

The *VIEW*

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

During the entire month of March the church finds itself immersed in the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) and will end with the celebration of Easter (April 12th). This 40 day season, not counting Sundays, began as a time of preparation for baptism for those desiring to publicly become part of the church. Since then Lent has become a meaningful season for all Christians to prepare for Easter through the practices of prayer, fasting, self-sacrifice, and giving to others by donating time and/or making financial contributions. Still, throughout the centuries, baptism and its physical and spiritual expression we call discipleship, is central in our worship and all the scripture readings during the Lenten season.

This year we will highlight the baptismal theme on Palm Sunday (April 5th) in a special way. If you or members of your family have not been baptized now would be a good time to contact me on Sunday or by phone (540-848-5325). I'll talk with you about the sacrament and make the necessary arrangement for the baptism to take place on April 5th. I know that in the Lutheran Church we are used to seeing infants baptized but in today's world many people have never been baptized and as a former military chaplain I have baptized children and adults of all ages.

Also, if you have been baptized but would like to come forward on Palm Sunday to renew your baptismal vows please let me know in person or call me at (540) 848-5325. Some people find help and comfort in the ritual of reaffirming their baptism in times of grief, illness, hardships, or a prolonged absence from attending church.

As we experience the season of Lent together my prayer is that we all grow deeper in our understanding and commitment of our baptism and the gifts that it offers.

Pastor Larry

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendar and plan to attend our special mid-week Lenten services. This year they will be held at noon on Wednesdays and begin with a soup and cracker lunch followed by a worship service centering on a short skit followed by a discussion time. The dates in March are 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. See you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

Save the date March 8. Special Congregational meeting immediately following the Worship Service to discuss replacement of furnace with appropriate recommendation and funding opportunities.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet on the **Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.** Please provide items for consideration, preferably in writing, to the appropriate Council Committee representative or chairperson.

Change for Hope Outreach Approved – “Virgil’s First Christmas” – Dessert Theater by Pleasant View and Salem Players. Family members of Salem ELC were involved in a traffic accident in January. The single mother was seriously injured with fractured bones and is in Harrisonburg Rehab for an extended stay. Her daughter was not seriously injured; another daughter was not in the vehicle. The Councils at both churches approved designating their play receipts to the “Patsy Fund.” Salem ELC will be the administrators of the fund and will ensure that disbursements are managed properly.

Change for Hope Outreach “Red Bucket” Requests: The following requests were approved by the Council.

March 1: Church World Services. School Supply Kits (each kit is \$15): sponsored by WELCA

March 15: Salem ELC’s “Patsy Fund” sponsored by PVELC (see above)

March 29: General Outreach

Please submit requests for Change for Hope Outreach requests in writing or via email to the Church Council or Church Secretary. All requests are subject to Council approval and must be printed in the bulletin or announced at least two weeks prior to the Outreach collection. Change for Hope collections will occur on the first, third and fifth Sundays. Collections that are not designated will be accumulated in PVELC’s Outreach funds.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA

Minutes –February 15, 2020

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Saturday, February 15, 2020 and hosted a Family Day Brunch for the whole church. There were 30 in attendance. Decorations were Valentine themed.

After a delicious brunch, Rosemary Spell gave prizes for the following:

The couple attending that has been married the longest (Pastor Kenneth and Joe Price-65 years); The couple attending married the shortest length of time (Ben and Sage Hastert-8 years), and the person with a birthday closest to today (Mary Tueting-birthday 2/16).

Next, we played the game “Name the Cake”. We were given questions and had to match the questions to a list of cakes (i.e., What cake do you feed a rabbit? Answer-Carrot cake). There was a tie between Duane and Rebecca Perrin and Ben and Sage Hastert for answering the most questions. They both received a prize.

After the game there were poems and readings by several members. Some of these had come from the archives of Frances Leach, one of our members who passed away last year. A display was set up of “Sock Kits” for the Valley Mission (10 for women and 10 for men). These were put together by Becci Page and included socks and health and toiletry items which were paid for by WELCA. Note cards were then passed out and those attending were asked to write an inspirational message or bible verse on the note cards and these were placed in the “Sock Kits”. These will be delivered to the Valley Mission next week.

Everyone had a wonderful time and when Goldie Shiflett asked if they’d like to do this next year, there was a unanimous “Yes”.

The next WELCA meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at church at 10:00 a.m. Our program is about “School Supply Kits for Church World Services. Each kit is \$15. We will ask Church Council for one of the Red Bucket offerings to help with this project.

Linda Page - Secretary

Open Door Sunday School: Beginning March 3, please join our “all ages” class on Sunday mornings as we begin a “Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord’s Prayer.” It will be supplemented with “Wondrous Love” devotional readings. Daily readings begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Copies are available in the Narthex.

9:30 a.m. Sharing and Caring: coffee and pastries

10:00 a.m. Lessons and discussion on Biblical and seasonal topics.

Teachers: Allison Simmons, Rosemary Spell, Steve Troxell, Bill Luders

Pleasant Memories: The Pleasant Memories fellowship group will not meet in March. Our next gathering will be on Monday, April 27, 2020. Our luncheon and program plans have yet to be determined but please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You can plan on good food, fellowship, and fun! Everyone is welcome to join this group.

New Church Directory- During the month of March, members and friends photographs will be taken immediately following the worship service for our new church directory. Please see Sue Cook in the back hallway after church on **March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29** to have your photograph taken. This pictorial directory will be a "Home Grown" version with most recent contact information and photographs combined for an updated directory to be distributed. We ask everyone to please participate so that our information is as updated as possible. Please contact Mary Garber (540) 480-0444 with questions.

March Birthdays

Erin Dixon 3/11
Chip Lilly 3/12
Janet Braithwaite 3/13
Tammy Lilly 3/15
Austin Bowers 3/17
John Bowers 3/26
Timothy Lihos 3/26
Bill Coffin 3/29
Jasmine Cook 3/29
Gavyen Hensley 3/30

March Anniversaries

Chip & Tammy Lilly 3/19/2010

We express our Christian sympathy to Debbie Hastert and family at the passing of her father, Claude “Chick” Crawford, on February 21, 2020.

Our Prayers

We lift up our prayers for Linda Zullig, Tina Carrillo, Jean Link, Bill Braithwaite, Janet Braithwaite, Carolyn Cox, Michael Vayvada, Dale Moyers, Betty and Tom Cox, Jo Cline, Mary Garber, Lou Cary, Donald Lee Cary, Mike Lilly, Ruth Worrell, Gladys Fockler, Andy Fauber and Erika Leach.

For our friends and neighbors: **Rette Cline**, friend of Rosemary Spell; **Loretta Sutton**, friend of Mary Garber; **Angela**, friend of Christine Puffenbarger; **Jim Jones** and **Michael Carper**, friends of Frances and John Knott; **James Bell**, uncle of Mary Garber; **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jim and Carolyn Cox; **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; **Ralph Steger**, friend and former member; **Pastor Karen Taylor**, Bethlehem ELC, friend of WELCA and ACTS groups; **John Michael**, friend of the Leach family; **Patsy Cruz and family**, members of Salem ELC

Church Leadership Contact information

Interim Pastor: Larry Closter: 540-848-5325 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; Bill Luders 271-0535

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

Youth and Recreation: Bill Luders 271-1101

Church Contacts

Parish Secretary: Stephen Dickerson 434-996-0934

Interim Choir Director: Gary Flavin 885-8479

Parish Nurse: Sue Cook 292-0327

Financial Secretary: Becci Page Home 886-3220; Cell 255-3887 bpkittycat@comcast.net

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

Custodian: Bill Luders 271-1101

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Assisting Minister and Ushers/Communion Preparation for March

Assisting Minister: Frances Knott

Ushers and Communion Preparation: Wanda Bowers, Susan & Forrester Wright

March 1, 2020

Lay Reader: Michael Vayvada

Acolyte: Sydney Moyers

Communion Assistant: Sarah Dabney

March 8, 2020

Lay Reader: Gottfried Pikel

Acolyte: Dylan Moyers

Communion Assistant: Zane Simmons

March 15, 2020

Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite

Acolyte: Jim Cox

Communion Assistant : John Knott

March 22, 2020

Lay Reader: Terry Bunch

Acolyte: John Knott

Communion Assistant: Gottfried Pikel

March 29, 2020

Lay Reader: Joy Landes

Acolyte: Zane Simmons

Communion Assistant: Terry Bunch

Inclement Weather: In the event inclement weather requires cancellation of Sunday church activities, please check WHSV (channel 3). The Property Committee Council representatives and Pastor Larry will make the decision. They will keep in mind the area roadways, the safety of traveling to/from church, and the church's parking and sidewalk areas. Steve Dickerson will also email the notice to those who provided email addresses for the church directory.

March 2020

Happenings at Pleasant View

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship and Music Meeting 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	2 9am Food Pantry	3	4 9am Food Pantry noon Lenten Service 6pm Choir	5 9am Food Pantry 6:30pm Church Council	6 9:30am Church Women United at Staunton Church of the Brethren	7
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