

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 31st, 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

Blessing Pr. JonPaul

### **Did You Know**

#### **A little history of Pleasant Valley**

June 2 1882 – first meeting about building a Church

1883- First Service

1926- Raised the church to put in the basement

1950- added electric lights

1960- added Sunday School addition

1982- celebrated 100 years

2006- added new handicap expectable entrance

2013- added the lift

March, 2020- closed doors to inside worshipping

(Was in Pastor JonPaul's sermon a few weeks ago)

## Treasurer's Report

### Summary of Offering and Expenses

	Offering	Misc. Income	Expenses
Y-T-D	\$21,466.92	\$92.12	\$24,494.88
July	\$3,126.00	\$0.00	\$3,472.90
August	\$4,598.10	\$0.00	\$4,378.65
Sept (thru 9/19)	\$2,631.06	\$0.00	\$3,248.09

Offering Under Expenses – Month July – (\$346.90)  
Offering Over Expenses – Month August – \$219.45  
Offering Under Expense – Month Sept – (\$617.03)  
Y-T-D Offering Under Expenses – (\$3,300.12)

### Mission Offerings:

July – Eleva Strum Backpack Lunch  
Program - \$251.00  
August – Mondovi Backpack Lunch  
Program - \$255.00

### Memorials:

#### Building/Furnace Fund:

In memory of Ronnie Anderson, nephew &  
Kim Hodges, niece, from Dale & Sharon Anderson  
In memory of Jim & Janice Teigen, from  
Jeff Teigen

### Cemetery Association:

In memory of Anna Trullinger, from James  
Wilson, Janice Wilson & Debbie & Pete Rostad

### General Fund

In memory of Pam Hoverson on her 60<sup>th</sup>  
birthday, From Roxie Ulness

### Olson Park Pavilion Fund

From Gary & Irene Isaacson in honor of  
their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Respectfully submitted:

Roxie Ulness, Treasurer

## **Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church Council**

Minutes

September 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by  
President Stephanie Kuehl. Pastor led us in a  
devotional prayer.

The secretary's report was read by members.  
The treasurer's report was read by members. For  
the month of August, we are in the black by  
\$219.45. Year-to-date we are in the red by  
\$2,683.09. The Mission Offering for the month of  
July, sent to Eleva/Strum backpack lunch program,  
was \$251. For the month of August, the Mission  
Offering to the Mondovi backpack lunch program  
was \$255. The Pastor's report was oral. Pastor  
performed a baptism for a baby of non-members.  
September 12 will be rally Sunday for Sunday  
School. We will continue outdoor services until the  
weather no longer allows that.

There was a motion from John to accept the  
reports. Second from Courtney. Motion carried.

We will have 2 booths at Cleghorn Fest on  
Saturday, September 11. The bazaar raffle tickets  
will be made to sell at the Fest. We have a quilt, a  
half hog, and a face cord of firewood to put on the  
raffle ticket. We have another 2 quilts to sell  
outright. We plan on taking the 2 quilts to Cleghorn  
to offer for sale at \$200 each. Crystal has also made  
an ottoman, called a pouf, to sell, and also to take  
orders for. The poufs will be ready for Christmas, if  
not before. All proceeds on the ottoman will go to  
Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church.

**Education** – The Sunday school rally day is  
going to be on September 12. There will be no  
meal. Pastor may use the computer in place of the  
TV, or he may not use the televised portion.  
Courtney will contact the parents of all children  
eligible for Sunday School. Masks will be optional  
during the class.

**Worship** – We will plan the bazaar at the  
end of the meeting.

**Property** – We have no information of the  
cost of putting power up to the park by a private  
contractor.

Since LED lights have come way down in  
price, when they no longer work, all fluorescent  
bulbs will be replaced with LED bulbs. We are also  
going to find one bulb that will fit in all the globe  
lights, and one that will fit in all the exit lights,

making the chore of buying and finding a light bulb much easier. Ruth will check on the cost of recycling the 4' fluorescent bulbs in the basement.

Cortney has brought a water cooler for the basement. We need to find a bottle that fits, so we can refill it as needed. We will also need to find small paper cups to use with the dispenser. We talked about getting a water dispenser for upstairs. That is put on hold until we are back in the church.

**Praise Team** – The Praise Team will be leading the songs for the service during the bazaar. They will then continue to lead the music on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, starting at the end of October, and as weather permits.

**Mission Sundays** –  
September – Catholic Charities – Afghan refugees

October – Hurricane Ida victims

November – Mondovi Food Pantry

December – Feed My People

Next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 28, at 6 p.m.

**BAZAAR**

We discussed the fall bazaar, which will be held on October 3. The worship will be at 10 a.m. The Praise Team will provide music during the worship. We will do the whole bazaar in Olson Park. We will have raffle tickets and a chicken dinner for sale during the bazaar. We will forego the basket raffle and bake sale, due to the pandemic.

Randy will get a Thrivent Seed Card for the event. Roxie has designed the flyers and I will get 50 of them printed. I will ask Dave if we can use one of his canopies for food prep. The raffle tickets will be \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. We will not staple the tickets into books.

The menu will be barbequed chicken, potato chips, pickles, a bun and butter, a fruit cup, and dessert. There will be milk and water as well. We are going to have as much pre-packaged food as we can, due to the pandemic. The cost will be \$10. The chicken dinner will be served in to-go containers.

Our next meeting, September 28, will be at least started in Olson Park so we can plan for traffic

flow. We will have cones and/or flags available for traffic flow.

At 7:58 p.m. a motion was made to close the meeting by Ruth. Seconded by Cortney. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Poore, Council secretary

Members present: Pastor JonPaul Dragseth, Roxie Ulness, John Poore, Stephanie Kuehl, Cortney Sands, Randy Sands, and Ruth Poore.

**Praise Team News**

The praise team will play in worship at Pleasant Valley on October 3, 24 and 31. The team will lead worship at the Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility on October 24 and 31. Practices are being held at the church on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. It's going to be a busy month for the band so please pray that everyone stays healthy!

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“I will lift up mine eyes to the hills.” Psalms 121:1

“I love how you change the colors  
This time of year!”

By the light of the Psalms by Chris Shea

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**Thank you:**

We are so grateful to your church members for their continued support of the Mondovi Elementary Backpack Program. Your Mission Sunday donation of \$255.00 is much appreciated and your prayers equally so. Thank you, thank you!!

~Mondovi Backpack  
Program

## TEXTS FOR OCTOBER

*All services will be up in Olson Park,  
unless you are notified,  
Drive-in style,  
you can bring a lawn chair if you wish.*

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost- 10<sup>th</sup>**

Amos 5:6-7,10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – 17<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – 24<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

### **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – 31<sup>st</sup>**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34



## **IN NEED OF PRAYER**

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

#### **The Family of Catherine Erickson**

**Deb-** Nate Kuehl's mother recovering from Covid

**Nate and Ethan Kuehl** – recovering from Covid

**Deb Sorenson** - recovering from Covid; friend of Kim Vlcek's

**Alice Kleist** - Art's Mother-in-law; under home care; healing for a brain bleed from a fall

**Missy** – friend of Kari's; has pancreatic cancer

**Troy Gilbertson** - strengthening

**Kari Karnatz** - healing

**Gwen Chubb** – Monica's cousin - out of remission starting chemo again. Lives in Otsego, Minnesota

**Teresa Edison**- had last chemo treatment; healing

**Emily Horban** - Cathy Winger's mom- living with dementia

**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

#### **All our service men and women:**

**Alex Bauer** stationed in England

**Inmates at CVCTF** – and their Chaplain

**All those who are missing a loved one**

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

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

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# Fall Bazaar



Worship in the Park at

10:00

Charcoal Chicken

Dinner to go

Begins at 11:00

Raffles

Fall is Here!



Pleasant  
Valley



Newsletter  
2021



Reformation  
Sunday

Reformation Day

Happy  
Halloween

