

The *VIEW*

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

As the earth begins to green and we enjoy an occasional warm day, we are reminded that the season of Lent is nearly here. It is a time of reflection, renewal and repentance. We are fortunate to have faithful leaders on the Virginia Synod staff who have prepared worship and study material for us and for the season from the book of Acts. Together we will see what Acts, the sequel to Luke, will have for us. During the season of Lent, I would also like to invite all to read the book of Acts together, one chapter at a time. We plan to have the daily readings posted on our internet pages and in the bulletin. An additional pamphlet is being prepared for individual use with questions to prompt deeper reflection.

On Ash Wednesday, we expect to gather for worship as we normally do at 7:00pm. Additionally, I will be present in the sanctuary from 12 noon until 2 pm for the imposition of ashes and a blessing for those who are unable to come in the evening. On the following Wednesdays of Lent, we will gather each Wednesday at 12 noon as we did during Advent. We plan to focus upon selected verses from Acts for meditation using an ancient discipline known as Lectio Divina. This meditation time allows us to soak in the scripture and allow it to speak to us. I hope you will plan to join the group as we prepare for Holy Week and the festival of Easter.

In the meantime, we continue to worship and learn, to pray for one another and help those in need in our congregation and the community. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Pastor Phyllis



Masking Policy Update: On Wednesday, February 9th, at a called Council meeting, the Council approved a decision to change the indoor masking policy at church from “required masking” to “optional masking” effective immediately. Masking within the church building is strongly recommended. Please continue to social distance, maintaining a distance of six feet between persons or family groups and seating in alternate pews in the sanctuary.

Beginning this Sunday, February 27, there will be two worship services each week. The first service will begin at 9:00 a.m. and masks will be required. The second service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and masks will be optional. Sunday School will continue to be held in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m.

2021 Annual Report and Congregational Directory: If you are unable to attend the February 20 congregational meeting and would like a copy of the 2021 Annual Report/Congregational Directory, please contact Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page.

Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections” The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collection: **March 6 - 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.

Shrove Tuesday, March 1, 5-7 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church Men’s Group and Thrivent Financial will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Imagine Center at Salem. There will be several varieties of pancakes, sausage patties and sausage gravy as well as condiments to go with the meal. You may also call the church on 540-234-8161 ahead of the supper date and order take out. A free-will offering will be appreciated. Funds collected will be deposited to the Health Needs Fund which is used to help those who need some assistance paying medical bills. You are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks when not eating, and we will arrange tables a safe distance apart as well as use other precautions.

March 2, Ash Wednesday: Imposition of ashes (12:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.) and 7:00 p.m. worship service. Please refer to information from Pastor Phyllis on page one.

Lenten Services at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, and 30 and April 6. Please refer to information provided from Pastor Phyllis on page one of this newsletter.

Thursday, March 4: Council Meeting (in-person) at 5:00 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 February 27. Email to carol.troxell@gmail.com

Monday, March 7: Cemetery Association Meeting at 6:00 p.m.: The Annual meeting of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association will be in the Pleasant View social hall. Anyone having fall/Christmas flowers in the cemetery that they want, please remove before March 7 as the committee will get ready for spring and Easter flowers.

Thursday, March 10, at 10 a.m.: WELCA will meet in the Social Hall. Carol Troxell will provide devotions. Please bring your favorite recipe(s) to share with the group. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

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

"Grace Unbounded" Devotions for Lent: The booklet provides daily devotions based on the Gospel of Luke for March 2 through April 16. Copies are available in the Narthex.

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.

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

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-19 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 Community level is in the "High" category. This week's Community level for Augusta County remains "High." The COVID-19 Community level rating will be provided in the weekly announcements and/or the monthly newsletter.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA / Minutes –February 10, 2022

The Pleasant View WELCA met Thursday, February 10, 2022 at church in the social hall.

Program: Rosemary Spell had a program on “Friendships in the Bible”. She passed out a chart with two columns. Each column had names of bible characters and we had to match which character went with which friend. After we matched, she explained the friendship between these characters. She brought greeting cards and asked each of us to take two and send them to two of our friends.

Minutes: January Minutes were approved as printed in the February Newsletter.

Cards for sick and shut-in’s. Today we signed get well cards for Martha Arehart, Vrla Leach, Dalla Sutton and Forester Wright. Birthday cards were sent to Jack Quick, Mary Tueting, Duane Perrin and Valerie Smith.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$907.80 in our treasurer. Offering today was \$60.

Southern Valley Women Planning Meeting and Bible Study and luncheon- Southern Valley Planning Team will have a meeting at Mrs. Rowe’s on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00. Rosemary will attend. Goldie will be out of town so Linda will attend for her. At this point in time, the SVW Spring Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 10 at Salem Lutheran at their Imagine Center. Boxed lunches will be ordered after registration.

Annual VA Synodical Women’s Organization Convention: August 12-13 at Hotel 24 South, in Staunton (formerly the Stonewall Jackson Hotel) Registration for the Convention is \$60 per person. Theme is “Shining God’s Light in the Darkness”. Love Offering this year goes to Valley Mission. Convention Project is: 2022 Sock Challenge. Each unit is challenged to donate 200 pairs of socks to a shelter and /or those in need. We are to take one pair of socks to the convention and give them a tally of the socks donated and to whom they went. We are asking the congregation to help with this. A SOCK collection box will be put in the Narthex the month of June.

Easter Project: Becci is going to check with Valley Mission regarding fixing Easter Baskets for the children who are staying there. Linda will put in for a \$250 Thrivent Grant to help with this.

Valley Mission in need of cleaning supplies: Valley Mission has put out a request for cleaning supplies like Clorox, etc. Instead of us purchasing these supplies, Goldie made a motion that we send them a check for \$100 and they can purchase what they need. Carol Troxell seconded this motion. Motion was passed with voice vote of members.

Present at Today’s Meeting: Linda Page, Debbie Hastert, Sue Cook, Pastor Phyllis Diamond Rosemary Spell, Goldie Shiflett, Wanda Bowers, Carol Troxell and Jo Cline.

Closing: Rosemary Spell closed with prayer.

The next WELCA meeting is THURSDAY, March 10 at 10:00 at church in the social hall. Each member is requested to bring copies of their favorite recipes to share with each other. Carol Troxell will have devotions.

Linda Page, 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, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Pat Luders, Michael Thompson, Rebecca & Duane Perrin, Bill & Mary Tueting, Martha Arehart, Alice Fauber, Vrla Leach, Fred Cox and Jim Cox

For our friends and neighbors: **Helen Berry**, sister of Hunter Fauber; **Virginia Roudabush**, mother of Gary Roudabush; **Michael Suter**, nephew of Bill Braithwaite; **Francie Suter**, sister of Bill Braithwaite; **Jeff Henderson**, friend of Gene and Mandy Lilly; **Peter Harrison**, brother-in-law of Rebecca Perrin;; **Lilly Myers**, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Ellen Webb**, daughter of Judy Shuey and Ted Shuey; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **Loretta Sutton**, PVELC family; **Lois Baker**, Leach family cousin; **Pastor Mark Jones**, Pastor at Memorial Baptist; **Terry Holsinger**, neighbor of Becci Page

Church Contacts

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Church Leadership Contact information

Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

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Council Vice President: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587

Council Secretary: Linda Page 885-0539

Committee Representatives

Education: Debbie Hastert 430-0000

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587

Hospitality and Social Ministry: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Property: Doug Painter 280-0882; Forester Wright 337-6408

Worship and Music: Linda Page 885-0539

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

March Birthdays

Chip Lilly	3/12
Janet Braithwaite	3/13
Tammy Lilly	3/15
Austin Bowers	3/17
Jedidiah Winfrey Cox	3/17
Connie Quick	3/18
John Bowers	3/26
Timothy Lihos	3/26
Bill Coffin	3/29
Jasmine Cook	3/29
Gavyen Hensley	3/30

March Anniversaries

Chip & Tammy Lilly	3/19/2010
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THANK YOU:

"We want to thank you very much for taking up money to help with Michael's eye procedures. We just got back from his three month follow up and his vision is 20/25 which is great. Will only need to wear glasses to drive. He is doing great and ready to learn to drive. Thank you, Tim, Leslie & Michael"

"I am very grateful for our cards and expressions of support following the recent death of my sister, Dottie Hall. I consider it a blessing to have such caring friends at Pleasant View. Jim Sheets"

"Tom Cox would like to thank Pleasant View Church for all they did for him and Betty throughout her illness...he and the family appreciate all the love and support, calls, visits, cards the meal after the funeral...It is wonderful to have such a caring thoughtful church family. Love, Tom Cox and all the family"

Worship Assistants for March

Assisting Minister: Bill Luders

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Wanda Bowers, Susan & Forester Wright

March 6, 2022	Lay Reader: Michael Vayvada	Acolyte: Emily Vayvada
March 13, 2022	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: Michael Vayvada
March 20, 2022	Lay Reader: Duane Perrin	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
March 27, 2022	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: James Cox