

Pastors Corner

June 2019

Happy Summer!

Although Fall or Autumn is my favorite season of the year, I always love the transition from winter to summer. The grass is greener, trees are filling with leaves, and more and more you hear kids playing outside. Farmers are in the field. The smell of mowed lawns fills the air. Flowers start to show. The school year is quickly winding down and teachers are ready for a break and students look forward to a summer away from the classroom. After the cold, dark of winter, it's as if the world wakes back up and comes to life.

This time of the year always reminds me of the hymn Earth and All Stars. The hymn calls on Earth, stars, hail, wind, rain, flowers, trees; all of creation, to sing praises to God. Throughout the season of Easter we celebrated the redemptive work of God in all creation. Now, in the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church and the Spirit's guiding of the Church and all creation in this new life in Christ. The Spirit is at work throughout the world, bringing into our midst the Kingdom of God. And we, people of the Resurrection, are invited to join the Spirit in bringing life, hope, and healing to the world. The world, once caught in the cold and darkness of sin and death is now alive in Christ.

Psalm 148, 149, and 150 have a similar theme. God has done a marvelous, wonderful, sacrificial thing on behalf of all creation. Now, in this new life in Christ, we join our voices with birds, trees, wind, fire, trumpet, stars, sun, moon, and angels in giving thanks a praise to God. These psalms point us back toward God, Creator and Redeemer of all things. In this time of year as cold and snow turn to Spring rains and give way to sun and new growth, we remember that it is God through Jesus Christ who gives us new life. Our response for this gift of life is thanksgiving and praise.

So, spend some time outside this month enjoying the creation given to us by God and redeemed from sin and death through Jesus Christ. Whether you like to walk, run, swim, bike, canoe, camp, or read a book, go outside and enjoy this creation.

And listen closely. Perhaps in the sound of rushing water, chirping birds, the wind, or the rustling of leaves, or the sound of farmers in the field, you will hear creation's song to the One God of all. When you do, remember the joy of the psalmist in hearing all creation; you and me and all created things, singing praises to God who gives life free from sin and death through Jesus Christ by the Power of the Spirit.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

From the Synod office

Daylily Dig for Malawi

July 19-20, 2019

Kaufmann Farm - Chippewa Falls, WI

ONE Fest 2019

July 26-28, 2019

Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds – Chippewa Falls, WI

Car, Motorcycle, and Tractor Show

July 28, 2019

Our Savior's Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes Sunday, Sunday, May 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 by Pastor JonPaul. Pastor led us in prayer.

Reports

The secretary's report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Income in April exceeded expenses by \$1,279.88 but we are still behind \$330.95 for the year. The April Mission Offering for Roger Jackson was \$300. Our cost for the campers was \$817.

The Pastor's report was reviewed. We need to revisit how to handle camper registration and make sure parents register their campers on their own. We discussed the benefits of us paying the down payment versus the parents paying it. If we pay it and the student doesn't attend, we lose the money. If the parents pay the down payment and the student doesn't attend, they lose the money and those students that may qualify for a scholarship would then not qualify.

Also, Pastor has been asked that one of the old Sunday School rooms be turned into a sort of Pleasant Valley Church history library.

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

Non-Agenda – none

Unfinished Business

Education – The formal closing of Sunday School for the summer will be May 19. However, it has been suggested that we keep Sunday School going during the summer months for those students that are at church each Sunday. We will try that, since we have the materials for the summer.

Worship – There was agreement that, since Easter lilies have quite a scent, next year we should get a spring plant. We should also stay away from hyacinths, too. Several folks have requested that we not bring a lily because of the scent and allergies.

Property – A work day to clean up Olson Park hasn't been set yet and we don't know the _____ of the Thrivent card. The cost to rent a wood chipper to take care of the brush, etc., in the park, is \$125 a day. We talked some about getting power up to the park as well.

We need to get gutters on the church before we work on keeping the water out of the dining hall. We also need to look at burying the downspout ends, like they are buried in front of the church. Ruth will look into the cost of hiring this done.

Other – Letters to Pray for Our Neighbors will be mailed to all the names on the list, even if the addressees are church members. All will have special prayers said in their honor.

No update on the prayer chain or communication chain.

New Business

Office computer – A motion had been made and carried at the last meeting by Roxie, seconded by Dale to purchase a new computer for no more than \$800.00. However, we were wondering if the updated router and the change in passwords has affected the computer so it runs better. Pastor will ask Monica.

Outreach – We are starting to plan for Cleghorn Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 7. A committee of Dave and Kim Vlcek and John and Ruth Poore will secure two booths plan some games for the children.

Mission Offering:

May – Jordan Schadrie – cancer

June – family of Dravin Larson – Sue Larson's 10- year-old grandson who was accidentally hung

July – money for two new wells or the hunger/flood relief in Malawi

Other items

Ruth would like to borrow the pastel tablecloths on June 22. It was approved.

The kneeling pads at the communion altar need to be replaced or redone. Ruth will check on that.

Next meeting – June 9.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Poore

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

Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

| Y-T-D | March | April |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Offering | \$14,694.00 | \$4,571.00 |
| Misc. Income | \$309.28 | \$144.49 |
| Expenses | \$15,334.23 | \$3,862.99 |
| | | \$3,968.12 |

Year to date the expenses exceed offering by \$330.95

March mission offering to Chippewa Valley Street Ministry - \$264.00

April mission offering to Roger Jackson - \$300.00

Memorials:

Building Fund:

In memory of Avis Erickson:

from Dave & Kim Vlcek
from Dale & Sharon Anderson
from Randy & Kay Sands
from Robert & Kathi Tollefson
from Sharon Vogler
from Gary & Irene Erickson
from Larry & Crystal Sands
from D. & Elaine Niesche

In memory of Beulah Anderson, Dales mother on Mother's Day:

From Dale & Sharon Anderson

In memory of Evelyn Mousel:

From Dale & Sharon Anderson

Cemetery Association:

In memory of Avis Erickson:

From Sandy Schuch
From Richard & Monica Bahr
From Richard and Darlene Pederson
From Clarice, Mike, Jeff & Keven Erickson and families

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Save the Dates



Women's Retreat
August 15-16, 2019
Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 St
Chetek, WI



plan ahead to come.

Happy Birthday!

To everyone who has a June Birthday, Blessing on your Special Day!



Sunday school / Confirmation

Sunday school will continue throughout the summer when you and your child are in Church stay for class during coffee fellowship

Confirmation class will restart in the fall.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley on June 23 and 30, and will lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility (CVCTF) on those evenings.

The group played at the funeral of a former member, Evelyn Mousel, on May 18. Also during May, members of the group filled in for Chaplain Hull at CVCTF leading Bible studies and leading praise worship.

Invitation!

Celebrating 50 years

You are invited to join John and Ruth Poore at the Town of Pleasant Valley Community Center (Cleghorn Fire Station) for an anniversary open house between noon and 4 p.m. on June 22, 2019. Come help us celebrate!

(Google maps - S10414 County Road I in Cleghorn)

Please, no gifts.

Please help us plan for food – let us know if you plan on coming at poorer@gmail.com or call 715-878-4473. Thanks!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS:

Sunday, June 16th - for the July 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.

A prayer for gifts of the body

God of all people, we thank you for the gifts you give each one of us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Help us to care for and love one another, especially those whom we may view as lesser than ourselves. Help us to see each other's minds, bodies, and hearts as beautiful in their own ways, as we seek to create a church without barriers of any kind. May we see one another as your beloved children, each needed to participate in your mission of love and justice in our world. Amen.

This prayer is an excerpt of "Belonging to the body of Christ" by Lisa Heffernan in Café's February 2019 Faith Reflections.

From Luther Park:

JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

SUMMER CAMP FUN BEGINS.

Hang up the school backpacks and put away the books because summer is here! It is time to make sure that you have your children and youth signed up for the program of their choice at Luther Park or Luther Woods. There is so much fun to be had, and you don't want to miss out on the valuable experiences that Luther Park has to offer. Camp programs provide a variety of activities and adventures including swimming, hiking, canoeing, archery, games, arts and crafts, cookouts, and meeting new friends. These activities are all centered on daily Bible study and worship that focuses on our summer theme entitled "Where All are Blessed: The Kingdom of God". There is still time to sign up for an experience that your son or daughter will always remember. Camp brochures are available at your church or you can register online at www.lutherpark.org. If you have questions or would like to request information, please contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215.

"For He knoweth our frame."

Psalms 103:14

Like a good architect, you know just how much stress we can take.

By the light of the Psalms

by Chris Shea

Thank-You

Pleasant Valley Church,

Thankyou; for your donation to our Birthday Box project. It's donations like yours that help make this project a success!

Sincerely RSVP Staff,
Cheryl, Juka, & Mary

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

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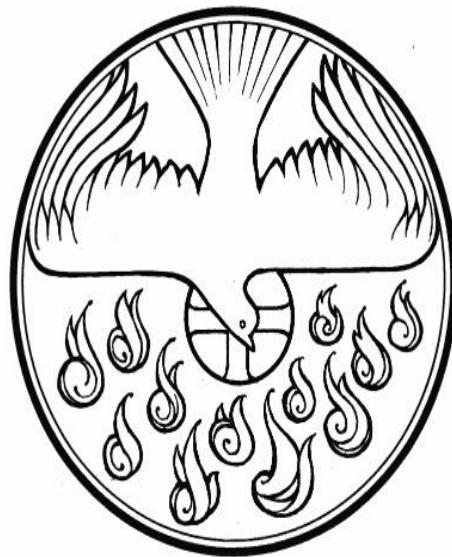
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JUNE 2019

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Father's Day!
June 16



Summer Begins 21st



Pentecost June 9th



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