

Lent

On March 6th, we will once again enter the season of Lent together. We begin, as we always do, with Ash Wednesday. On that evening, we will come to the communion rail, have ashes marked on our foreheads in the sign of the cross, and hear again these words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

And with that, we enter the 40 day journey of repentance and self-reflection.

We mark this time in several ways. We will join together on Wednesday evenings for a soup and sandwich dinner followed by worship. We will sing together Holden Evening Prayer and remember God's promises of life and salvation spoken through the prophets, Mary, and Jesus.

And, too, many of us give something up for the season of Lent. Part of the penitential nature of the season of Lent is to let go of our attachment to the things of this world that distract us and keep us disconnected from a deepening of our relationships with God and with one another. We give something up as a reminder that the things of this world we chase after for pleasure and distraction are barriers to a fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

But what if, at the same time we give something up, we also take up a spiritual practice that helps to deepen our relationship? This could be prayer, meditation, reading the Bible, finding ways to volunteer in the community, reconnecting with relationships that have been hurt or broken, or even a commitment to do a random act of kindness each day.

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a time to reflect on the ways we have fallen short of who God calls us to be. It is a time to pray that God would forgive the ways we have harmed ourselves, each other, and this creation. Lent is a time to acknowledge who we truly are.

But, Lent always leads us to Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. As we reflect and repent this season, we also are reminded, again and again, that God loves us so deeply that God was moved to action on our behalf. Through Jesus, all creation, including you and me, is restored and offered fullness of life in Christ. Our sin, our brokenness,

and our shortcomings all go to the cross with Jesus and you and I are raised with him to new life.

As we enter this time together, I pray each of you would know the fullness of God's love and faithfulness in Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes Sunday, February 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by Vice President Kay Sands. The devotion and prayer were put off until Pastor JonPaul joined us after the opening with the confirmation students.

NON-AGENDA - none REPORTS

The secretary's report was reviewed. Correction to Annual Report; June 8, 2019 will be a work day for the Park access, not a committee meeting.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The January Mission Offering for Sharing the Dream, in Guatemala, was \$246. At the end of January our expenses were \$1,000 more than our income.

Pastor JonPaul's report was reviewed. Ash Wednesday, March 6, will be the first soup-and-sandwich supper at 5:30 and the regular Ash Wednesday service at 6:30. The rest of the Wednesday Lenten services will use the Holden Evening Prayer.

Pastor took part in a program called Prepare/Enrich which is a program to counsel pre-marital/married couples. The cost was \$225. He now has a lifetime certificate to work with couples in the Prepare/Enrich program.

We went over the laptop options that Pastor had researched. A motion was made by Dave for Pastor to purchase a laptop, mouse, and needed software at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Second by Dale. Motion carried.

Also, we have 2 new members that will be joining on February 17. Kay will see about getting a cake.

There was no Ambassadors report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Education – Sunday School is running smoothly.

Worship – Pastor has highlighted the Lenten season. Kay and Randy will provide sandwiches. Ruth will get a list of dates out for volunteers for soup and bars or cookies to sign up. She will set up each week, too. Proceeds of the soup-and-sandwich suppers, the Easter breakfast, and the Lenten offering will go towards sending our youth to camp. Any monies remaining will go to the Luther Park building fund for the new Worship Center. The motion to use the proceeds as stated was made by Dale. Second by Roxie. Motion carried.

Property – Dwight has purchased a new faucet for the kitchenette. He has also purchased a sand mitigation filter for the water system. The installation of the TV monitor on the balcony is on hold until Dave can get another able-bodied person to help him take the old one down.

Dwight met with a person he has worked with to talk about access to Olson Park. He got some possible prices for a suggested plan. The cemetery wants to put an access road in above the cemetery at the same time we put in the Park access. Dwight worked with Steve Kressin from S & K Landscaping. The committee so far consists of Dwight Sands, Dale Anderson, and Nate Kuehl. Roxie would also like to attend to keep abreast of plans. The committee will report back to Council on progress.

Letters to neighbors within a 4 mile radius of the church – Pastor will update the letter. Kay proposed that we meet as a Council after church, so, on February 10, after church and coffee, we will meet as a Council and any members interested in praying for the neighbors. We would like to start sending out letters in March.

Our website and Facebook page give us access to people that have gone on our sites, so that information can be used to gauge interest that may be generated by the letters.

We will check Pak-Mail to price printing, stuffing envelopes, postmarking, and addressing the letters to be mailed. Then we will send out an amount decided upon monthly. We will add a magnet to each envelope.

NEW BUSINESS

Somehow we missed the 5-year lift inspection. Kay and Randy have set this up and we have a temporary OK until we can get it inspected.

Council Officers for 2019 –

President – Dwight Sands

Vice President – Stephanie Kuehl

Secretary – Ruth Poore

Treasurer – Roxie Ulness – This is Roxie's last year.

Property – Dale Anderson

Worship – Mark Koser

Education – Dave Vlcek

There was a motion to approve all positions by Dwight. Second by Dale. Carried.

Mission Offering:

February – Acres for Joy

March – Chippewa Valley Street Ministry – can also take donations at Good Shepherd church, but you need to specify Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

April – Jordan Schadrie – 17-year-old diagnosed with cancer

The process for an annual review will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

OTHER ITEMS – none

Next meeting – March 3, 2019, 10:30

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

We adjourned at 12:00. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Poore

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

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: Sunday,**

March 17th - for the April 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.

Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

	Y-T-D	January
Offering	\$2,675.00	\$2,675.00
Misc. Income	\$58.91	\$58.91
Expenses	\$3,787.94	\$3,787.94

Year to date the expenses exceed offering by \$1,054.03

January mission offering to Sharing the Dream was \$249.00

A donation was received from Sadie Odegard to improve access to Olson Park

Respectfully submitted:
Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Sign up for Lenten soup and sandwich suppers in March and April.

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 March 24 and 31. The group will also lead worship on those dates at Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility. Practices during Lent will be held following the Wednesday evening worship services.

March Mission Offering Recipient

An offering will be received during worship on Sunday, March 31 for the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry (CVSM) in Eau Claire. The following information is taken from their website:

"On most Tuesday and Friday nights we can be found from about 5:30 pm to 7 pm in the parking lot opposite Sojourner House on Barstow Street as part of our ministry with people who are living on the streets. We offer them warm clothing, gloves, hats, blankets, water, candy, hygiene kits, and whatever else we might have. If they need something that we don't have, we will try to get it! And beyond meeting the physical needs of people, we are also there to offer prayer, a compassionate ear, a human touch, and our friendship."

This is only a small part of what CVSM does. Their work also includes locating people who are homeless and providing them supplies to keep warm; helping people secure living quarters and furnishings; and providing transportation to medical, social service and other appointments. As you can imagine, with the recent severe winter weather, this ministry has a great need for volunteer and financial support. You can find more information about CVSM at:

<https://www.chippewavalleystreetministry.org/>

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. If you are interested in the job talk with Dick Bahr, Larry Sands, or Dale Anderson.

Job description for grass cutter:

Cut around church yard and the cemetery.

Trim around all stones /markers

Also, blow or sweep off each marker.

Trim around plants & flowers carefully.

Remove old plastic / silk flowers that are in bad shape and place in garbage bag or can by cemetery shed. Remove dead flowers, trim or cut up close to large growing plants.

Of course, no cutting on Sunday morning or during a funeral, or a wedding etc., also the side hill, if there is heavy dew; it does not dry until into the afternoon.

Cutting should be done during the growing season weekly, and every other week during a dry season.

Pay special attention on the week around Memorial Day, the month of May.

Would you be available to come do any cutting or trimming, to make it look nice, just before a burial.



TEXTS AND READERS for March

Transfiguration of Our Lord - 3rd

White Kim Vlcek

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

Ash Wednesday P.M. – 6th

Purple Randy Sands

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

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent – 10th

(Daylight Saving begins)

Purple John Poore

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday in Lent – 17th

Purple Stephanie Kuehl

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:14—4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Third Sunday in Lent – 24th

Purple Roxie Ulness

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

Roger Jackson – diagnosed with cancer

Randy Winger – diagnosed with vertigo

Ed Anibas - Steph's grandfather, on hospice

Joy Glende – suffering with neck & back pain

Christopher Glende – being bullied at school

Jordan Schadrie – undergoing cancer treatment

Troy Gilbertson – cancer, he is receiving chemo.

Victoria – healing from cancer surgery, cousin to

Pastor

Romaine Knutson – cancer; a member of Pastor's family

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing

Christine Thompson – struggling with lupus

Mariah Sands – Mission trip to Rwanda

Shelby (Cole) Hill and family Missionaries –

living in France

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, transferred to Syria.

The inmates at CVCTF

New Council of Pleasant Valley

All those on our Visiting list:

Avis Erickson, **Gary & Sharon Hazen,**

Bob Dutter, **Jim & Janice Teigen**

March Mission Offering Recipient:

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

Fourth Sunday in Lent -31st

Purple Ruth Poore
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalms32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Lenten evening worship with soup and sandwich suppers

Lent Evening – 13th

Kathy Tweet

Lent Evening –20th

Kim Vlcek

Lent Evening –27th

Julie Schwensen

Thank-Yous

Mondovi Food Pantry

When we began regular hours open, in 2012, the food pantry averaged 27 families visiting monthly. In 2015, the average increased to 85 families. In 2016, the food pantry averaged 112 families visiting monthly.

Thank you so much for your donation of \$235.00 to the Mondovi Area Food Pantry.

Your continued support and cooperation is greatly appreciated. In the month of November, we served a record number of 142 families. The majority of these households we serve, are household with children. You do make a big difference in the lives of many children and adults.

Again Thank you. Mary Ann Olson

*“Thou art my God; early will I
Seek thee.”*

Psalms 63:1

Precious time can begin

Before breakfast time.

By the light of the Psalms

by Chris Shea

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

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Remember turn your Clocks
ahead, Daylight Savings begin
March 10th!

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

'That all may come, Serving all the people of God' March 2019



Ash Wednesday

