

## **Pastors Corner**

**September 2019**

Welcome to a year of Sunday School and Confirmation!

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Temperatures start to cool, but it is still warm enough to enjoy outdoor activity. The smell of campfires and s'mores wafts through our neighborhood. The leaves start to change, coloring the landscape with hues of orange and red. School starts with a new year of learning and growth. As we transition from summer to fall, we here at Pleasant Valley begin another year of Sunday School and Confirmation.

When I first started at Pleasant Valley, we had a few older kids in Sunday School and no kids in confirmation. Today, we have 5 kids in Confirmation and 8 young kids in Sunday School. We are a vibrant congregation that is seeing the fruits of investing time and energy into the children and young families in our congregation!

When these kids were baptized, the church made a promise to them and their families to help support them and help them grow in faith. I take these promises seriously. I have been thrilled to see our commitment to these families grow and watch as our young people have become more involved in worship and our life together as a congregation.

But, this is a journey, not a destination. We still have work to do. These young people, of all ages from birth through high school continue to need our time and our dedication. Over the next year, I will be challenging us as a congregation to continue to find ways to meet the needs of our young families and how meeting those needs helps us all grow in faith in Jesus.

We may not have the large classes people remember from years ago. But, I have spent

time with the young people of this church; from the very youngest to those in their final year of confirmation, and know that we have a great group of kids who are ready and eager to grow in faith. It will be an exciting year, learning alongside them. As a congregation, we will continue to support our youth, helping them to grow in faith, and working to fulfill those promises we made to them in baptism. It is going to be a great year!

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

## **Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church**

### **Council Minutes**

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 by Pastor JonPaul. Pastor led us in prayer.

### **Non-Agenda**

John Poore was present to learn how the park access was coming and offer his help. He asked if the stairs are definite, or will there be a path/road to the far end of the park. The stairs will be put in as a visual. He asked if the cemetery committee still wants a road, which would require a culvert. He expressed the need for power to make the park usable. There was no answer on the road, but Dwight has talked to someone about the power and was told the landscaping needed to be done first, then the power. There was some question as to putting in 100 amps or 200 amps. Dwight will check on difference in price.

### **Reports**

The secretary's report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Income in June exceeded expenses by \$491.79, and exceeded expenses in July by \$219.61, leaving us \$953.28 in the black for the year. The Mission Offering for The Malawi Project was \$321.67. We need to commit to the fuel pre-buy at \$1.14 but will pay for it as we use it.

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

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

### **Unfinished Business**

**Education** –nothing to report

**Worship** – On September 15, 2019, we will have an outdoor service in the park. The Praise Team will handle the music. Pastor JonPaul is handling inviting the neighbors through announcements WEAU, WQOW, WWIB, and WOGO stations. The Synod no longer announces happenings in their churches because of volume. Dwight has gotten a Thrivent Seed Card for the food and other needs for the service.

### **Property**

The trees along the road by the park will be removed, maybe before the September 15 service. If so, the brush will remain in the ditch to be dealt with later.

There is still a piece of siding on the front of the bell tower that needs to be refastened. Dwight will speak to Randy Sands and see if the builders can come back and fix it.

The TV still needs installing.

The sand mitigation system for the water and the faucet installation in the kitchenette will be done after church today.

We need to contact Larry Sands or Dick Bahr to see if the cemetery mower can be used in the park.

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

### **Other** –

An external hard drive has been installed on the office computer and will update weekly. Monica has taken the computer in to TCC and had the bugs worked out. There may still be a problem with staying on-line which will require that something be added as a stand-alone to keep us on-line.

Outreach – September 7 - Cleghorn Harvest Fest will be handled by the committee. They are meeting this week.

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

Luther Park student camping is over for the summer. Since one of the students that we had enrolled didn't attend, we have some money that should come back to us. Dwight will check with Corissa on this.

### **New Business**

On July 7 the lift stopped working. The mother board that runs the doors burned out. We have an estimate for replacement of the board, any other parts that are needed, and service calls totaling \$1,456.40. Ruth made a motion to accept the estimate. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. The lift has been fixed.

The Fall Bazaar will be held on October 6. The service will be at 10 a.m. We need to secure a group to provide music. A church that features polka music was suggested. It is south of Eleva. Also suggested; Eleva Bell Choir, Joe Roby family (They played last year.) Pastor JonPaul will check on the polka music, possibly the Bell Choir, and also the Joe Roby family to see if any of them are available.

The bazaar will again feature frozen meat and cheese drawings with the meat and cheese donated by members. Steph will get coolers to put the meat in and ice packs. Dwight will check with Steve Nelson, of Thrivent, to ask if he is willing to supply a half hog to raffle off, as he has in the past. We have some quilts to raffle off, and a face cord of firewood. We need to check with Roxie to see if there will be lefse for sale with the baked goods. Steph will also 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 will not have thrift sale items. We will also not have the cake walk. We are having the baskets for drawings.

### **Mission Offering:**

August – Capital Campaign for the chapel at Luther Park

September – Eleva Backpack food program

October – Mondovi Backpack food program

November – Mondovi Food Pantry

December – Feed My People

### **Other items**

Next meeting – September 8

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 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, and Ruth Poore

Addendum: I talked to Randy Sands on 8/12/2019 and he said they are willing to do the chicken dinner for the bazaar. THANKS to them!!

### **Treasurers' Report**

Treasurers' Report			
Summary of Offering and Expenses			
Y-T-D	May	June	July
Offering:			
\$24,965.92	\$3,439.00	\$3,501.00	\$3,331.92
Misc. Income:			
\$508.11	\$71.98	\$60.00	\$66.85
Expenses:			
\$26,427.31	\$4,844.71	\$3,069.21	\$3,179.16

Year to date the expenses exceed offering by \$953.28, both June and July ended in the black.

July mission offering for Malawi was \$321.67

Memorials:  
Building Fund:  
In memory of Merle Peterson, Joan Timm's brother:  
From Sandy Schuch

Anyone interested in taking over as treasurer talk to any council member.

Respectfully submitted:  
Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

### **WELCA**

#### **Women Upcoming event:**

### **The Praise Team**

The Praise Team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley at the outdoor service on September 15, and on September 29. The group will lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility on

September 22 and 29. The Praise Team welcomed a new member recently, Kari Karnatz. We are glad to have her voice added to the group in praising God!

### **Day of Enrichment Events!**

The Northwest Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization is hosting its 2nd annual Day of Enrichment events. Guest speaker, Lisa McCormick is a parent advocate for victims of human trafficking, and will speak about her personal journey of faith when her son becomes a trafficking victim. Osseo Evangelical Lutheran, Osseo, is the site for the first event scheduled for September 21. The second event will be on September 28 at Long Lake Lutheran in Sarona. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter.

### **Camping at Olson Park**

Several people have already indicated their plan to camp overnight at Olson Park on September 14, which is the day before the Outdoor Worship and Picnic. Bring your campers and tents and join the fun. Everyone is welcome!

### **Outreach at the Cleghorn Fall Festival**

Pleasant Valley will again have a booth at the Cleghorn Fall Festival on September 7. We offer games and prizes for kids and take the opportunity to meet people in the community surrounding our church. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth for an hour or two between the times of 7 am and 5 pm. Contact Ruth Poore or Kim Vlcek for more information and to sign up as a volunteer. Join this fun event!

### **Women's Retreat was a Success!**

Pleasant Valley was well-represented with six members attending the first annual joint Dairyland

and Lake Superior Conferences Retreat at Luther Park on August 15-16. Twenty-nine women gathered for a time of fun and refreshment. The event included songs, stories and s'mores around the campfire; worship and communion; Bible study; Legos and crafts; excellent food; and plenty of free time to enjoy the grounds. A "shout out" to Corissa Sands and the rest of the Luther Park staff for making our time there so enjoyable!

### **Happy Birthday!**

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



### **Sunday school / Confirmation**

Sunday school will begin on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Along with Confirmation class

### **Thank You:**

*Dear Church Members  
Thank you so much for the generous  
memorial you sent to our family. We miss  
him but each day our healing continues  
w/God's help.*

*Sincerely,  
Gary & Sue Larson  
Luke & family  
Crystal & Family*

### **Community Happenings:**

*Trinity Lutheran – Mondovi  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish - Mondovi  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival*

*See Flyers on bulletin board*



### ***IN NEED OF PRAYER***

#### ***Here is our Prayer Concern list:***

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

**Jordan Schadrie** – undergoing cancer treatment

**Troy Gilbertson** – cancer, healing

**Victoria** – undergoing chemo, 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

**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**

#### **September Mission Offering Recipient:**

Eleva Backpack food program

#### **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS:**

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - for the October  
Newsletter**

**Call** Monica Bahr - 715-287-4742,

or E-mail: [dmbahr@tcc.coop](mailto:dmbahr@tcc.coop). Also, E-mail the church at: [plesntvalleyluth@tcc.coop](mailto:plesntvalleyluth@tcc.coop) with any bulletin or newsletter announcements, especially prayer requests and updates, by Wednesday, so I can print them.

**TEXTS AND READERS for September**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Green*                      *Kim Vlcek*

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Green*                      *Corissa Sands*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Green*                      *Julie Schwennsens*

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Green*                      *Kay Sands*

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Green*                      *Sharon Anderson*

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

**The Lord answered me and set  
me in a large place.**

**Psalm 118:5**

**That large place is the  
world around me.**

**By the light of the Psalms**

*By Chris Shea*

**From the Synod office:**

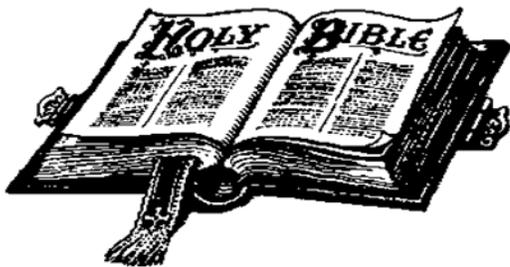
Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this year we started a campaign to celebrate 20 years in ministry with our partners in Malawi, Africa. Seeing an ongoing need for accessible clean drinking water, we created a goal to raise \$20,000 this year, enough to build two new, deep-drilled wells.

Your generosity and support of this goal has been overwhelming! So far this year, your gifts have reached **\$21,240!**

If you still want to contribute, but haven't yet had the opportunity, please know that it's not too late! This campaign will continue through December of this year.

THANK YOU!



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

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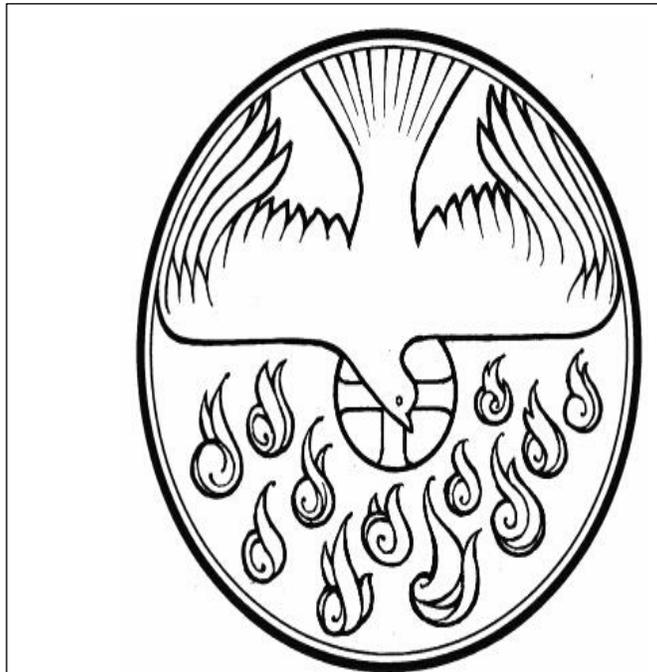
September 2<sup>nd</sup>



Labor Day



September 15<sup>th</sup>



Pentecost



Cleghorn Harvest Fest on  
September 7- 8  
and  
Outdoor service at 10:00  
At Olson Park  
On September 15

September 23

