

The *VIEW*

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the warmer months of the year, we see new life everywhere we look. For folks like Doug and me, seeing the new sheep and calves on the green grassy pastures is a treat as we make our way to Pleasant View. As the grass greens and the leaves begin to unfurl from the ends of every branch and twig, our hearts sing at the sight of the creative and life-giving hand of God. What looked dead is sprouting green leaves. What was buried in the soil in the fall breaks out in vivid splashes of color and life.

Even as we marvel at the new life around us, we will soon see new life spring forth from the font in the baptisms of our children's children's children. The generations rise once more in faith to follow the Lord who created us all. New life will unfold for each of them as they begin their baptismal journeys there. They will be born again by the water and the Spirit. They will follow the example of the saints who have gone before them and walk with them now. Their parents and sponsors will lead them, carry them, guide them to the font to be blessed, anointed and commissioned to be bearers of the light of God into the world. They will grow and learn the ways of the Lord just as we have been. They are wonderful examples of our helplessness to save ourselves from sin in their young bodies they inhabit. They will learn to return to the font and to remember their baptisms, to know their sins are forgiven. They will be taught the ways of Jesus as they are gathered and supported by not only their parents and family, but by all of us who gather to witness this physical reminder of grace.

May we also remember our baptism as we marvel at the new life around us and within us. May we hold these children and their children and their children in our prayers now and all along our journey together.

Blessings+

Pastor Phyllis

The COVID-19 Community Level is currently listed as LOW for Augusta County.

The State Health Department recommends: Wear a mask indoors in public and on public transportation. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Get tested if you have symptoms. If you are at high risk for severe illness, consider taking additional precautions. 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.

COMMUNION OPTIONS: Due to the current level of COVID-19 in the community and the preference of some congregational members, prefilled (disposable) communion packets are located in the Narthex. Please pick up a packet of wine/wafer or juice/wafer if you choose this form of Holy Communion rather than participating in Intinction. During Communion you may either bring your disposable packet with you to the front of the sanctuary or you may remain in your seat.

Sundays, at 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. Join us in reading and in studying selections from the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to attend. Teachers: Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell.

Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Choir Practice. All are welcome. Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

Sunday, April 30 at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music – Training for Worship Leaders – Pastor Phyllis will provide training for all acolytes, assistant ministers, greeters/ushers, and lay readers. Please plan to attend.

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections:" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections: **April 30: General Fund:** Within PVELC's approved 2023 budget, our Congregation has agreed to annually support the Virginia Synod (benevolence), Weekly Religious Education, the Valley Mission, SACRA, the Augusta Free Clinic, and the Verona Community Food Pantry. **May 7: Verona Volunteer Fire Department** who provide Fire and Rescue Services to the Augusta County Area.

Sunday, April 30: A Special Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service. The Council is recommending the purchase and installation of four exterior doors in the Parish Hall - two doors in the Social Hall/Kitchen, two on the Main Floor, and repair or replacement of the Organ Mechanical Room door. This initiative is a follow up from the November 2022 Congregational meeting. However, the consideration to replace these doors has been under review for a number of years. The estimated cost is approximately \$13,000. Congregation approval for this level of expenditure is required. A portion of the funds (\$3,000) are available from previously approved funds for door replacements. Additional funds and

requests for donations will be discussed. If you have questions, please contact Doug Painter or John Bowers, Property Committee Council Representatives. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Thursday, May 4: Council Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Social Hall: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for worship services and overseeing the operations of our Church. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council's consideration, please submit them to Rosemary Spell (preferably in writing) no later than May 1.

Saturday, May 6: Blessings Group at 9 a.m. will meet at Panera Bread in Waynesboro. The Blessings Group will not meet the months of June, July and August.

Sunday, May 7: Holy Baptism: We are delighted to meet the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Bowers family at the font for the rite of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 7th during morning worship. They will become members of God's family even as they are members of the Hevener, Eavers, Dula, and Peyton families. We plan to mark the beginning of their baptismal journeys with blessings, songs and prayers. A celebration of this beginning for these precious children, their families and sponsors will follow worship in the social hall. All are encouraged to come and offer their prayers and congratulations welcoming them officially into the family at Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 7: Celebration of Baptisms and First Sunday Celebrations in the Social Hall immediately following the Worship Service.

Sunday, May 7, at 7 p.m.: Bishop Election Committee's Pre-Assembly Gathering: Announcement from the Virginia Synod: **Discernment:** a process of prayer and looking forward to where God is calling us. As a part of this process, the Bishop Election Committee is looking to lead the Synod in discernment conversations as we look forward to where God is calling us as the Virginia Synod. Join other members of the synod and a member of the Bishop Election Committee as we dream and listen to God as well as answer questions you may have on the process. May God be with us all as we listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit! **Blue Ridge Partnership (Southern and Southern Valley) on May 7 at 7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Staunton. To Register: [Pre-Assembly Conference Gatherings \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)**

Tuesday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m., WELCA Meeting: The next WELCA meeting is the **SVWO (Southern Valley Women's Organization) Spring Bible Study:** "Weave Us Together."

9:30 Registration and Gathering

10:00 Bible Study Leader: Pastor Gordon Putnam, St. James Lutheran

11:30 Short Business Meeting

Where: Salem Lutheran Church 417 Salem Church Rd., Mt. Sidney

Lunch: Sandwiches and chips Combo from Valley Pike Farm Market, Weyers Cave

Service Projects: Fresh Change for LIRS and Habitat for Humanity Housing

All church ladies are welcome.

Contacts: Goldie Shiflett, Becci Page or Linda Page; SVWO: Rosemary Spell

Thursday, May 18, Ascension Day, On this fortieth day of the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven and the missions and ministries that are still happening "on the ground."

Sunday, May 21, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee Meeting in the Choir Room.

Sunday, May 21, Celebration for Graduates in the Social Hall immediately following the Worship Service. Please join the celebration to recognize the accomplishments of Laurel Simmons (James Madison University), daughter of Robyn and Bradley Dean, Eric Simmons; Alexis Minnick (Virginia Tech), daughter of Michele and Richard Minnick; Julia Dixon (Riverheads High School), daughter of Erin Dixon, Phil and Ashby Dixon; Caden Richter (Fort Defiance High School), son of Jill and Keith Richter; Daniel Worrell (Fort Defiance High School), son of Ruth and Glenn Worrell; Lisa Rankin (Liberty University), BS in Interdisciplinary Studies.

May 28, Pentecost Sunday: As Christians, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus Christ and recognize the day the church was established. We honor the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, 2733 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 Rosemary Spell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson.

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.

Wedding News: Congratulations to Rachel and Paul Townsend on their marriage on March 24. Rachel is the daughter of Rebecca and Bill Coffin.

Saturday, May 6, National Nurses Day: May 6 begins a weeklong celebration of nurses that lasts until May 12, which happens to be Florence Nightingale's birthday! This is an important time to show our gratitude to our nurses for their unwavering care, dedication, skills, and compassion. Thank and pray for our nurses. **Sue Cook, Parish Nurse; Carolyn Cox, Lisa Rankin, and Susan St. Clair.**

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day: This is a special day to honor all mothers and motherhood. The carnation means **fascination, distinction, and love**. According to a Christian legend, carnations grew from the Virgin Mary's tears as she watched Jesus carry the cross. This is how they became associated with motherly love. A **pink carnation** signifies a mother's **undying** love. **White** corsages are usually used when someone's **mother** has passed away. **White** is the color of peace and tranquil dignity. **Pink or white carnations will be distributed to families at the end of the worship service.**

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.

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.

"Daily Grace" is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Signup up for an email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#)

Staying in Touch: Holidays, 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 at home and around the world.

Verona Community Food Pantry: The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett. Thank you to everyone who brought supplies in support of the second 'Hunter Fauber Memorial Paper Drive.' Thank you to Goldie and Roger Shiflett for delivering the 235 pounds of donated items from the church to the VCFP.

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**. Refer to the guidance listed in the first announcement for additional information. The COVID-19 Community level rating will be provided in the weekly announcements and the monthly newsletter.

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA
Minutes April 12, 2023

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in the church social hall.

Devotions: Rosemary Spell opened with prayer.

Program: Sister Phyllis Cox, Deacon, presented a program on the “Fresh Change Project”. She is Ambassador for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) for refugees coming mostly from Mexico and Guatemala. When they arrive, they usually have on clothes which they have worn for weeks or longer. LIRS presents each refugee with a clean change of clothes (i.e., sweat pants, sweat shirt, underwear, socks and for women, sport bras). These are put in a black backpack along with a note in Spanish letting them know someone is thinking of them and that God loves them. They need men’s small and medium and a woman’s small and medium. When packing them, the note is then signed with only the first name of the person packing it. Virginia’s refugee center is in Northern VA. PVWELCA will pack 11 backpacks. Linda Page will apply for a \$250 Thrivent Grant to help with this project. Once items are purchased, members will get together and fill the backpacks to be delivered and/or picked up by Sister Phyllis Cox, Deacon. Sister Phyllis also gave us a brief history of how she was “called” to be a Deacon.

Items for Minnick Center: Also at today’s meeting, members brought the following items to be delivered to enCircle (Minnick Center) Paper towels, Clorox Spray Cleaner, Lysol Spray, Kleenex Tissues and Liquid Dish Detergent. Rosemary will deliver them to Minnick.

Program #2: Rosemary Spell presented at program on “Spring”.

Minnick School: Rosemary passed out a flyer re: Harrisonburg’s Minnick School is having an Art Show/Open House on Thursday, April 20 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.(1661 Virginia Avenue, Harrisonburg, Va.) RSVP by April 14 to philanthropy@enCircleAll.org.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Cook is out of town, so Linda Page reported we have \$349.15 in our treasurer. Offering for today was \$53.

Cards: We signed cards to be sent to our sick/shut-in’s as follows: Bill Braithwaite, Bill Tueting, Alma Landes and thinking of you to Pastor and Joe Price.

Thank You: We received a “thank you note” from Gary Flavin and Stephen for providing the Family Valentine Breakfast.

VSWO Southern Valley Planning Team: Rosemary Spell reported on their meeting held March 25.

Spring Bible Study: “Weave Us Together” Tuesday, May 9, 2023

9:30- Registration and Gathering

10:00 Bible Study

11:30 Short Business Meeting

Where: Salem Lutheran Church 417 Salem Church Rd., Mt. Sidney

Leader: Pastor Gordon Putnam, St. James Lutheran

Lunch: Sandwiches and chips Combo from Valley Market, Weyers Cave

NOTE: The Service Project for VSWO is Housewarming Gifts for families moving into Central Valley Habitat for Humanity Housing: PV WELCA has been asked to provide and bring the following to the Bible Study: Rubber Gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical), Liquid Concentrate Household Cleaner (12-16 oz bottle) Glass Cleaner, Liquid Laundry Detergent (25, 32 or 50 oz. bottle), Dryer Sheets, Sponges, Powdered Cleanser (12-14 oz), Bar Soap, and Toilet Bowl Cleaner (small-medium size). They would also like a set of twin or full size sheets and/or towels. (a set per church). A WELCA member will purchase these items and we will take a SPECIAL OFFERING at our June meeting for this project.

Summer Event: Sight and Sound Movie “Noah” Saturday, August 12, 2023

Where: Sipe Center, 100 N. Main St., Bridgewater, a. (Rental fee \$250)

9:30: Doors Open

10:00 Movie (130 minutes) (\$200) –Costs to be divided between WELCA church units

12:30 Lunch-options: Cracked Pillar, Francesco’s, El Charro-to name a few

Open to members and friends of Participating SVWO Congregations

Fall Gathering “Weave Us Together” Sunday, October 8, 2023

Where: Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, 281 E. Market St., Harrisonburg

2:00 Registration/Gathering:

2:30 Opening Devotions

2:45 Program –Speaker: Alison Thomas, VA Quilt Museum

3:45 Short Business Meeting

4:00 Fellowship and Feasting (attendees to bring finger foods, Salads, Desserts)

VSWO Annual Meeting: July 21 and 22 at Roanoke College in Salem, Va. The Service Project for the year is Project Horizon in Lexington, Va. They are requesting “stress balls” and “fidget rings”. Becci Page will order these off Amazon to be sent directly to Project Horizon. Cost of items (\$150) will be provided by WELCA and Open Door Sunday School Class.

WELCA US Triennial Gathering; will be held September 21-24 in Phoenix, Arizona. Further details available at Women of the ELCA (welcatg.org).

Members present today were: Rosemary Spell, Becci Page, Linda Page Jo Cline, Jackie Meeks, Debbie Hastert and Hannelore Bisner.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m: to attend the Spring Bible Study at Salem

Lutheran. This will take place of our regularly scheduled May meeting at P.V. NOTE: JUNE MEETING 6/14: Bring your Love Offering to our June Meeting so it can be taken to the yearly conference in July and we will also take up a special offering for the Habitat Project. Also, our June meeting will be to tour the 29th Division Museum in Verona, Va. Larry Meeks from PV will be our tour guide.

Linda Page, WELCA Secretary

Our Prayers

For the good of the church: Our bishops, Elizabeth and Robert, Pastor Phyllis and all pastors and deacons.

For those serving on military active duty: Chapman Toman and Alex Rankin

For healing and recovery: Bill Braithwaite, Fred Cox, Dale Moyers and Bill & Mary Tueting

For our friends and neighbors: Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; **Linda Holbert**, aunt of Joy Landes; **Lisa Fauber**, friend of Sue Cook; **David Helmick**, brother-in-law of Christine Puffenbarger; **Austin Bowers**, son of John & Beth Bowers and grandson of Wanda Bowers; **Kamden Bunch**, grandson of Terry Bunch; **Mark Tueting**, son of Bill & Mary Tueting; **Howard Ratcliffe**, our former Pastor; **Connie**, friend of Pastor Phyllis; **Mark Price**, son of Pastor Kenneth & Joe Price; **Mary Ward**, friend/retired teacher of Emily Vayvada; **Shirley Garrett**, aunt of Roger Shiflett

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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 Virginia 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: Terry Bunch

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Larry & Joy Landes

May 7, 2023	Lay Reader: Rebecca Perrin	Acolyte: James Cox
May 14, 2023	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
May 21, 2023	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: James Cox
May 28, 2023	Lay Reader: John Bowers	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin

May

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Concordia
Publishing House

1

Read
Isaiah 40:3–5.

Draw what you see in
these verses.

2

Read
John 1:19–23.

Learn more about
John the Baptist.

3

Read
Isaiah 53:1, 3.

Pray for someone you
know who is grieving.

4

Read
John 12:37.

Memorize this verse.

5

Read
Isaiah 11:2.

Discuss what it means
to fear the Lord.

6

Read
Matthew 3:16.

What does Luther's
Small Catechism say
about Baptism?

7

Read
Isaiah 11:10.

Pray for our missionaries
serving overseas.

8

Read
Luke 2:30–32.

Pray for someone who
doesn't know Jesus.

9

Read
John 12:20–21.

Say: "I wish to see Jesus!"

10

Read
Isaiah 50:6.

Ask an adult about
a time he or she forgave
someone.

11

Read
Isaiah 52:14.

Look up the definition
of the word marred.

12

Read
Matthew 27:29–30.

Draw a crown of thorns.

13

Read
Luke 22:63.

What color represents the
Easter season?

14

Read
Isaiah 53:4.

Sing the hymn "Stricken,
Smitten, and Afflicted"
(LSB 451).

15

Read
2 Corinthians 5:21.

What does it mean that
Jesus was perfect?

16

Read
Isaiah 53:5.

Ask an adult how Jesus
has brought him or her
peace.

17

Read
1 Peter 2:24.

What does it mean to
"die to sin"?

18

Read
Isaiah 26:19.

Choose a song to sing
for joy!

19

Read
Matthew 11:4–5.

Recall your favorite part
of last Sunday's sermon.

20

Read
Isaiah 29:18–19.

Pray for the person to
your left.

21

Read
John 9:10–11.

Find and list out other
healings in the Gospel
books.

22

Read
Isaiah 61:1–2.

Make a plan to volunteer
with a local nonprofit.

23

Read
Luke 4:18–19.

Read the Athanasian
Creed.

24

Read
Isaiah 53:12.

What does it mean to
be a transgressor?

25

Read
Matthew 27:38.

Pray for those who are
incarcerated.

26

Read
Isaiah 11:4–5.

Set a timer for
fifteen minutes, then pray.

27

Read
2 Timothy 4:1.

Recite the Nicene Creed.

28

Read
John 5:27.

Choose a worship song or
hymn to sing as a family.

29

Read
Isaiah 52:13.

Look up synonyms for
the word exalted.

30

Read
John 12:32.

Brainstorm ways to
share Jesus' love
with someone.

31

Read
Philippians 2:9–11.

Cheer: Jesus Christ
is Lord!