

Pastor's Corner, November 2017

November marks a rich time in the church calendar for our worship together.

On Sunday, November 5th, we will join together to celebrate All Saints Sunday. On All Saints, we remember all who have died over the past year. We remember who they were to us as individuals, to our families, to our congregation, and to our community. And, we trust with confidence that they now rest in the company of all the saints of God. This year, among the others we remember, we celebrate the lives of two laid to rest at Pleasant Valley, Phyllis Goff and Joe Sands, Jr.

On Sunday, November 12th, we will celebrate as several of our young people take their first communion. In Holy Communion, we receive Christ's body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. We eat and drink and experience healing. We and drink and are transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit to be the hands and feet of God in the world. We feast at Christ's table so that we might feed the hunger of our world—hunger for food, for peace, for justice, for shelter and refuge. As these young people join us at the table, so too they join us in God's work in the world.

On Tuesday the 21st, we come together for a service of Thanksgiving. We mark this holiday on Thursday with food, family, and football. Each of our families have our own traditions as we gather around tables to enjoy one another's company. As we move toward that day, we pause on Tuesday evening to come together and thank God for all the things God has given us—our families, our homes, our jobs, our health, and our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Then, on the last Sunday of the month, the 26th, we celebrate Christ's victory as ruler of heaven and earth. Christ the King Sunday marks the end of our lectionary year and we celebrate Christ's victory over sin, brokenness, and death. We remember that all things are

held in God's care and nothing can overcome the gift of God in Jesus Christ.

And then we start again. We start with Advent, with our hopeful, expectant waiting for the birth of Christ to bring salvation to a hurting world.

It's a beautiful time of the year. As the leaves continue to fall and snow makes it's first arrival, take time to pause this November and allow the beauty of our worship together fill you with the hope and peace of Christ.

Peace,
Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes, Sunday, October 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President Kay Sands. Pastor JonPaul led us in prayer.

Non-Agenda

Monica Bahr reported on her trip to Rice Lake on Tuesday, October 3rd for the Soul Support retreat. Kathy Tweet also attended.

Reports:

The secretary's report was reviewed. Pastor informed us that the Transitions Program was closed down and he will reach out to LSS to see if the monies we donated for mission offering can be directed to another program.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. There was a deposit from the Phyllis Goff insurance for \$25,297.29.

There was no Ambassador's report but Kay said that there was a meeting on September 24th for the Youth Gathering.

Pastor reviewed his report. There will be a baptism on October 29th for Samira Weber and Brad Weber Jr. Kay is slated to serve coffee that day so she will order a cake to serve. 1st communion will be held in November. Pastor will meet with the students during Sunday School to prepare them for 1st

communion. The Whirl program will be used for Sunday School again. 10 leaflets and 2 sets of bibles will be ordered. Pastor will meet with the visitation teams next Sunday.

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

Old Business:

Annabelle is interested in going to the Youth Gathering. Elega does not have a group going. Pastor Lisa Hill from Trinity of Norden and Chimney Rock has a group going and welcomed our students to join them. Annabelle expressed concerns about finances. It was agreed that if she is interested we should find a way to make it happen and commit to cover expenses if fundraising does not meet the goal. We should also assist the teams from Norden and Chimney Rock with their fundraising and do some on our own. Dale made a motion to pay balance of unraised funds with student responsible for deposit amount. Seconded by Kay. Motion carried.

Pastor has purchased materials for Sunday School. There are only 2 Sunday's left to fill for the fall term. Kay will ask Corissa if she is interested in doing the Christmas program again this year.

The parking lot should be paved before November 1st.

The worship service for Cleghorn Harvest Fest went well. \$72.00 in loose offering was added to the September mission offering.

The funds raised from the bazaar were down about \$700.00. Meal proceeds were up but the bakes sale and crafts were down. Attendance overall was up. Central Lutheran in Mondovi held their fall festival on the 8th which could have resulted in the better attendance. There was discussion about changing the date to later in the year to draw in more people. There was discussion about the possible recipients for the meal proceeds. Tiny House does not have property yet but has houses at different churches. The cost to build one house is about \$5,000.00. Chippewa Valley Street Ministries was also discussed. Roxie made a motion to send one half of proceeds to Tiny House and the other half to Chippewa

Valley Street Ministries. Second by Dale. Motion carried. Planning for a musical group for the bazaar should start earlier next year. There is a polka group from the Mondovi or Durand area that could be a possibility.

There was discussion to invite Art Syth to a council meeting to provide information on volunteering at the Sojourner House.

New Business:

The Praise Team will be worshipping at CVTCF the 25 and 31 of December. We will have three Advent Sundays and combine lighting of the Christmas candle with the Christmas Eve service held on Sunday. The time for the evening service will be set at the November meeting. Aaron made a motion to have just one service on Christmas Eve. Seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Updating the mission statement will be addressed at the annual meeting.

October mission offering will go to Roger Tullius for medical bills. November mission offering will go to Rhonda Hazen, who received a liver transplant. The Mondovi Food Pantry is a possibility for December. There was discussion about collecting food items each day during advent to also donate to the food pantry and if should collect through Christmas Eve or donate prior to Christmas.

Ruthann has a colleague who would like to park her car in the east lot for a few days. Everyone was ok with that as long as she understood the church would not be responsible for any damages if they occurred.

Dale made a motion to adjourn. Second by Roxie. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Ulness

Members present: Pastor JonPaul, Kay Sands, Roxie Ulness, Aaron Sands, Dale Anderson.

Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

Y-T-D	July	August	September
Offering	\$34,998.00	\$3,723.00	\$2,882.00
Misc. Income			\$2,551.00
Expenses	\$25,685.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$25,297.29
	\$32,995.06	\$3,429.62	\$3,585.50
			\$2,898.89

Year to date the offering has exceeded expenses by \$2,391.09

July mission offering for Transitions was \$297.00

August mission offering for Eleva Strum Backpack lunch program was \$231.00
September mission offering for Mondovi Backpack lunch program was \$309.00

Building Fund:

In memory of Harriet Hillesland, from Ruthann Knutson

Praise Team:

In memory of nephew Ronnie Anderson, from Dale and Sharon Anderson
In memory of niece Kim Hodges, from Dale and Sharon Anderson

Bazaar Report - 2017

Proceeds	Expenses
Meal - \$1026.00	Flyers - \$62.25
Raffle - \$718.00	Food - \$68.64
Basket Raffle - \$316.00	Ad-Delite - \$60.50
Cake Walk - \$90.00	Mondovi Herold - \$90.00
Silent Auction - \$275.00	
Bake Sale - \$527.50	Total Expenses -
Total - \$2,952.50	\$281.39
Net Profits - \$2,654.11	

Check for \$478.68 sent to Chippewa Valley Street Ministry and \$478.68 to Hope Village

Respectfully submitted:
Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Food Pantry month Bring in items for the food pantry and put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thanks

Parish Nursing

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

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Evelyn Mousel whose birthday is Nov. 13th If you wish to send her a card send it to W1300 Pine Rd., Eleva WI 54738. Happy Birthday!

Praise Team News

The Praise Team will in worship at Pleasant Valley on November 26. The group will also lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility that evening. Practices are usually held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 and everyone is welcome to attend!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday, November 19th, - for the December Newsletter**

Call Monica Bahr - 715-287-4742, or E-mail: dmbahr@tcc.coop. Also, E-mail the church at: plesntvalleyluth@tcc.coop with any bulletin or newsletter announcements, esp. prayer request and updates. Thanks.

Bulletin items and Newsletter articles are due by Wednesday; I will print them on Thursday

***By the light of the Psalms:**

Blessed be his glorious name forever.

Psalms 72:19

Thank you for letting me know, and whisper, your wonderful name.

**By Chris Shea*

Faith Stories

Joe's faith story

When Joe Sands was a baby, his mother Tena and father Joe Sr. packed him up, and traveled to the Kilde farm south west of Rock Falls for a visit. My dad, Harry Kilde, was 15 at the time, and Grandpa Engebret Kilde had recently died. Tena thought that his widow, her Aunt Josephine Kilde, who was her mother Tillie Tweet's sister, could be cheered up by seeing her new great-nephew.

Grandma had taken the death of Engebret very hard, especially after they had lost their oldest boy, Emil, in WW1. The three Kilde boys, Thorvald, Harry and Henry, were all pulled out of school to run the farm. Dad told me that he remembered that day when Tena and Joe brought their little son, called "Sonny" for the visit, and Dad said, "Sonny was such a happy little guy, always smiling. And Tena and Joe were so proud of him. That was the first time I saw my mother smile after Pa died."

Even before he knew how to talk, Joe was blessing people with his smile.

When I messaged Pastor Jason that Joe had passed away, he responded with, "He always had such an infectious smile that would light up the darkest of rooms."

When I asked people in the congregation about Joe, all of them mentioned his smile. Several said, "He made everyone feel welcome." Kim and Dave Vlcek said that Joe and June welcomed them as well when they first came to Pleasant Valley. And they enjoyed attending Bible studies with them. Joe was willing to humbly share the wisdom he had learned through the years. Monica said, "Uncle Joe always made it to church, even if it was planting or harvesting season. He told me, 'It will still be there for me after church, and one hour is the least I can give to the Lord.'"

I love what is printed on the back of the bulletin from Joe's funeral service. "His faith

was his foundation for life. As a life-long member of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, Joe served as usher, reader, and custodian, on the building and call committees, sang in the choir and was on the church council multiple times." Joe was devoted to God and to Pleasant Valley.

Joe and I had some good talks when I would take his blood pressure after church. Such a kind and humble man, and his faith and his family were clearly his priorities.

I have wanted to write this story for at least a year, because I wanted Joe to read it. I knew it would be difficult for him to be interviewed, since his trouble with word-finding after his stroke sometimes frustrated him. I wish I would have done this sooner. I can't change that. But it is a good reminder to us all that if we feel the Spirit nudging us to do something, don't wait. And take a lesson from Joe, and freely share your smiles!

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

If you have a faith story to share, please contact Ruthann, either in church, or at RuthiK6@gmail.com.

A Daily Devotion from "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young

Come to Me when you are hurting, and I will soothe your pain. Come to Me when you are joyful, and I will share your Joy, multiplying it many times over. I am All you need, just when you need it. Your deepest desires find fulfillment in Me alone.

This is the age of self-help. Bookstores abound with books about "taking care of number one," making oneself the center of all things. The main goal of these methodologies is to become self-sufficient and confident. You, however, have been called to take a "road less traveled": continual dependence on Me. True confidence comes from knowing you are complete in My Presence. Everything you need has its counterpart in Me.

John 15:5; James 1:4

TEXTS AND READERS for November

All Saints' Day

White – Roxie Ulness

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – 12th

Green Ruthann Knutson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-1

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost – 19th

Green Corissa Sands

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Thanksgiving Service - 21st

Green Larry Sands

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

Christ the King Sunday – 26th

White John Poore

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-4



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

Family of Joe Sands Jr. – he passed away October 15, 2017

Luanne Prochnow - She is friend of Kim Vlcek with a recent cancer diagnosis!

Marion Rose Glende –healing (Joy & Steve Glende's baby girl, & Kathy Tweet's granddaughter)

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

Rhonda Hazen – healing after a liver transplant

Gerri Sessions - healing

Joe Knutson – healing

Dale Rutchow – end of life – paralyzed by Lyme's disease

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Christine Thompson – struggling with Lupus

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

Our service men and women, including

Brendan Poore, now in Iraq

The inmates at CVCTF

All who we are visiting:

Avis Erickson,

Margaret Hazen,

Gary Hazen

Orvin Larson,

Bob Dutter,

Dave Bloom,

Jim & Janice Teigen

This month's Mission offering recipient:

Rhonda Hazen, who received a liver transplant. She's married to Matt, and is Gary and Sharon Hazen's daughter in-law.

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

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PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2017

All Saints Day

Martin Luther’s Birthday

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving Day