

The *VIEW*

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

August Musings from Pastor Larry

During the month of August the Pleasant View congregation will have the opportunity to decide if they want to extend a call to Pastor Phyllis Diamond. Pleasant View has not had a called pastor for many years so this decision is important and will shape the direction and life of the congregation for many years to come. Understandably congregational members want to know more about Pastor Phyllis. What is her background? What is she like? Will we like her? Will she meet our expectations? What are her strengths, her weaknesses? How will the church change under her leadership? Will the church change? If we call her how can we make her feel welcome? How can we help her be an effective pastor?

Many of these questions have been answered in the affirmative by the call committee and also by the church council but it is the congregation that has the ultimate say. On Sunday, August 8th, Pastor Phyllis will lead worship and the congregation will then vote to extend to her a call or not. Please plan to attend worship on 8 August. Your voice and your vote is very important.

While our attention is on the new pastor, and rightly so, this is also a good time for some self-reflection. Remember, the pastor is new to the congregation...but don't forget, this congregation is new to the pastor. How well do we know ourselves and our gifts that we have to offer to a new leader?

What are the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation? Do we really want our congregation to grow in size and spiritual depth? If so, what changes do we think we need to make? What changes are we willing to make? What changes are we unwilling to consider?

Are we willing to:

- Change our worship style?
- Become more involved in social outreach?
- Look into different educational opportunities?
- Partner with non-Lutheran congregations to support local projects?
- Are we willing to volunteer—or do we expect the pastor to do it all?

These are not simple “yes” or “no” questions but conversation starters with other congregational members and with the new pastor. This is an exciting time for both the congregation and the perspective new pastor. As we move through the events of this month pray about the decisions we will be making, think deeply about your role in the future of Pleasant View Lutheran Church, and most importantly know that the Holy Spirit is guiding the church.

Pastor Larry

“In-Person” Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Church related activities continue to be suspended until further notice. This decision will be reviewed at the August 5 Council meeting. If you feel comfortable, please plan to attend worship services. Hymns will be sung/spoken by congregational representatives, not the entire congregation; congregation members may “hum” along. COVID-19 guidelines for unvaccinated persons will continue to be followed. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or (540) 294-1559.

Monday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m.: Hospitality Committee Meeting in Social Hall

Sunday, August 1: Resume Congregational Singing -- At the July 8 Council meeting, the decision was made to resume congregational singing during worship services beginning August 1. This decision will be monitored for negative health effects within our congregation (rise in COVID-19) and the status of COVID-19 in our community/state.

Sunday, August 1: Birthday and Anniversary Celebration will be held in the Main Hall immediately following the Worship Service.

Thursday, August 5: Council Meeting (in-person) at 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 August 2. Email to carol.troxell@gmail.com

Sunday, August 8, Worship Service: On Sunday, August 8th, our congregation’s **primary pastoral candidate, Pastor Phyllis Diamond**, will lead our worship service: She has been recommended by the Call Committee to the church Council and recommended by the Council to the Congregation for consideration to serve as our congregation’s pastor. Following the worship service, there will be an Ice Cream Social in the pavilion. This will provide congregation members an opportunity to meet and speak with Pastor Diamond. Immediately following the Ice Cream Social, there will be a Special Called Congregational Meeting to vote on whether or not to extend a call to the primary pastoral candidate, Pastor Diamond.

Notice: Special Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 8th . The agenda will include 1) a vote on whether or not to extend a call to Pastor Phyllis Diamond, to serve as Pleasant View's part-time pastor (2/3 vote needed by secret ballot) and 2) a vote to approve a compensation package (majority vote needed). It is important that voting members of PVELC are present at this meeting.

Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m.: WELCA will meet at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Rosemary Spell will provide a program on "God's Gift of Water" including biblical references. Please plan to attend and share a "water-related" experience, e.g., river tubing, whitewater rafting, flooding incident, cruising experience. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Saturday, August 14, at 9 a.m.: The **Blessings Group** will meet the second Saturday each month at Kathy's Restaurant. Anyone interested should call or email Joy Landes at 540-280-9019 or joylandes7@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 15, at 9:30 a.m.: The **Worship and Music Committee** will meet in the **Pastor's Office**. The committee will discuss follow-up issues related to worship services and transition activities for the several months.

Wednesday, August 18, at 6 p.m.: **Summer Vespers** will be held in the **Pavilion**: Please plan to attend our first Summer Vesper service. Plan to bring either a salad or sandwiches to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Linda Zullig
Joe Price

August 18
August 25

Carolyn & Jimmy Cox	8-2-1969	(52 years)
Joy & Larry Landes	8-4-2011	(10 years)
Tammy & Mike Cox	8-16-1986	(35 years)
Jill & Keith Richter	8-18-2001	(20 years)



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.

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

• **Sundays, August 1, 15, and 29** **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. August's "Red Bucket" collections will assist in reaching our 2021 Congregational commitment to these agencies.

Staying in Touch: 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. 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.



Baby News: Congratulations to Megan and Andrew Mauk on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jane, and to her brother, Malcolm. Amelia was born on July 17. Megan is the daughter of Bill and Lisa Bauer and the niece of Karen, Sue, and Val.



Member health update:

Pat Luders – Pat has returned home to continue recuperation from open heart surgery.

Michael Thompson. Michael's address is at Augusta Health, P.O. Box 1000, Room 3, Fishersville, VA 22939.

In Memoriam: Ellen Roberts, stepmother of Carol Troxell passed away on July 18, in Wisconsin. Please keep Carol, Steve and their family in your prayers.

The Blessings Group: will meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Kathy's Restaurant starting August 14. Anyone interested should call or email Joy at 540-280-9019 joylandes7@gmail.com.

Directory Update:

Mary and Bill Tueting, telephone number: 540-430-7272.

Ellen Shuey Webb - Ellen's address is: 312 Baldwin Drive, Staunton, VA 24401.

Verona Community Food Pantry: The Food Pantry needs plastic grocery bags. They are no longer accepting egg cartons. The collection box is in the Main Hall.

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](#).

Sundays, July 18-August 22, 10 p.m.: “Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury” CNN

Original Series is set to debut a new docuseries “*Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury*, produced by Blackfin, is a six-part series that tells the story of one of the most controversial cities in history, through six epic conflicts that shaped and defined it. Narrated by Golden Globe-winning actor Ewan McGregor, the docuseries explores how a small arid town with no natural resources became a place of pilgrimage for three of the most prominent world religions, while investigating how three thousand years of conflicts have led directly to the struggles of today. Spanning from Biblical times to the Roman Empire to the Cold War, and examining the stories of King David, Cleopatra, Saladin, T.E. Lawrence, and more, the series brings the “City of God” to life as never before.

The premiere episode, “The Kingdom,” tracks how King David conquered and claimed Jerusalem from the Jebusites as the capital for the United Kingdom of Israel, setting the stage for centuries of conflict to come. ... The series will regularly air on Sunday nights at 10 p.m. on CNN.”

Sunday, July 25, National Parents' Day: In 1994, Congress unanimously passed, and President Bill Clinton signed, "The Parents' Day Resolution" establishing the fourth Sunday of July as a perennial day of commemoration. On this day each year, Americans recognize outstanding parents, celebrate the teamwork in raising children, and support the role of parental guidance in building a strong, stable society.

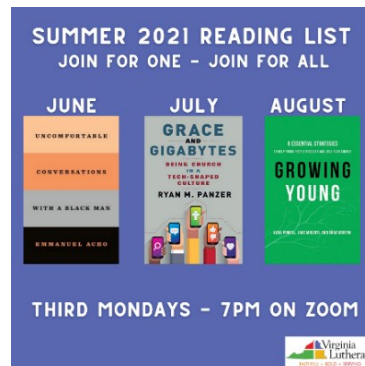
Summer 2021 Reading List (VA Synod)

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 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

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.



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 \(elca.org\)](#)

July 25: [ELCA Worship » Blog Archive Worship in the Home: July 25, 2021 - ELCA Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

Virginia Synod: [Pulpit Supply and Sermon Resources - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](#)

July 18: [Gospel Reading and Sermon by Bishop Bob Humphrey for the Eighth Sunday of Pentecost on Vimeo](#)

July 25: [Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. Barbara Krumm for the Ninth Sunday of Pentecost on Vimeo](#)

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

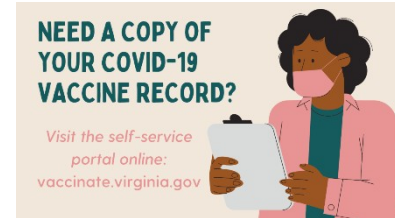
July 18: [Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg - YouTube](#) (worship service); ["The Body of Christ; The Network of Networks" - Sermon for 7/18/2021 - YouTube](#) (sermon only)

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](#)

NEW Self-Service COVID-19 Vaccination Record Portal!*

- self-service portal is now live and accessible via [Vaccinate.Virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov) to view COVID-19 vaccination records.
- Access to the records requires two-factor verification. The record can be saved and printed or downloaded as a PDF.



**This portal is not intended to be a "vaccine passport" but serves as a tool to access your COVID-19 vaccination record in the event of a lost original card.*

From Central Shenandoah Valley Health District Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter, July 19.

Power in the Spirit Online - "Advent in July"

Videos and other resources from the July 11-15 Power in the Spirit online event are available via video or written format. Enjoy morning devotionals, a variety of evening workshop presentations, and videos of Evening Prayer services. View the discussion about the Muhlenberg family in our American Lutheran history, especially Peter Muhlenberg in the Shenandoah Valley. [Power in the Spirit 2021: The Legend of General Pete - YouTube](#)



Sunday, September 12: "God's work. Our hands."

"This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace." PVELC Activities: to be determined. [God's Work, Our Hands - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](#)



Virginia Synod Ministry - Mission Partners

Mission partnership encourages ministries to build relationships with each other around three principles:

- **Prayer:** Strengthen the bonds of partnership by regularly praying for one another.
- **Presence:** Bless each other with your ministry stories and walk together whenever possible.
- **Resources:** Discover how sharing resources, wisdom, and experience can unlock new ministry opportunities.

[Mission Partners - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://vasynod.org)

Mission Partner Displays from the 2021 Synod Assembly

As a part of the 2021 Virginia Synod Assembly, our Synod Ministry Partners shared videos, stories, and resources to highlight our partnership. You can explore these stories on the 2021 Virginia Synod Assembly Mission Partner Display page where you will have the opportunity to learn about the Synod's Lutheran and Ecumenical partners in ministry.

Watch a video. Check out a website. Learn about the wonderful ministry that is being accomplished as we are the church together around Virginia, around the country, and around the world. [2021 Assembly Mission Partner Displays - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://vasynod.org)



Row 1 (left to right):

National Lutheran Communities & Services
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Services-LFSVA), Roanoke

Row 2 (left to right) - VA:

Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center, Marion
Roanoke College, Salem
Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat
Center, Fort Valley

Row 3 (left to right):

Virginia Lutheran Homes Inc.
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
(LTSS), Columbia, SC
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy,
Richmond

Row 4: Virginia Synod and ELCA

Virginia Synod, Salem
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
(ELCA), Minneapolis, MN

Also: Virginia Lutheran Campus Ministry, various college & university campuses
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)

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, Pat & Bill Luders, Michael Thompson, Alice Fauber, Carolyn Cox, Larry Landes and Susan Wright

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; **Ella & Scott Huffman**, Shawn Toman's mother & stepfather; **Susan Gray**, friend of Rebecca and Duane Perrin; **Jim Henderson**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Rob Blanton**, friend of Debbie Hastert; **Peter Harrison**, brother-in-law of Rebecca Perrin; **Pastor Lauren Eanes**, Muhlenberg Lutheran; **Jim**, brother of Bill Luders; **Philip Weaver**, friend of several members of the congregation; **Treva Cupp**, neighbor of Rosemary Spell; **Francie Suter**, sister of Bill Braithwaite; **Grace Burkholder**, sister of Pee Wee Simmons; **Paul Roberts**, Carol Troxell's brother

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Council Vice President: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587

Council Secretary: Linda Page 885-0539

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Hospitality and Social Ministry: Joy Landes 280-9019
Property: John Knott 430-3005; Forester Wright 337-6408
Worship and Music: Gary Flavin 885-8479; Linda Page 885-0539
Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 245-0144

August Birthdays

James Cox	8/6
Andrew Leach	8/6
Karen Fauber	8/8
Leah Wheeler	8/8
Debbie Hastert	8/10
Watts Jetton	8/10
Mandy Lilly	8/11
Tracy Lilly	8/11
Ashley Leach	8/12
Branson Garrison	8/13
Naomi Knott	8/14
Rick Fauber	8/15
Dale Moyers	8/16
Tina Carrillo	8/17
Linda Zullig	8/18
Phil Dixon	8/22
Alex Rankin	8/23
Joe Price	8/25
Jenny Roudabush	8/27
Tanya Cook	8/28
Braylee Wheeler	8/28
Vrla Leach	8/29

August Anniversaries

James & Carolyn Cox	8/2/1969
Larry & Joy Landes	8/4/2011
Bob & Mary Sue Hise	8/12/1977
Mike & Tracy Lilly	8/14/2010
Mike & Tammy Cox	8/16/1986
Douglas & Sandi Painter	8/17/2003
Keith & Jill Richter	8/18/2001
Sam & Vanessa Burns	8/24/2000



Worship Assistants for August

Assisting Minister: Duane Perrin

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Doug & Sandi Painter

August 1, 2021	Lay Reader: Rebecca Perrin	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
August 8, 2021	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
August 15, 2021	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: Sydney Moyers
August 22, 2021	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Dylan Moyers
August 29, 2021	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: Jim Cox