

# The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2022



I am often asked when is it that we light the Paschal candle. My answer is, now. Now is the time that we light it to remember Christ's victory over death; when the light of God overcame the darkness of sin. Given that, it would seem to me that lighting it all the time, every day of the year, would be the proper time. Because Jesus has defeated death every day of our lives. And...every Sunday is a little Easter because we celebrate the risen Lord on the first day of the week, was the way that the first disciples ordered their weeks given their Jewish roots.

So, why wait for the Easter season? And... why do we light it just for funerals and baptisms? Good questions!! It may have something to do with what our mothers and fathers did to make a day special. Like the times our gifts were hidden until Christmas morning... or the times we wished our birthdays would come more than once a year so that we could have more gifts, more celebration and more cake. These days, most of us are happy with only one birthday a year, but that is another matter altogether (wink, wink).

We mark the special days of our baptismal journey with the lighting of the Paschal candle. Like a huge birthday candle, it reminds us of the new birth we have experienced in Jesus. Like the pasch, or Passover celebration, we remember our passage from death to life, from slavery to freedom. Just as our new life began at the font, our lives transition to eternal life upon the death of our bodies. We pass from earthly life, to life with Christ in heavenly places.

Christ's death and resurrection mark a turning point in history and in our personal histories, therefore, we light the Paschal candle to mark these mileposts. What better times do we have to light it?

Although the other candles seem to call out for the tallest to be lit...we hold back...we wait...and we remember...that there will be time to celebrate our journey along the way. We only have two birthdays, after all. One at the hospital or the place where we were born physically and the other at the font, where we received life eternal.

May the light of His life make our darkness bright,

Pastor Phyllis

**Sunday worship services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Masks will be optional.** 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, May 1, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee** will meet in the Choir Room. The committee will discuss dates and planning for regular worship and services.

**First Sunday Celebrations will resume on May 1,** following the worship service. This is a time of social gathering, to celebrate monthly birthdays and anniversaries of church members, relatives and friends. Any congregational member who would like to provide the cake for a first Sunday celebration, please contact Jimmy Cox or Goldie Shiflett.

**Sundays at 10 a.m.: Open Door Class** will continue study of the Gospel of Luke. Teachers are Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to the class for serving the Spring Hill Ruritan Club in March and April. These funds support outreach in our church and community.

**Wednesdays at 6 p.m.: Choir Practice.** All are welcome; Choir Director, Gary Flavin.

**Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collection"** The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collection: **May 1: Assist Clairia Veney family** with expenses. Clairia's mother, Dalla Sutton, passed away on February 12 and her grandmother, Loretta Sutton, currently resides at Kings Daughters Community Health & Rehab Center.

**May 15: 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.

**In Memoriam:** Gregory Link Campbell, son of the late Donnie and Joy Campbell, passed away on Friday, April 15. Our prayers and condolences to the Campbell and Link families and friends.

**Thursday, May 5, at 5 p.m.: Council Meeting in the Social Hall.** 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 May 2.

**Tuesday, May 10, at 9:30 a.m.: WELCA; Southern Valley Women's Conference Spring Bible Study at Salem Lutheran Church, Imagine Center.** Registration begins at 9:30; Meeting and Spring Bible Study will follow at 10 a.m. **Pastor Phyllis Diamond will lead the Bible Study.** Boxed lunches (\$10 each) will be ordered from Valley Pike Farm Market. All are welcome. For further information on SVWC, please contact Rosemary Spell; for WELCA activities, please contact either Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

**The Virginia Synod on July 15-16, in conjunction with Power in the Spirit (July 14-16),** will celebrate **Ministries of Service**, and gather together for worship, and to learn from one another. **Everyone can attend.** Unlike an Assembly where the number of participants is limited, anyone in the Virginia Synod can attend the Synodical Gathering. Congregations are encouraged to send at least two leaders, but anyone who is interested can register.

**There are two options for Registration:**

- **On-Campus Housing** which includes the event, one night lodging on the campus of Roanoke College plus Friday lunch, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast. **The cost will be \$140.**
- **Commuter** which includes the event including Friday lunch, Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast. **The cost will be \$100.**

**If you attend Power in the Spirit,** you are automatically registered for the Synodical Gathering. Since the Synodical Gathering will be happening in conjunction with Power in the Spirit and the schedules will overlap, everyone registered for Power in the Spirit (which begins on July 14) will be registered for the Synodical Gathering.

**For additional information and registration for Power in the Spirit and/or the Synodical Gathering, refer to the synod website: [www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org)**

**Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m.:** The **Blessings Group** will meet at Kathy's Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in and/or attended our Lenten season, Easter services and related activities:** Ash Wednesday worship service, Wednesday Lenten meditations, Palm Sunday "The Passion of Our Lord According to Luke;" Youth Easter Egg Hunt; WELCA Valley Mission Easter Basket project; Maundy Thursday dinner and worship service, Good Friday Tenebrae service, and Easter Sunday Celebration of Our Risen Lord. Also thank you for the special financial contributions toward the "Easter Lily" Project.

**Month of June, Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) – 2022**

**Sock Challenge:** Our PVELC WELCA is collecting **new socks in women's and men's sizes** as a project for the VSWO annual meeting being held in Staunton in early August. The socks collected by PVELC will be donated to Western State Hospital for their residents. Please consider donating socks for this cause. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex during the month of June.

**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.

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

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

**Good Stuff** is a section of the bulletin board beside the pastor's study. The good stuff may include newspaper articles related to faith, background information for the seasonal or weekly liturgies, photos and definitions of difficult words, to name a few. So, as you go down the hall, check it out.

**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](http://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 ELCAMinutes –April 14, 2022**

The Pleasant View WELCA met Thursday, April 14,, 2022 at church in the social hall.

**Easter Project:** Linda was able to get a \$250 Thrivent Grant to make Easter Baskets for children at Valley Mission. Linda, Becci Page and Goldie Shiflett went shopping and purchased items for Easter Baskets and then Welcome Back Packs for future children who come to the mission. Today, members put together the Easter Baskets and Back Packs. Linda and Becci will deliver them to the Mission this afternoon.

**Minutes:** March Minutes were approved as printed in the April Newsletter.

**Cards for sick and shut-in's.** Today we signed a get well card for Pastor Price and Thinking of You Cards for Loretta Sutton and Bill Braithwaite. We each will send cards to Mary Virginia Roudabush.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Cook reported we have \$950 in our treasurer. \$55 was collected today. Pleasant View is taking Red Buckets for two Sundays for Claria Veney (Dalla Sutton's daughter) to help with expenses for Dalla's funeral. Rosemary made a motion that WELCA give \$100 toward this and it was seconded by Wanda Bowers. Motion was passed with voice vote from members.

**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.

**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 at the time of registration (\$10 and boxed lunches will come from Valley Pike Market).

**Program:** Rosemary Spell had a program on Easter Traditions and Legends along with pictures of each. She also passed out information on "Stations of the Cross."

**Present** at Today's Meeting: Linda Page, Becci Page, Sue Cook, Rosemary Spell, Jo Cline, Wanda Bowers, and Goldie Shiflett.

**Closing:** Rosemary closed with the last half of St. Patrick's Morning Prayer.

**The next WELCA meeting** is Tuesday, May 10 to attend the Spring Bible Study at Salem Lutheran. Registration is 9:30, Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m. We will not have a meeting in June but will visit shut-ins. In July we plan on meeting at Gypsy Hill Park at the Shelter at the end of the park where they play horseshoes. Baja Bean Restaurant can deliver our lunch.

Linda Page, Secretary

## Our Prayers

**For the good of the church:** Our bishops, Elizabeth and Robert, and all pastors.

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**For healing and recovery:** Bill Braithwaite, Gladys Fockler, Kenneth Landes, Pat Luders, Michael Thompson, Rebecca & Duane Perrin, Martha Arehart, Vrla Leach, Fred Cox and Jack Quick

**For our friends and neighbors:** **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; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **Loretta Sutton**, PVELC family; **Pastor Mark Jones**, Pastor at Memorial Baptist; **Terry Holsinger**, neighbor of Becci Page; **Virginia Painter**, mother Carol Cox; **Tony Fauber**, son of Hunter Fauber

### Church Contacts

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Council President: Carol Troxell 294-1559

Council Vice President: Rebecca Perrin 434-981-5587

Council Secretary: Linda Page 885-0539

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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

## May Birthdays

Michael Adkins	5/2
Joshua Richter	5/2
Susan Wright	5/2
Sam Burns	5/3
Roger McKay	5/5
Kenny Jordan	5/8
Mary Roudabush	5/9
Tammy Cox	5/10
Kenneth Price	5/11
Stephanie Hensley	5/20
Thomas Ratcliffe	5/20
Larry Landes	5/22
Burke Simmons	5/22
Wayne Heizer	5/23
Aiden Ashman	5/27
Steve Quick	5/28
David Taylor	5/29
Linda Page	5/30
Peggy Knott	5/31

## May Anniversaries

Tyler & Ashlea Hevener	5/2/2015
Mark & Jennifer Cline	5/11/2012
Rick & Karen Fauber	5/22/2004
Wayne & Diane Hizer	5/24/1991
David & Stephanie Jetton	5/27/2001
Kenneth & Joe Price	5/30/1954



## Worship Assistants for May

Assisting Minister: Larry Landes

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Larry & Joy Landes

May 1, 2022	Lay Reader: Rebecca Perrin	Acolyte: James Cox
May 8, 2022	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
May 15, 2022	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin
May 22, 2022	Lay Reader: John Bowers	Acolyte: Michael Vayvada
May 29, 2022	Lay Reader: Phil Dixon	Acolyte: James Cox