

Worship in the Park

By the time you read this, we will have had the opportunity to celebrate at least 3 worship services up in Olson Park under the new pavilion.

If you aren't yet aware, our project the past couple years has been to renovate and restore Olson Park to make it a place where the people of Pleasant Valley and the surrounding community can gather together. We strive to be an open and welcoming community and believe that offering green space for people to gather and celebrate life's joys is just what our community needs.

We started with clearing out overgrown brush, mowing the lawn, and opening up the hill to an incredible view of the valley.

Next, with the help of an incredibly generous financial gift, we began the work of putting up a pavilion near the south-west corner of the park. Plans were made, help was enlisted, and the pavilion was completed, including the roof and poured concrete.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the men and women who made this project possible.

Certainly, we could not have done this project without the many hands that went to work from financial gift, to planning, to clearing, to building, and everything in between.

Now, these plans were set in motion long before anyone had ever heard of COVID-19. But what a gift this has been! As we continue to move into the future together as a congregation, it is our intention to hold weekly outdoor worship up in the park.

So bring a lawn chair. Bring your coffee. Bring a snack. Bring the whole family and come out to Olson Park every Sunday at 9am for outdoor worship followed by a time of fellowship together.

The Park is prepared. The view is fantastic. And the company is even better.

We look forward to seeing you there as we come together and give thanks to God for all we have been blessed with at Pleasant Valley.

Peace,

Pr. JonPaul

The meeting was called to order by President Kuehl at 10:05 a.m. Pastor JonPaul led us in a devotional prayer.

Non-agenda - none

Reports

The secretary's report was read by the Council members. Correction; the Council Retreat on August 14 will begin at 9 a.m. and go to noon or 1 o'clock. It will be at Steph's house. We will have a pot luck lunch.

The treasurer's report was read by the Council members. The Olson Park project is not over budget. There is \$177 still in the account. We sent \$150 to Luther Park for the campers this year. The mission offering of \$222.00 was collected for Justin Frederickson, the Cornell firefighter that was wounded in the line of duty. We ended the month \$1,528.38 in the red.

The Pastor's report was read by the Council members. Kim and Steph will take care of worship on May 30 when Pastor is not at church. There will be no communion on May 30. Ellery Kuehl's baptism will be on June 27. For the Annual Meeting, we will announce to bring lawn chairs so we can sit outside in the park.

The reports were accepted with a motion from John. Second from Roxie. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

Education – nothing new

Property – The cement floor for the shelter will be poured on Saturday, May 8. The cost will be approximately \$2,000. The pads around the border will be poured later. That cost will be approximately \$1,200. We will use donations to pay for the cement.

We still need to put power up to the Park. The committee is still weighing the options as to whether we will put the power in or have Eau Claire Energy Cooperative put it in. (We will have trouble getting wire, due to high cost and availability, whereas the electric company will likely have it more readily available to them.) The cost for the power has not been added to the monies we will need.

The property line on the far side of the cemetery is being contested – the 20-foot strip inside the fence. We have the deed for the land to the fence from 1967. We will look at retaining a lawyer to handle this, rather than having various people talking to the person contesting the land. Pastor will check with the Synod and Randy will check with Thrivent; both to see if there is a lawyer well versed in land contestations. Once we retain a lawyer, all members will be required to go through the lawyer.

Worship – The Annual Meeting is planned for May 16. We will plan on having it in Olson Park. We will suggest that people bring lawn chairs. We will need people there at 8:30 to help Dave set up for the gathering.

Roxie will need to have the books audited before the annual report is printed. Randy and John will do this after the meeting.

We have quite a few coral-colored Thrivent shirts to give away. We will put them out Sunday for folks to take. Any left will be taken to King's Closet. Randy will check with Paul Dean, from Thrivent, to make sure this is OK.

New Business

The flower beds in front of the church have been cleaned up. Thanks, Sharon and Roxie!

Cleghorn Fest is being planned for this year, September 11. We will plan on having two booths. Kim and Dave and John and Ruth will handle this. Pastor will contact the organizers to see if they want us to lead the Sunday worship.

Mission offering – May – Luther Park

June – King's Closet, free clothing for those in need, on Barstow Street in Eau Claire

Other

The members of the Praise Team received a thank you from the CVCTF for their volunteering at the prison. We will need an orientation refresher to return to volunteering there, when they go back to "normal" business. We haven't talked about when the Praise Team will continue "as normal."

We have graduate; Brennan VanLandingham. We will plan a graduate recognition. I will check to see if Teagan Erickson is also graduating. We will see if Crystal can make quilts for them.

Next meeting – June 6th

Ruth moved to adjourn at 11:11. Second by Randy. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Poore

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Poore

Addenda:

The treasurer's reports have been audited.

Crystal has been contacted. She will make the quilts for 2 graduates; Teagan Erickson and Brennan VanLandingham. She is also making quilts for 2 more baptisms.

The concrete will be poured on May 15, rather than May 8 as stated during the meeting.

Next meeting will be June 6, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers' Report

Summary of Offering and Expenses

	Offering	Misc.	Income	Expenses
Y-T-D	\$18,593.07	\$92.12	\$20,050.97	
Mar	\$3,657.00	\$0.00	\$4,376.87	
Apr	\$4,291.58	\$0.00	\$3,574.12	
May	\$3,528.49	\$0.00	\$3,365.90	
(thru 5/23)				

Year to date the offering is less than expenses by \$1,365.78.

Mission Offerings:

March – Ruby's Pantry - \$377.00

April – Justin Fredrickson/Cornell Firefighter - \$222.00

Memorials:

Olson Park Pavilion

In memory of Susie Sands, from Dave & Kim Vlcek

Building/Furnace Fund

In memory of Susie Sands, from Dale & Sharon Anderson

In memory of Susie Sands, from Randy & Kay Sands

In memory of Arlene Prissel, from Dale & Sharon Anderson

In memory of Arlene Prissel, from Larry & Crystal Sands

Cemetery Association

In memory of Henrietta Bauer, from Greg & Roxie Ulness

To be determined

In memory of Henrietta Bauer, from family of Henrietta

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

Sunday School

None; summer break

Luther Park Bible Camp

There is still time to go to camp. Brochures are online or at the church.

Summer Camp is almost here! Please keep the camp counselors in your prayers as they enter into their second week of training and preparation for summer camp. We are very excited to begin our summer camp season and hope you will join us! Openings are still available.

Summer camp will be underway by June 13, included our campers in your prayers also.

A week at camp may be one of the most effective forms of Christian nurture that a church can provide.

Praise Team News (we finally have some!!)

Members of the praise team are in the process of renewing their orientation training and updating forms required for volunteering at Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility. The chaplain has indicated we may be able to resume leading worship there in July.

August Women's Retreat

For 2021, the Women of the ELCA Chippewa Valley (CV) Conference has invited the Dairyland and Lake Superior Conferences to attend the CV retreat at Luther Park in Chetek on August 18-19. The CV Conference has a great program planned for the two-day event. A flyer/registration form is included in this newsletter. The Dairyland/Lake Superior Conferences decided to postpone their joint retreat until August 2022 due to continuing health concerns. Contact Kim Vlcek at vlcekk@yahoo.com for more information.

Cleghorn Harvest Fest

Pleasant Valley will have a booth at the Cleghorn Harvest Fest on September 11. We will have free games and prizes for kids, and information about our church and our fall bazaar. Contact Ruth Poore (poorerm@gmail.com) or Kim Vlcek (vlcekk@yahoo.com) to volunteer to help with the booth.

Congratulation!

2021 High School Graduates!

Teagan Erickson

Brennan VanLandingham

Welcome to the Family of God

Baptism for Reilly May Hoverson

Ellery Kuehl

Cemetery Association

We are looking for donation to help cover the cost of cutting the cemetery. We rely on memorial and donation greatly. Cost is \$150,00 per week and last year it was cut 17 times. Thank you. Contact Dick and or Monica Bahr, Larry Sands, or Dale Anderson with any questions.

TEXTS FOR JUNE

All services will be Drive-in unless you are notified

Second Sunday after Pentecost – 6th

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Third Sunday after Pentecost - 13th

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- 20th

Father's Day

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – 27th

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 or
Lamentations 3:21-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



“They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your
countenance.” Psalms 89:15

“Where it’s always bright”

By the light of the Psalms by Chris Shea



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Here is our Prayer Concern list:

The Family of Janice Teigen - passed on to be
with the Lord on this past Tuesday

Sharon Hazen – she is home

Missy – friend of Kari’s; has pancreatic cancer

Troy Gilbertson - good test results

Kari Karnatz - healing

Teresa Edison- is doing the second round of chemo

Loris Anderson – Sharon’s Mom, hospitalized
having several issues

Maureen Kuhn - Kay’s sister-in-law – strength and
healing. She is in Rochester has had the second
stem cell transplant, will be staying there about 4
weeks

Catherine Erickson – pancreatic cancer

Emily Horban - Cathy Winger’s mom- living with
dementia, healing after her hip surgery

Martha McCourt – Marianna’s mother, living with
dementia

Henry Karnatz – Kari’s dad, living with dementia,

Holly Poore – teaching English and Spanish in
Thailand

Shelby Hill and family - missionaries living in
France

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

The 2021 Graduates

All our service men and women:

Alex Bauer stationed in England

Brendan Poore - deployed to Somalia

Inmates at CVCTF – and their Chaplin

All those missing a loved one

Those on our visiting list: Bob Dutter & Gary and
Sharon Hazen

Summer Book Reads from the Northwest Synod

Hello friends,

During the summer months we hope you'll join us for some great reading and thoughtful conversation as we dive into three good books.

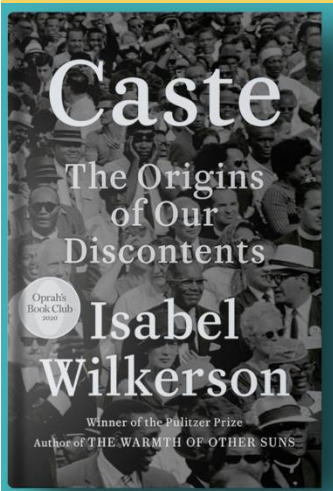
We will gather each month to discuss what we read. Each conversation will be facilitated by someone new. Details can be found below and on the synod website.

Happy reading!

God and the Gay Christian
By Matthew Vines

June 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Lead by Deacon David Behling

Join via Zoom [HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 940 4563 9838
Password: 736532



Caste
By Isabel Wilkerson

July 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Lead by Rev. Erin Nelson

Join via Zoom [HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 924 8150 0732
Password: 987490

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference

2021 RETREAT at Luther Park Bible Camp

944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek, WI 54728 www.LutherPark.org

August 18-19, 2021

Presenters: Wednesday – Cathy Jenson, Reverse side for more info

Worship service will be held on Wednesday



Thursday – Deb Gilbertson, Reverse side for more info



Music with Dottie Hayden

Early Bird Registration \$65 by 7/31/21. \$70 after 8/1/21.

Make Check payable to WELCA

Registration: Wed. 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. in the new Ministry Center (lunch will be on your own) OR Thurs. 7:30 A.M. New member orientation will be at 12:15 Wed in the Ministry Center.

Each person must fill out a form and prepay. All rooms are handicapped accessible.

A free will offering will be taken. Please return this form with your check by 8/01/2021. Retreat begins at 12:30 P.M. on Wed. 8/18/21 & concludes at 3 P.M. on Thurs. 8/19/21. One day is \$35.

Please bring: personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, Bible, pens, swimsuit, snacks, spending money.

-----PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED-----

Make Check Payable to WELCA

Send to following address with registration

Eileen Christopherson
E9941 630th Ave
Elk Mound, WI 54739

Any questions call: Phyllis Grohn at 715-836-7055

Jacki Johnson at 715-864-1489

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Church and City _____

Cost Wed Only (Program and Dinner) \$35 _____ Thur Only (Lunch) \$35 _____

Both days (3 meals and lodging) \$65 _____ \$70 after 8/1 _____

Total enclosed _____ Special Diet _____ Check if 1st time retreat _____



Deb is a retired nurse. She is a twin, a cancer survivor and has been a speaker on various topics for many years. In her forties, she also received a BA degree in Psychology. Deb tends to look at life and aging in a humorous manner. She loves the Lord and is grateful for renewal with forgiveness.



Cathy's joy in life is infectious. She views life experiences as God's teaching ground, and uses them as a testimony of His faithfulness. She lives in Elk Mound, Wi with her husband of over 20 years. They have four daughters – two who are in college, and two that live at home. Cathy is passionate about teaching, mission work, and helping others both personally and professionally.



They will have an assortment of Bibles, gifts, apparel, boxed cards, pens, and fun stuff for both days of our retreat. It's always a great selection! 😊

Free will offering will be taken and will be going to:

½ WELCA

¼ Luther Park

¼ Feed My People Food Bank

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

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