

Greetings!

As summer begins to give way to autumn, as the summer heat and humidity start to move toward the coolness of the fall breeze, I am once again reminded of the ways our life together as a congregation has changed.

As we move past the vacations of Labor Day weekend, we are accustomed to once again welcoming our children and youth back to Sunday School and Confirmation. We start to plan for Fall Bazaar and the other activities that mark our fall and winter together.

But, as was our Spring and Summer, so too will be our fall, it seems. While we continue to experience lower numbers here in our area, the coronavirus continues to spread throughout Wisconsin and the United States. Schools, colleges, and universities return to in-person learning in the coming weeks and we do not yet know what effect that will have on the health of our communities. It seems, at least for the time-being, that we will continue with drive-in or virtual worship together.

But, that does not mean learning and growth in faith stop!

As we move into the fall, we will once again help build and grow faith and knowledge in our youngest members through online Sunday School and home activities. We will find new ways to journey with our confirmation students. And, if there is interest, will seek ways to gather for learning as adult members. Growth in Christian faith happens at all ages!

Together, no matter whether we meet in-person, drive-in, or virtually, we are the Church of Jesus. We are the Body of Christ. We continue to be committed to growth and learning together that we might continue to serve the our community and world. The mission of Jesus continues through us!

And, for those who may not yet know, Jessica and I will welcome our 3rd daughter sometime this month!

As we anticipate new life this September, my prayer for each of you is that you continue to experience new life in Jesus, growth in faith, and a commitment to serve all those God loves.

As always, we are the Church, together.

Blessing

Pr. JonPaul



Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

	Offering	Misc.	Income Expenses
Y-T-D	\$30472.44	\$161.00	\$31,197.10
May	\$3,121.30	\$0.00	\$4,089.01
June	\$3,550.00	\$0.00	\$3,271.65
July	\$4,280.00	\$0.00	\$2,951.38
August	\$4,575.40	\$0.00	\$3,837.67

Year to date the offering is less than expenses by \$563.66.

Thank you everyone for your continued offerings.

Mission Offerings:

March – Quilting Supplies - \$205.00

April – Hope Gospel Mission - \$175.00

May – Luther Park Bible Camp Building Campaign - \$375.00

August – Eleva Strum Backpack Program

Memorials:

General Fund:

In honor of Troy's birthday, from Marianne Gilbertson

In memory of Lori Surlack, from Bob & Joan Timm

In memory of Norma Arneson, from Bob & Joan Timm

Building Fund/Furnace Fund:

In memory of Lambert Bauer, from Dan & Nola Herzberg

In memory of Willard Wilson, from Randy & Kay Sands

Cemetery Association

In memory of Willard Wilson, from Gary & Irene Isaacson

In memory of Bud Halverson, from Gary & Irene Isaacson

In memory of Willard Wilson, from Randy & Kay Sands

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes, August 2, 2020

The meeting began at 9:55 a.m. Pastor JonPaul led us in a devotional prayer.

Non-agenda

Cathy Winger was present to ask the council if she could bring her keyboard to play during the services. She is playing for a wedding in September and her keyboard has recording capabilities. There was no objection to her bringing her keyboard.

Reports

The secretary's report was reviewed. At Pastor's request, yes or no boxes will be added to the contact tracing paper that drive-in church attendants fill out at each service.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. We are currently \$876.39 in the red. We received a nice letter and donation from Waneta Ryckman. She has been tuning in to our on-line services from her home in Florida. Pastor Ryckman served as pastor at Pleasant Valley in the past. Also, the fuel pre-buy is coming up. Roxie will sign up for the pay-as-you-go again this year.

The Pastor's report was oral. We will have the drive-in services on August 9, 16, 23, and 30. We will not have a drive-in service on September 6. We will have a drive-in service on September 13. After that, when the new baby arrives, Pastor will be on paternity leave. We may then shift to on-line services or use the talent in our church. Getting a substitute to do a drive-in and on-line service would be difficult.

The July 19 and August 2 services were not recorded and put on-line for those that could not be with us to view. Next week Pastor will use his phone to record the service, or at least the sermon, and put it on-line. Steph will not be able to do the songs and responses on August 9. Dwight will ask Courtney if she can fill in.

Unfinished business

Education – Pastor has gotten positive feedback on the Sunday School program that has been used on-line through Zoom. However, he cannot do the service at church and be home to use the Zoom program. Sunday School will restart in some form in the fall.

We will collect school supplies for the Eleva/Strum district. There is a list in the paper and Pastor will put it on our website and facebook. We will collect supplies through the month of August. They will be blessed on August 30 and be sent with Kay to school.

Property – The new driveway into Olson Park has been put in; now on our land. As soon as

Tom Holbrook gets the OK for his plan, we will continue with the cement and building.

Worship – The program Sundays and Seasons will still be useful as we begin meeting for church services. Pastor JonPaul used this to help set up the services he has been putting on-line since March 22. He will order the program from Augsburg, at the cost of \$316 a year. The church will be billed.

We have not heard if Cleghorn Fest will be held this fall. We were due to lead the church service. Pastor has sent an e-mail to find out more about the fest.

Bazaar – The bazaar will still be held on October 4, but will look much different. We will have raffles, but no dinner. We did not discuss if the time for the service would still be at 10 or would go back to 9, since we are not serving a dinner. Dwight will check with Crystal to see if she is able/willing to make and donate a quilt or 2. Randy will check with Paul Dean of Thrivent to see if they are able/willing to donate a half pig. John has volunteered a face cord of hard wood. Those will all be on \$2 raffle tickets. We will also have \$1 meat and cheese baskets to raffle off. Perhaps some other donated baskets, too.

Rather than making lefse for the bazaar, we plan on taking orders closer to Christmas. We will then make the required lefse and sell that, perhaps as part of a bake sale.

New Business

Ed Bisek and Paul Nelson put the new driveway into Olson Park last week. They volunteered their time and fuel to do so. Randy made a motion that we get them each a Visa gift card in the amount of \$50 to thank them. Steph seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also, a big thanks to Jerry Larson (and a card), Dale Anderson, Dwight Sands, and John Poore for all the work they put in to clean up before and after the driveway was put in.

We have a least two baptisms coming up. Pastor will work with the parents to set a date for outdoor baptisms. The quilts have been made.

Mission offering – We decided to take all the money that has come in since March 22, put it in a “pot”, and divide it into 3 portions; one for quilting supplies, one for Hope Gospel Mission, and one for Luther Park.

August – Eleva/Strum backpack meals program

September – Mondovi backpack meals program

Next meeting – September 13, 10:30

Ruth moved to adjourn to 11:06. Second by Dwight. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Ruth Poore

Members present: Roxie Ulness, Dave Vlcek, Pastor JonPaul, Randy Sands, Dwight Sands, John Poore, Stephanie Kuehl, Ruth Poore

Addendum: Pastor JonPaul received the following response from the Cleghorn Fest Committee;

Cleghorn Fest response

Good morning Pastor,

Thank you for reaching out; formal announcements have not yet been made but Harvest Fest 2020 has been reduced to drive-thru chicken dinners and raffles this year.

I think it would make sense to just postpone P.V. Lutheran as the host for one year.

Andy Lund
Harvest Fest Committee
Cleghorn Lions Club

Respectfully submitted:
Ruth Poore

Members present: Roxie Ulness, Dave Vlcek, Pastor JonPaul, Randy Sands, John Poore, Stephanie Kuehl, Ruth Poore



WELCA

October 4 is the fall bazaar. Plan ahead!
Drive thru chicken and several raffles.

Happy Birthday!

To everyone who has a
“September Birthday”,
Blessings on your special day!



Sunday School / Confirmation

Sunday school for the fall is being worked on.
Pastor and parents will be making a plan. More
information will follow.

Praise Team News

The Praise Team is still on hold. Stay Safe.

TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

14th Sunday after Pentecost – 6th

**** No Drive-in service at Church ****

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

15th Sunday after Pentecost – 13th

Drive-in service at Church

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103: [1-7]8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

16th Sunday after Pentecost – 20th

Drive-in service at Church

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

17th Sunday after Pentecost – 27th

Drive-in service at Church

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

The family of Nick Polkowske – passed away suddenly this past week

The family of Lisa – Dan Herzberg sister – passed away last week

Gwen Chubb – Monica's cousin- fighting cancer

Angie Petschow – Dano's wife, healing after surgery

8 year old girl – friend of Dwight's family hospitalized with meningitis

Kari Karnatz – helpful results on medical test

Evan Kuehl - Nate's brother. Healing from a bicycle accident

Carolyn Holty – good results on tests (Nicki Vlcek's mother)

Maureen Kuhn — Kay's sister-in-law, receiving cancer treatments

Debbie – Kim Bahr's Aunt recovering from knee replacement surgery

Nancy – Kari's cousin – recovering from COVID 19

Kitty Ferrara – Kari's Aunt, heart surgeries

Deb Friis - treatment for cancer, friend of the Vlcek's
Riverlyn Walsh – an infant grandniece of Jennifer and Eric Anderson- has leukemia, is receiving chemo treatments,

Jade Wampole – Randy and Jo's granddaughter, receiving chemo for leukemia

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Gerri Sessions – strengthening & healing

Martha McCourt – Marianna Gilbertson's mother, living in a nursing home with dementia

Henry Karnatz – Kari's dad, living with dementia

Holly Poore – in Thailand, teaching English and Spanish

Dan and Shelby Hill and family - missionaries living in France

Keyla Lisbeth - the Sharing the Dream recipient, student in Guatemala

Our service men and women; Alex Bauer stationed in England

The inmates at CVCTF

People of Colorado and California – wild fires

All those on our visiting list

Bob Dutter

Jim and Janice Teigen

Gary and Sharon Hazen

From the Northwest Synod

Government social message

The ELCA Church Council has unanimously adopted a new social message: "[Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy](#)." This project was called for at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, with an intention that it be ready to read before the national election this fall. The social message defines government as a gift from God that can also be abused and misused. It also delves into how we can view civic engagement as Lutherans. You can find the social message and study guide in English [here](#). A Spanish translation of the message is also available.

Living Lutheran reader call

Living Lutheran wants to hear from you! What seasonal recipes have been important to you in your faith life? By Aug. 30, send your complete recipe and a 300-word story to livinglutheran@elca.org for consideration, along with your congregation's name and location. Your recipe and story could be featured in our November theme issue on food and faith!

Vanco offers special pricing for ELCA congregations

With Vanco's simple and secure eGiving and communication tools, you can offer your members an easy way to give and engage with your ministries. To help you get started, Vanco is offering a special promotion. **For congregations that start online giving between July 15 and September 30, 2020, the special rate will be 1.75% for all debit/credit transactions + \$0.35 per transaction.** This rate will apply on all debit/credit transactions through October 31, 2020. The rate for debit/credit card transactions will be 2.35% + \$0.35 per transaction starting on November 1, 2020. [Request a demo here to get started!](#)

Season of Creation

[Season of Creation 2020](#), a series of weekly devotions for Sept. 1-Oct. 4, is now available! The season, which begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, is a time to join with the global Christian community in renewing, repairing and restoring commitments to God, to one another and to all creation. For the four churches that prepared the resource — the ELCA, The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada — this is also a time for strengthening relationships with one another. Through Scripture, hymns, advocacy and action, these [weekly devotions](#), which begin Sept. 6, invite people to live out their vocations as stewards of creation.

Considerations for safely reopening by Church Mutual

Church Mutual offers a [webinar](#), slides and guidelines on preparing and implementing a plan to return to in-person ministry safely. Find the webinar and other resources related to the risks and challenges of COVID-19 at coronavirus.churchmutual.com/.

Caring for Creation online worship service on Sept. 20

Utilizing the lectionary texts for Pentecost 16 (Sept. 20), [Lutherans Restoring Creation](#) is preparing a creation-focused worship service for congregations to download. The service will include participants from all over the country, including Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the Rev. Barbara Rossing, the Rev. Lenny Duncan, Rebekah Bruesehoff, rostered ministers, and members of the Lutherans Restoring Creation Board of Directors. Music will be provided by Marty Haugen, the Rev. Leah Schade and Pastor John Tirro. A bulletin and a recording of the service will be available for free download on Sept. 14 at LutheransRestoringCreation.org.

Calming effect

I was scrolling through Facebook the other morning, and one of my friends shared a photo of a prayer. It began, "Dear Jesus," followed by a jumble of letters. Then, "Amen."

The caption on the photo was Romans 8:26: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that the very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."

If you are like me, then you, too, might find yourself at a loss for words to add to your prayers. My heart, at times, feels so heavy I do not even know where to begin.

But that's where passages like this one from Paul to the Romans can have a calming effect. The message that Paul gives us is one of hope in the midst of despair.

We know that the Holy Spirit is always among us, and we are not alone. We know that God is present in our greatest need. This is the Good News—that even in this time of uncertainty—God is with us giving us confidence and hope.

The message is an excerpt from a [Women of the ELCA blog](#) by Jennifer Michael.

CLEGHORN HARVEST FEST

Saturday, September 12th, 2020

*For the Safety of our Community and our Attendees,
we will be offering sales of a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner as this year's event.*

Dinner Includes:

1/4 Chicken

**Chips, Pickle, Dinner Roll, Dessert
Milk or Water**

PLUS

a Chance on Winning a Door Prize

\$10

**Serving from 11am – 5pm,
or until gone.**

Drive Thru Only – Watch for Signs

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S10434 County Rd HHI
(about 6 miles south of Eau Claire)**

PRIZES!



RAFFLES!

***Proceeds will help provide food, clothing and special gift requests
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www.facebook.com/cleghornharvestfest

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NEW DATE**

Luther Park Bible Camp's

Heart for Luther Park



Join us in the new Ministry Center:

- 11:00 AM** *Come and Browse!
*Silent Auction Bidding Starts
- 11:00 AM** *Grilled Chicken Dinner
*Pie and Ice Cream *Camp Store
- 12:30 PM** **Live Auction of Quilts and Crafts**
(Silent Auction Continues)
- 3:00 PM** **Raffle Drawing**

Where Faith is Nurtured through Holy Play

**Sunday, September 27th
2020 Fundraising Event**

Event held at:

Camp's New Ministry Center
Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek
North of Chetek on Cty M
watch for the posted signs

715-859-2215

Website:

www.lutherpark.org



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(Based on Women of the Bible)

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