

This past summer, I invited you on a journey: to read the Bible, from cover to cover, in 90 days. It was a challenge, to be sure. I heard from many of you that, while you love the idea of reading the Bible, you just didn't have the time to do the amount of reading it takes to cover the whole Bible in 90 days.

That is certainly understandable. And, truth be told, it took me closer to 120 days to finish the Bible. But, I don't want us to give up!

So, once again, I would like to invite you on a journey with me. But, this time, we are going to take things a little slower. From Annual Meeting (1/27/2019) to Annual Meeting (1/26/2020), I invite you to read the Bible in 1 year with me; cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelation.

Honestly, when you break it down and read through the Bible in a year, it only takes about 10-15 minutes of reading a day! I will print a reading schedule and have it available at the Annual Meeting. It will also be available on our Website and linked to on our Facebook page.

There have been a lot of requests lately to get some Bible studies, men's groups, and women's groups up off the ground again here at Pleasant Valley. So, this is what I propose: we commit together to read the Bible this year. As we do, I will write some background and questions for the readings each week. Each week, maybe Sunday's during Sunday school time, or another time that works for people, groups can get together and discuss that week's readings, using what I write as a starting place. Together, we will read, and learn, and grow in faith together.

The Bible is full of love and joy. It's full of fear and hatred. It's full of hardship. It's full of doubt and anger. It's full of family relationships that are both healthy and unhealthy. Basically, it's full of what it is to be human. And, in the midst of all the messiness that makes up our lives, it shows us

how God's love and faithfulness to humans has remained unchanged since "In the beginning."

I really do love this book. I love these stories. I love this God. As I continue to explore God's Word, it has shown me that no matter what happens in this life, God is forever faithful through Jesus and that the Spirit is alive and on the move in our world to usher in God's Kingdom.

So, come with me. Let's read together and see where the Holy Spirit leads us..

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes Sunday, January 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by President Kim Vlcek. She led us in a devotional prayer.

NON-AGENDA - none REPORTS

The secretary's report was reviewed. Correction; money from Dan Herzberg to keep the church's computer protection has been accepted as a gift. Roxie will contact Dan and tell him we no longer need that protection as a gift.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The December Mission Offering for Mondovi Food Pantry was \$235.

Pastor JonPaul's report was oral, since he had been on paternity leave. Sunday School and confirmation will start again on January 13. The substitute pastors, especially Ben Morris, did a fine job of filling in.

We will not be purchasing the \$13 leaflets for Sunday School use, since the leaflets are not being used to full advantage due to the age of our students. Pastor will be ordering the book Volume 2 of Occasional Services and a Prayer Book for the Armed Services, which has prayers and readings for national holidays.

Also, we have 6 new members; 4 that joined today and two others that will be joining in February.

There was no Ambassadors report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Education – Sunday School is running smoothly. We are looking for teachers to sign up for the year. A gathering is planned sometime this summer to get parental input and plan the next year of Sunday School. The council education official will handle that.

Worship – Ash Wednesday is on March 6 – the beginning of the Lenten season. We will plan for this season sometime after the annual meeting.

Property – The faucet in the kitchenette has some internal wearing and needs to be replaced. Pastor has some pictures that need to be hung in his office. The installation of the TV monitor on the balcony, the water filtration system, the flooring strip separating the kitchen and dining room, and the edges of the tables in the Sunday School room are all on the agenda to be fixed.

Pastor JonPaul is looking into a device for use for church business. It looks like it needs to be a laptop so he is able to update the website using that. The church will purchase the laptop, be responsible for updates, and pay the \$5.95 monthly fee for a virucide program. The money will not be taken from the continuing education.

The computer system modem has been updated. We need to get an “always connect” prompt on it when it is opened.

The Ministry Plan, or budget, was gone over. It is ready to be presented to the congregation. There is no line item for technology. We can take special collections as needed for purchases. We discussed pastoral salary and time off. The Synod guidelines do not apply to our situation. Pastor would prefer an increase in salary over more vacation time off. He is agreeable to a 3% raise. We will set up a time after the Annual Meeting to update the contract as to paternity/maternity/adoption leave and other issues. We also need to set some standard of pay for the secretary, treasurer, and accompanist.

The Annual Meeting is set for January 27 after church. The letter to the neighbors, the prayer chain, and the congregational study information dissemination will be discussed

at that time. Also, we will discuss the starting of men’s and women’s groups, a prayer committee (specifically for the neighbors), the walkway to the park, and the fall bazaar. Kim and Kay are going off council so we need 2 members-at-large to fill the vacancies for the next 3 years.

We have received a donation from Sadie Odegard of \$20,000 to put in access to Olson Park. Kim will send Sadie a card from the Council and congregation. We need to get a committee together to plan for the access and to begin cleaning out shrubs and such to prepare for the installation. Schwennsens will be asked for their expertise and someone will be hired to put it in. We are planning to put in a bench to honor Sadie’s donation.

NEW BUSINESS

Roxie needs her books to be audited. Kim will do that next Sunday. She will ask someone to audit them with her.

The Fire Inspector Report has been received and the needed items were updated.

Mission Offering:

January – Sharing the Dream in Guatemala

February – Acres for Joy

March – Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

Kay will get information on Acres for Joy and Chippewa Street Ministry.

Katelyn VanLandingham and Tanner Koser will be married on June 29, 2019, and have asked Pastor to perform the ceremony.

OTHER ITEMS –

Next meeting – February 3, 2019, 10:30

Ruth made a motion to adjourn. Second by Kay.

We adjourned at 12:05. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Poore

Members present: Pastor JonPaul, Dale Anderson, Kim Vlcek, Kay Sands, Dwight Sands, Roxie Ulness, and Ruth Poore

Parish Nurse

Needed

Sunday school / Confirmation

Classes continue. Please sign up to teach on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship room.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley on February 24, and will lead worship at Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility that evening. The group meets for practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome

February Mission Offering

An offering will be received during worship on February 24 for "Acres for Joy" Horse Ranch. "Acres for Joy" is a non-profit organization serving the Chippewa Valley. While primarily serving youth who are in need, "Acres for Joy" creates opportunity for MANY.

They have opportunity for youth to "get out of town" and enjoy the rich benefits of a small horse ranch. There are opportunity for caring adults to come alongside, using their gifts and talents, to contribute in life changing ways. More information can be found at:

[http://www.acresforjoy.com/home.htm!](http://www.acresforjoy.com/home.htm)

Treasurers' Report

None submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Be prepared to sign up for Lenten soup and sandwich supper forthcoming in March.

Cemetery Association note

We are looking for new bids for cutting the cemetery and the church lawn for this coming summer. Submit a written bid to Dick Bahr. Thank you. For more information on the job talk with Dick Bahr, Larry Sands, or Dale Anderson.

Epiphany promises

When Christmas celebrations end and much of the world returns to business as usual, that's when our work, as believers, is just beginning. Our Christmas light goes beyond a season, unconstrained by dates on a calendar. Every day the Christ child is born unto us. Every day we discover Jesus in both new and ordinary places. Every day we experience Epiphany. So perhaps instead of making New Year's resolutions, we should embrace Epiphany promises.

This message is an excerpt from "Promises, promises" by Angela Khabeb in the January/February 2018 issue of Gather magazine.

Thank-You's

From Luther Park Bible Camp;

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We pray you have a very blessed New Year and are able to join us for our Annual Meeting. Donation Date 12/23 2018 Amount \$500.00

Christ Peace,

Thank you

The Skogdalen Lutheran Church Congregation would like to thank you for your generous donation to our flood recovery project.

Restoration is continuing, however, we are happy to report that the head stones have been repaired and repositioned.

Thank you for your support!

(There is a sheet on the bulletin board of pictures of the church; to look at the flood waters.)



IN NEED OF PRAYER



TEXTS AND READERS for February

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

- Kari Karnatz – healing after surgery
- Ed Anibas - Steph’s grandfather on hospice
- Joy Glende – suffering with neck & back pain
- Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing
- Victoria – healing from cancer surgery, cousin to Pastor
- Romaine Knutson – cancer; a member of Pastor’s family
- Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer
- Christine Thompson – struggling with lupus:
- Mariah Sands – Mission trip to Rwanda
- Maritza Nohemi – student we are sponsoring in Guatemala
- Our service men and women; Kendall Dragseth,**
She is Pastor’s cousin and serves in the Navy, deployed to the Middle East.
- The inmates at CVCTF**

All those on our Visiting list:

- Avis Erickson, Gary & Sharon Hazen,
- Bob Dutter, Jim & Janice Teigen

February Mission Offering Recipient:

Acres for Joy

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday,**

February 17th - 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, especially prayer requests and updates, by Wednesday, so I can print them. Thanks.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – 3rd

- Green Sharon Anderson
- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Luke 4:21-30

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – 10th

- Green Kathy Tweet
- Isaiah 61:1-13
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – 17th

- Green Kay Sands
- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – 24th

- Green John Poore
- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

Thank you from Master Resourcing Commission

Thank you for your contribution to the Hill – reg support fund of \$100.00. Thank you for your faithful participation in the extension of the gospel during 2018. By your consistent and generous financial giving, the missionaries you support have resources and encouragement to carry out the great commission.

With Gratitude,
 Ben Ost - MRC President and Treasurer.

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

"That all may come, Serving all the People of God"

Pastor JonPaul Dragseth

Cell: 715-271-2253

Church office: 715-287-4473

Church Secretary: Monica Bahr – Home: 715-287-4742

Church E-mail: pleasantvalley@tcc.coop

Website: www.pleasantvalleylutheran.com

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

*'That all may come,
Serving all the people of God'*

