

A New Chapter in Worship

As I'm sure most of you have heard by now, our worship together will begin changing over the next several weeks. After much deliberation and prayer, The Council, along with the Sands family, out of the memorial gifts from Joe Sands' funeral, has voted to purchase the new hymnal! We are deeply grateful for this generous gift.

The new hymnal is called "Evangelical Lutheran Worship," or ELW, but is often just called "the cranberry hymnal," because of its cranberry-red color. It was first published in 2006 and includes 14 different settings of the liturgy, over 650 hymns, and all 150 Psalms. Some of the new hymnal is very familiar. In fact, the setting of the liturgy we have been using from the green hymnal is setting 4 of the new one! And that is exactly where we will start as we begin use the ELW. Indeed, many of our favorite hymns from the green and blue hymnals are right there in the ELW.

So, what's different? Well, the green book has 3 settings of the liturgy and the blue hymnal (though we haven't used them) has 3 more. Some of these are in the ELW and others are new. The Kyrie we have done previously (Kyrie, eleison, on our world and on our way...) is from the ELW. Slowly, over time, we may give some others a try and see what we think. Some will work for us, others will not.

And, some of the language has changed. The ELCA (our denomination) made a concerted effort to recognize the many ways we think about, pray to, and experience God in our lives. Sometimes, this is as Father, sometimes as comforting mother, sometimes rock or foundation, and others. So, in many places, instead of always calling God "He," the new hymnal uses the word "God" and leaves space for each of us to visualize the God of Jesus Christ in ways that speak to us in those moments. The Creed, too, as we've gotten

better at translation from the original Greek and Latin, may sound a bit different.

Other than that, there is not a whole lot that is different from our regular practice of worship together. I believe this will mark a good change for us and breathe some new life into worship. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns about changes in the hymnal or things you just don't understand, feel free to speak with me; my door is always open.

May our worship together praise and glorify God made known in Jesus Christ, and may it enliven us to go back into the world, serving all God's people.

Peace

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes,

Sunday, January 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 by President Kay Sands. Pastor JonPaul led us in a devotional prayer from the cranberry hymnal; Thanksgiving for Baptism.

NON-AGENDA

Art Syth joined us to give us some information on The Sojourner House. They supply an evening meal and breakfast to up to 54 guests; 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They also offer showers, weekly use of laundry facilities, and a bed to adults in need of those services. The guests arrive between 7 and 9 p.m. unless they have a job that requires them to work later (a bed is then guaranteed if a person has used the services for less than 90 days). They are also allowed in after 9 if they are brought in by a law officer or released from the hospital after 9 and there are still beds available. The guests are required to take a breathalyzer test. When the weather is below 0°F the house tries to accommodate all that need a place to stay.

When a guest has used the services more than 90 days they are required to work with a case

worker assigned by The Catholic Charities. After using the Sojourner House for 365 days they are no longer allowed to stay.

If a group chooses to volunteer they will need 5 to 7 people; 2 or 3 to serve an evening meal, one to test guests with the breathalyzer, one to put possessions into storage, one to sign the guests in, and one to assign showers and laundry use. We, as a volunteer group, may make the meal or ask the House to provide the meal and we would serve it and clean up.

The volunteers are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m. and would be there until 9:15 or 9:30 p.m. The kitchen crew serves meals from 7 to 8:30. If they are providing the meal they might bring a salad and a hot dish, soup, or stew, and a couple pans of dessert. The meal needs to be adequate to serve 54 people a normal size meal. That number might go as high as 60 to 64 on very cold nights. Milk is provided by Castle Rock Dairy and coffee is provided by The Sojourner House.

There is a paid staff member there at all times to help volunteers and answer questions. Art is willing to help us sign up.

(Shared after the meeting. Once in, the guests have to stay the night. It is not a come and go at free will. That having been said, it is not a prison so they are able to leave but it results in a 10-day suspension from any and all services provided by Sojourner if they make that decision.)

REPORTS

The secretary's report was reviewed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The Mission Offering for The Community Table was \$336.00.

Pastor reviewed his report. The Webers have been put on the newsletter list.

The attendances for the two Christmas Eve services were as follows: 55 at the morning service and 81 at the evening service.

Since we have a pastor that also has a full-time job, Pastor presented a plan for a Ministry Review handled by the Synod to monitor the progress of the "working Pastor" ministry. There will be a survey to fill out by the interested congregation members, followed by the Synod members attending a church service and then meeting with the council and interested members during a luncheon. This is set for March 18, 2018. There will be a follow-up where we would learn what the Synod members learned from the

meetings. John made a motion that we proceed with the Ministry Review. Dale seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pastor will explain the process at the Annual Meeting.

There was no Ambassador's report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Education – A sign-up sheet is out for Sunday School teachers for the rest of the year.

Property – The basement door has been weather-stripped.

Worship – We will discuss updating the Mission Statement at the Annual Meeting. We might talk about adding a Vision Statement.

John Poore's and Aaron Sands' service on the council is over this year. They need to find replacements to run for officers at large on the council. As yet they have had no positive responses. Pastor will make a call or two.

Randy Sands and Dale Anderson delivered the Food Pantry items and the hats and mittens. Thanks!

The new cranberry hymnals are here.

NEW BUSINESS

Kim told us a little more about her trip to Guatemala and answered any questions we had. More can be found at SharingtheDream.org. Motion was made by John to have a special offering on Sunday, January 14, to raise money to help support the project. Also, we will supplement the offering to reach \$300 and have the January Mission Offering go toward balancing that amount. Second by Roxie. Motion carried. The February Mission Offering will then be the HMAARP.

Ash Wednesday is on February 14. We will again have soup and sandwich suppers before the Lenten services on Wednesdays, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Ruth will handle setting up for the suppers and getting volunteers for the soup and desserts. Kay and Randy Sands will handle the sandwiches. The suppers will be at 5:30 and the worship service will be at 6:30. We will again be following the Holden Evening Prayer Service and will have the imposition of ashes and communion on Ash Wednesday.

Mission Offering:

January – Sharing the Dream – Guatemala

February – Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association Rice Program (HMAARP)

March – Ronald McDonald House

Other items

Items for Annual Meeting agenda – stipend for Sunday School, hymnals, Mission statement, soup and sandwich, Ministry Review.

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 28, 2018.

Next meeting – February 4, at 10:30.

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Second by Aaron and John. Motion carried.

We adjourned at 12:25. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Poore

Members present: Art Syth (guest), Pastor JonPaul, Kay Sands, Roxie Ulness, Aaron Sands, Dale Anderson, John Poore, Kim Vlcek, Ruth Poore

*By the light of the Psalms:

By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made.

Psalms 33:6

May I never underestimate the power of speech.

**By Chris Shea*

Treasurers' Report

(See in Annual meeting report)

WELCA

Lent is starting be ready to sign up to soup and or bars for the Lenten suppers.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team will play during worship at Pleasant Valley on February 25. The group will also lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility that evening. Practices are Thursday evenings at 6:30 and everyone is welcome to attend!

TEXTS AND READERS for February

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - 4th

White

Sharon Anderson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration of Our Lord – 11th

White

Annabelle McAleer

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday – 14th

Purple

Randy Sands

Joel 1:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent – 18th

Purple

Monica Bahr

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Evening Lent service – 21st

Supper at 5:30

Worship at 6:30

Second Sunday in Lent – 25th

Purple

Sadie Odegard

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Evening Lent service – 21st

Supper at 5:30

Worship at 6:30



Parish Nursing

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

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a February birthday; Richard Bahr - Feb 7th

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday, February 18th, - for the March 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, thanks.

Thank-Yous:

Mondovi Area Food Pantry

Thank you for your donation of food (166lbs) to the Mondovi Area Food Pantry. Your continued support and cooperation is greatly appreciated. The Month of November, we served a record number of 142 families. The majority of the households we serve are households with children. You do make a difference in the lives of many children and adults.

Again thank you. Mary Ann Olson

Thank you very much!

To Our friends at P.V. Thank You for the poinsettia! Also for the cards with all the greetings. We miss our Church family, but nice to know We are missed too. Jim and Janice



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

Terry McDowell – had heart bypass surgery a Thursday after suffering several heart attacks, Ruthann's sister Julie's husband

The family of Yvonne Sullivan, passed away this week - John Poore's cousin

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

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

Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing

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

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Christine Thompson – struggling with Lupus

Lou Ann Helland – Kyle & Kasey Bahr's other Grandma – preparing for knee replacement surgery.

Our service men and women,

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:

Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church
W2450 Cty. Rd. WW
Eleva WI 54738

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

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PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

‘That all may come, Serving all the people of God’

FEBRUARY 2018

*Happy
Valentines
Day*

Ash Wednesday
Lent begins
Ground Hog’s day
President’s day