

## **Pastor's Corner,            JUNE, 2016**

### **Happy Summer!**

Although Fall or Autumn is my favorite season of the year, I always love the transition from winter to summer. The grass is greener, trees are filling with leaves and more and more you hear kids playing outside. Farmers are in the field. The smell of mowed lawns fills the air. Flowers start to show. The school year is quickly winding down and teachers are ready for a break and students look forward to a summer away from the classroom. After the cold, dark of winter, it's as if the world wakes back up and comes to life.

This time of the year always reminds me of the hymn "Earth and All Stars." The hymn calls on Earth, stars, hail, wind, rain, flowers, trees; all of creation, to sing praises to God. Throughout the season of Easter we celebrated the redemptive work of God in all creation. Now, in the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church and the Spirit's guiding of the Church and all creation in this new life in Christ. The Spirit is at work throughout the world, bringing into our midst the Kingdom of God. And we, people of the Resurrection, are invited to join the Spirit in bringing life, hope, and healing to the world. The world, once caught in the cold and darkness of sin and death is now alive in Christ.

Psalms 148, 149, and 150 have a similar theme. God has done a marvelous, wonderful, sacrificial thing on behalf of all creation. Now, in this new life in Christ, we join our voices with birds, trees, wind, fire, trumpet, stars, sun, moon, and angels in giving thanks a praise to God. These psalms point us back toward God, Creator and Redeemer of all things. In this time of year as cold and snow give way to sun and new life, we remember that it is God through Jesus Christ who gives us new life. Our response for this gift of life is thanksgiving and praise.

So, spend some time outside this month enjoying the creation given to us by God and redeemed from sin and death through Jesus Christ.

Whether you like to walk, run, swim, bike, canoe, camp, or read a book, go outside and enjoy this creation.

And listen closely. Perhaps in the sound of rushing water, chirping birds, the wind, or the rustling of leaves, or the sound of farmers in the field, you will hear creation's song to the One God of all. When you do, remember the joy of the psalmist in hearing all creation; you and me and all created things, singing praises to God who brings life free from sin and death through Jesus Christ by the Power of the Spirit at work among us today.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

### **Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes      Sunday, May 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 10:29 by President John Poore. Pastor JonPaul led us in devotion from John 5, and a prayer.

#### **NON-AGENDA**

Mark Koser joined us and brought numbers on a new projection system, which would include a projector, and a flat screen to enable the Praise Team to see the words being projected on the screen. He is working with Speed of Sound. The estimate for the system with a new lap-top is \$2,500. They will look at our equipment and may take some of the old equipment on trade. Mark answered any questions.

Kay made a motion that we move forward on purchasing the system. Aaron suggested we table the motion. He asked for a price on the system without the flat screen. The cost of the flat screen is \$565 and the splitter to be used with it is \$220 for a total of \$785. There were no seconds on the motion.

Nola was questioned by someone as to whether the church had gotten their thank-you card. As a result, Monica is being asked to put

a short note in the newsletter about the thank-you cards and letters we receive.

Nola would like to add Jordan Bauer to the list of graduates. We will celebrate our 4 graduates on May 15th with a cake during coffee. Roxie will order the cake.

## **REPORTS**

The secretary's report was gone over. The treasurer's report was gone over. Some special items were highlighted orally. The Mission Sunday offering to go to Lori Mai for costs due to cancer treatment has not been calculated. The Pastor's report was gone over. In confirmation Teagan Erickson and Brennan Vanlandingham have finished studying the 10 Commandments. They will now start on the Lord's Prayer. There are no new students of confirmation age for next year. The signs have been posted announcing the recording of the sermon. We need one more sign as we enter the sanctuary. Tina is recording the sermons and they are working on getting them on the website.

There was a comment that we should try to keep the bulletin to one page. No solutions were arrived upon.

There was a comment that we have had too much Praise Team in the seven Easter services. They will not be helping out during the season of Pentecost.

There was a comment that the calendar should again tell us when the Praise Team will be leading the worship. Pastor does not want it to say they are leading, but had no objection to having the calendar just saying Praise Team on the 4th and 5th Sundays.

Pastor JonPaul will not be at church on May 29th and June 5th. Kim will do the message on the 29th and Pastor will try to see if he can record the message for the 5th. We may cancel communion for the 5th. Kay made a motion to accept all reports. Second by Nola. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Education – The potential campers need to get together with Corissa to set up the registration for Luther Park Camp. Three of the campers have chosen July 17th to the 22nd.

We have 4 graduates that will receive quilts; Jordan Bauer, J.D. Freezy, Caitlin Herzberg, Kaitlyn Vanlandingham. We will celebrate the graduates on May 15. We have no information on VBS. Kay will talk to Corissa about a program. We have no students to be confirmed this year.

The last day of Sunday School will be by May 15. Building – There has been no work done on the trim on the soffit. We don't have a price on new roofing, but a company has looked at it and measured it. We should have an estimate by next week. It was asked if we should look at Chimney Rock as a group. There was no answer. Kay will check to make sure the company that is going to give us the estimate is the same company that put the roof on Chimney Rock. This company is willing to reroof the steeple and do the siding on the steeple. The painting of the outside of the basement walls will be put off until we know what color the roof will be.

Worship – covered in the Pastor's report  
We will be distributing bibles to our third graders and those that have not received bibles from the church. They include the following: Kyle Bahr, Elijah, Isabella, and Tommy Knutson, and Brennan Vanlandingham. They will be distributed on May 8. I will put the names in the bibles.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 21. The Pastor will register himself for the Assembly. I will ask Monica if she wants to attend. Anyone that wants to attend can register on-line.

Mission offering – May – Bob Anderson – needing a kidney transplant – kidney failure  
June – Sojourner House – to pay down a loan

July – Gary and Rhonda Hoverson to help with travel and Joe's hospitalization

## **OTHER**

We will have a short meeting on May 8 to settle how we will handle the worship and communion on June 5th. Monica attended the Synodical Women's Organization's annual

meeting last weekend. At the meeting on the 8th we will also decide how much money we should send to the SWO.

The next council meeting will be June 12, 2016, at 10:30.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ruth. Second by Nola. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 11:48 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Poore, Council Secretary

Members present: Pastor JonPaul Dragseth, Kim Vlcek, Kay Sands, John Poore, Aaron Sands, Roxie Ulness, Ruth Poore, Nola Herzberg, Mark Koser

### This month's Mission Offering

Sojourner House – to pay down a loan

### Treasurers' Report

#### Summary of Offering and Expenses

#### Offering

Y-T-D	February	March	April
\$14,628.44	\$4,383.50	\$6,134.94	\$2,801.00

#### Misc. Income

\$44.02	\$35.80	\$8.22	\$249.00
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#### Expenses

\$12,332.89	\$4,275.92	\$4,505.59	\$2,906.27
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Year to date the offering has exceeded expenses by \$2,317.36

March mission offering collected for Sarah and Asal Ashouri was \$708.57

April mission offering collected for Lori Mai was \$239.00

#### General Fund:

In honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Jim & Janice Teigen

#### Building Fund:

In memory of Sara Sessions, from Ruthann Knutson

#### Cemetery Association:

In memory of Sara Sessions, from Gary & Irene Isaacson

#### New Roof:

In memory of Beulah Anderson, Dale's mother, on Mother's day, from Dale & Sharon Anderson

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

### Parish nursing

Ruthann will take blood pressures during coffee hour on June 19.

### Praise Team News

The praise team will play during the worship service at Pleasant Valley on June 26. The group will also lead worship that evening at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility. Practices are Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

### W ELCA

I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the quilts that I sent to the San Damiano Friary today. I know that they will bless at least 5 people! Brother Damien is a very humble man and he just quietly distributes items to the homeless as part of an Episcopalian ministry. He is a Franciscan monk, and Brother Karekin is a Gregorian monk. Both very Godly men. Their church, St. John the Evangelist, opens their doors at 5 am, and lets homeless people sleep on mats on the floor without fear of being assaulted, until noon, Mon - Saturday. I'd be fine if they just kept the quilts there for people to cover up with, but knowing Brother Damien, he'll give them to people who truly need them, who are living under bridges, etc.

I told them that these quilts are made with great love by women who think, and pray, about the people who need them. God bless you, dear sister in Jesus!

Ruthi

## **Women's Retreat**

"Nurturing Compassion" will be the topic of the Women of the ELCA Dairyland Conference retreat this year at Luther Park in Chetek. The event is scheduled from 2 pm on August 18 to 3 pm on August 19. Pastor Jason Clifton will be the guest speaker and worship leader. Registration is \$60 for both days and \$30 for just Friday. Contact Kim Vlcek at vlcekk@yahoo.com for more information. Check bulletin board for flyer. Flyer will also be in June or July newsletter. See Kim Vlcek for more info.

## **Thank You Cards**

We have many thankyou's that come into the office. I will post them here and on the bulletin board at the church.

Thank you very much for the two hundred thirty three dollars donation to the Mondovi Area Food Pantry. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support. One's needs are always increasing. May God Bless Your Congregation. Gary Preston

Thank You for remembering us over the holiday. Dale and Avis Erickson

Thank You!! So much for the wonderful gift! We are so very blessed to be in your thoughts at this time of the year. God bless you all! Joe Knutson and Family & Thank you from Jenn; Thank You from Isabella; Thankyou from Elijah and Tommy and Gage!

Thank you to all involved in making your Fall Bazaar a success. I was lucky enough to win the quilt, and it will keep us warm for many winters to come!! Thank you, too, to Ruth for delivering it to me. Cindy Hanson

To my friends at PV L C. thank you so much for thinking about me. I had some 'bumps' along the way but I think I've overcome the worst ones. It is amazing what a wonderful community I-we live in I really do think that's how I got through my cancer. Thank you for your prayers & the generous gift. God bless, Theresa (Enos) Dewitz

Dear Pleasant Valley Congregation,  
Thank you for the very generous gift you gave us. This gift you gave will help Asal and I in the months to come with our living expenses. We thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.  
Love Sarah & Asal

Dear Pleasant Valley Family,  
Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation for your prayers, Cards, phone calls, care and concern for us during Ali's illness and death. We were (are) touched deeply by many of you coming to the Memorial Service for Ali. To see you and hear your expression of sympathy and care to us meant more than you can know. Thank you to for the Mission Offering and gifts for Sarah. It will help her and Asal continue to live, for the time being in the townhouse per recommendation of the Autism Society and grief counselor. Your words of love and hope and your actions certainly reflect the love of Jesus and we are grateful! We love you! We continue to keep you in our prayers and we ask God's blessings in Jesus Christ upon you ministry.  
Pastor Bill & Marilyn

## **Community announcement:**

Faith Lutheran Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten is seeking a part-time teacher for their 2016-17 school year. Candidates can contact the church office at 715.723.7754 for an application or email info@faithlutheran.org. Address is 733 Woodward Avenue, Chippewa Falls.

Ruby's Pantry is at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd the first Thursday of every month. For \$20 cash you will receive 2 large boxes/baskets of food. There is always a meat and pizzas, always potatoes and bread, and always fresh fruits and/or vegetables, along with random things like toilet paper, crackers, cereal, sauces, cheese, beverage (protein drink/water/juice) and other various items. Everyone is welcome, there are no income limitations. Registration is from 3-6 p.m.

## TEXTS AND READERS FOR JUNE

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost – 5<sup>th</sup>**

1 Kings 17:17-24 *Dan Herzberg*

Psalms 30

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:8-16[17-24]

### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – 12<sup>th</sup>**

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15 *Roxie Ulness*

Psalms 32

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36—8:3

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – 19<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 65:1-9 *Annabelle McAleer*

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

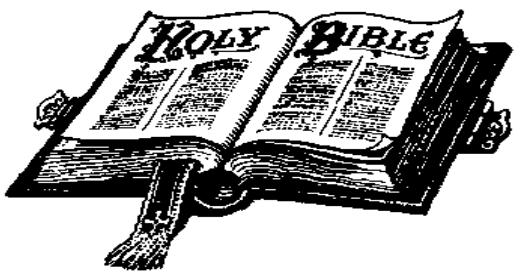
### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – 26<sup>th</sup>**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 *Kay Sands*

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



### **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for the July Newsletter.**

Call Monica Bahr - 715-287-4742,

or E-mail: [dmbahr@tcc.coop](mailto:dmbahr@tcc.coop). Also, E-mail the church at: [plesntvalleyluth@tcc.coop](mailto:plesntvalleyluth@tcc.coop) with any bulletin or newsletter announcements, esp. prayer request and updates. Thanks.

Bulletin items due no later than Wednesday afternoon.

I'll be printing them on Thursday evening.



## **IN NEED OF PRAYER**

### **Here is our Prayer Concern list:**

**Carol Holty** - Nicki Vlcek's mother. Carol is hospitalized in St. Cloud, MN and waiting for test results for medical issues with her lungs and heart.

**Sarah & Asal Ashouri** - grief, Asal also has Autism

**Joy Majors** - had surgery for a fractured hip, Ruthann's sister-in-law

**Phil Knutson** - had a 4-hour surgery on his neck, for arthritis and nerve pain.

**Kim Bahr** – recovery from surgery, Monica's Daughter-in-law

**Kim Hubbard** - She was seriously injured in a car accident.

**Christine Thompson** – continues to struggle with lupus

**Linda Ahlers** – pray for healing, liver surgery; Lake City, MN (friend of the Poore's)

**Al Ahlers** - for healing

**Brittany Beavens** - She has Myotonic Dystrophy. She is the daughter of Kim and Mark Koser

**Her son Jeremiah** - also has Myotonic Dystrophy (Type 1). They reside in MN.

**Our service men and women, including Alex Bauer & Brendan Poore,** deployed to Kuwait

**The inmates at CVCTF**

**Mission Offering Recipient-** Sojourner House, down pay a loan

## **What's New at Luther Park?**

Right now, 130 more campers are registered for summer camp compared with last year at the same time. As of May 16th, 828 campers are registered. That is awesome!! Please continue to register your campers – check out the website for programs that will work for you or your child. First-time campers get a discount!! Scholarships are also available.

Luther Park is sponsoring a raffle, and tickets are available for purchase. Those selling from our congregation are: Sandy & Carol Anderson at Sand Creek and Kay Moen-Urseth at Pine Creek. Three prizes are available: a beautiful quilt valued at \$1,000, two week-long camperships for 2017, and a two-foot-tall bear. All proceeds will go toward the ministry at Luther Park Bible Camp. The lucky tickets will be drawn at our fundraising event, Heart for Luther Park, on August 13th. More news about this event will be forthcoming.

We are so thankful for the ministry at Luther Park, for the camp staff, volunteers, and summer staff, for parents/churches who send their children to camp, for WAY Club members and all donors, for the lives that have been changed and will be changed after attending Luther Park Bible Camp.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Kay Moen-Urseth  
Member of the Board of Directors

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## **JUNE 2016**

### **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**

### **SUMMER BEGINS!**