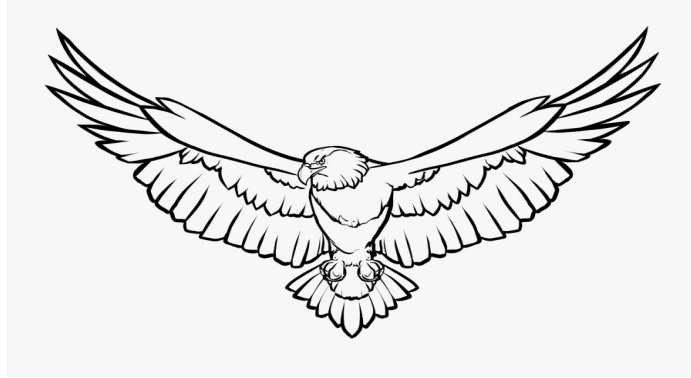


The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 2022



I wonder if you remember this hymn. “They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint, teach me Lord, teach me Lord to wait.” The hymn is based upon Isaiah 40:31, when the people tired of waiting for the Lord to act during difficult and trying days for Israel.

This text speaks to the trying times we are experiencing, for they are trying indeed! We have found ourselves in places where waiting is best even though we are impatient and want life to return to normal. We are waiting for the virus to subside, we wait for better weather, we wait for test results and for the answer to our questions. We all want to throw out the masks. We are anxious, angry and impatient for the Covid infection rate to drop! We are weary and in need of rest for our souls and our minds. Isaiah reminds us that waiting for the Lord to act builds strength. It’s nothing more human than to wonder what is taking so long.

We are taught that our time is not God’s time. God’s ways are not our ways. We are impatient, we want God to act for us now! But God lives outside of time, not bound by anything. Our clocks and calendars, our schedules and appointments are human constructions which give form to light and dark, seasons of heat and cold. God is not bound by them, rather God created them. Waiting is a discipline and like most discipline it curbs our will and conforms it to the will of another. Waiting for the Lord involves conforming our will to God’s. In the stillness, the words of scripture, the words of prayer are heard more clearly. We begin a conversation with God by the Holy Spirit which strengthens our hearts and gives hope. We realize how powerless we are to change the weather, to stop the virus, to make things happen as we wish they would. It is by coming in weakness that we are strengthened by God for the living of these days.

As we wait, let us know that the Lord waits with us. One of the beautiful things about his coming to us in the incarnation is the knowledge that he has promised never to leave us, especially when the going gets tough. Make no mistake, God hears our prayers and gives God’s people the strength needed to run even this marathon. Let us not lose heart, but wait for the Lord to work through scientists, doctors, as well as through prayers of faith and anointing.

May God grant us peace in the midst of this storm.

Pastor Phyllis

Sunday, January 30, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Social Hall. The committee will discuss dates and planning for regular worship and Lent services.

Thursday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m., Council Meeting: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for in-person worship services, overseeing the operations of our Church, and discussing issues for the February 13 Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Carol Troxell (preferably in writing) no later than January 31.

Sundays in February, 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. All are welcome to join in reading and in studying selections from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. Teachers are Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell, and Steve Troxell.

Sunday, February 6: Birthday and Anniversary Celebration (cupcakes will be distributed following the Worship Service)

Thursday, February 10, at 10 a.m.: WELCA will meet in the Social Hall. . Rosemary Spell will provide a program on "Friendship" including biblical references. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Saturday, February 12, at 9 a.m.: The **Blessings Group** will meet the second Saturday each month at Kathy's Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

Sunday, February 13, PVELC Congregational Meeting, will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections: **February 6 and 20 - General Outreach:** Within PVELC's approved 2022 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.

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.

Financial Giving Statements: Please contact Becci Page to request a copy of your personal 2021 PVELC Financial Giving.

Please remember to turn out lights and lock doors when leaving the church!

In Memoriam: Please keep the family and friends of these faithful servants in your prayers.

- Jan. 2 Douglas "Si" Huff, former member and neighbor
- Jan. 5 Eva Soued, friend of Dennis Hastert and Kenneth Leach
- Jan. 13 Scott Allen Clatterbaugh, son of Kay Crute
- Jan. 17 Linda Jo (Gutshall) Zullig, PVELC member
- Jan. 20 Catherine Sue "Cathy" Toman, family and friend of PVELC members
- Jan. 21 Earl James "Jimmy" Breeden, Jr., brother of Tammy Cox

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page by phone at 540-294-6596 or by email. 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.

PVELC Communications: If you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone or by 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.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Emails. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page. "Word in Season" (January, February, March devotions) are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

Winter Weather Closings: Church closings, due to inclement weather, will be broadcast on WHSV (Channel 3) and an email will be sent to everyone on the church mailing list who has provided an email address. If you prefer to receive a telephone call informing you of church closures, please contact Carol Troxell or Steve Dickerson. Current contact information (updates/ changes) should be given to Becci Page.

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search website and Facebook posts:
<http://www.pvelc.org/> and [Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Verona Community Food Pantry: The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett

COVID Information: 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" with a positivity rate of 51.06% for COVID-19 testing in Augusta County during the week of January 17-23. The COVID-19 transmission rate will be provided in the weekly announcements and/or the monthly newsletter.

**Pleasant View Women of the ELCA
Minutes –January 13, 2022**

The Pleasant View WELCA met Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Rowes Restaurant

Devotions: Gold had devotions of the “Baptism of our Lord”.

Program: We didn’t have a program today as it was our yearly planning meeting.

Minutes: November Minutes were approved as read in the January Newsletter.

Thank You Note: We received thank you notes from Michael Thompson, Alma Landes, Western State Hospital and Chapman Toman (via Rosemary) for their Christmas gifts. We really didn’t receive a thank you note from Comfort Care, but Jan Wade at CC said her clinic staff said that their clients “loved their gift bags” which we delivered to them in September.

Cards for sick and shut-in’s. Today we signed get well cards for Martha Arehart, Pastor Price and Loretta Sutton.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Cook reported we will have \$757.85. Offering today was \$140.

Officers for 2022: Rosemary Spell made a motion that we keep our officers as is. Officers agreed so they are as follows: Goldie Shiflett, President; Becci Page, Vice President; Linda Page, Secretary and Sue Cook, Treasurer.

Visitation Reports: Members reported on those they visited in December. Rosemary reported that between WELCA and the Sunday School Class, meals were delivered to 7 couples and gift boxes were delivered to 6 shut-in’s.

Southern Valley Women Bible Study and luncheon-May- date to be determined. PV usually hosts this. Rosemary will talk with Doris Grant to see if we could have it at Salem Lutheran since they have a huge social hall which would be better for distancing and instead of members bringing a covered dish, due to Covid, see if we can order boxed lunches.

Annual VA Synodical Women’s Organization Convention: August 12-13 at Hotel 24 South, in Staunton (formerly the Stonewall Jackson Hotel)

Meeting Days: We decided to keep our meetings on Thursdays

Present at Today’s Meeting: Linda and Becci Page, Goldie Shiflett, Rosemary Spell, Carol Troxell, Debbie Hastert and Sue Cook.

The next WELCA meeting is THURSDAY, February 10 at 10:00 at church in the social hall. Rosemary Spell will have the program

Planning Schedule for 2022:

January 13, Thursday; Planning Meeting
February 10, Thursday-Rosemary Spell will have the program
March 10, Thursday-Bring a recipe-Carol Troxell will have devotions
April 12-TUESDAY- Easter Baskets for Valley Mission (Lent)
May 12, Thursday-Southern Valley Bible Study- Pastor Phyllis????
June 9, Thursday-No meeting, Visit Shut-ins
July 14, Thursday-Some Type of Outing, picnic, etc.
August-12 & 13-attend the Annual VSWO Convention at Hotel 24 South, Staunton
September 8, Thursday – Pastor Phyllis program????- Project????? New Directions????
October 13, Thursday or Southern Valley Fall Gathering-Red Bucket Blanket Drive
November 10, Thursday-Thank Offering/Program- Goldie Shiflett
December-no meeting:-visit shut-in's

Linda Page, Secretary

Secretary

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 healing and recovery: Bill Braithwaite, Betty Cox, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Pat Luders, Michael Thompson, Rebecca & Duane Perrin, Bill & Mary Tueting, Martha Arehart, David Simmons, Alice Fauber, Vrla Leach and Jimmy Cox

For our friends and neighbors: **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Virginia Roudabush**, mother of Gary Roudabush; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jimmy and Carolyn Cox; **Michael Suter**, nephew of Bill Braithwaite; **Jeff Henderson**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Rob Blanton**, friend of Debbie Hastert; **Peter Harrison**, brother-in-law of Rebecca Perrin; **Francie Suter**, sister of Bill Braithwaite; **Lilly Myers**, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Ellen Webb**, daughter of Judy Shuey and Ted Shuey; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **Wilton**, co-worker of Doug Diamond; **Loretta and Dalla Sutton**, PVELC family; **Lois Baker**, Leach family cousin.

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Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444
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Hospitality and Social Ministry: Terry Bunch 292-1086
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Worship and Music: Linda Page 885-0539
Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

February Birthdays

Forester Wright	2/3
Ian Hensley	2/5
Tara Magoon	2/5
Goldie Shiflett	2/5
David Beisner	2/7
Rachel Coffin	2/10
Sibbie Jetton	2/10
Eddie Michael	2/11
Mary Tueting	2/16
Valerie Smith	2/18
Allison Simmons	2/19
Jack Quick	2/20
Dylan Moyers	2/22
Christine Puffenbarger	2/24
Duane Perrin	2/25

February Anniversaries

Clark & Tanya Cook 2/24/2008



THANKS: Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Hunter Fauber Memorial Paper Drive. Your help made this a wonderful project to honor Hunter's hard work at the Verona Community Food Pantry. We appreciate all of your donations and effort in packaging and delivery to the Pantry. We hope to make this an annual Community event.

Alice Fauber and Family

Worship Assistants for February

Assisting Minister: Steve Troxell

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Doug & Sandi Painter

February 6, 2022	Lay Reader: Robyn Dean	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
February 13, 2022	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: James Cox
February 20, 2022	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
February 27, 2022	Lay Reader: Bill Luders	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin

February

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

Read
John 14:1.

What is troubling you today?

2

Read
John 14:2-3.

Draw a picture of what you hear in this verse.

3

Read
John 14:4-5.

Talk about a time when you got lost while trying to go somewhere.

4

Read
John 14:6.

Make up hand actions to memorize this verse.

5

Read
John 14:7.

Who is "Me" in this verse?

6

Read
John 14:8.

Why can it be hard to believe in something you can't see?

7

Read
John 14:9.

Talk about who you resemble in your family.

8

Read
John 14:10.

What is God's work?

9

Read
John 14:11.

Make a list of the miracles you remember reading about Jesus doing.

10

Read
John 14:12.

Say a prayer for people who do not believe in God.

11

Read
John 14:13.

Share about something you have asked God for in the past.

12

Read
John 14:14.

Ask a trusted adult to share about a time they asked God for something.

13

Read
John 14:15.

What are God's commandments?

14

Read
John 14:16.

Take time to remember your Baptism today.

15

Read
John 14:17.

Find the baptismal font in your church on Sunday!

16

Read
John 14:18.

Say a prayer today for orphans.

17

Read
John 14:19.

Where did you see Jesus today?

18

Read
John 14:20.

Thank God for being with you always!

19

Read
John 14:21.

Pray for people who feel unloved today.

20

Read
John 14:22.

Learn more about a country that has laws against Christians.

21

Read
John 14:23.

What is your favorite thing about Jesus?

22

Read
John 14: 24.

Sing your favorite worship song today.

23

Read
John 14:25-26.

What have you learned about God this week?

24

Read
John 14:27.

Talk to God about something you are afraid of right now.

25

Read
John 14:28.

What does it feel like to miss someone?

26

Read
John 14:29.

Cheer out loud: I believe in God!

27

Read
John 14:30.

Pray: Come soon, Lord Jesus.

28

Read
John 14:31.

Remind one person in your life that Jesus loves them.



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