

# The VIEW

## News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church July 2021

“Do not fear” — Jesus

According to Google the term “do not fear” or “fear not” occurs 365 times in the King James Version of the Bible. If true we could say God is telling us not to fear once for every day of the year. The phrase occurs so frequently because fear is such a common emotion and guides our reaction to so many things that happen in our lives.

Fear is a common but undesirable emotion triggered by the threat of harm, real or imagined. This threat can be for our physical, emotional or psychological well-being. While there are certain things most everyone fears we can learn to become afraid of nearly anything. A fear of something is known as a “phobia” and the list of things and circumstances that people fear are almost endless. I was amused to find the term for “a fear of long words” is Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia which ironically is one of the longest words in the English language!

Chronic fear, if not addressed, weakens our immune system and can cause cardiovascular damage, gastrointestinal problems such as ulcers and irritable bowel syndrome, and decreased fertility. It can lead to accelerated ageing and even premature death.

Fear is among the most powerful of all emotions. And since emotions are far more powerful than either our thoughts or our ability to reason, it can drive us to do things that we would never do if fear were not involved.

Fear is often a learned emotion and is also a powerful motivational tool. For example if we feel threatened by others because of their different skin color, sexual orientation, primary language, or economic condition our fear can motivate us to withdraw from them, despise them, hate them, or even undertake actions to harm them. People in positions of power understand how fear works and are often tempted to use fear as a way to manipulate others to vote a certain way or to blame a particular group for society’s problems.

Fear is not just social it is also very personal. You may dislike your job but get up every morning because if you don’t you fear being fired. We pay taxes and obey traffic laws (at least when a police car is in sight) because we fear the consequences if we don’t. If we take stock of our lives and what motivates us to do the many things we do every day it may shock us to realize how much of our lives are controlled by fear.

“Do not fear”. God has shown us a different way to live this life that he has given us. Our actions, that is the things we do on a daily basis, may not change but what motivates those actions is

different. Because of what God has done for us in Christ what formerly was done out of fear is now motivated by love. When we look through the lens of love and not fear our relationships with others change. For example I can get the COVID-19 vaccine because I fear becoming ill or I can get the vaccine because I care about the health of others and want to do my part to limit the spread of this deadly virus. I can go to work because I fear getting fired or I can go to work because others in the workplace depend on me doing my job.

When we are motivated in our personal lives by love and not fear we can begin to see our larger society from the same perspective and play an important role in holding leadership accountable when they use fear to manipulate others. Jesus provides us with the supreme example when he refused to fear the authorities who could take his life and instead embraced the cross because he was motivated by his love for us. May love, not fear, become the primary motivating factor in our lives and in our communities. In Christ we have little to fear and a whole world to love! This summer let us do just that!

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 July 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 for unvaccinated persons will continue to be followed. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at [carol.troxell@gmail.com](mailto:carol.troxell@gmail.com) or (540) 294-1559.

**Sunday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m.: The Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Pastor’s Office.** The committee will discuss issues related to worship services and related objectives for the remainder of 2021.

**Kairos, June 27-30 - Online Event Canceled:** With sadness, the Virginia Synod has canceled Online Kairos 2021 (originally scheduled for June 27-30). For all who are in 9th-12th grades for the 2021-2022 school year, please plan to attend **Winter Celebration Jan. 21-23, 2022!** “We can promise an exceptionally joyous and energetic weekend to celebrate our return to in-person events! And, of course, we fully intend for Kairos to back with full strength in June of 2022. Thanks to all for ongoing prayers and encouragement during this past year.”

**Saturday, July 3, at 11 a.m., Memorial Service for Gottfried Pikel:** A Memorial Service will be held at Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Pikel passed away on May 28 at Augusta Health. The Pikel family has invited friends to a reception following the service (12:30-4:30 p.m.) at Gottfried’s home at 407 Greenwood Road, Staunton. [Obituary | Gottfried Pikel | McCutcheon & Jones Funeral Home \(\[mccutcheonandjonesfh.com\]\(http://mccutcheonandjonesfh.com\)\)](#)



**July 11 to 15, Sunday through Thursday:**  
**Power in the Spirit Online - "Advent in July" 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Join the Virginia Synod's Power in the Spirit community to celebrate "Advent in July!" Enjoy morning devotionals on your own time and select from a variety of live workshops each evening. End each day with an optional Evening Prayer service at 7:30 p.m. celebrated with fellow Christians.



More details: [Power in the Spirit - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://vasynod.org) (separate email attachment)

Schedule: [55027d91-c8af-4fa4-9465-4b40563ec8e0.pdf \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com)

Registration: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

**Tuesday, July 20: WELCA** will meet at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Ramona Sanders will provide a program on Creation Care. Ramona contributes a segment on 'caring for God's earth' in Muhlenberg Lutheran Church's weekly newsletter, "The Chimes." Following the meeting and program, we will go to lunch at the Depot Grille in downtown Staunton. Please plan to attend. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

**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.

**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.

**Prayer Requests:** To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page via phone or phone at 540-294-6596; email [lindalinkpage@comcast.net](mailto:lindalinkpage@comcast.net). To be included in the prayer chain text list, please contact Linda page. In addition, refer to the "Our Prayers" section of the weekly Announcements.



**Verona Community Food Bank- update:** The Food Pantry is no longer accepting egg cartons. They are in need of plastic grocery bags.

## Finger Prayer

Use your fingers to guide your prayer.

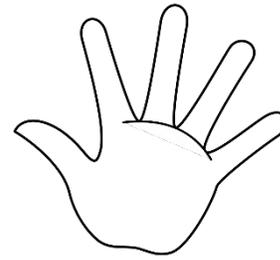
Thumb: Those close to you, your family.

Pointer: Those who point the way.

Tall finger: Those in authority.

Ring finger: Those who are sick, poor, in need.

Pinky: Your own needs



**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.

**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.

**Bulletins, Newsletters, Etc.** 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 (email)  
Sunday Bulletin; Announcements; Roots and Wings; Spark Bulletin (email)  
Devotion Materials: “Word in Season” and “Living Lutheran”  
Spark Family Quarterly: “Amazing Love in God’s Word.”

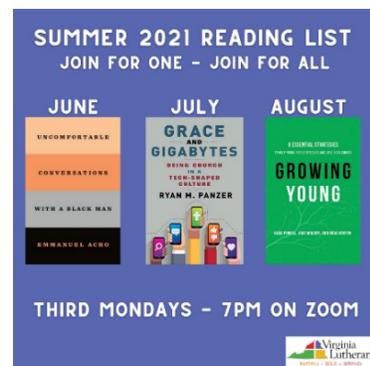
**Daily Grace** is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God’s extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#) Or you may select the “Daily Grace from Women of ELCA” app.

## 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.

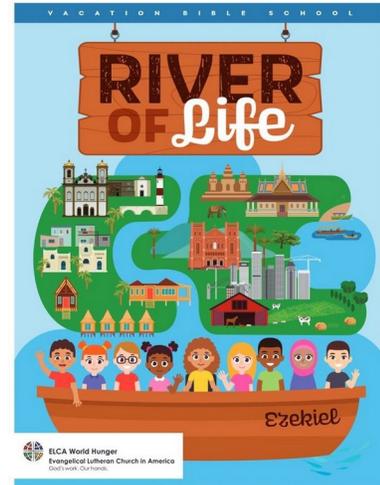
[Registration for Summer 2021 Reading List \(google.com\)](#)

**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.



## “River of Life” – July 18-22 “At Home” Vacation Bible School Your Family Adventure Awaits!

“**River of Life**” is a Vacation Bible School program that guides children (and adults) through learning about the work to which God calls us in the world. This year’s VBS focuses on the importance of water, highlighting how ELCA World Hunger is working with our neighbors around the world in projects related to clean water. This five-session program includes stories, videos, activities, games, crafts and ideas for snacks.



Summer is a time for faith formation. Everyone is invited to travel down the “River of Life” with PVELC and ELCA World Hunger. Families with children will receive an individual package for use. Resource materials are provided by the ELCA. More information will be provided in upcoming emails. Invite friends and cousins to enjoy this adventure with you (and your parents!).

### Daily Themes and Country Videos

Daily Videos: [Vacation Bible School - ELCA World Hunger on Vimeo](#)

- Day 1 (7/18) Theme: God creates Bible story: Creation — Genesis 1:1-2:1.  
Country: Cambodia
- Day 2 (7/19) Theme: God provides Bible story: Water from a rock — Exodus 17:1-6.  
Country: El Salvador
- Day 3 (7/20) Theme: God claims Bible story: Baptism of Jesus — Matthew 3:13-17.  
Country: USA - Wisconsin
- Day 4 (7/21) Theme: God protects Bible story: Jesus calms the storm — Mark 4:35-41.  
Country: Papua New Guinea
- Day 5 (7/22) Theme: God loves, we love Bible story: Jesus washes the disciples’ feet — John 13:3-15, 33-35.  
Country: Central African Republic

Your adventure awaits. Your “backpack” will include emails and other written materials for each day: skits, takeaways, games, crafts, and recipes – easy for families to enjoy. If July 18 to 22 is not convenient, then select another week or timeframe that meets your schedule.

**VBS Family pack:** In addition, families with young children will receive a Crayola “Colors of the World” “48-page coloring and activity booklet and crayons. The colors are divided into three hues: almond, golden, and rose. These colors will enable your children (and adults) to appropriately color themselves and all God’s children. In addition, the family pack will include construction paper, neon crayons, Crayola “play” dough, and other surprises related to the week-long theme.



## 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](http://www.elca.org)

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

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

June 27: [ELCA Worship » Blog Archive Worship in the Home: June 27, 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:** [Pulpit Supply and Sermon Resources - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](#)

June 20: [Gospel and Sermon by the Rev. Dave Young for Pentecost 4B on Vimeo](#)

June 27: [Pentecost-5b---Mark-5.21-43-06.27.2021.pdf \(vasynod.org\)](#)

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

June 20: [Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg - YouTube](#) (worship service); ["Not Lobsters" - Sermon for 6/20/2021 - YouTube](#) (sermon only)

### June 12: Highlights from the 2021 Virginia

**Synod Digital Assembly:** For the first time, the Virginia Synod met in a digital Assembly on Saturday, June 12. Over 350 people gathered online to worship, to conduct the business of the Synod, and to celebrate the bold ways in which we are church together. You can watch the whole Assembly at: <https://www.vasynod.org/watch-the-2021-va-assembly> (see separate attachment)

**BOLD:** *We have boldness and confident access to God by way of Christ's faithfulness. (Ephesians 3.12 NET)*

God is bold – speaking creation into being. God is bold – delivering God's people from bondage into freedom. God is bold – speaking judgment and hope through the prophets. God is bold – being born of Mary to be God with us.

Jesus is bold – saving God's people. Jesus is bold – showing us plainly and clearly God's immeasurable love. Jesus is bold – encouraging us to take courage! Jesus is bold – in him we have peace. Jesus is bold – in him we live in the abiding presence of God. Jesus is bold – showering the needy with compassion and mercy. Jesus is bold – proclaiming good



news to the poor and setting free those who are oppressed.

God is bold – gifting us each with grace and making us servants of the gospel. God is bold – calling us:

- To love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22.34-40)
- To speak the message of the gospel with great courage (Acts 4.29)
- To make known the wisdom of God (Ephesians 3.10)
- To let our lights so shine that others may see in us the unfathomable riches of Christ (Matthew 5.16; Ephesians 3.8)
- To proclaim the kingdom of God and teach about the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 28.31)
- To hold unwaveringly to the hope we confess (Hebrews 10.23)

### **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, Tina Carrillo, Pat Luders and Michael Thompson

**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; **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; **Jim Henderson**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Sam Croft**, friend of the Page's; **Rob Blanton**, friend of Debbie Hastert; **Peter Harrison**, brother-in-law of Rebecca Perrin

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Council Secretary: Linda Page 885-0539

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

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 245-0144

## July Birthdays

Jeff Cox	7/2
Sandi Painter	7/3
Beth Bowers	7/7
Donald Lee Cary	7/8
Roger Shiflett	7/8
Stephen Dickerson	7/9
Barbara Burch	7/11
Douglas Painter	7/11
Jay Cox	7/13
Bonnie Craun	7/13
Cameron Hensley	7/18
Mike Lilly	7/21
Ashley Bowers Hevener	7/24
Mary Garber	7/29

## July Anniversaries

David & Hannelore Beisner	7/14/1967
Eddie & Frances Michael	7/19/1981
Kenneth & Linda Page	7/26/1963
Ian & Stephanie Hensley	7/28/2008
Roger & Goldie Shiflett	7/29/1961



## Worship Assistants for July

Assisting Minister: Michael Vayvada

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Burke & Allison Simmons

July 4, 2021	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: Dylan Moyers
July 11, 2021	Lay Reader: Robyn Dean	Acolyte: Jim Cox
July 18, 2021	Lay Reader: Dale Rankin	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
July 25, 2021	Lay Reader: Rebecca Perrin	Acolyte: Zane Simmons

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ROOTS AND WINGS</b> <b>VIRGINIA SYNOD, ELCA</b> <b>VOL 13, ISSUE 7 JULY 2021</b>						
4 Read Mark 6:1-13	5 Sylvester Graham's Bday Today, celebrate the inventor of the graham cracker. Make S'mores with the family for an after dinner treat! Invite the neighbors!	6 Nat'l Fried Chicken Day It's comfort food for dinner tonight. Help make some yummy baked/fried chicken. Ask if there is a secret family recipe to use.	7 World Chocolate Day Cookies, brownies, ice cream, candy bars...how will you celebrate today? Make sure to share!	8 Coca Cola Day John Stith Pemberton was the inventor of everyone's favorite cola. With the help of an adult, google to find out more about how Coke was first used.	9 Jesus gave his disciples the power to do many things and sent them out two by two. if you could choose a friend to share the good news with, who would it be?	10 <b>Family Fun Day!!</b>
11 Read Mark 6:14-29	12 Nat'l Simplicity Day Today, slow down a bit. Take time to notice the beauty of creation. Read books, play board games, take a walk.	13 Cow Appreciation Day Did you know there are over 1000 different breeds of cattle? With the help of your grown-up, google images of God's beautiful creatures!	14 Nat'l Mac & Cheese Day Are you a fancy mac & cheese person or plain? Tonight, with your grown-up, use your favorite mix of cheeses and pasta to make this super yummy dish!	15 Many people knew Jesus' name but didn't know much about him. How would you describe Jesus?	16 Orville Redenbacher's bday It's a great night for a movie and popcorn as we remember the inventor of this brand.	17 <b>Family Fun Day!!</b>
18 Read Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	19 Jesus and the disciples were often so busy that they didn't have much time to recharge. How do you relax or take time just to "be"?	20 Nat'l Moon Day It's a good night to set up a blanket in the yard and gaze up at the heavens. What do you see?	21 Nat'l Junk Food Day What a fun day to plan the menu! Ice cream for breakfast? Nachos for lunch? Enjoy this splurge!	22 Alex Trebek's Bday Remember Alex's birthday by hosting a family trivia contest or watching Jeopardy.	23 Hot Enough for Ya Day July heat sets in with one of the hottest days of the year. Today's a great day for popsicles and swimming pools.	24 <b>Family Fun Day!!</b>
25 Read John 6:1-21	26 Nat'l Aunt and Uncle Day Give your favorite Auntie and Uncle a call today to remind them of how special they are to you.	27 Hug Your Pet Day Our furry (and finned) friends bring so much joy to our lives. Today, shower them with extra love.	28 Buffalo Soldier's Day With the help of your grown-up, google the history of these African-American Army Heroes.	29 With the help of a little boy, Jesus was able to feed over five thousand people. Talk to your family to see how you might be able to help feed the hungry in your town.	30 Nat'l Friendship Day All around the world today, we celebrate those who stick by our side and make us laugh. Make sure to thank your bestie!	31 <b>Family Fun Day!!</b>



**July Memory Verse:** Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

**July Table Prayer:** Thank you God for the stripes and stars, for fireworks and lightning bug jars. For Summer nights and your creation, for the fun and love that fills our nation. Amen.