

The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church June 2021

At the time of this writing (May 17th) our governor has announced that masking indoors is no longer a requirement for fully vaccinated people except "in congregate settings" (I'm assuming that includes indoor worship services). On May 28th the requirements for social distancing for fully vaccinated people will also be lifted. These exceptions do not apply to unvaccinated persons.

I look forward to the time when I can lead worship and talk with you face-to-face and not mask-to-mask. I also look forward to the time when it is deemed safe to resume congregational singing, listen to the choir, have Sunday School classes, WELCA meetings, Pleasant Memories, and church socials in the church once again. The time is coming...but we're not quite there yet. Please be patient for a little while longer. By God's grace we will get there.

In April an informal survey of congregational members who normally attend our services indicated that the percentage of people who normally attend services and who were fully vaccinated (or somewhere in the vaccination process) was approximately 80%. Now, two months later, that percentage is probably higher. Restrictions are now being lifted in the state of Virginia and across the nation. Science has shown the approved vaccines are safe and highly effective in preventing those vaccinated from becoming sick or spreading the virus to others. Your willingness to be vaccinated directly contributes to a reduction in the rate of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths caused by this virus. It also helps to reduce the spread of variants and mutations. I pray that the current downward trend continues.

If you are hesitant about receiving the vaccine I urge you to reconsider. This should not be a political point. It really is a matter of public health. To be fair to you I must confess that I'm biased. Having spent 21 years in the military whenever I went overseas, which was quite frequently, I received a series of shots for everything imaginable (and many things I couldn't imagine or pronounce) before leaving the states. Over the course of my military career the number of shots I received could fill a small notebook. The Army hates it when a soldier becomes sick and because of those pre-deployment injections I never caught anything other than a common cold despite having to live in some rather deplorable conditions. From this personal experience, and my observation of hundreds of other soldiers, I became convinced that our medical disease experts know what is needed to keep us healthy and I trusted their expertise.

On another personal note a few days before last Christmas my younger sister was diagnosed with COVID-19 and became quite ill. She was hospitalized for six weeks and spent half of that time in an intensive care unit. She was close to death but fortunately has since made a full recovery. My sister had no pre-existing conditions. She was the picture of health and very athletic. Up until the time she contracted COVID she was playing indoor competitive tennis several times a week and would frequently beat good players half her age. (I quit playing against her in my mid-twenties because she would soundly beat me every time). I talked to her just after she was released from the hospital and she pleaded with me to do whatever it takes to get the vaccine as soon as possible. I took her advice. If you are over the age of twelve and have not received the vaccine I urge you to talk with your doctor as soon as possible about any concerns you may have.

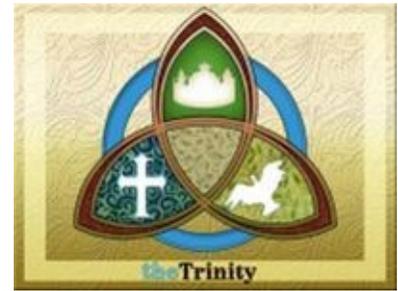
I think it's ironic, and a bit disturbing, that we now have a glut of vaccines in our country and our government is spending millions of dollars to try to convince its citizens to take this vaccine for free. Yet, across the world in places like India, Brazil and Indonesia thousands of the poorest among us are dying daily from COVID-19 because they lack access to the vaccine. I'm not suggesting there is a simple solution to this distribution issue. My point is that the vaccine is available to us we and I urge you to thankfully receive it if you haven't already.

Many who have read this may be wondering why as your pastor's my focus is on the vaccine and not spiritual things. The answer is at this moment in our history the COVID-19 vaccine is a spiritual matter. The greatest gift our God has bestowed upon each one of us is the gift of life. The spread of the COVID-19 virus has impacted our communal worship life together and is causing sickness and death in huge numbers across the globe. I thank God for the dedication of doctors and scientists and their tireless work of creating vaccines to combat this awful threat. Again I admit I am bias but for me one way of giving thanks to God is taking the practical step of receiving the vaccine and encouraging others to do the same.

Pastor Larry

“In-Person” Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All related activities continue to be suspended until further notice. This decision will be reviewed at the June Council meeting. If you feel comfortable, please plan to attend worship services. Hymns will be sung/spoken by congregational representatives, not the entire congregation and COVID-19 guidelines will continue to be followed. Please place your offering and “red bucket” contributions in the plates at the entrance and exit doors. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or (540) 294-1559.

Trinity Sunday, May 30 : Trinity Sunday (also called **Holy Trinity Sunday**) is the first Sunday after Pentecost. It celebrates and emphasizes the Trinity, the three Persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lutherans believe the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. In the words of the Athanasian Creed: "We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal."



May 30: We welcome the Rev. William Stewart who will preside over our worship services. He is a Virginia Synod supply pastor; he retired from St. James Lutheran Church in Fishersville in late 2020. **Pastor Larry is on a well-deserved vacation until June 1. Any requests for Pastoral Care should be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or (540) 294-1559.**

May - Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections:

- **Sunday, May 30 General Outreach**

Within PVELC's approved 2021 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekday Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry. May's "Red Bucket" collections will assist in reaching our 2021 Congregational commitment to these agencies.

Thursday, June 3: 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 and overseeing the operation of our church. If you have suggestions or questions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Carol Troxell (preferably in writing) no later than June 1. Email to carol.troxell@gmail.com

PVELC 2020 Annual Report: Thanks to Karen Fauber, Treasurer, for her service as Treasurer, and compiling the Financial Reports. Thanks also to the Committees for their reports. Thanks to Steve Dickerson for compiling the Annual Report and to Becci Page for editing and compiling the Member and Friends Directory. Also, thanks to Mary Garber for coordinating the Altar flowers for 2021. Copies of the Annual Report were distributed on May 23. If you did not receive a copy at the May 23 Congregational meeting, please see Becci Page.

PVELC Pictorial Directory: Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for coordinating the photo ops (Sue Cook), the compilation of pictures (Michael Vayvada), and the directory information (Becci Page). This project began prior to the pandemic shutdown and continued

throughout 2020 to bring this valuable resource to our members and friends. Copies of the directory were distributed on May 23. If you did not receive a copy at the May 23 Congregational meeting, please see Carol Troxell or Becci Page. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of photocopying, please do so (make notation on check). Once again, thanks to Sue, Michael and Becci.

Thru June 13 - Our Journey to Emmaus - Weeks 4 thru 7: From the Virginia Synod: All ages are invited into a synod-wide faith formation experience: “Our Journey to Emmaus.” **Participants engage in the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24) in seven movements over seven Sundays that began on May 2.** Each weekly email has a portion of the story, reflections for all ages, and movement activities for all types of bodies. If you have questions, please contact **Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick** (bayerderrick@vasynod.org). [Our Journey to Emmaus - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://OurJourneytoEmmaus-VirginiaSynod.ELCA(vasynod.org)) To sign up for weekly emails, register using the link below. [Our Journey to Emmaus Registration \(google.com\)](http://OurJourneytoEmmausRegistration(google.com))

The **Virginia Synod Assembly** will be held on-line for 2021 and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 12th. This year’s theme comes from, *We have boldness and confident access to God by way of Christ’s faithfulness.* (Ephesians 3.12 NET) God is bold – gifting us each with grace and making us servants of the gospel. Pleasant View representatives and voting members to the Annual Assembly are Carol Troxell and Larry Closter.

Kairos, June 27-30 - Online Event: Kairos is the Virginia Synod’s annual faith formation event for youth who will be 9th-12th graders in the fall. Kairos will run from Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. (“Kairos” is the New Testament Greek word for “special time.” It is used whenever God’s people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God’s special work in the believer and the community.)

This event is a chance for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as they live out their baptismal call to be followers of Jesus. Right before the event starts, each participant will receive a package of supplies in the mail, including an event shirt, devotional materials, and small group supplies.



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

Saturday, June 12, 4-6 p.m.: The **Virginia Synod Youth Assembly**, planned and led by the Virginia Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Board, will be on Saturday, June 12, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It will be held online via Zoom. All Virginia Synod Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend. There is no charge for participants. Registration is online only. To register as a participant for Youth Assembly, use this link: [Virginia Synod ELCA Online Youth Assembly - June 12, 2021 - 4:00-6:00pm \(google.com\)](#)

Formation at Home (Online Worship Opportunities)

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

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

[Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Thank you to Michael Vayvada (website) and to Mary Garber (Facebook) for maintaining and updating these PVELC websites. Just click on the links above.

ELCA: www.elca.org

ELCA news releases are detailed accounts describing events and ministries of the ELCA.

[News Releases - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](#)

May 30: [ELCA Worship » Blog Archive Worship in the Home: The Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021 - ELCA Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

Love thy neighbor. Get vaccinated. | Faiths4Vaccines: A Multifaith Movement

As part of the Faiths4Vaccines initiative, prominent faith leaders explain how receiving the vaccine is an expression of love for one's neighbors. (includes participation by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton)

[Love thy neighbor. Get vaccinated. | Faiths4Vaccines: A Multifaith Movement - YouTube](#)

Virginia Synod: vasynod.org/resources/pulpit-supply.

May 23: [Gospel and Sermon by the Rev. Colleen Montgomery for Pentecost on Vimeo](#)

May 30: [Gospel and Sermon by Bishop Bob Humphrey for Holy Trinity Sunday on Vimeo](#);
[One X One X One Holy Trinity Sermon \(vasynod.org\)](#)

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

May 23: [Day of Pentecost Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg - YouTube](#) (worship service);
[Gathered and Scattered - Sermon for 5/23/2021 - YouTube](#) (sermon only)

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

May 23: [Pentecost Sunday - YouTube](#)

The **Spark Family** quarterly booklet will be distributed to families with young children. This quarterly issue's focus is "Amazing Love in God's Word."

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. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#) Or you may select the "Daily Grace from Women of ELCA" app.

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 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.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Etc. A plastic bin containing these materials is placed outside at the Parish Hall door. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page. **The “Word in Season” for July, August, and September is available.**

From Pastor Larry: Sunday Gospel reflections; Midweek reflections
Sunday Bulletin; Announcements; Roots and Wings; Spark Bulletin
Devotion Materials: “Word in Season” and “Living Lutheran”
Spark Family Quarterly: “Amazing Love in God’s Word.”

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

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 around the world. To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via text or phone.

Change of Address: Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Connie) Quick, 21 Woodlee Rd, Apt 123, Staunton, VA 24401

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via phone or phone at 540-294-6596; email lindalinkpage@comcast.net. In addition, refer to the “Our Prayers” section of the weekly Announcements.



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Entering the Church (other than Worship Services): If you need to be in the building, please use the Main Hall entrance. Please wear a mask and observe a six-foot physical distance. Sign-in "tracking" documents are in the Main Hall and in the Social Hall. Please sign in and note the applicable rooms visited.

May 31, Memorial Day: This federal holiday commemorates those who died while in the line of duty in military service to our country. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. The Staunton National Cemetery, located on Richmond Road, is the final resting place for nearly 1,000 veterans.



June 14, Flag Day (and Army Day) commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. We remember our Army servicemen: Sgt 1st Class Chip Lilly, U.S. Army Reserves and Captain Alex Rankin, U.S. Army.



June 19, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is an American holiday (Juneteenth is a combination of June and nineteenth). On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation - which had been issued on January 1, 1865 - was read to enslaved African-Americans in Texas by Gordon Granger. Texas was the last Confederate State to have the proclamation announced, after the end of the American Civil War in April of 1865. Juneteenth has grown into a festival celebrating the art, food, education, and history of the end of slavery for the African American culture.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth>



June 20, Father's Day is a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In America, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. Instead of buying a card, grab "pen and paper" and share your thoughts and images with your special grandfather, father, son, brother, or friend. **Happy Father's Day!**



June 20, at 11:32 p.m. EDT - Summer Solstice: Give thanks to God for this long day of sunshine and the beginning of Summer. "This date marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the Sun, resulting in the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. (By longest "day," we mean the longest period of sunlight.) At the June solstice, the Northern Hemisphere receives sunlight at the most direct angle of the year." Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac

All Places Together (APT), one of the ELCA's first online mission in early May. APT seeks to gather individuals who are searching for God in the wilderness of life, individuals who deeply want to connect to something beyond themselves, and individuals who believe the love of Jesus is embodied in all of God's diverse creation.

Pastor Colleen Montgomery, mission developer says, "Exploring this new way of being church together is exciting! The Holy Spirit is at work connecting us over the distances to experience and share God's love." SOURCE: Virginia Synod

You can support this new ministry through:

- Prayer
- Engaging with social media posts
- Amplifying outreach through sharing on your social media platforms and sharing with individuals whom you think would find the community meaningful
- Listening to the podcast and leaving a review.

Currently, this community gathers on Instagram and Facebook (@allpacestogether), and through their podcast (Spotify, Google, Switcher, Amazon, and soon on Apple).



Summer 2021 Reading List (VA Synod)

Participants can join in on one, two, or all three conversations. Registration is free, but participants are responsible for getting the book(s) themselves.

Conversations will be on Zoom and will last an hour.

[Registration for Summer 2021 Reading List \(google.com\)](#)

June 21, 7 pm – “Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man.” Lead by Maurice Gallimore, Director of Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) at enCircle, and Phyllis Cox, Candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry.

July 19, 7 pm – “Grace and Gigabytes.” Lead by Pastor John Wertz, Jr., Director for Evangelical Mission, Virginia Synod, and Pastor Colleen Montgomery, Director for Digital Ministries, Virginia Synod and All Places Together.

August 16, 7 pm – “Growing Young.” Lead by Pastor Dave Delaney, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Virginia Synod, and Pastor John Wertz Jr., Director for Evangelical Mission, Virginia Synod.



Lutherans Restoring Creation Earth Day Service, April 25: Sermon provided by ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton [LRC Earth Day Service - SERMON only - YouTube](#)

Lutherans Restoring Creation: Interview with ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton:

Bishop Eaton accepted LRC’s request to take some follow-up questions collected by their network. The link below provides a portion of LRC’s time with her.

[Interview with Bishop Eaton — Lutherans Restoring Creation](#)

These are questions we are all meant to wrestle with:

[Question 1: Creation Care Scripture & Question 2: Animal/Worker Welfare - YouTube](#)

[Question 3: Climate Justice for All - Listening to Action - YouTube](#)

Faiths4Vaccines – May 26: A national summit was held for the largest multi-faith gathering to support equitable and far-reaching vaccine distribution in the United States. Faith leaders, faith communities, and medical professionals are leading efforts to respond to and recover from the unprecedented health crises facing our nation and the world.

“Now is the time to partake in open and honest dialogue between faith leaders and county, state and national health officials to identify opportunities for faith-based institutions to further engage and support local communities to increase vaccination rates. Faith leaders and faith-based organizations in attendance discussed training, resources and empowerment to engage their communities to ensure equitable vaccine access, combat hesitancy, and potentially use their houses of worship as vaccination sites.” [Faiths 4 Vaccines](#)



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 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 healing and recovery: Linda Zullig, Bill Braithwaite, Betty Cox, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Wanda Bowers, Duane Perrin, Tina Carrillo, Frances Knott, David Whedbee, Carolyn Cox, Pat Luders and Gottfried Pikel

For our friends and neighbors: **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Emily Simmons**, grandmother of Laurel and Zane Simmons; **Dottie Hall**, sister of Jim Sheets; **Virginia Roudabush**, mother of Gary Roudabush; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jimmy and Carolyn Cox; **Michael Suter**, nephew of Bill Braithwaite; **Jim Crapp**, stepfather of Jimmy Cox; **Jane Lucal**, friend of Mandy Lilly; **Ellen Webb**, daughter of Judy Shuey and Ted Shuey; **Patricia Breeden** (River Hill Gardens) and her daughter and son-in-law; **Scott Huffman**, Shawn Toman's stepfather; **Andy Fauber**, brother of Frances Knott; **Susan Gray**, friend of Rebecca and Duane Perrin; **Donna Stroble**, stepdaughter of Alice Fauber

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June Birthdays

John Cox	6/1
Ben Hastert	6/1
Jill Richter	6/2
Wanda Bowers	6/4
Mark Wheeler	6/4
Leslie Adkins	6/6
David Simmons	6/8
Zach Hastert	6/13
Mary Sue Hise	6/17
Chapman Toman	6/17
Bill Luders	6/18
Charlotte Ashman	6/19
John Arehart	6/19
Aaron Garber	6/20
Howard Ratcliffe	6/20
Kegan Knott	6/21
J.W. Cox	6/22
Alice Fauber	6/23
Aaron Adkins	6/24
Rebecca Coffin	6/26
Katelyn Miller	6/27

June Anniversaries

Fred & Vrla Leach	6/4/1966
Forester & Susan Wright	6/4/1988
Bill & Mary Tueting	6/7/1969
Shawn & Kimberley Toman	6/8/1996
Jack & Connie Quick	6/9/1956
Bill & Pat Luders	6/9/1989
Jason & Katie Garrison	6/12/2009
Kenneth & Alma Landes	6/13/1953
David & Von Simmons	6/25/1970



Baby News: Congratulations to Megan and Max Nobles on the birth of a son, Knox. The proud grandparents are Joy and Larry Landes.

Worship Assistants for June

Assisting Minister: Gary Flavin
Ushers & Communion Preparation: Mandy & Gene Lilly
Lay Readers: June 6, 2021 Janet Braithwaite
June 13, 2021 Terry Bunch
June 20, 2021 Susan Wright
June 27, 2021 Burke Simmons

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Nat'l Say Something Nice Day Everyone likes to hear a compliment! Take time today to say something nice to everyone you meet. Watch how people react. Share God's light!	2 Nat'l Running Day Today's a great day to get out and run off some of your energy! Take the whole family with you.	3 Nat'l Egg Day Scrambled Eggs for breakfast, fried egg sandwich for lunch, and quiche for dinner! Eggs-actly what should be on today's menu.	4 Nat'l Cheese Day Every nation has its own specialty cheese. Mozzarella, cheddar, or swiss; cheese is great as a snack on its own. It's all gouda!	5 World Environment Day God wants us to take care of all that God has given us. How can we take better care of the world that we live in?
6 Read Mark 3:20-35	7 Nat'l Chocolate Ice Cream Day Every day is a great day for a scoop of ice cream. Today, take the family out for a scoop of chocolate or make sundaes at home with your favorite toppings!	8 Nat'l Best Friends Day Do you have someone in your life that makes you belly laugh? Phone, text, or send a card to thank your BFF today.	9 Sunday's Gospel has us look at family differently. Family is not only who is related, but who takes care of you and whom you love.	10 Maurice Sendak's Bday Celebrate this author's birthday by reading or acting out Where the Wild Things Are. Let the wild rumpus begin!	11 Make Life Beautiful Day There is nothing more beautiful than YOU because you are made in God's image. Share your beauty with the world today by being extra kind to people. Be-YOU-tiful!	12 Family Fun Day
13 Read Mark 3:20-35	14 Flag Day Today, we celebrate our American flag. Take a family walk today and count how many flags you see.	15 World Photography Day Take a family walk and have each person snap some cool shots. When you get home, make a slide show. Who was most creative?	16 National Fudge Day With the help of an adult, find a simple fudge recipe and made this yummy treat for dessert.	17 Global Garbage Collectors Day Make a big thank you sign and place it on your trash can to let your refuse engineers know that they are appreciated.	18 Jesus tells his disciples of a mustard seed, the tiniest of all seeds, and compares it to our faith. It begins small, but when nurtured can grow to be HUGE!	19 Juneteenth has grown into a festival celebrating the art, food, education, and history of the end of slavery for the African-American culture. Find a celebration near you.
20 First Day of Summer Read Mark 4:35-41 Father's Day	21 World Music Day It's time for a DANCE PARTY! With the help of your grown-up, find some global music on YouTube. Can you recognize the different instrument sounds?	22 Jesus tells his disciples, Peace, be still. Take some time this week to slow down. Go and sit outside just to listen to the sounds of creation.	23 National Pink Day Pink was given its name from a flower. Men often wore red so little boys would wear pink. Today, write down everything you see that is pink.	24 Nat'l Handshake Day Does your family have a secret handshake? Today's a good day to make up a fun one.	25 Global Beatles Day Today, we celebrate one of the greatest bands EVER! With the help of an adult, YouTube The Beatles and listen to some of their music. Which song is your favorite? Thank you, God, for the gift of music.	26 Family Fun Day
27 Read Mark 5:21-43	28 Jesus is a mighty healer and he invites us to call upon him whenever we are not feeling well. He is always with us.	29 Global Hug Day Who doesn't love a big bear hug? Tonight, share some extra hugs with the whole family. Make sure to include your pets!	30 National Meteor Watch Day Tonight, weather permitting, put down some blankets, and host a family watch party. See if you can catch a glimpse of a shooting star.	ROOTS AND WINGS VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA VOL 13, ISSUE 6 JUNE 2021		



June Memory Verse: Psalm 86:7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

June Table Prayer: In your love, we dance and sing. We twirl and spin in the colors you bring. Thank you, God, for Summer and fun, and for the love of Jesus, your Son. Amen.