

The *VIEW*

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

This is an exciting time in the life of Pleasant View Lutheran Church. As your interim pastor for the last 23 months my ministry here will end when the month of September begins. I am so grateful to God, the Virginia Synod, and especially to you, the people of Pleasant View, for a truly meaningful pastoral experience.

During my time here I had the privilege of serving with three very capable council presidents. Mark Cline introduced me to the congregation and provided me with an accurate and candid assessment of the church and its people. The warm and caring reception that I received when I began here is due in large part to the ground work he had laid and for that I am thankful. Rosemary Spell led the church through the arduous task of purchasing and installing our new HVAC system and then was called upon to keep the church functioning when our worship services and all other in-church activities were canceled due to the pandemic. Her leadership resulted in the framework for email correspondence that has kept the church afloat during this difficult time. Carol Troxell inherited the church's COVID-19 response. Things were beginning to open back up but are now complicated by an uptick in infections by the Delta variant. Carol has also led the church through the sensitive and time-consuming task of issuing a call to a perspective pastor in the midst of a pandemic. It is a joy for a pastor to have a competent council president...but to serve with three consecutively is beyond my wildest dreams and truly a divine blessing.

I mention the council presidents by name because there were only three of them. I'm sure all three would agree with me that the true strength of this church is found in the willingness and desire of the people of this community to roll up their sleeves and serve others in hundreds of different ways. It is you, the people of Pleasant View, who have really gotten to me. I stand in awe of your care and love that is expressed in so many ways, not just for me but for each other. Your selfless service has left an indelible impression on me. It has renewed me spiritually and will be an invisible part of every ministry I pursue in the future.

Now it is time to look forward, not backwards. Pastor Phyllis Diamond truly has a pastor's heart and is eager to serve you as your pastor. I know you will be a blessing to her as you have been to me. She is the right pastor for this congregation at this time.

My ministry here as your pastor was to prepare the congregation to call a new pastor by providing pastoral continuity and stability. Pastor Phillis's ministry will have different priorities. The church needs to grow. During my initial meeting with the church council I was told the church had twelve funerals in the past twelve months. My prayer from that day forward has been for the church to have more baptisms than funerals. That prayer has not been realized during my time at Pleasant View...but the prayer still stands.

I don't know Pastor Phyllis well but she strikes me as a caring and deeply compassionate person. She will listen to you carefully. She wants to know you and how she can help you spiritually. Because of her experience as a nurse she may also have the skills needed to help you cope with hospital protocols or physical problems that you may encounter. Pastor Phillis is a treasure and a blessing for this congregation.

Pastor Phyllis will listen to you. My only request is that you listen carefully to her, not just during the Sunday sermon but throughout the week as her vision for the future of the church unfolds. As your pastor you'll need to trust her. She has been called by God and she has the best interests of the church in mind. If a change is suggested that leaves you uncomfortable let her know and together pray that common ground can be found. Yes, God is hard at work in difficult situations!

In closing I find it hard to say goodbye. I have grown close to you and have so many memories that I pray will never fade. You truly have been a blessing and have become a part of who I am. I am ever thankful to God for that. I leave not with sadness but with joy. Joy for the way we have stuck together through the pandemic. Joy for a God that has guided us through these wonderful and difficult times. Joy for your willingness to share your life with me and joy that Pleasant View Lutheran Church will soon have a wonderful, capable, pastor called to serve you and the community. I know that you will be a blessing to her just as you have been a blessing to me! The joy of the Lord is our strength!

Love one another.

Pastor Larry

“In-Person” Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The church council has agreed to follow current CDC and Virginia Synod guidelines regarding COVID-19 restrictions. The Council will be using the following websites (CDC COVID Data Tracker and www.vasynod.org) when making decisions concerning necessary restrictions during our Sunday morning worship services and all other church related activities. CDC guidance encourages the wearing of masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when the COVID Data Tracker indicates Augusta County’s COVID-19 transmission rate is in the “Substantial” or “High” categories. This week’s transmission rate for Augusta County remains at **“High”** which means masks will be required during the worship service/in the building on Sunday, August 29. If you need a mask, one will be provided when you enter the church. The COVID-19 transmission rate will be provided in the weekly announcements and/or the monthly newsletter. Any questions may be directed to Carol Troxell at carol.troxell@gmail.com or (540) 294-1559.

Due to the status of COVID-19, we are postponing congregational singing during the worship services. At the August 5th Council meeting, the decision was made to forgo congregational singing during worship services until the COVID Data Tracker website indicates Augusta County is below the “Substantial” threshold (i.e., a COVID-19 transmission rating of “Low” or “Moderate”). This decision will be monitored on a weekly basis and any change in the status of the COVID-19 transmission rate in Augusta County will be communicated in the weekly announcements and the newsletter.

Sunday, August 29, Worship Service, Pastor Larry: August 29 is Pastor Larry’s last Sunday as our Interim Pastor – an assignment he accepted in September 2019 on a three-month basis. PVELC has been blessed by his ministry and guidance for almost two years. We welcome several of his family members to our worship service today. In addition, his five-year old granddaughter, Emily, will play the piano.

Sunday, August 29, at 12 noon, Luncheon for Pastor Larry: Immediately following the worship service, we will have an “appreciation” luncheon for Pastor Larry and his family in the Pavilion. The Hospitality Committee will provide the meat (fried chicken), dessert, and drinks. Please bring a covered dish (salads, vegetables, etc.). Disposable plates and utensils will be provided. Masks and disposable gloves will be required at the buffet-style table.

Effective September 1: Pastor Phyllis Diamond has accepted our pastoral call. We appreciate the support of our congregation for her and look forward to our partnership in mission. Pastor Phyllis invites congregation members to stop by church on September 1st or September 2nd to get acquainted. She may be reached either by phone on 540-589-6988 or via email at revpdiamond2018@gmail.com

Thursday, September 2: Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall: 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 30. Email to carol.troxell@gmail.com

Sunday, September 5: Birthday and Anniversary Celebration will be held in the Main Hall immediately following the Worship Service. In addition, we will welcome Pastor Phyllis and her husband, Douglas.

Saturday, September 11, 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, 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." [God's Work, Our Hands - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://www.vasynod.org)



Sunday, September 12, at 10 a.m.: **Open Door Class will resume Sunday School in the Social Hall. All Are Welcome!**

Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m.: Spring Hill Ruritan Club meal in the Social Hall; proceeds to church Thrivent Fund. Contact: Goldie Shiflett

Tuesday, September 14, at 10 a.m.: **WELCA** will meet in the Social Hall. Rosemary Spell will provide a program on "God's Gift of Water" including biblical references (rescheduled from August). Please plan to attend and share a "water-related" experience. WELCA will also package personal items for "ComfortCare Women's Health" located in Staunton. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Wednesday, September 15, at 6 p.m.: **Summer Vespers will be held in the Pavilion:** Please attend our last Summer Vesper service; bring either a salad or sandwiches to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.:
Virginia Synodical Women's Organization

(VSWO) 2021 Convention: The theme is "Planted in Love, Pivotal in Purpose." VSWO will worship together, learn together, reconnect, and address business issues.

For our area, Salem ELC is hosting this event at Blue Ridge Community College for those registered. This will also be the Southern Valley Conference of WELCA Fall Gathering, and the only event scheduled in 2021. Please mark your calendars! Contact: Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.



Sunday, September 26, 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 next several months.

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.

Change for Hope/Red Bucket

- **Sundays, August 29 and September 5: "Red Bucket Collections" will be designated for 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. September 19's "Red Bucket" collection will assist in reaching our 2021 Congregational commitment to these agencies.

****Note: Michael Adkins eye surgery has been postponed. Council approved "Red Bucket" collections designated to assist with his medical expenses will be rescheduled.**

Hannalore Beisner	September 6
Gladys Fockler	September 9
Bill Braithwaite	September 16



Martha & John Arehart 9-2-1967 (54 years)
Mandy & Gene Lilly 9-16-1961 (60 years)
Sue & Clark Cook 9-17-1969 (52 years)



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, please refer to the “Our Prayers” section of the weekly Announcements.



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

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.

Michael Thompson – change in Room number. Michael’s address is Kings Daughters Community Health and Rehabilitation Center, 1410 N Augusta St, **Room 437A**, Staunton, VA 24401. Michael no longer has a cell phone. Please remember Michael in your prayers and with cards of encouragement.

PVELC Communications: Beginning September 1, if you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone on 540-589-6988 or via email at revpdiamond2018@gmail.com. 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.

Communion – special circumstances: On an individual or a couple basis, limited at-home communion (on your porch or patio) may be administered by Pastor Phyllis 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: “The LORD Is My Shepherd”

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.

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 \(elca.org\)](#)

Aug 29: [ELCA Worship » Blog Archive Worship in the Home: August 29, 2021 - ELCA Worship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

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

Aug 22: [Gospel Reading and Sermon by The Rev. John Wertz, Jr. for the Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost on Vimeo](#); sermon manuscript - [Aug-22-2021-Yr-B-Synod-Sermon.pdf \(vasynod.org\)](#)

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

Aug 22: [Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Wellstream Worship at Muhlenberg - YouTube](#) (worship service); ["Where Does It Hurt?" - Sermon for 8/22/2021 - 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](#)

CDC COVID Data Tracker: This site provides an integrated county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States. It allows for the exploration of standardized data across the country - by state, by county or city (e.g., level of community transmission). [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

Record of COVID-19 Vaccination: Do you need to verify your vaccination status or need paper verification document? A self-service portal is now accessible via [Vaccinate Virginia](#) to view COVID-19 vaccination records. The record can be saved and printed or downloaded as a PDF. The vaccination record will only show COVID-19 immunizations, regardless of if the individual has additional vaccinations listed in VIIS. 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. Visit the self-service portal online. [Search for your Immunization Record \(virginia.gov\)](#)

Third dose COVID-19 Booster Shots: Individuals should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss whether and when a third dose is appropriate or call the Augusta Health's Vaccination Call Center at (540) 332-5122 for more information. Eligibility will be verified at the clinic. The Call Center is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration: [Augusta Health | COVID-19 Vaccine and Virus Information](#)

September 6, Labor Day: U.S. Department of Labor's official tribute to U.S. workers on Labor Day: "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership-the American worker." <https://nationaltoday.com/>



September 11, 2021, is the 20th Anniversary Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance: Patriot Day is annually observed throughout the U.S. and in other countries around the world on the September 11 anniversary of coordinated terrorist attacks on the U.S. It is in memory of the people killed and injured in these attacks at the World Trade Center, NYC, at the Pentagon, Arlington, VA, and in the field of Shanksville, PA.



"Honor. Serve. Unite. The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11 Day), is a chance to help others in tribute to those killed and injured on September 11, 2001, first responders, and the countless others who serve to defend the nation's freedom at home and around the globe. Join AmeriCorps on 9/11 Day— step forward to serve in a remarkable spirit of unity, honor, and compassion. Remember, even a small act of service is a giant act of patriotism." [9/11 Day | AmeriCorps](#)

September 17, Constitution Day: On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created. September 17 is also Citizenship Day. It is a day for all Americans to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the protections Americans have in the Constitution.



September 25, Bill of Rights: On September 25, 1789, the U.S. Congress proposed Amendments to the Constitution. The Bill of Rights amendments add specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights, clear limitations on the government's power in judicial and other proceedings, and explicit declarations that all powers not specifically granted to the U.S. Congress by the Constitution are reserved for the states or the people.

September 21, International Day of Peace (also known as "World Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, It provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.



September 22: Autumnal (or Fall) Equinox:

Astronomically it's the day when the sun crosses the celestial equator heading south. Thus, the fall (and spring) equinoxes provide Earth with roughly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. It is the moment at which the center of the visible Sun is directly above the equator.

People have celebrated the fall equinox by honoring the changes in nature. We can do the same by stepping outside to admire the changing colors of leaves, going apple or pumpkin picking, making our way to a local farmers market to stock up on the bounty of this year's harvest, or watching a farmer harvest their crops – corn, hay, soybeans.

What are your favorite Fall traditions or celebrations?



September Jewish Festivals or Holidays:

September 6 to 8: Rosh Hashanah, literally translating to 'head of the year', is the Jewish New Year, starting on the first day of Tishrei — the Jewish calendar's first month. On the Gregorian 2021 calendar, the Jewish New Year will be celebrated from sundown on September 6 through sundown on September 8.

September 15 to 16: Yom Kippur, otherwise known as the Day of Atonement, is considered the holiest day in Judaism. The holiday lasts approximately 25 hours and is typically observed with fasting and prayer in alignment with the themes of atonement and repentance. On Yom Kippur, people observing the holiday are asked to abstain from food and drink. In turn, it is encouraged that people spend the day asking God's forgiveness for their sins and donating to charity.

September 20 to 27: Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Booths, begins on the 15th day of the seventh month in the biblical calendar—or September 20, 2021. The seven-day holiday originates from the Book of Leviticus, in which God instructs Moses "You shall live in booths seven days." Today, adherents celebrate by building temporary dwellings—or sukkahs—from wood, canvas, or aluminum, and praying inside of them. The holy week also commemorates the flimsy dwellings that Israelites were forced to live in during their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, following their exodus from Egypt.

September 26 to 27, Hoshana Rabbah, The express purpose of Hoshana Rabbah, the seventh day of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, the 21st day of the month of Tishrei, is rejoicing. Its roots are in celebration of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. Always the seventh day of Sukkot, it

reminds observant Jews that just as when they wandered in the wilderness more than 2000 years ago, God is their source of protection and determines what the new year will bring.

Source: <https://nationaltoday.com/>

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 Luders, Michael Thompson, Alice Fauber, Carolyn Cox, Rebecca Perrin, Bill & Mary Tueting and Wanda Bowers

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; **Susan Gray**, friend of Rebecca and Duane Perrin; **Jeff 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; **Francie Suter**, sister of Bill Braithwaite; **Paul Roberts**, Carol Troxell's brother; **Helen Sue Shuey Marshall**

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September Birthdays

June Ratcliff	9/1
Emily Vayvada	9/1
Hunter Wright	9/3
Jeremy Magoon	9/5
Kory Rankin	9/5
Hannelore Beisner	9/6
Katlyn Bates	9/6
Katie Garrison	9/7
Gladys Fockler	9/9
Joan Free	9/9
Susan St, Clair	9/10
Glen Worrell	9/10
Kori Simmons	9/12
Frances Knott	9/15
Mary King	9/15
Bill Braithwaite	9/16
Camalee Lihos	9/25
Vanessa Burns	9/27
Carolyn Cox	9/30
Robert "Andy" Fauber, Jr.	9/30

September Anniversaries

John & Martha Arehart	9/2/1967
Brad & Robyn Dean	9/15/2012
Gene & Mandy Lilly	9/16/1961
Clark & Sue Cook	9/17/1969
Dale & Lisa Rankin	9/19/1987



Worship Assistants for September

Assisting Minister: Steve Troxell

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Larry & Joy Landes

September 5, 2021	Lay Reader: Susan Wright	Acolyte: Sydney Moyers
	Communion Assistant: Zane Simmons	
September 12, 2021	Lay Reader: Michael Vayvada	Acolyte: Zane Simmons
	Communion Assistant: Sue Cook	
September 19, 2021	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
	Communion Assistant: Lisa Rankin	
September 26, 2021	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
	Communion Assistant: Dale Rankin	

September

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5
Read
Romans 8:24-25.
Talk about a time you were hoping for something.

6
Read
John 1:33-34.
Figure out who is talking in this verse.

7
Read
Philippians 2:4.
Pick someone in your family and serve them in a way that they choose.

1
Read
Matthew 28:6.
Where were people looking for Jesus?

2
Read
Hebrews 12:1-2.
Take time to remember someone you know who was a great witness of faith.

3
Read
Psalm 119:37.
Have a screen-free day as a family!

4
Read
John 1:14.
When did the "word become flesh"?

5
Read
Romans 8:24-25.
Talk about a time you had a hard time believing something until you saw or touched it.

6
Read
John 1:33-34.
Figure out who is talking in this verse.

7
Read
Philippians 2:4.
Pick someone in your family and serve them in a way that they choose.

8
Read
Matthew 6:26.
What is your favorite wild animal? Learn about how they get their food.

9
Read
Luke 2:15.
What were the shepherds going to see?

10
Read
1 Peter 3:10-11.
Brainstorm how you can seek peace this week as a family.

11
Read
1 Corinthians 2:9-10.
Remember your baptism today. Thank God for giving you His Spirit.

12
Read
Luke 24:39.
Talk about a time you had a hard time believing something until you saw or touched it.

13
Read
Matthew 5:8.
Discuss what it means to have a pure heart.

14
Read
Psalm 25:15.
At the end of today, share one way you saw God at work.

15
Read
John 20:29.
Ask a trusted adult to share about a time they struggled with their faith.

16
Read
James 5:11.
Look up the story of Job. What happened?

17
Read
Mark 10:27.
Think of as many things as you can that only God can do.

18
Read
John 12:44-46.
What darkness did Jesus overcome?

19
Read
Psalm 34:8.
Make a list of 3 things God has blessed you with and thank Him.

20
Read
Luke 5:25-26.
What was it called when Jesus healed people?

21
Read
John 11:40.
Who is Jesus talking to?

22
Read
John 3:36.
Thank God for forgiving you!

23
Read
John 20:11-12.
Draw a picture of what you hear in this verse.

24
Read
Psalm 121:1-12.
Pray and ask God for his help with something in your life today.

25
Read
John 3:3.
Pray for people who are not yet baptized.

26
Read
Psalm 66:5.
How has God been at work in your family's life this month?

27
Read
Luke 2:29-31.
What does "salvation" mean? How does God save us?

28
Read
Psalm 26:3.
Memorize this verse. Make up actions to help you remember it easily!

29
Read
1 John 3:1.
Cheer: "I am a child of God!"

30
Read
Revelation 1:7.
Pray for people who do not believe in Jesus.

31
Read
Revelation 1:7.
Pray for people who do not believe in Jesus.

