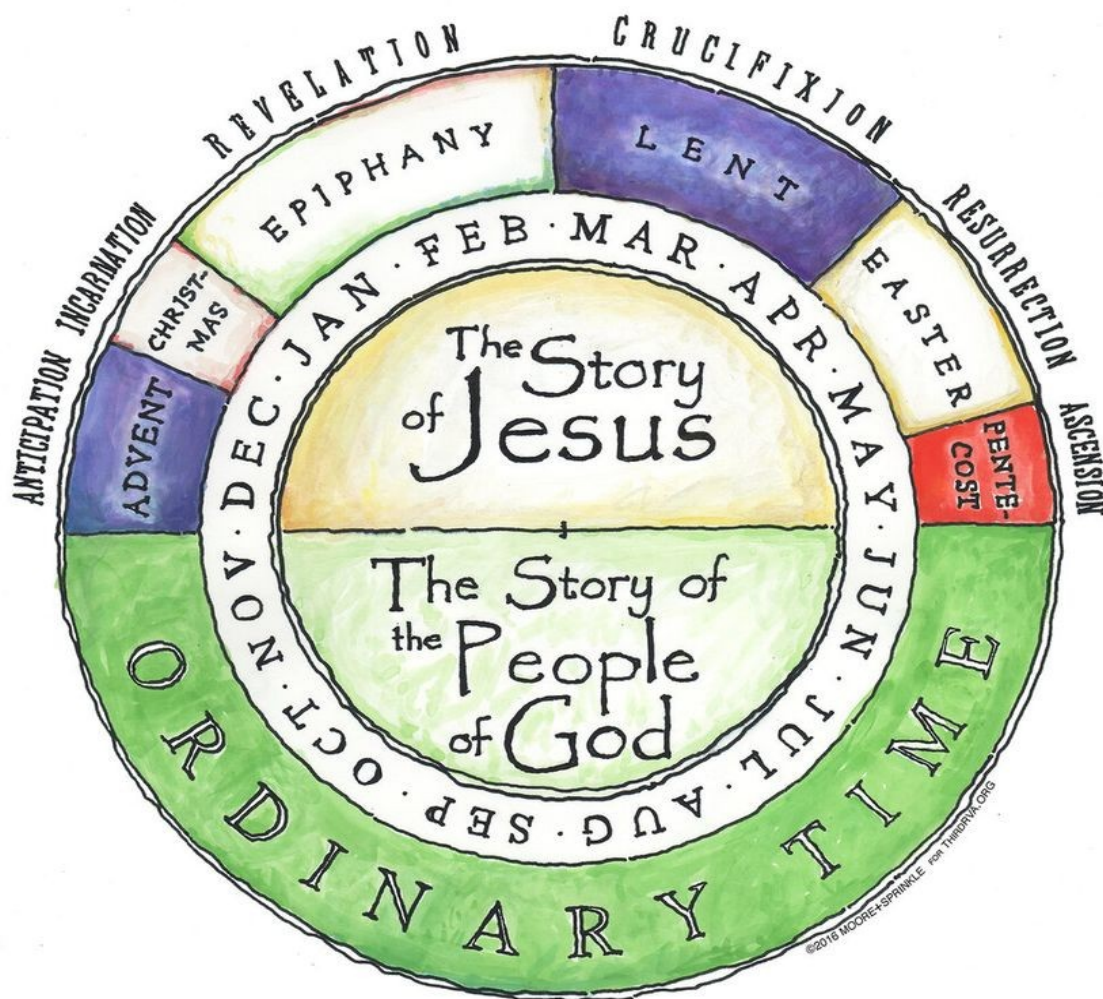


The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you read this, we are preparing to celebrate the Day of Pentecost. We plan to wear red, change the altar cloths (paraments) to red in order to represent the tongues of fire which sat upon the heads of the disciples as the Holy Spirit was poured out upon all people. They rushed into the street and proclaimed glorified God in languages they had not learned. Many souls were added to the church that day, which corresponds to the first fruits which were offered by the Jews at the temple on Pentecost.

After the celebration of Pentecost comes the long, green season of the church. Green was chosen to reflect the response of faithful people to the good news, gospel. The seeds of faith have been sown during the first part of the year and now, growth is the natural response. This long green season of the church corresponds with the warmer season of the year when we see new growth in the plants around us, especially in our gardens or flower beds. If you don't have one at home, the beautiful garden surrounding the church building is a perfect example of the growth and life cycle of plants. The leaves are out and the environment is perfect for growing things. Just so, it is with the church.

Although we may take some time away during the spring and summer, God goes with us wherever we go. As we read the Word and meditate upon it, it goes deep into our hearts and minds and produces fruit. Just as the gardener sets the stage for a crop by tilling, planting, and watering, it is God who causes the plant to grow and produce fruit. We trust that the Holy Spirit is always active in us producing fruit just as a garden grows while the farmer sleeps. We pray that just as a plant matures and produces seeds, we will also produce and distribute seeds of the gospel in the places in which we live, work and play.

The time we are entering is far from ordinary, as it is labeled in the liturgical calendar. It is only ordinary in that it is numbered, or ordered (ordinal) so that we might walk together through the Word in worship. The green time of the church calendar is about growth. We pray growth within us and within the church. We set the stage, but it is God who "grows" us. We pray that others who have never heard the good news of Jesus as the people of Jerusalem had not heard it, will hear it from us in the languages of our day. In conversations on social media, on the phone, in person, over the dinner table and wherever we find ourselves. We pray for opportunities to share the faith which lives within us so that others might truly live.

May the Lord send us from our place of worship and into the world burning with justice, peace and love.

Pastor Phyllis

Electrical Service Issue: PVELC experienced a partial power outage on May 7 during the Worship Service. The electrical issue has been identified and repaired. In addition, all HVAC units in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall building have been serviced. If you have any questions regarding the issue, please contact our Property Committee representatives: John Bowers and Doug Painter.

Sundays, at 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. Join us in reading and in studying selections from the Books of 1 and 2 Corinthians. All are welcome to attend. Teachers: Larry Landes, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell.

The E-Vite team (a.k.a. the Evangelism Committee) is looking for a few folks to join the team to think through ways we can invite others to walk with us in the journey of faith. Please contact Mary Garber or Pastor Phyllis to join our amazing team.

Sunday, 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.” Don’t forget to wear **red**.

May 29, Memorial Day: This federal holiday commemorates men and women who have died while in the line of duty in military service to our country.

Thursday, June 1: “Inventory” Committee Meeting at 4 p.m. in the Choir Room: The Inventory Committee will begin the arduous task of conducting a documented inventory of the extensive tangible property in the church building. The purpose of this project is to ensure an accurate accounting for insurance purposes. As the project progresses, other members will be asked to assist with subgroups focused on special tasks. Contact: Rebecca Perrin.

Thursday, June 1: 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 27.

June 4, The Holy Trinity: It is the first Sunday after Pentecost; it celebrates and emphasizes the Trinity, the three Persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith. Lutherans believe the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. In the words of the Athanasian Creed: "We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal."

Change for Hope/"Red Bucket Collections:" The Council has approved the following "Red Bucket" collections: **June 4: Martha's Meals on Wheels, Staunton**, is celebrating their 50th Anniversary. In 2022, MMOW delivered 7,748 meals to those in need in our community. They deliver hot meals to those who are homebound or having difficulty preparing meals, regardless of their personal economic status. They also team with Project Grows to include fresh local produce twice a month during the growing season. <http://mowstaunton.org/>
June 18: To be announced.

The Blessings Group will not meet during the months of June, July and August. The next meeting will be September 9 at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes or Terry Bunch.

Choir Practice (no choir rehearsals in June or July). Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

Friday - Sunday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m. to June 11 at 12 p.m.: Virginia Synod, ELCA Synod Assembly, Roanoke College, Kerr-Cregger Center, Salem: Pastor Phyllis (rostered minister), Stephen Dickerson and Rebecca Page (lay voters) will represent PVELC. Anyone may attend. For the schedule of events see the Virginia Synod website. [2023 Virginia Synod Assembly - Virginia Synod, ELCA \(vasynod.org\)](http://2023.VirginiaSynod.org)

Sunday, June 11, Celebration for Graduates in the Social Hall immediately following the Worship Service. Please join the celebration to recognize the accomplishments of Lisa Rankin (Liberty University), 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 (Miller School of Albemarle), son of Jill and Keith Richter; Daniel Worrell (Fort Defiance High School), son of Ruth and Glenn Worrell.

Tuesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. WELCA meeting will be a tour of the 29th Division Museum in Verona. Larry Meeks will be our tour guide. NOTE: Please bring donations for the Love Offering (taken to the VSWO annual conference in July), and a special offering for the Habitat Project. All are welcome. Contact: Becci or Linda Page.

Sunday, June 18, Father's Day is a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society.

Sunday, June 18, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee Meeting in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, June 21, at 4:00 p.m. PVELC Constitution and Bylaws Update Committee Meeting in the Social Hall. Contact: Rosemary Spell or Carol Troxell.

Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m.: Summer Vespers in the Pavilion (Also July 19 and August 16). Come and enjoy salads, sandwiches, and light desserts. Fellowship and meditation will follow. Mark your calendars.

Parish Hall - Door Replacement Project. On Sunday, April 30, the congregation voted to proceed with the Door Replacement Project. The Congregation approved 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. The estimated cost is approximately \$13,000. **If you wish to contribute toward the cost of this project, please note “Door Replacement Fund” in the memo section of your check and/or attach a memo specifying the fund.** If you have questions, please contact Doug Painter or John Bowers, Property Committee Council Representatives.

July 13-15, Power in the Spirit: Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God’s call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, music directors, choir members, council and committee members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry. Location: Roanoke College, Salem. Contact: Pastor Phyllis or Rosemary Spell. For information and registration: [Summary - POWER IN THE SPIRIT 2023 \(cvent.com\)](#)

July 21-22, Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization (VSWO) Annual Convention: The convention will be held at Roanoke College in Salem, VA. Registration for the Convention is \$100 per full participant (\$50 for one-day participant). The theme is “Weave Us Together.” The Love offering from the convention will go to Project Horizon, Lexington. Please see Linda Page for Registration Forms and Call to Convention information. Registrations must be submitted by June 30; voting members by June 15. Contact: Becci Page or Rosemary Spell.

PVELC 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.

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.

The **Spark Family** quarterly booklet has been distributed to families with young children. This quarterly issue's focus is "Animals in God's Word." If you would like a copy for a member of your family, please contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

"Families Celebrate-Summer" deck of 56 cards was distributed to families with young children. The deck of cards is full of activities, rituals, reflections and other ideas for families for the summer months. Contact Rosemary Spell or Larry Landes.

"Word in Season" (July, August, and September devotions) and "Living Lutheran" are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

"Daily Grace" is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith-based 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.

Change of Address:

Kay Crute
103 Rustic Ridge Drive
Garland, TX 75040

Pleasant View Women of the ELCA
Minutes May 9, 2023

The Pleasant View WELCA met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 and attended the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization Southern Valley Conference Spring Bible Study held at Salem Lutheran Church:

Spring Bible Study: Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J). Speakers were Pastor Gordon Putnam, St. James and Grace Lutheran Churches, along with Tonya McDonald from the Waynesboro Church of God in Christ. Subjects covered were:

Understanding Others

God's Expectations of us

Now What

This is Foolishness

Conflict-confront to Commit

Everyone wants to be understood

Account before God

We are all God's children first

Service Projects for the Bible Study were: Central Valley Habitat for Housing and "Fresh Change"- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. After the program a lunch was enjoyed with sandwiches from Valley Pike Market

The following upcoming events were announced:

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

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)

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

Members attending the Bible Study: were: Rosemary Spell, Becci Page, Linda Page, Jo Cline, Goldie Shiflett, Sue Cook, Carol Troxell and Terry Bunch.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14: We will tour the 26th Division Stonewall Brigade Museum in Verona. Our own Larry Meeks will be our tour guide. Afterwards we will eat lunch at North Point Café and Coffee. We will take up **two special offerings** at this meeting, one for the Habitat Project and our yearly Love Offering.

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, Christine Puffenbarger, Pastor Price 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; **Larry Kelly**, friend of Mandy and Gene Lilly

Church Contacts

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Council Vice President: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

Committee Representatives:

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Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

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Hospitality and Fellowship: Debbie Hastert 430-0000

Property: Doug Painter 280-0882; John Bowers 337-7061

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Worship and Music: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Youth and Recreation: Robyn Dean 490-1884

June Birthdays

John Cox	6/1
Ben Hastert	6/1
Jill Richter	6/2
Wanda Bowers	6/4
Mark Wheeler	6/4
Leslie Adkins	6/6
David Simmons	6/8
Zach Hastert	6/13
Chapman Toman	6/17
David Finn Roudabush	6/17
Mary Sue Hise	6/17
Bill Luders	6/18
Charlotte Ashman	6/19
John Arehart	6/19
Aaron Garber	6/20
Howard Ratcliffe	6/20
Kegan Knott	6/21
J.W. Cox	6/22
Alice Fauber	6/23
Aaron Adkins	6/24
Rebecca Coffin	6/26
Katelyn Miller	6/27

June Anniversaries

Fred & Vrla Leach	6/4/1966
Forester & Susan Wright	6/4/1988
Bill & Mary Tueting	6/7/1969
Shawn & Kimberley Toman	6/8/1996
David & Von Simmons	6/25/1970
Jason & Katie Garrison	6/12/2009



Worship Assistants for June

Assisting Minister: John Bowers

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Burke & Allison Simmons

June 4, 2023	Lay Reader: Janet Braithwaite	Acolyte: Robyn Dean
June 11, 2023	Lay Reader: Terry Bunch	Acolyte: James Cox
June 18, 2023	Lay Reader: Susan Wright	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
June 25, 2023	Lay Reader: Burke Simmons	Acolyte: Lisa Rankin