

Happy New Year!

It's that time of year again. Every January, after we have finished our Christmas gatherings and ringing in the New Year with family and friends, we have the opportunity to set new goals for our lives. As the calendar ticks over from 2019 to 2020, we look back on the previous year: at the things we have accomplished, the ways we have changed, and the things that just didn't get done. And, we look forward, imagining the ways we could change our lives in the new year. Many of us have made, and will make again this year, resolutions to lose weight, find a new job, reconnect with old friends, and many, many more.

But, January gives way to February, which soon brings March and the business of spring and summer. By June, most of us barely remember what those resolutions were in the first place. And, if we do remember, often our priorities have changed, or the goal seems too far off to finish with only half of the year left. And that's when the guilt sets in.

There isn't anything wrong with setting New Year's resolutions. Setting goals and working to achieve those things can help give a sense of purpose and direction in our lives. Like any goal, sometimes we are able to accomplish what we set out to do and sometimes we do not. What we need to remember, however, is that our value and our worth as people does not depend on how many friends we have, how much money we make, or what the scale says when we step on it.

In the season of Christmas and through the season of Epiphany, we celebrate God among us. We don't just remember Christ's coming into the world, but we again live Christ's coming today. Christ comes into our lives and our communities to end sin, mend brokenness, and defeat death. That's not something that happened 2000 years ago, it's something that is happening today.

Christ comes now, into this world and into your life, out of love for who you are - a Child of God, redeemed through the waters of baptism, and an inheritor of eternal life. That doesn't change based on the things you do or don't do in this life.

So, yes, set goals and see where they take you. Maybe you will find that new job, maybe you rekindle old friendships, and maybe you will lose some of that extra weight. But whether you do, or whether a year from now you are setting similar goals for 2021, know that you are a valuable human being, God loves you, and you will always have a place among your brothers and sisters in Christ at Pleasant Valley.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes, Sunday, December 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 by President Sands.

Reports

The secretary's report was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Expenses in November exceeded income by \$467.82. The Mission Offering for Mondovi Food Pantry was \$195.

There was no Pastor's report. Dave made a motion to accept all reports. Second by Dale. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Education – Sunday school has been going well as they prepare for the Christmas program.

Worship –

Property – Dwight and the Park Committee will work on solidifying a plan for the next step in planning for park access. He has been working with S&K Landscaping, who will be doing the work. The committee members are Nate, Dale, Dave, Dwight, John, Randy, and Greg.

Ruth has spoken to All Star Elevator. We were not given the option of a bi-annual maintenance program. Steph made a motion that we get the top door serviced and pay for that service call, then sign up the maintenance agreement for the 2020 year. We will set the maintenance call date for a time when we need service as well as maintenance. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The new motherboard has been installed in the heater/air conditioner at the end of the handicapped entrance. Dwight made a motion that, when the bill arrives, we pay up to \$350 for the repair. Steph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The larger furnace that heats the sanctuary has been acting up. We need to call Frank Best, Jr., heating and air conditioning, when it acts up, since he cannot diagnose the problem unless he sees it. The water pressure has also been acting up. Dale has replaced the sand mitigation filter. Dale and Dave will keep track of any problems, and if it happens again we may need a new pressure switch.

New Business

Mission Offering: December – Feed My People
 January – Sojourner House

We will ask Kim about the Mission Offering to Sharing the Dream, in support of a student in Guatemala.

Other items –

Next meeting – January 5, 2020.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Poore

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

Treasurers’ Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

Y-T-D	September	October	November
Offering			
\$40,553.92	\$4,411.45	\$3,198.00	\$3,117.00
Misc. Income			
\$9,224.42	\$352.50	\$8,128.02	\$108.71
Expenses			
\$42,621.70	\$3,214.28	\$5,003.76	\$3,693.53

Year to date the offering exceeds expenses by \$7,156.64

October mission offering for Mondovi Weekend Backpack program was \$242.00

November mission offering for Mondovi Food Pantry was \$195.00

Memorials

Lift Fund:

In memory of Donald Pfund, from Dan and Nola Herzberg

Building Fund:

In memory of Evelyn Mousel

From Larry and Crystal Sands

From Dave & Nancy Berger

From Sandy Schuch

From Richard and Monica Bahr

Other family & friends

Submitted by

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

WELCA

Altar flowers and or plants are welcome at church anytime. If you want them in the bulletin please let Monica know by Wednesday early.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley on January 26, and will lead worship that evening at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility. The caroling group had a great time visiting members and friends of the church in December. Thank you to Art Syth for treats at Culvers that day.

Happy Birthday!

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



Sunday school / Confirmation

Sunday school is back into full swing. Please sign up to teach. Also, sign up to give the children’s message during the worship service.

The Christmas program went great. Many thanks to Corissa Sands for all her work.

The confirmation class is studying the Apostle’s Creed.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

- Janice Teigen** – healing after surgery
Riverlyn Walsh – a 2 month old grandniece of Jennifer and Eric Anderson- has leukemia is receiving chemo treatments.
Kim Vlcek - healing after eye surgery
John Poore - healing after eye surgery
Kim Johnson - Sadie's niece - has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
Herb Bias– Joy Glende’s father-in-law - hospitalized
Brenda Johnson –Breast cancer – friend of the Bahr’s
Henry Karnatz – Kari’s Dad- suffering with dementia
Lyle Larson – Kim Koser’s dad – in memory care unit
Romaine Knutson – cancer; a member of Pastor’s family
Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer
Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing
Holly Poore – in Thailand for 1 year, teaching English
Dan and Shelby Hill and family - missionaries living in France
Our service men and women; Alex Bauer stationed in South Korea
The inmates at CVCTF
The neighborhood people we have chosen to pray for this month.
 (Prayer’s in Monica’s office on Jan 26th, 8:15)

All those on our visiting list:

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

January Mission offering recipient on

Sojourner House

TEXTS AND READERS FOR JANUARY

Epiphany of Our Lord – 5th

White

Sharon Anderson

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of Our Lord - 12th

White

Roxie Ulness

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after Epiphany – 19th

Green

Kay Sands

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

Third Sunday after Epiphany – 26th

Green

John Poore

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23



Thank You

Thank You! We pray you have a very blessed and Happy /thanksgiving with family and friends.
Donation 10/31/2019 amount of \$500.00.
Christ Peace.
Luther Park Luther Woods Bible Camp

Dear Crystal Sands and the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church

On behalf of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc. its members, sponsors, volunteers and bed recipients, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of 2 quilts. Our mission is to see that non child sleeps on the floor in our county. Your generous participation in this work helps us to accomplish our mission and will keep kids warm this winter.

Again, we greatly appreciate your live and support for our cause and hope that we can continue to work together with you in the future.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS:**

Sunday, January 19th - for the February 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.

Building your legacy

The greatest legacy you can leave the children in your life, and their children's children, is the faith passed along to you. Your great-granddaughters, all curled up in a cozy corner, will not be enchanted with your old catechism book even if it has your name written in it. They will be touched by stories from your life and treasure the grace notes there. You are a Christian! That message will shine through your stories.

This message is adapted from "The Greatest Legacy" written by Marj Leegard in the January/February 1998 issue of Lutheran Woman Today (now Gather) magazine.

Stand in awe.

Psalms 4:4

**I'll begin the new year
Filled with wonder just to be
Alive.**

***By the light of the Psalms* By Chris Shea**

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church
W2450 Cty, Rd. WW
Eleva WI 54738

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

Pastor JonPaul Dragseth: Cell: 715-271-2253
Church office: 715-287-4473
Church Secretary: Monica Bahr – Home: 715-287-4742
Church E-mail: pleasantvalley@tcc.coop
Website: www.pleasantvalleylutheran.com

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

Epiphany

