

Father's Day

A brief history: Father's Day celebrations began in 1910, 2 years after Mother's Day. But, Father's Day wasn't recognized as a national holiday in 1972, nearly 60 years after Mother's Day was recognized.

Culturally, I worry we are not doing justice to our fathers and young men. More and more we see boys and men taught that they have to be tough, strong, and emotionally distant. We surround ourselves with music, television, and advertisements that perpetuate some male ideal that men are superior to women and deserve to be in power and in charge.

Certainly we are and need to continue to lift up the strength leadership of women. But, at the same time, we do a disservice to our young men and boys if we neglect to teach them how to be faithful men and fathers.

Just like there are examples of faithful mothers in the Bible, so too do we see examples of faithful fathers.

Although Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were forced to live with the consequences, including violence and death, in Adam we see the struggle of being a father in a broken world and are reminded of God's faithfulness. Noah was a quiet, humble, faithful servant of God. When everyone else thought he was a fool, he faithfully followed God's command and his family was saved from the flood. Abraham remained faithful to God and became the father of a nation. David was a righteous king who loved his family and raised Solomon, who would be one of Israel's greatest kings. And Joseph, the father of Jesus, was calm, patient, and willing to raise a son that was not biologically his, against all cultural norms of his day.

Of course, like all of us, these men were not without their faults. Adam broke God's command and was banished from the Garden.

Abraham fathered a child with a woman who was not his wife and then sent them away when his wife did bear a child. David used his power to fulfill his own desires, resulting in someone's death.

Our children need strong, faithful fathers to help raise them up to love God and Jesus. Fathers, whether biological, adopted, or other men who serve as father-figures to young people play an important role in the nurture and development of young people, especially young men and boys. You don't have to be perfect—the Bible shows us that. You simply have to show love for God and love for the young people in your life, and trust the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.

We give thanks to God for the faithful men of Pleasant Valley and all the Fathers in our lives. May they continue to show us what faithful living looks like in our broken and hurting world. And, may we continue to raise up boys and young men to become examples of God's love for our world.

Happy Father's Day,

Pr. JonPaul

\*By the light of the Psalms:

*Make a joyful noise unto the  
Lord.*

*Psalms 100:1*

*I wonder if expressing  
Appreciation to others fits  
Into the category of joyful noise?*

*\*By Chris Shea*

## Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

### Council Minutes,

Sunday, May 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 by President Kim Vlcek. Pastor JonPaul led us in a devotional prayer.

#### **Non-agenda**

Dave Vlcek was at the meeting to get feedback on the TV that he has installed on the face of the balcony. People like it; it helps keep the service flowing; it is easy to read; those facing the congregation don't have to turn around to read the various songs, prayers, etc. Since this is Vlcek's personal TV, they will eventually need it back and the church will need to purchase their own. Dwight will check the size and see about getting a monitor to replace the TV. He will pay special attention to the clarity of the new monitor.

#### **REPORTS**

The secretary's reports were reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. The Mission Offering for the 513 Free Pen Project was \$258.00. A check for \$2,030 was sent to Luther Park for Early Bird registration for the campers. Half of that will be reimbursed to the church by the campers.

Pastor reviewed his report. The confirmation class this fall will use a new model using adults working with the confirmands. Pastor hopes to treat confirmation as a process in the church learning and not an end product – when you are confirmed you are still a learning member of the congregation. We did not discuss the cost of the materials. Pastor is working on getting a worship committee together to help plan services for special seasons of the church; Lenten and Easter services, Advent and Christmas services. The committee would also take input on the bulletins and how services are constructed.

Pastor also highlighted upcoming events; a baptism in May and one in June, and a wedding in the fall.

The Ambassador's report detailed the camping schedules for the summer, and who will be attending, as well as Annabelle's trip to Texas.

A motion was made by Dale to accept all reports. Second by Corissa. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Education** – Sunday School is set for the school year with the last day next Sunday, May 13. A committee will be formed and they will start working on a program for next school year. There is still concern in finding teachers. Another workshop to help train teachers will be set up in the fall.

Since we have so many youth attending Luther Park Camp, we will not attempt to have a specific VBS program this summer, although we may try to incorporate VBS type activities into the outdoor service on July 22. We may also try a movie night for the youth.

**Property** – The ceiling tiles under the balcony have been replaced by Dale Anderson and Randy Sands. They used the \$201.44 credit from Menard's. There was some money left from the credit and a rebate. That money will be used to purchase supplies for the church.

There was a comment on the possibility of removing some of the sand on the parking lot. It makes for tricky walking.

Also, Dwight asked if there is a place that the concrete that had been removed from the old church entries can be gotten rid of. Haas or American Materials may take it, but we don't know how we would load it.

**Worship** – One quilt for Colton Corriea's baptism is ready. The other one for Reagan Brick's baptism and the three for the graduates are being worked on. Reagan Brick will be baptized on May 27. Pastor Jennifer Kuhnert will be officiating, and perhaps doing the whole service. The Praise Team will lead the music.

The Synod Assembly will be held June 2 and 3 at UWEC. They will be electing a bishop this year. Kim Vlcek and Pastor JonPaul are attending. We need a sub for Pastor on the 3rd. The Praise Team will discuss doing the service on that day.

Olson Park will need to be cleaned up before the outdoor service on July 22. Also, a building and grounds committee, Dale and Dwight, will try to work with Julie Schwennsen to have a walk-around to get ideas for landscaping, etc. Julie feels it would be

possible to put some kind of stairs in the side-hill to get up to the park without driving.

Kim had given a mission update on Guatemala at the service today. She had a few letters from people she had met while there. She feels it would be nice if we could get some communication going between our kids and the Guatemalans.

The membership list is being worked on by Pastor JonPaul.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

We discussed "Praying the Plat Book", as Pastor Skow-Anderson suggested. Since that seems like such a big project to organize those names and addresses, Roxie made a motion to spend approximately \$100 to help us in the compilation of names and addresses of the neighbors of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church within a 5 mile radius so we can begin praying for our neighbors. Second by Mark. Motion carried. When we get a list formulated we will begin praying for our neighbors; a certain number each month. The guidelines are stated in Pastor JonPaul's letter to our neighbors.

Pastor and Monica are working on making the prayer/communication chain work better. To start with, we will have a council member at the end of each of the 7 chains that will call/text Pastor to make sure the chain is completed.

We are looking for a youth member to sit on the Council. We don't have many youth that qualify. Kim will ask Teagan if he would be interested. After that we will table the search until the next Annual Meeting.

Mariah Sands will be going to Rwanda around August. She has already raised \$1,560 of the \$5,000 she needs. We have some money in the Seminary Fund from Thrivent and it was suggested that when she is home we could have a meal (perhaps spaghetti) to help make money for her trip. We will check at the time of the June 10 Council meeting to see how much she needs and we will also put her on the Mission Offering for June.

The forming of committees will be put on hold until the end of the summer. We will also discuss having a booth at Cleghorn Fest when we get closer to the date – the second weekend in September. We had talked about changing the format from a ticket-only

approach to something to attract kids/adults besides the chance to win something at the bazaar.

### **Mission Offering:**

May – victims of the water main break in Eau Claire – through Peace Lutheran Church

June – Mariah Sands – for her year as a missionary in Rwanda

July – Barnabas Christian Coffee House in Chippewa Falls

### **OTHER ITEMS –**

Roxie will again order 4 Christ in Our Home books in large print to give to homebound.

Joe Hoverson will graduate next year with his classmates.

Next meeting – June 10, at 10:30

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dale.

We adjourned at 11:58. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Poore

Members present: Pastor JonPaul, Roxie Ulness, Dwight Sands, Dale Anderson, Kim Vlcek, Mark Koser, Corissa Sands, Ruth Poore, and Dave Vlcek

### **Treasurers' Report**

#### Summary of Offering and Expenses

Y-T-D	February	March	April
Offering			
\$17,369.34	\$4,426.25	\$4,540.00	\$4,568.00
Misc. Income			
\$507.00	\$256.82	\$0.00	\$250.18
Expenses			
\$15,464.73	\$4,084.38	\$3,639.01	\$3,853.29

Year to date the offering exceeds expense by \$2,411.61

February mission offering for Eau Claire Area Hmong Assistance Rice Program was \$188.00

March mission offering for Ronald McDonald House was \$214.00

April mission offering for The Pen Project was \$258.00

ELW Cranberry Hymnals in memory of Joe Sands Jr., from the Sands family

Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Margaret Hazen:

From Alton & Joyce Hageness, Kathy Tweet, Sandra Schuch, Larry & Crystal Sand Richard & Monica Bahr

In memory of John Erickson:

From Richard & Monica Bahr

Building Fund:

In memory of Mrs. Perry Nyseth:

From Larry & Crystal Sands

In memory of Arlene Nelson:

From Larry & Crystal Sands

In memory of Margaret Hazen:

From Ruthann Knutson, Jim & Joann Lehman, Randy & Kay Sands, Lorrain Pire, Dale & Sharon Anderson, Dave & Nancy Berger, family & friends

In memory of Patrick Myers, Chris Hillesland's father-in-law

From Ruthann Knutson

In memory of mothers Violet Bahr and Elaine Sands on Mother's Day

From Richard & Monica Bahr

In memory of Dales mother Beulah Anderson

From Dale & Sharon Anderson

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

**Faith Story**

Do you have a story or testimony to share? Either talk to Ruthann or send an e mail to RuthiK6@gmail.com.

**Praise Team News**

The Praise Team will lead worship at Pleasant Valley on June 3. The group will also play in worship at PV on June 24 and lead worship that evening at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility. Practices this summer will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning in June.

**Parish Nursing**

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

**WELCA**

Plan ahead what you can make and bring to the fall Bazaar!

**Sunday School**

The Sunday school will begin again in the fall. Plan on teaching

**Acting for change**

It seems that travelers to Jericho (Luke 10) could expect robbers, and they could expect to come across some poor crime victim bleeding on the side of the road. Violence on the road was common for years and years.

I thought of the road to Jericho as I tried to get my head and heart around yet another mass killing in our country. We have been through this time and again. Just as robbers with clubs preyed on travelers as they went about their business between Jericho and Jerusalem, so do killers with guns prey on us as we go about our business in schools, churches, nightclubs, concerts and movie theaters. How bad does it have to get before we want to do something about it?

This message is an excerpt of the March 2018 monthly devotional "What can we do now?" by Audrey Novak Riley.

The post Acting for change appeared first on Women of the ELCA.

## TEXTS AND READERS for JUNE

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost -3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Green* *Monica Bahr*

Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost —10<sup>th</sup>**

*Green* *Roxie Ulness*

Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost —17<sup>th</sup>**

*Green* *Annabelle McAleer*

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Green* *Kay Sands*

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



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

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday,  
June 17<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 and Newsletter articles are  
due by Wednesday; I will print them on  
Thursday, thanks.**

## Thank yous:

On behalf of the Tomah VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 13 beautiful twin size quilts.

With your support, we can provide for the smaller convenience that make hospitalization more bearable. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the compassion that our community feels for our Veterans.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Sincerely, Jennifer Conzemius  
Voluntary Services Officer

Dear Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church  
Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$188.00 to the Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Association. Your investment in our organization's mission is incredibly appreciated.

As you know, every Wednesday, our organization provides 25 and 50 pounds bags of rice to households in Chippewa and Eau Claire counties, averaging over 10,000 pounds per year for the past five years. The rice and food pantry helps mitigate the problem of food insecurity in Eau Claire for all low income residents, predominantly (but not limited) Hmong and Hispanic families and elders.

Thank you, again, for your gift!

Sincerely, Sarah Driever

Director of Program Development and Legal  
Advocate

### **Chippewa Valley Street Ministry**

Dear Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Thank you so much for your financial gift of \$478.68! I'm not certain that I can adequately express our gratitude, a simple "thank you" doesn't seem enough.

Our organization cares and serves individuals and families who have various challenges. We focus primarily on those who are homeless. We work solely from donations and we are all volunteers.

Thank you again for your donation, we are grateful to have been recipients of your generosity!

On behalf of the other volunteers and those we serve, Blessings to you all. Karen



## IN NEED OF PRAYER

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

**Maritza Nohemi** - 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Guatemala, whose education we are sponsoring this year

**Danny Najbrt** - diagnosis positive for MS has received 20 % back his eye site in the right eye, the left however is completely blind, Kim Bahr's nephew

**Steve Glende** – seeing specialist from his lungs and his blood

**Sharon Hazen** - recovering from gallbladder surgery

**Romaine Knutson** - a member of Pastor JonPaul's family; diagnosis of cancer and has begun treatment

**Sharon Anderson** - for healing on her broken arm

**Monica Bahr** – thyroid trouble, more medical test forth coming

**Nick Polkowske** – prostate cancer and heart trouble

**Terry McDowell**, –has chronic pancreatitis – Ruthann's brother-in law

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

**Gerri Sessions** – strengthening & healing

**Dale Rutchow** – paralyzed by Lyme's disease

**Catherine Erickson** – pancreatic cancer

**Christine Thompson** – struggling with lupus: is in the American Lutheran Home in Mondovi.

**Our service men and women; Kendall Dragseth**, She is Pastor's cousin and serves in the Navy. She was deployed to the Middle East.

### **The inmates at CVCTF**

#### **All those on our Visiting list:**

<b>Avis Erickson,</b>	<b>Gary Hazen,</b>
<b>Dave Bloom,</b>	<b>Orvin Larson,</b>
<b>Bob Dutter,</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Janice Teigen</b>

#### **June mission offering**

Mariah Sands – for her year as a missionary in Rwanda

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

Pastor JonPaul Dragseth

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# **PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER**

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**JUNE 2018**

**Flag Day  
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Summer Begins**