

Pastors Corner

May 2019

After a long, record-setting snowfall of a winter, it seems we have finally entered the season of spring. New life seems to be visible everywhere: grass is turning green, buds are sprouting on plants and trees, birds have migrated back, flowers are starting to bloom, hibernation is ending, and people are emerging from their homes, spending time out in the nice weather.

Summer is often a time of “slow-down” in the Church. Sunday school and confirmation come to a close, families take vacations, and farmers are in the fields to get crops planted. During these times, we usually don’t have quite as much going on around the church.

But, that isn’t necessarily the case for us here at Pleasant Valley. We have several projects coming up and opportunities to work together.

This summer we will be putting a lot of effort into Olson Park. A new walkway will be added. Trees will be cleaned out. Plans will be made for what to do with the space and how we can better use it as an integral part of our worship and ministry life. We will be looking for many people to help.

The church could use a good “spring cleaning.” What is just sitting around that we don’t use or don’t need? What things are hiding back in storage that have significant meaning to our history and could be brought out and displayed?

Let’s keep our young people engaged! We have had a great year of Sunday school, with up to 9 kids ages 5 and under learning the stories of the Bible and helping with worship (ushering, offering, communion). Our confirmation students have been really fun to work with and have learned a lot about being God’s people in the world. I think this is awesome! How else can we encourage our

young people to use their gifts among us that we might be a congregation for all people?

And, of course, we will hopefully have another outdoor worship this summer like we did last year. We grilled out, played games, and some even camped overnight! What a great way to grow in relationship with each other. Maybe this year we can make it a goal to invite our friends and neighbors and show them just how great Pleasant Valley is.

There are a lot of opportunities for all of us to use our gifts and skills this summer. How will you be involved?

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes Sunday,

Sunday, April 7th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by President Dwight Sands

Reports

The secretary’s report was reviewed. The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Expenses are over offering for the year by \$1,610.83. The cost of pastor’s computer and pray for our neighbor expenses were taken from the general fund in the savings account. There was no pastor’s report.

A motion was made by Dale to accept all reports, second by Steph. Motion carried.

Non-Agenda

Corissa joined us with updates on Easter Breakfast and Luther Park. Kay and Corissa will shop for Easter breakfast supplies with Thrivent card. Registration and payment need to be made by May 1st to receive early bird discounts for Luther Park Bible Camp. Discounts are available for first time campers, siblings and

friends. Only two discounts are stackable. Possible attendees are Kyle and Kasey Bahr, Elijah, Isabella and Tommy Knutson, Jordy Sands and Ethan Kuehl. Someone will need to reach out to the Knutson's. The Bahr's; attended: Music, Arts, Dance, and Drama last year. Grades 4 to 12 should attend Pathfinders. Those going into K-3 grades would attend day camp on Thursday and can attend more than once. It is \$25.00 per day for day camp. The 3-day camp is \$190.00 and the most expensive camp is \$405.00. April 27th is the Luther Park Work Day and May 5th is the Capital Campaign kickoff featuring Them Coulee Boys and Breaking Chains.

Unfinished Business

Education - The two graduates are Blaine Anderson and Joe Hoverson. Danielle is a junior this year. Crystal will make the quilt for Blaine and Sadie will make the quilt for Joe.

Worship - Ruth will pick up Easter lilies on Saturday, April 13th.

Property – Olson park workday and cleanup should be done soon before ticks and bugs get too bad. Dwight has two more companies (Curb Appeal and Green Thumb) he will contact for additional estimates. Dwight and Dale will walk up to the park after the meeting to see what can be done now. Dave needs someone to assist him with switching out the TV on the balcony.

Other – Letters to Pray for our Neighbors were mailed at the end of March. Unsure if prayer team has met to pray for the list mailed. No update on updating the prayer chain.

New Business

Palms – Roxie ordered 50 palms from Gherke floral in Mondovi at \$0.25 per palm and will pick up on Saturday April 13th.

Easter Egg Hunt - Kay Sands said she will be hopping about.

Water in the basement – need to look into ways to find a solution. Possibly dig outside along the wall to find the source of the leak and possibly install drain tiles. Another possibility is to close in the windows and raise the level of the dirt along that wall. Once the drainage is resolved, then the baseboard inside will need to be repaired.

Synod Assembly – Will be at Trinity Lutheran on May 4th. Registration cost is \$50.00 per person. Will check with Kim Vlcek, Monica Bahr and Kathy Tweet to see if they would like to attend.

Office computer – Monica's computer is about ready to crash. A motion was made by Roxie, seconded by Dale to purchase a new computer for no more than \$800.00. Motion carried.

Mission Offering: May: Jordan Schadrie. A 17 year old diagnosed with cancer

June: family of Luke Larson – Sue Larson's 10- year-old grandson, who was accidentally hung."

Other items – none

Next meeting – May 5th.

Dale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dwight. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness

Members present: Dwight Sands, Roxie Ulness, Dale Anderson, Stephanie Kuehl.

Treasurers' Report

WELCA

Happy Mother's Day everyone

Plan to go to retreat in August at Luther Park.

Happy Birthday!

To everyone who has a May Birthday, Blessing on your Day.



Sunday school / Confirmation

The last day for these classes this year will be May 19th.

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be May 5th for Blaine Anderson, Joe Hoverson. Congratulation to you both.



From Luther Park, May news:

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Luther Park and Luther Woods, and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone- outrageous games, creative worship, pool activities, new friends, cookouts, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adventurous camper, Luther Park offers several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe Trip, Namakagon Canoe Trip, and Trading Spaces. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online at www.lutherpark.org. You can also contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or (715) 859-2215 for additional information.

Missed adding to the APRIL NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE from Luther Park: REGISTER EARLY FOR LUTHER PARK!

Have you taken time to look at the summer camp programs offered at Luther Park and Luther Woods? While June and July may seem a long way away, the staff at Luther Park is already gearing up for another exciting summer filled with fun and faith. Whether you are a first-time camper or a veteran senior high, there is something for everyone at Luther Park! If you register and pay in full before May 1st you will receive the Early Bird Discount. To sign up for camp, pick up a brochure and send in your registration today or visit www.lutherpark.org to register online.

On May 5, 2019, Luther Park is hosting a capital campaign event. Building and Rejoicing Capital Campaign is an opportunity for the many supporters, donors, former staff and campers to pay it forward as we prepare Luther Park for a strong future. A beautiful new Ministry Center and renovated Dining Hall will provide the needed investment for this camp to live into the future. Learn how you can support the growing needs of our

*"I shall be satisfied, when I
awake, with thy likeness."*

Psalms 17:15

*When I look in the mirror, I'll
remember in whose image I was
created.*

By the light of the Psalms

by Chris Shea

That rock has rolled

The rock has already rolled—that is, the big rock, the boulder that kept the crucified one in the tomb. That rock has already rolled. Christ is risen. And Christ is on a roll, going ahead of us, calling us to share in the new life that is stirring and multiplying, and growing, by the grace of God. How shall we do our rock-rolling as followers of this rock-rolling Christ?

This message is adapted from "Rock-rolling in Church" written by Carol Tomer in the October 2000 issue of Lutheran Woman Today (now Gather) magazine.

year-round ministry, today and into the future. Them Coulee Boys will be performing a concert rain or shine. The event starts at 12:00 p.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$ 10.00 for ages 13+ and are available at lutherpark.org. The band started from Luther Park counselors who joined their musical talents together.

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Happy
Mother's
Day! May 12

May 2nd



The Annual
**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**
First Thursday of May

MEMORIAL DAY

