

# The *VIEW*

## News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church November 2020

In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)

This month we celebrate one of our most treasured national holidays, Thanksgiving Day. On this day it's not unusual, as the family gathers around the dinner table, to ask what each family member is most thankful. The best responses are always the ones from the youngest members of the family who are thankful for a toy or a pet.

St. Paul tells us "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus". This year that is going to be harder for many of us to do. The pandemic will limit many family gatherings adding to the stress, financial insecurity, and alienation that so many are feeling right now after months of social distancing with no end in sight. Still, we as Christians are resilient and are grateful for so many things, our health, our homes, our country, our jobs and the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution in our community...but I think for the most part, we are most thankful for the ones we love and those who love us. We are thankful because we know that our time with them is precious—and limited.

This Thanksgiving I urge you to consider not just of your own family but remember those in our church family who have lost a loved one in the past few years. Thanksgiving is especially hard on them. As you know, love doesn't end at the gravesite. They remember the happiness this holiday brings and they feel the hard reality that an important piece of that happiness is now gone. Take a moment to say a prayer for them by name...and a phone call around the holiday means a lot.

While in his letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul urged Christ's followers to be joyful at all times, but we know that's just not always possible. When terrible things happen in our lives—death of a loved one, a crippling accident, an inability to have children, difficulty at school or at work, a break-up—it is only right to cry and mourn and scream "why me God?" For we feel like our heart has been cut out and our life is off balance. Paul's urging that we give thanks in all things is not saying we should hide our true feelings, and always wear a smile. Instead, he was encouraging and reassuring the early Christians that Jesus was with them even in the most trying times giving them the power to face their situation, no matter how dire. In that knowledge, he

urged the Thessalonians to be thankful and to give praise. This is a promise we Christians can find assurance in today.

Yes, Paul was correct that we should be thankful in all circumstances—thankful to God for his goodness and grace, even if we don't feel up to the task. When we have an open dialogue with Jesus about everything we're feeling—the doubts, the turmoil, the grief—the weight will be lifted from our shoulders and we'll have even more to be grateful for than before. The ultimate goal is to be able to be joyful, prayerful, and thankful to the Lord at all times and in all circumstances. With God's help, this indeed is possible.

This year, when you sit down at your Thanksgiving table give thanks for the people surrounding you in love, even if they can't be there physically with you. But also give thanks for the creator of love itself. For it is truly right to give God thanks and praise. Have a very safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Larry

### **Sundays in November: “In-Person” Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. Guidelines for worship services:**

- Please enter the Sanctuary via the Narthex doors on the side of the church; exit the Sanctuary via the handicapped doors.
- A mask must be worn (covering mouth and nose), both in the Social Hall and in the Sanctuary. If you do not have a mask, an usher will provide one.
- 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.
- Someone will request to take your temperature with a "no touch" thermometer.
- A sanitation station will be available throughout the worship areas.
- Holy Communion will be offered at the end of the worship service (outside weather permitting). Individual pre-packaged communion packets will be used.
- Liturgical responses will be spoken by a congregational representative.
- Physical distancing of six feet will be required between family units.
- Offering plates will be in a collection area (including Change for Hope “red buckets”).
- Attendance will be noted; visitors will be asked to provide names/contact info.

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.

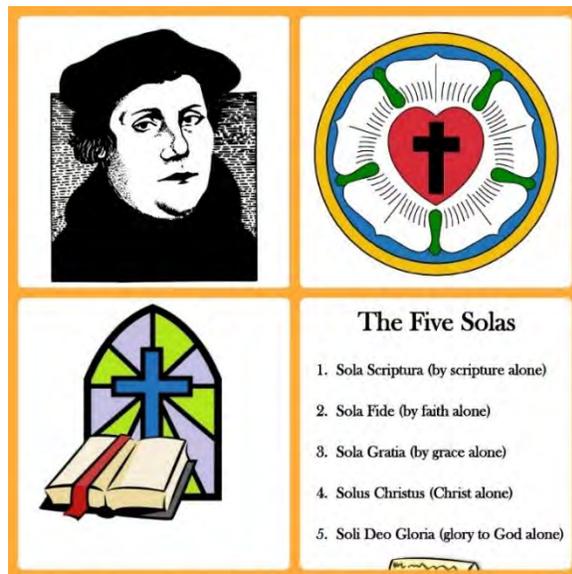
## Reformation Sunday, October 25:

**Reformation Day (October 31)** 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.

“By scripture alone; by faith alone; by grace alone; Christ alone; glory to God alone.”

**Wear “red” to celebrate Reformation Day!**



**Condolence:** Our deepest sympathy to Alice Fauber, children, step-children and extended family and friends of Hunter Fauber. “Well done, our good and faithful servant.”

**“Home Grown Pictorial” Directory – Restart!** Sue Cook will be taking pictures for an updated directory to be distributed within our Congregation. Pictures will be taken **October 25, November 1 and 8 in the Choir Room following the 11 a.m. worship service.** If you submit a photograph it must be a candid photo (not subject to copyright restrictions). Please contact Mary Garber (540) 480-0444 or Sue Cook with questions.

**October 29**  
**Kenneth Landes**



**Sunday, November 1**  
**Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends.**



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



"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."

**Thursday, November 5: 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 October 30. Email to [rlspell528@gmail.com](mailto:rlspell528@gmail.com).

**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; update on several Property projects; and approval of proposed ADA Restroom project floorplan.

**November 16-30:** Pastor Larry will be on a well-deserved vacation.

- November 22: Pastor Price will lead our worship service and Holy Communion.
- November 29: The Worship and Music Committee will provide a service on Thanksgiving and Thankoffering. We will also observe the First Sunday in Advent.

**Change for Hope ("Red Bucket")** If you have an Outreach request, please submit it to Mary Garber via email. The following requests have been approved by the Council.

- **Sunday, November 1: Valley Mission -- Support for Thanksgiving;** Each year Valley Mission offers food for a complete Thanksgiving meal to low-income members of our local community. They provided a list of items requested for each box (posted on Main Hallway bulletin board). The monies collected will be used either to purchase the items requested or to fund Valley Missions' shopping for the items requested (e.g., turkeys and all the fixings).

- **Sunday, November 15: A single mother and her twin boys (Verona):** For the last several years, PVELC has supported this family. The Mother continues to battle cancer and is unable to work. The monies will be used to purchase a gift card(s) for groceries, household items and children needs.
- **Sunday, November 29: Shenandoah Valley Social Services – Christmas Wish List Project.** The request is for gift cards or monetary donations that will be used to shop for gifts for children who will be in foster care at Christmas. The preferred gift cards include Walmart, Target, and Visa.

**Poinsettias:** Rather than purchasing poinsettias for the Advent and Christmas Season, please consider a donation to one of several PVELC initiatives. A listing of the donors and their corresponding memorials or honorariums will be distributed (amount excluded). Please pick up a donation form upon entering the church and return it in the “poinsettia” basket prior to December 6. Suggested initiatives are Outreach, General Fund, Building Fund, HVAC Fund, or Memorial Fund. NOTE: We will not be ordering live poinsettias in 2020.



**November 20-21: “Lost and Found”** The Virginia Synod’s annual weekend retreat for youth in 7th and 8th grades and their adult advisors, will be DIGITAL this year! The event will take place via Zoom during four blocks of time on Nov. 20-21 (Friday 6 PM to Saturday 7:30 PM). “We plan many of the same kinds of experiences we would have at an in-person Lost and Found: large group singing and skits, quiz show, small group games and discussion, worship, Bible study, and more singing! A small registration fee will allow each participant to receive event materials and a t-shirt prior to the event. Registration information will be available at the Youth Ministry on the Virginia Synod website.”

**Time and Talent:** Please complete the “You Can Count on Me” form indicating your commitments to PVELC worship services, committees, and ongoing initiatives. The forms are available in the Narthex entry. **Please return no later than November 22.**

**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.

**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 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.

### **Faith Formation at Home (Online Worship Opportunities)**

**Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church:** search website and Facebook posts:

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

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/PleasantViewEvangelicalLutheranChurch/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/PleasantViewEvangelicalLutheranChurch/posts/?ref=page_internal)

**Virginia Synod:** [vasynod.org/resources/pulpit-supply](https://vasynod.org/resources/pulpit-supply).

October 18: Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. Cathy Mims for Pentecost 20a

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEcdSLm96to&feature=youtu.be>

**NOTE:** Bible Stories: Muhlenberg and Salem churches are using the Narrative Lectionary series. The sixth Sunday in the series is the story of “God Answers Hannah.”

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

October 18: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (or digital streaming at 11 a.m.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJpI75Z1PnM> (worship service)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I4-kjObvKY> (sermon only)

**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church,** Mount Sidney; Pastor Derek Boggs

October 18: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=53VFgwp2mdl&feature=youtu.be>

**Women of the ELCA.** “Just Love, Act Boldly, Faithful Friends” 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.
- **Trinity Lunch:** Limited distribution of meals.
- **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.

**October 26: National Day of the Deployed:** This day honors all service members who have been deployed in service of our country. The day also acknowledges the sacrifices that military families make during deployment. While first observed in 2006, by 2012, every state in the US was observing this day.



**November: Create a “Thankful” Pumpkin:** Every day for the month of November write either a word or a phrase of thanks on your pumpkin (either a real pumpkin or create a paper pumpkin). You will create a beautiful Thanksgiving decoration!



**PLEASANT VIEW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**  
**November – December (Preliminary)**

Worship Service at 11 a.m. only (with Holy Communion)

Sunday Gospel and Midweek Reflections (begun in March; continue to send via email)

November 1 – All Saints’ Sunday – Listing of members and friends who have passed away since November 3, 2019 (Light a candle and receive a white rose)

November 8 – Congregational Business Meeting (following worship service in Sanctuary; no meal)

November 15 -- Dedicate Advent Candles given by Mary and Bill Tueting

November 16-30 -- Pastor Larry on vacation

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday – Pastor Kenneth Price w/Holy Communion; return Time and Talent Commitments

November 29 – Thank Offering and Thanksgiving Program; First Sunday in Advent – Worship & Music Committee (no Communion)

December 2, 9, and 16 -- Advent Vespers Services (at 12 noon in Social Hall with prepackaged sandwiches and bottled water/drinks)

December 6 – Request for “poinsettia” memorial forms due; decorate Sanctuary after Worship Service, including Chrismon tree

December 13 – Combined Worship Service and Christmas Program (Gary Flavin) followed by mini-snack fellowship in the Social Hall - TBD

December 20 – Installation of new Council members during Worship Service

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 9 p.m. (with Holy Communion)

December 27 – Worship Service w/scripture and music (TBD)

## **Pleasant View Women of the ELCA Minutes –October 13, 2020**

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. We haven't met since February due to the Corona Virus Covid-19 outbreak which has stopped all church activities since mid - March, 2020.

Program: Becci Page presented a program on the WELCA Thank Offering. Those of us who had been given Thank Offering Boxes last year brought them today. Our Thank Offering today was \$552.05.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as posted in the March newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Thank Offering \$578 (with more to come in), Blanket Drive \$368 and offering today was \$95.

Our Allotment to WELCA. At the end of each year, we send a portion of our monthly offerings to WELCA. Since we haven't met this year but twice before this meeting, (due to Covid) a motion was made by Goldie Shiflett to send them \$30 and seconded by Debbie Hastert. Motion passed.

Thank You Note: Linda read a thank you note from Valley Mission for the Sock-health care kits we donated to them in February.

Cancellations: Rosemary noted that all WELCA activities had been cancelled since March including the Virginia State WELCA Conference, our May Bible Study, Fall Gathering and any Southern Valley meetings/activities due to COVID 19. We will see if and when these activities will resume in 2021.

New Altar Candles: Rosemary noted that since we are currently having two services because of Covid-19, we needed to purchase another set of oil-filled altar candles to use in the social hall services. It was suggested that WELCA pay for these so Becci Page ordered and paid for them. We all agreed WELCA should pay for these candles and will reimburse Becci.

WSH-Christmas: We usually purchase items or donate to Western State Hospital each Christmas. A motion was made by Goldie Shiflett that we donate \$30 this year and seconded by Debbie Hastert. Motion passed.

Helping a family: Goldie noted that she still had some Thrivent funds and we agreed that we use these funds to help the Erica Greaver family (Erica has cancer). Pleasant View has helped her financially several times in the past couple years.

Shut-In project for December: We reviewed our list of Shut-In's. Each member picked a shut-in and in December will take them a gift and visit with them if possible. Some of our shut-ins are in nursing homes and visits are not allowed as yet, but they can receive our gifts.

Project: New Directions: Goldie had gotten a \$250 grant back in February from Thrivent to do a project which we couldn't complete due to Covid-19. Now that some Covid restrictions have been lifted, we decided to do "Welcome Kits" for New Directions. Women in their program are given "Welcome Kits" when they set up a new home. Goldie, Linda and Becci went to Dollar Tree in Fishersville and purchased 15 kits. This included 15 clothes baskets with cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent/fabric softener sheets, etc. Today we divided up these items into the 15 clothes baskets and Linda and Becci delivered them to New Directions after the meeting. They were thrilled with the kits and felt this was an ingenious idea. They were so appreciative and thanked us both several times.

Present today were: Goldie Shiflett, Wanda Bowers, Sue Cook, Mary Virginia Roudabush, Debbie Hastert, Becci Page, Linda Page, Rosemary Spell, Christine Puffenbarger and her great granddaughter, Josie.

Next Meeting: We will not meet in November or December. Our next scheduled meeting date, time and place will be announced at a later date in our church bulletin and newsletter.

Linda Page, Secretary

## **Church Contacts**

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Music Director: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Parish Nurse: Sue Cook 292-0327

Financial Secretary: Becci Page Home 886-3220; Cell 255-3887 [bpkittycat@comcast.net](mailto:bpkittycat@comcast.net)

Assistant Financial Secretary: Janet Braithwaite 886-5880 Cell (540)448-3466

Sexton: Jimmy Cox 241-85005

## **Church Leadership Contact information**

Interim Pastor: Larry Closter: 540-848-5325 [larry.closter@gmail.com](mailto:larry.closter@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Vice President: Carol Troxell 294-1559

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

## **Committee Representatives**

Education: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: Burke Simmons 292-8674

Hospitality and Social Ministry: Joy Landes 280-9019; Carol Troxell 294-1559

Property: John Knott 430-3005; Forester Wright 337-6408

Worship and Music: Gary Flavin 885-8479; Linda Page 885-0539

Youth and Recreation: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

## November Birthdays

Lee St. Clair	11/1
Daniel Worrell	11/2
Mark Cline	11/3
Sue Cook	11/3
Brad Dean	11/3
Robyn Dean	11/3
Terry Bunch	11/5
Ruth Worrell	11/5
Paula Cox	11/7
Chris Cary	11/10
Fred Cox	11/11
Martha Arehart	11/12
Jason Garrison	11/19
Steven Link	11/19
Caden Richter	11/20
Keith Richter	11/25
Cheryl McKay	11/29
Meghan Garber	11/30

## November Anniversaries

David & Mary King	11/06/2004
Burke & Allison Simmons	11/11/1998



## Thank you

To the Pleasant View Congregation,  
Thank you for being so generous after, my business, Ace Communication Arts was flooded in Staunton. The flooding in the Wharf reminded me of Noah and the ark, just as my congregation reminded me of the rainbow. In the Bible also remember Hebrews 6:10... "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Thankfully,  
Michael Vayvada

## Addendum to Congregational Directory

Quick, Jack & Connie      The Legacy at North Augusta      Phone (910) 295-3845  
Room 3022  
1410 A North Augusta St.  
Staunton, VA 24401

## 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 and Fred Cox

**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; **Dottie Hall**, sister of Jim Sheets; **Andreas Pikel**, son of Gottfried Pikel



## **All Saints Sunday**

**November 1, 2020**

**L. Douglas Painter, Sr.- December 5, 2019**

**Helen Morris- January 10, 2020 (aunt of Jimmy Cox)**

**Leigh Roberts – January 22, 2020 (father of Carol Troxell)**

**Claude “Chick” Crawford – February 21, 2020 (father of Debbie Hastert)**

**Kathryn Hoback – March 1, 2020 (sister of Patronik Family)**

**Mary “Lou” Cary – March 6, 2020**

**Loretta “Jean” S. Link – March 14, 2020**

**Nancy Mills – April 16, 2020 (sister of Carol Troxell)**

**Mary Waide Frank Byrd – July 26, 2020 (sister of Gabe Frank)**

**Barbara Blistein – September 5, 2020 (daughter-in-law’s mother of Carol Troxell)**

**Hunter Boyle Fauber – October 17, 2020**