, Kimberley Toman, Forester Wright, Hunter Wright, Dustin Wright, Dean Zullig, and others.

For our Caregivers: Janet Braithwaite, Alice Fauber, Diane Bell Hizer, Landes family, Kim Cox Miller, Mary Virginia Roudabush, Simmons family and others.

Our pastors and lay leaders: Pastor Larry Closter, Sue Cook, Pastor Tara Magoon, Pastor Kenneth Price and others.

Church Leadership Contact information

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Council Vice President: Carol Troxell 294-1559

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

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