

Pastors Corner

October 2019

In 1517, when Martin Luther first published the Ninety-Five Theses, he set in motion a series of events that would forever change the face of Christianity. Luther was, by no means, the first reformer of the church, nor was he the last, but the publication of these grievances stands as a pivotal event in Christian history.

But, it was never Luther's intent to break from the Catholic Church. Luther's intent was to work from the inside, to point out what he saw as problems in the Church and work for change. In 1517, Luther would not have imagined a break from the Church that would bear his name; Lutheran.

In truth, Luther was participating in a long tradition in Jewish and Christian faith. Matthew, Chapter 5, starts Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is here we read Jesus saying, "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you." Jesus is playing his part as a Rabbi, interpreting and reforming the Jewish faith for his listeners. Much of the New Testament can be read in this light; Jesus engaging in the debates of his time regarding Jewish beliefs and practices and reforming the common understanding of God, God's people, and Law. Certainly, Jesus, Son of God, is more than just a teacher, but he certainly was a teacher and engaged in the debates of his time.

In May of 1882, another reformation was taking place. A group of dedicated and faithful Christians decided to form a congregation, one that would become Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church. Since that time, the congregation has been served by 21 pastors (including 2 interims) and an intern. Pleasant Valley has been a stand-alone congregation, a two-point parish, and even a three-point parish. Throughout its history, the people of Pleasant Valley have continually and carefully discerned who they were in their time and place, as member of the Body of Christ, the whole catholic Church, and the Eleva community. Pleasant Valley has undergone many reformations.

We are to be Ecclesia semper reformanda; a church in continual reformation. On Sunday, October 27th, we will join together to celebrate Reformation Sunday; a Sunday in which we celebrate our heritage in Luther's Reformation and pray for the reconciliation of all our churches. Let our prayer that day also be that we, the people of Pleasant Valley, will dare to dream how once again we are being reformed to be the people of God in this time and place.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

Council Minutes, September 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 by President Sands. Pastor led us in prayer.

Non-Agenda

Kim Vlcek was present to ask the council to cover the entrance cost for those women that wish to attend Days of Enrichment, either September 21 or September 28, a Synodical Women's Organization gathering. Steph made a motion to cover the \$20 entry fee for those wishing to go. Second by Dave. Motion carried.

Kim has also been asked to be part of FIN (Faith Innovation Network) – relates to the Synodical Women's Organization and entails talking to others about their faith.

Corissa Sands was present to present a document from Luther Park asking that members sign a Building and Rejoicing Campaign pledge form to help them build the new Ministry Center (chapel). The forms are due by November 4, 2019. Starting in January of 2020 the donations will be matched, up to \$500,000 by the Cleveland.

Corissa also asked about the Christmas program. She is willing to set it up and choose a program. We will possibly have 13 youth to perform in the program. Practice will largely be done during Sunday School times leading up to the program. The program will be during church on December 8, at 9:00 a.m. The Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 7. Ruth will handle the food.

Steve Nelson and Paul Dean, from Thrivent, were present to show us how our investments are doing. As Steve is moving toward retirement Paul, from River Valley Associates, is going to take his place.

Reports

The secretary's report was reviewed. Correction to the August minutes: Income in June exceeded expenses by \$491.79, and exceeded expenses in July by \$219.61, still leaving us \$953.28 in the red for the year. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Income in August exceeded expenses by \$705.81, leaving us \$247.47 in the red for the year. The Mission Offering for Luther Park was \$648.00. We are holding that until January 1, 2020, so it can be a part of the Cleveland matching funds offer. We committed to the fuel pre-buy at \$1.14, but will pay for it as we use it instead of pre-paying.

The Pastor's report was reviewed. There are possibly 5 students for confirmation next year.

Dave made a motion to accept all reports. Second by Dale. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Education – Sunday school is set to start on September with the outdoor service and picnic. There will be games in the park for the youth.

Worship – On September 15, 2019, we will have an outdoor service in the park. The service starts at 10 a.m. The Praise Team will handle the music. Dwight will handle the purchase and cooking of hot dogs and brats. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. There will be a campout in the park the night before. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you don't wish to camp. Aaron has volunteered a trailer to put the Praise Team on. Dale will take care of getting stairs for the wagon, and a fire ring.

Property

Kurt Tonn Excavating LLC will be on-site tomorrow or Tuesday to work on the leveling /shaping of the hill to the park. We need to make sure the plan is feasible for the church as far as upkeep.

The TV on the front of the balcony has been installed.

The sand mitigation system for the water and the faucet installation in the kitchenette is completed. Dwight, Dale, and Aaron did the work.

Dwight will see about the drain tile when his backhoe is available.

Power for the park – John Poore spoke to the Eau Claire Electric. They charge a large fee to run the line from the box and to install a meter, plus around \$30 a month for the meter. It was decided that since we wouldn't be using electric in the park for most months of the year, we will hire an electrician to take the power from our existing meter and run it to the park, saving us the cost of installation from the electric company and the monthly cost.

Other –

The USB to keep the computer on-line has been purchased but not installed.

Outreach – September 7 - Cleghorn Harvest Fest was very successful again this year.

The kneeling pads at the communion altar are being reupholstered by Career Development Center. The cost is covered by a memorial to Dick Schuch and his brothers from Sandy Schuch and in honor of Poore's 50th anniversary by Gary and Irene Isaacson.

New Business

The Fall Bazaar will be held on October 6. The service will be at 10 a.m. We have secured the Silver Express, a polka band from Independence, to play during the service and 20 to 30 minutes before the service. Sands Drywall has offered to pay for the group in memory of Joe, Jr. and June Sands. Each member of the group will be offered a free chicken dinner.

The bazaar will again feature cheese and frozen meat drawings with the meat and cheese donated by members. Steph will get coolers to put the meat in and ice packs. We have some quilts to raffle off, and a face cord of firewood. "We have been given a half pig, cut wrapped, and frozen, from Paul Dean, of Thrivent, to raffle off." Roxie is planning a lefse making day on Friday, October 4. Steph will get generic tickets to use for the basket drawings and meat and cheese drawings, and supply us with baggies for the lefse.

Again, this year we are having the baskets for drawings at \$1.00 per ticket. We will also have the meat and cheese drawings for \$2.00 a ticket. We will announce the need for meat and cheese and baskets during church services from now until the bazaar. We will also have games upstairs in the fellowship hall for the youth. Roxie will get the sign-up sheet out for folks to sign.

Randy and Kay Sands have volunteered to handle the dinner. The profits from the dinner will go toward the fuel costs.

We don't have a lift maintenance program. The program should cover the yearly inspection and upkeep. Would it cover State and Federal licenses? Ruth will check on that.

Mission Offering:

September – Eleva Backpack food program

October – Mondovi Backpack food program

November – Mondovi Food Pantry

December – Feed My People

Other items

Next meeting – October 13, 2019

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Ruth Poore

Members present: Pastor JonPaul, Dale Anderson, Dave Vlcek, Stephanie Kuehl, Dwight Sands, John Poore, Ruth Poore
Guests: Kim Vlcek, Corissa Sands, and Steve Nelson and Paul Dean from Thrivent

**Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council
September 22, 2019
Special meeting**

We met at 10:10 to discuss new banners, since they are having a sale on them Tuesday, September 24, and Wednesday, September 25. The new banners will be 3'x5', single-sided, and are \$30.00 each. Dwight made a motion that we purchase 4 new banners. Seconded by Dave and Dale. Motion carried.
Meeting was finished by 10:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Poore, council secretary
Members present: Stephanie Kuehl, Dwight Sands, Roxie Ulness, Dave Vlcek, Dale Anderson, Ruth Poore

Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

Y-T-D	June	July	August
Offering			
\$29,827.47	\$3,501.00	\$3,331.92	\$4,861.55
Misc. Income			
\$587.24	\$60.00	\$66.85	\$79.13
Expenses			
\$30,662.18	\$3,069.21	\$3,179.16	\$4,234.87

Year to date the expenses exceed offering by \$247.47.

August mission offering for Luther Park Bible Camp Capital Campaign was \$648.00.

Memorials:

Altar Kneeling Pads:

"From Sandy Schuch, in memory of Dick Schuch and his brothers, and from Gary and Irene Isaacson in honor of Poore's 50th wedding anniversary."

General Fund:

In memory of nephew Ronnie Anderson and niece Kim Hodges, from Dale & Sharon Anderson.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Women Upcoming event:

Fall Bazar October 6th, Lefse making will be on Friday, October 4th, at 9 a.m. Friday Evening to wrap the lefse.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team played at the outdoor worship service at Pleasant Valley on September 15. The group will play in worship at PV on October 27 and will also lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility that evening. Practices are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and everyone is welcome!

Happy Birthday!

To everyone who has a
October Birthday,
Blessings on your Special Day!



Sunday school / Confirmation

Sunday school has begun. Please sign up to teach. Also, sign up to give children's message during the worship service.

The confirmation class is studying the Apostle's Creed.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

Lyle Larson – Kim Koser's dad – in memory care unit now

The family of Jordan Schadrie, she has passed away

Troy Gilbertson – healing

Victoria – undergoing chemo, cousin to Pastor

Romaine Knutson – a member of Pastor's family

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing

Christine Thompson – struggling with lupus

Holly Poore – teaching for a year in Thailand

Dan & Shelby (Cole) Hill and family - missionaries living in France

Maritza Nohemi – student we are sponsoring in Guatemala

Our service men and women; esp. Alex Bauer stationed in South Korea

The inmates at CVCTF

The neighborhood people we have chosen to pray for this month.

All those on our visiting list:

**Gary & Sharon Hazen, Bob Dutter,
Jim & Janice Teigen**

October Mission Offering Recipient:

Mondovi Backpack food program

TEXTS AND READERS FOR OCTOBER

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – 6th

Green *Kathy Tweet*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — 13th

Green *Monica Bahr*

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 20th

Green *Ruth Poore*

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – 27th

Green *Randy Sands*

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



**I will lift up mine eyes
To the hill.**

Psalms 121:1

**I love how you change the
Colors this time of year.**

By the light of the Psalms

By Chris Shea

We answer many calls

From Gather magazine

We so often think that if we are not ordained, we have no call in this society. Or we may not look to our lives and service as a call. I've decided the word *call* is bigger than we can imagine.

Early on, my call was working in service for others as a cosmetologist, which has been extended to service in clients' homes. A call to be wife, mother and grandmother is profound. I have been called to serve Women of the ELCA at its many expressions.

Maybe you didn't think the roles in your life were a call. There are calls to faith, calls to family, calls to work life. Perhaps acknowledging your call will give another person enough courage to answer her call. Each of us plays an important role for the good of the whole.

From the Synod office:

Provoking the Gospel of Matthew:
Engaging worship, preaching, and
storytelling during lectionary year A.

Thursday, October 10th
9:30am to 3pm
Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek

See bulletin board for more info

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS:**

Sunday, October 20th - for the November
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.

Thank You's:

Monica wishes to thank Steph Kuehl for helping her finish installing the USB port for the wireless internet connection. Seems to be working for me, Thanks again Steph.

Community Happenings:

The Kings Countrymen 26th Anniversary Special
October 19th, at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$10.00 at Calvary baptism church in Eau
Claire

Rock Creek Lutheran Uff Da Diner; Saturday,
October 26 from 3 p.m. to 7pm

Crafting Retreat, October 24 – 27, Luther Park,
Chetek

See Flyers on bulletin board

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PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

*Clergy
Appreciation
Day!*
October 13th



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Has begun come
and join in

October 27th
Reformation Day
Wear something RED!

