

**Pastor's Corner,** June 2017

### **Summer has arrived!**

It has been a rainy Spring. It seems like nearly every day this past month has brought clouds, rain, and overcast skies. Farmers have been patiently and anxiously waiting to work the soil and plant crops. Children are getting stir crazy as school is nearly at an end for this year, but weather keeps them cooped up inside. People who love running, biking, hiking, and gardening can't wait for the sun to again shine and warm the air. It's been a long, rainy Spring, but, like every Spring into Summer, rain gives way to sunshine and green grass, flowering plants, and outdoor fun will begin again.

Summertime always seems to be "downtime" in the Church. People go on vacations. People get busy with outdoor activities. With Confirmation and Sunday School done for another year, there seems to be less activity around the church building.

But, I'm not so sure it needs to be that way. While some of us will come and go over the summer due to family obligations, vacations, and work, the faithful of Pleasant Valley continue to gather. We continue to collect a mission offering and we continue to reach beyond our walls to help those in need. I have been wondering, over the past several weeks, what else we might do to enliven our summertime together.

Perhaps worship in the park or a cookout or youth gatherings could happen during this time. Perhaps we could start an adult education class. Perhaps we can join together to do projects around the church building and grounds to help clean and maintain our space. What ideas do you have? What new things might we try this summer? Some, of course, will be a success. Others, maybe not. But, there is no bad idea and no idea too small to try together as we worship and praise God.

In July, our council will meet for a half-day retreat. Together we will talk about and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at Pleasant Valley. We will also brainstorm together how we might continue to grow in faith and life here at Pleasant Valley. There are so many wonderful things happening here. Together, we continue to move forward, celebrating our gifts, serving our communities, and praising God for all the good things in our lives.

May you have a blessed, Summer!  
Peace,  
Pr. JonPaul

### **Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church** **Council Minutes**

Sunday, May 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:26 by Vice President John Poore. Pastor JonPaul led us in devotion from the 65th Psalm on seeds and planting, and a prayer.

**NON-AGENDA** – none

#### **REPORTS**

The secretary's report was reviewed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. In April we collected \$262.00 for the Mission Offering for Habitat for Humanity. We have collected \$2,524 from the soup and sandwich suppers and the Lenten offering for scholarships to Luther Park.

The Pastor's report was oral. We have gotten feedback on the hymns we sing in church. There have been requests that we sing more familiar hymns to keep participation up. Pastor will work with several members to choose hymns. Pastor reported no weddings or funerals this month. (This was changed on the written report to reflect Phyllis Goff's funeral on April 8.) We need to have a policy for non-member burials to keep the Pastor informed. Pastor will ask the Cemetery Association to let him know about burials. The visitation teams will again meet with Pastor. The list has not

been updated. We will be asking those who visit to ask if folks could make use of large print Christ in Our Home books. Confirmation will be on May 21st. Roxie will get 2 corsages and a cake for that day. We need to check to see if there will be students for a class next year. Confirmation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. next year, on all Sundays except the first of the month, due to council meetings.

There was no Ambassadors' report.

Kim made a motion to approve the reports. Second by Dale. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**EDUCATION** – There was no VBS report or Youth Gathering report. We will be discussing both Sunday School and confirmation during the council retreat. Pastor will ask Corissa if she would be able to coordinate VBS and Youth Gathering planning. Eleva is going through a change in pastors, but would possibly take students from our Sunday School for VBS.

**PROPERTY** – There was no motion on repairing/replacing the ceiling fan nearest the balcony. The projector screen will be removed at the same time. Thrivent seed money has been approved for the fan project. The landscaping will be started this Saturday, May 13.

## **WORSHIP –**

**Bazaar** – The King's Countrymen will play during the service on October 1, 2017. That is bazaar Sunday.

Pastor is going to look at the website and replace the old pictures with more current ones.

The Gideons have not responded to Pastor's call.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Kim reported on the Synod Assembly. There was one resolution on racial and religious diversity. There was also some discussion of salaries for multi-point pastors.

Kim will take care of calling council members to set up a date for a Saturday retreat, probably in June or July.

We will be setting up a bazaar committee for all that are interested in planning this year's

bazaar; October 1, 2017. Right now we are planning on keeping the bake sale, crafts, cake walk, silent auction, and the quilt and basket raffle. We need to ask Randy and Kay if they are willing to coordinate the dinner and cook the chicken. Roxie will start planning for lefse makers. We don't know if we will have doughnuts this year. Kim will get a notice in the newsletter and bulletins to announce the meeting for June 11, after church.

Easter services went well. Many enjoyed starting the sunrise service outside by the cemetery. There are no plans to change the services for next year. A big thanks to Corissa for doing the breakfast – and a reminder to offer help next year.

## **Mission offering –**

May – Joy Glende

June – Luther Park

July – Transitions; a home for victims of human trafficking in Neillsville - Lutheran Social Services sponsored

August – Mondovi Weekend Backpacks

September – Eleva/Strum Weekend

Backpacks

## **OTHER**

There is one white table missing.

One 100 cup coffee maker is not working.

We will not replace it.

Next council meeting will be June 4, 2017, at 10:30.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dale, and Roxie. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 11:58 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Poore, Council Secretary

Members present: Pastor JonPaul, Roxie Ulness, Dale Anderson, Kim Vlcek, John Poore, and Ruth Poore

**Faith Stories** will be back in September. Plan now to what 'You' want to say! And Then let Ruthi know.

## **Treasurers' Report**

### Offering:

<u>Y-T-D</u>	\$12,439.00
<u>February</u>	\$3,640.00
<u>March</u>	\$4,446.00
<u>April</u>	\$6,169.00

### Misc. Income:

<u>Y-T-D</u>	\$257.77
<u>February</u>	\$223.77
<u>March</u>	\$34.00
<u>April</u>	\$54.00

### Expenses:

<u>Y-T-D`</u>	\$10,939.78
<u>February</u>	\$4,230.67
<u>March</u>	\$3,386.16
<u>April</u>	\$3,498.59

Year to date the offering has exceeded expenses by \$4,461.40

February mission offering for Chippewa Valley Free Clinic was \$316.00

March mission offering for the Parr family was \$226.00

April mission offering for Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity was \$262.00

### Building Fund:

In memory of Bev DeBusman, from Dale & Sharon Anderson

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

### General Fund:

In memory of Bev DeBusman, from Dave & Kim Vlcek

In memory of Jim Erickson, from Dave & Kim Vlcek

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

## **WELCA**

Welca ladies are working on rolling bandages. We need several rolling machines made. If you can make them, we have the pattern. Please let Sadie or Monica know. Thanks

## **Praise Team News**

The Praise Team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley on Sunday, June 25. The group will also lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility that evening. During May, members of the Praise Team assisted Chaplain Hull with Bible studies for the men at CVCTF. Band practices are held on Wednesday at 6:30 pm, for the summer months--come join the fun!

## **Women's Retreat**

The Women of the ELCA Dairyland Conference will hold their annual retreat at Luther Park in Chetek on August 17-18. The theme for this year's event is "All Anew." With the featured speaker, Barbara Solsaa, Clergy Life Coach. Attendees will explore how the Holy Spirit is active in their lives. Registration fee is \$62 for both days and \$30 for just Friday. Contact Monica Bahr or Kim Vlcek for more information.

## **Fall Bazaar Planning Committee**

The committee to plan the annual Fall Bazaar will meet on Sunday, June 11, following worship. Anyone interested in participating is invited to attend the meeting. This year's bazaar will be held on October 1.

## **TEXTS AND READERS FOR June**

### **Day of Pentecost – 4<sup>th</sup> (Red)**

*Kathy Tweet*

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

### **The Holy Trinity – 11<sup>th</sup> (White)**

*Roxie Ulness*

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost – 18<sup>th</sup>**

(Green)

*Annabelle McAleer*

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35—10:8-23

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost-25<sup>th</sup>**

(Green)

*Kay Sands*

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*Psalms 69:7-18*

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



IN NEED OF PRAYER

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

**Linda Ahlers** – healing, doing Chemo again,  
Lake City, MN (friend of the Poore's)

**Gerri Sessions** - healing

**Joe Knutson** - healing

**Liam Loughney** – For good checkups and test  
results, Kim Vlcek's cousin.

**The inmates at CVCTF**

**Our service men and women**, including **Brendan Poore**,  
deployed to Iraq

**All who we are visiting with:**

**Avis Erickson,**

**Joe Sands,**

**Margaret Hazen,**

**Gary Hazen**

**Orvin Larson,**

**Bob Dutter,**

**Dave Bloom,**

**Jim & Janice Teigen**

**This month's Mission offering recipient:**

**Luther Park**

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday,**  
**June 18<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**

**Tuesday, I will print them on Wednesday.**

Great is their mercy toward me.  
Psalms 96:13

How long has it been since I said  
Thank you?

## **Happy Birthday**

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a June  
birthday!

## **Parish Nursing**

Please see Ruthann after Sunday  
morning services whenever you would like to  
have your blood pressure taken.

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“That all May come, Serving all the People of God”

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## **JUNE 2017**

**DAY OF PENTECOST – 4<sup>th</sup>**

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – 11<sup>th</sup>**

**FLAG DAY – 14<sup>th</sup>**

**FATHER’S DAY – 18<sup>th</sup>**