

The VIEW

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

That Great Getting up Morning

I have been captured by the joy and the hope I have heard in the African American spiritual, *That Great Getting Up Morning*. If you would like to hear it, you can click on the link below.

The singers sing with joy which comes from faith in the one who will wake us up on that Great Day when the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord when he comes again.

The lyrics are a song to a syncopated beat which resurrects the joy of new life and bidding this life good bye. Here's just a sample of the words.

*There's a better day a-coming. Fair thee well, Fair the well
There's a better day a-coming. Fair thee well, Fair the well*

What I find interesting, along with the joyful spirit of the song, is its history. Like the first church which met in the catacombs and in other secret places to avoid being persecuted should they be discovered, the enslaved church met in secret to avoid the wrath of the slave owners for they recognized the strength of faith and hope in the resurrected Jesus which inspired the enslaved to look for a better day and a better life.

The church, the whole church, remembers the morning when Jesus arose, got up from his resting place and walked triumphantly out of the tomb leaving the trappings of death behind as folded grave clothes. The napkin for his face and the wrappings of the body could not hold back the power of God who raised him. Into the early morning light, he stepped into a new day for all of humanity. For it was a great gettin' up mornin' for us all because he opened the way for us all to rise again on that great day when Jesus will return.

In the coming weeks, we will experience the darkness of Jesus' betrayal, mock trial and brutal death in great detail, but let's not stop there. While death must come before resurrection, darkness must give way to the light. Let's not get bogged down in sorrow for Jesus got up on the third day, the first gettin' up morning. The passion of Jesus sends us into the depth of sorrow and then soaring with joy. Together we will reenact his great work of love on our behalf. As we do, may we keep our eyes on the greatest gift God has given us through the Son, eternal life which culminates on Easter morning as we look forward the time we will indeed, get up, wake up, rise again all because of God's gift of salvation won for us.

In the meantime, we take the last steps in our Lenten journey as we follow the steps of Jesus to Jerusalem remembering his faithfulness and the ways he laid down his life so that we might live. May God's peace be ours,

Pastor Phyllis

For the lyrics, click here <https://genius.com/Gaither-vocal-band-in-that-great-getting-up-morning-lyrics>. For a moving choir performance, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJMzOy5CBWQ>

Sunday worship services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Masks will be optional.

Sunday School will continue to be held in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m.

All are encouraged to continue to wear masks as desired but are not required. Masks will continue to be offered as a sign of hospitality so that all may feel safe, comfortable and welcome in this place of worship. May God continue to heal, protect and strengthen us as a community of faith so that all may know God's love.

Sunday, March 27, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Social Hall.

Lenten Services at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, March 30 and April 6. Please refer to information provided from Pastor Phyllis on page one of the March newsletter. Lenten Series: "Being a 1st Century Church in the 21st Century: Lessons from Acts for Today's World." Please note the time change from 12 noon to 11 a.m. Also, bring a packed lunch to enjoy following the meditation service.

Readings for March 28-April 1:

Book of Acts, Chapters 19-23

Readings for April 4-8:

Book of Acts, Chapters 24-28

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collection" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collection: **April 3 – Valley Academy:** The Valley Academy is an Alternative Learning Program operated by Augusta County Public Schools and Waynesboro Public Schools for 6th through 12th grade students with academic, behavioral and/or attendance issues. The program provides students with the tools to succeed in their home schools and personal lives. The program has a behavioral component that includes "Wolf bucks" which are earned by the students for positive achievement and behavior. Students may use the "Wolf bucks" at the school store to purchase items ranging from drinks and chips to clothing. The school store is not funded by the school systems. It is stocked through donations and direct support of the teaching staff (monetary and supplies).

The Council has approved "Red Bucket" collections: **April 17 and May 1 – To assist the Clair Veney family** with expenses. Clair's mother, Dalla Sutton, passed away on February 12, 2022 and her grandmother, Loretta Sutton, currently resides at Kings Daughters Community Health & Rehab Center.

"Easter Lily" Project (donations in lieu of live Easter Lilies): Forms are available in the hallway, the narthex and via email. **The deadline for the "Easter Lily" Project is April 10.**

Saturday, April 9, at 9 a.m.: The Blessings Group will meet at Kathy's Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Terry Bunch.

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

Palm Sunday: April 10, Readers are needed to tell the passion narrative for Palm Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service. We are planning a readers theater much like the play we did for Christmas. Please let Pastor Phyllis know of your interest.

Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion), April 10, at 11 a.m.: The Worship Service will include procession with palm branches and a narrative reading of “The Passion of Our Lord According to Luke.” Please plan to attend and volunteer to participate as a reader.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 10, at 12 noon: The Youth and Education Committee will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for young children immediately following the Palm Sunday worship service. The event will begin in the Pavilion with a children’s Easter story by Pastor Phyllis. Easter eggs will be hidden on the west and north sides of the church. Plan to bring a basket for the egg hunt. Prizes will be awarded. Cheese pizza and drinks will be served in the Pavilion for participants. For additional information, please contact either Robyn Dean or Debbie Hastert.

Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m.: Pleasant View will serve a meal to the Spring Hill Ruritan Club in the Social Hall. Net proceeds benefit Open Door Class Projects. For details, please contact Goldie Shiflett.

Thursday, April 14, at 10 a.m.: WELCA will meet in the Social Hall. Rosemary Spell will provide a program on “Stations of the Cross.” The group will assemble Easter Egg baskets for Valley Mission. All are welcome. For further information on WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Worship Service, including Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service.

Easter Sunday, April 17, at 11 a.m.: Easter Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Sunday, April 24, at 9 p.m. the Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Social Hall. The committee will discuss dates and planning for regular worship and services.

Card Shower for Loretta Sutton: Cards may be sent to Loretta Sutton, Room E 339B, Kings Daughters Community Health & Rehab, 1410 N. Augusta Street, Staunton, VA 24401. Loretta would also appreciate visits.

Memorial Committee: Will meet in the Social Hall after church on **April 3rd**. Backup date will be **April 17th**.

PVELC Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, 27233 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401.** If you wish for your contribution to be 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.

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” (April, May, June devotions)** are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page either by phone 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.

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. Currently the Community Level for Augusta County is **LOW**. If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions. The COVID-19 Community level rating will be provided in the weekly announcements and the monthly newsletter.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA Minutes –March 10, 2022

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

Devotions: Carol Troxell had devotions regarding “Foods of the Bible”. She noted how many times certain foods were mentioned in the Bible and also had them divided into food groups. It was very interesting to find out what foods were listed like “cucumbers”. These devotions were perfect to go with our program of recipes.

Program: Instead of a program, we were asked to bring our favorite recipes to share with each other.

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

Cards for sick and shut-in's. Today we signed a get well card for Gladys Fockler (she fell and broke her wrist). Birthday cards were sent to Connie Quick and Janet Braithwaite.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$870 in our treasurer. She sent the Valley Mission a check for \$100 to use for purchasing cleaning supplies which they requested. Offering today was \$80.

Thank You Notes: We received a thank you note from Valley Mission for the \$100 to purchase cleaning supplies and From Church World Services for \$785 we collected for the Blanket Drive. CWS also sent us an Honor Certificate. Women of the ELCA sent us a Thank You note for \$405 we collected for our Thank Offering.

Southern Valley Women Planning Meeting and Bible Study and luncheon- Southern Valley Planning Team met at Rowes on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00. Rosemary Spell gave us a report of the meeting.

1.The SVW Spring Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 10 at Salem Lutheran at their Imagine Center. Pastor Phyllis will be guest speaker. Boxed lunches will be ordered after registration.

2. Special Event (summer): Looking into showing one of the Sight and Sound Movies (Ruth or Queen Ester) at the Sipe Center in Bridgewater on a Saturday afternoon (June 25, July 23 or 30). Cost estimate: Sight and Sound license, \$200, Sipe Center Cost \$250. 60 people would cost \$7.50 each. Lunch or Supper hasn't been decided.

3. Fall Gathering: Sunday October 2 or 9 at 2:00 P.M. AT St. Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church. St. Jacobs will furnish refreshments. Each church will be assigned a food item to bring –finger foods.

4. 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.

All Lutheran Women's Retreat: will be held November 3-5 at the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center in Natural Bridge, Va. Cost of the retreat is \$125 each. Hotel charges are separate. Carol Troxell has brochures regarding this retreat so if you are interested in going, get a brochure from Carol.

Easter Project: Linda was able to get a \$250 Thrivent Grant to make Easter Baskets for children at Valley Mission. They currently only have 5 children. We will fix them Easter Baskets and then Welcome Back Packs for future children who come to the mission. We will put these together at our next meeting.

Present at Today's Meeting: Linda Page, Becci Page, Sue Cook, Pastor Phyllis Diamond, Rosemary Spell, Carol Toxell, Jo Cline, Joe Price and Mary Virginia Roudabush.

Closing: Goldie Shifeltt wasn't able to be here but asked that we remind members to bring their items for the Ruritan Supper to be served Monday, the 14th at church.

The next WELCA meeting is THURSDAY, April 14 at 10:00 at church in the social hall. We will be putting together the Easter Baskets and Welcome Back Packs for Valley Mission. Rosemary Spell will have a program on Stations of the Cross.

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, Vrla Leach, Fred Cox and Jack Quick

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; **Virginia Painter**, mother Carol Cox; **Ashby Dixon**, wife of Phil Dixon; **Tony Fauber**, son of Hunter Fauber; **Michael Adkins**, grandson of Jimmy and Carol Cox

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April Birthdays

Cassidy Knicely	4/1
Kim Toman	4/1
Zane Simmons	4/3
Emmarae Dawn Cary	4/4
Rosemary Spell	4/4
Jordan Toman	4/4
Zach Cook	4/11
Lisa Rankin	4/15
Gene Lilly	4/22
David Jetton	4/28

April Anniversaries

Mark & Leah Wheeler	4/10/2010
Mike & Emily Vayvada	4/18/1998
Glen & Ruth Worrell	4/20/1996
Gary & Mary Roudabush	4/27/1986
Duane & Rebecca Perrin	4/30/2011



THANK YOU NOTES

“Thank you to the Church Council and Congregation for the card and thank you gift in recognition of my service as your Financial Secretary. I am happy to be able to have served and continue to serve as your Financial Secretary.”

Becci Page

“Thanks to the council and others who planned the Celebration of Service in honor of me. I messed up your surprise but you did give me a lot of surprises, the kind write up from the Trinity Noon Lunch folks from Trinity church, the picture and picture book. When Roger & I plant the garden this spring, I will put to use the gloves, potting pots, seeds and watering can. I will enjoy showing off my cooking socks and using the notes. The new yard flag was much needed. We enjoyed a delicious meal at the “Local Goat” in Pigeon Forge, TN. with the Visa gift card. It was great because I didn’t have to cook! Pleasant View Trinity Noon helpers served 5,219 great homecooked meals to hungry guests during the thirteen years with many second and even third helpings of foods. By the smiles and thanks, we knew they appreciated them. Gods blessings to all that supported and helped!”

Sincerely,
Goldie

“I’d like to express my gratitude after receiving a monetary gift from the Council and Congregation for my work as assistant financial secretary. It is much appreciated! Also, thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you in this capacity.”

Peace and blessings,
Janet Braithwaite

“Thank you to the council and the congregation for the very generous monetary gift to thank me for the various tasks I do for our church especially the flower beds, it is my pleasure to do this and I praise God for the strength he gives me to be able to continue with this”

Sue Cook

Worship Assistants for April

Assisting Minister: Terry Bunch

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Steve & Carol Troxell

April 3, 2022

Lay Reader: Dale Rankin

Acolyte: Lisa Rankin

April 10, 2022

Lay Reader: Phil Dixon

Acolyte: Michael Vayvada

April 17, 2022

Lay Reader: Robyn Dean

Acolyte: Emily Vayvada

April 24, 2022

Lay Reader: Susan Wright

Acolyte: Robyn Dean

April

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Concordia
Publishing House

1

Read
1 John 1:1.

Have everyone in your family find something in your house that you can touch, hear, and look at!

2

Read
1 John 1:2.

Look up what the word manifest means in this verse.

3

Read
1 John 1:3-4.

Share one thing that brought you joy today!

4

Read
1 John 1:5.

What is your favorite thing about light?

5

Read
1 John 1:6-7.

What does it mean to "walk in darkness"?

6

Read
1 John 1:8-10.

Why is the truth important?

7

Read
1 John 2:1.

Remind each person in your family today that Jesus forgives them!

8

Read
1 John 2:2-3.

What is a commandment God has given?

9

Read
1 John 2:4.

Think about a time you were proud to tell the truth.

10

Read
1 John 2:5-6.

Go on a walk and pray while you walk.

11

Read
1 John 2:7.

Talk about a time when you had a hard time following a rule.

12

Read
1 John 2:8.

Write an encouraging letter and mail it to someone you know!

13

Read
1 John 2:9.

Talk about a time you didn't get along with a family member.

14

Read
1 John 2:10-11.

Sit in the dark for one minute today. What did you think during that time?

15

Read
1 John 2:12.

Cheer, "Thank You, Jesus, for forgiving me!"

16

Read
1 John 2:13.

Who is the "Father" in this verse?

17

Read
1 John 2:14.

Who is the "evil one" in this verse?

18

Read
1 John 2:15.

Share one thing you love about God.

19

Read
1 John 2:16-17.

Pray for people who do not follow Jesus.

20

Read
1 John 2:18-19.

Pray for Jesus to come back soon.

21

Read
1 John 2:20-21.

What truth do you know because of God?

22

Read
1 John 2:22-23.

Who are the three persons of the Trinity?

23

Read
1 John 2:24-25.

Pray: Thank You for the promise of eternal life.

24

Read
1 John 2:26-27.

Do people still try to deceive Christians today? How?

25

Read
1 John 2:28-29.

What does the word righteous mean?

26

Read
1 John 3:1.

Memorize this verse.

27

Read
1 John 3:2-3.

Remind each person in your family that they are made in the image of God.

28

Read
1 John 3:4-5.

Pray and ask God to forgive your sins today.

29

Read
1 John 3:6-7.

Discuss what it means to practice righteousness.

30

Read
1 John 3:8-10.

In your own words, how did sin enter the world?