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*Sharing God's love
for 175 years
and counting...*



News & Views

January 2020

HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4



From The Reverends Nowak

And Now, on to Year 176!

Folks, wow, we sure went BIG for our 175th year of ministry in Indianapolis! Not only did we celebrate in worship and feasting, but in service!

So. Much. Service!!!

And, we really did it! We took on A LOT, but we were able to do all we set out to do, as well as many of our “usual” activities throughout the year. Whew!

But now, it's 2020. It's our 176th year of ministry in Indianapolis now. Many of the projects we set out to do last year were only short-term and are now completed. Yes, our relationship with our refugee family will probably continue for a while; we still need to bless and deliver our diapers...but that's about it!

So folks, what's next? We know we're capable and joyful servants of God here at Pleasant View. Looking back at the last year, we can see some activities that were definitely supported more strongly by the congregation than others. So, we can work with our strengths and where our energy and excitement is to amp those kinds of activities up. But, perhaps there's more? Something else? Even, another way to share God's love with our world?

It's a fresh start for us. It's year 176. And, that's very good. We shouldn't be doing the same exact things each year. God is always calling us towards the new! Calling us away from death into life; refreshing us in the new creation that God is always busy forming even here, around us.

So, let's get excited; get creative; get thinking and planning... and get moving!

Peace be with you,

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob





The close of one decade and the beginning of a new one. The new year makes for a timely topic. (Sorry for the pun.) We are reminded of the passing of time once again. All events from the past year/decade are revisited whether good or bad, pleasant or painful, meaningful or useless. One of our “things” to do at the end of the year is to gather and organize pictures taken during the year and print out a few for a photo album. (For the record, we still like to have “real” pictures that we can print out, and not have them only on a computer or phone where they are easily forgotten.) The pictures chosen are often those big events that happened during the year. Family gatherings, trips, sports or major events are often the pictures we choose to keep in our hard copy album. There are far more pictures where the event didn’t make the cut. These are the times that didn’t register with me as meaningful at first.

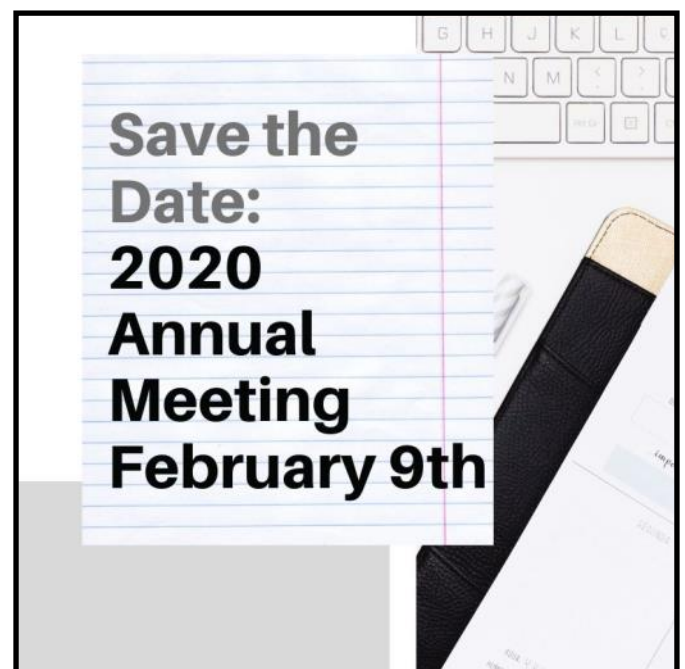
This effort of deciding whether to keep or pass over these times from the past year made me think that I might want to look harder at those times I don’t see as significant and effectively discard. The moment may mean something different for others or me as I further reflect. As I get older, small moments that I once dismissed are becoming more meaningful. In the new year, I’m going to attempt to be more sensitive to all moments since they have the possibility of being special. Sometimes we just need to look a little harder to see the meaning. I look forward to all the moments to come with all of you and our neighbors of PVLC. Here’s to all our special moments of 2020!

In Christian love,

Jon

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart;
yet no one can fathom what God has done
from beginning to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11





January 2020	1/5	Intergenerational – Jon Parker DBSA – Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
	1/12	Sunday School – All Ages
	1/19	No Sunday school I CAN service
	1/26	Sunday School – All Ages
February 2020	2/2	Intergenerational - Denise Jones CICOA-private, not-for-profit organization serving seniors, people with disabilities, and their caregivers
	2/9	Sunday School – All Ages
	2/16	No Sunday school - I CAN Sunday
	2/23	Sunday School – All Ages



We invite you to join us and make a difference. We have a few Sundays available in March and April for teachers in the youngest group among us. Consider signing up for one Sunday and spend some time with our charming group of young members at PVLC.

We have been hearing from various groups in Indiana as we continue to explore
"Who is our neighbor?"

In January, we are not looking outside of our doors. This month we have invited one of our community members who has been sharing our space. Jon Parker, the co-facilitator for the DBSA group which meets weekly at our church will be speaking with us about his work in the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance and mental health. Join us at 10am on January 5th for our 1st Intergenerational Sunday School of 2020! Love your neighbor!



YOUR LETTERS TO CONGRESS ARE HELPING THE HUNGRY OF THE WORLD

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Bread for the World Offering of Letters. Pleasant View was one of 45 Indiana congregations to send over 4500 letters to our 11 members of Congress, and the majority of them heard you!

Representatives Brooks, Carson, Walorski, and Pence along with both Senators Braun and Young have agreed to cosponsor the Global Nutrition Resolution.

If you are up to sending another letter, thank them with an email and urge them to follow through by increasing the funding for global nutrition to \$150 million.

We will again participate with Bread for the World's Offering of Letters later in the Spring. Watch for information and be ready to help those neighbors both near and far!



Coming this Jan/Feb!

We had so much fun at the last one, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited for another "hang-out" in the Youth Room. We'll play some games, eat food, talk, maybe watch a movie, and probably do other cool stuff. Feel free to bring any games you really love, video, board, card...or other? Watch out for an email from Pr Sarah soon to set a date!



January Sunday Worship

5th	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
12th	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 pm	Second Sunday Service at Traditions at North Willow
19th	10:00 am	I CAN Service in Fellowship Hall
26th	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall

PEOPLE, WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

We have collected all

175 +

packages of diapers for Lutheran Child & Family Services
in celebration of our 175th Anniversary!

We will bless our mountain of diapers before sending them on their way during the January 19th I Can Worship Service!



PVLC Christmas “Adopt-A-Family” Project Summary

On behalf of the Outreach Team, I'd like to extend a big “Thank You” to the entire PVLC and Latvian Lutheran congregation for your generosity in providing \$1,100 in gift cards for our “Adopt-A-Family” project during the Christmas season. For the fourth consecutive year, we sponsored the nine youth from Trinity House. Trinity House is a ministry sponsored by Lutheran Child and Family Services, which assists teenage boys with their transition from Lutherwood to adult life. Included in that transition are job training, mental health services, education, and transportation assistance. Additionally, this year we added gift tags for our refugee family we are sponsoring from the Democratic Republic of the Congo in association with Exodus Refugee Services.

On Monday, December 23, the gifts were delivered to LCFS. The reaction from the LCFS staff was one of overwhelming appreciation – priceless to witness!

God Bless one and all!

Dave Henkel



Advent & Christmas Together



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Council Meeting Minutes December 2019

PVLC Virtual Council Meeting

12/16/2019

Virtual Meeting was initiated by Pr. Sarah to all council members when originally scheduled meeting was canceled due to the weather. The following are responses from those who participated: Alan Z., Amber S., David H.; Jane B., Kimberly K., Margaret S., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N.; Sonia S., Karen M.

Agenda

- 2020 Budget discussion and approval
- Committee Reports

Reports

A. Pastor's Report- Pr. Sarah

- Pastors on vacation Dec. 25- Jan 1,
- Pastor Lazdins will lead worship on 12/29, which will be a lessons and carols service at 9am in the sanctuary, readers will be needed

B. Outreach – Dave H.

- There are A LOT (like 20ish) of tags still on the Giving Tree. Is anyone able to take more? Should we try to shuffle around what we get so everyone gets something, just not as much as we planned?

*This has been resolved and delivered to Trinity House.

C. Finance - Jane B./Tom M./Kim K.

- 2020 Budget discussion. Kim K. and Pr. Sarah N. provided the current version of the 2020 budget. Discussion on faith budget amount.
 - a) Kim K - please note the actual column is through the end of October. It does not include November or December. With all the increases we do have quite the faith budget for next year which is a change from the last couple years.

• 2020 Budget Vote:

- i. Jane B. motioned to accept proposed 2020 budget
- ii. Second - Sonia S.
- iii. All in favor: 8
- iv. No response: 5
- v. More than ½ of council therefore approved proposed 2020 budget

D. Treasurer - Tom M.

- Tom will be gone for about 10 days starting tomorrow (Dec 17th). He has asked Karen to watch the Treasurer's desk in his absence.
- Current Balance: \$74,076.

E. Vice President/Staffing - Alan Z.

- Council members are reviewing child protection policy and harassment policy — meeting to discuss soon

F. Education - Margaret S.

- Children's program is completed with a late start but it's all okay.
- January - Jon Parker will join us on the 5th at 10am to talk about mental health and DBSA meeting here at PVLC
- Will have to get plan together for background checks for teachers - ideas are welcome.
- February - Denise Jones from CICOA
- March - 1st Sunday in Lent...possibly bake communion bread for Easter celebration.
- April or May- Offering of Letters possibly (April will be the Spring Break transition so it isn't preferred to bring in guests to speak...ideas are also welcome)
- Sign ups for teachers are going okay:
- Open Sundays - March 8th - Abram's Call, March 22nd - Pool of Siloam and April 28th - Road to Emmaus

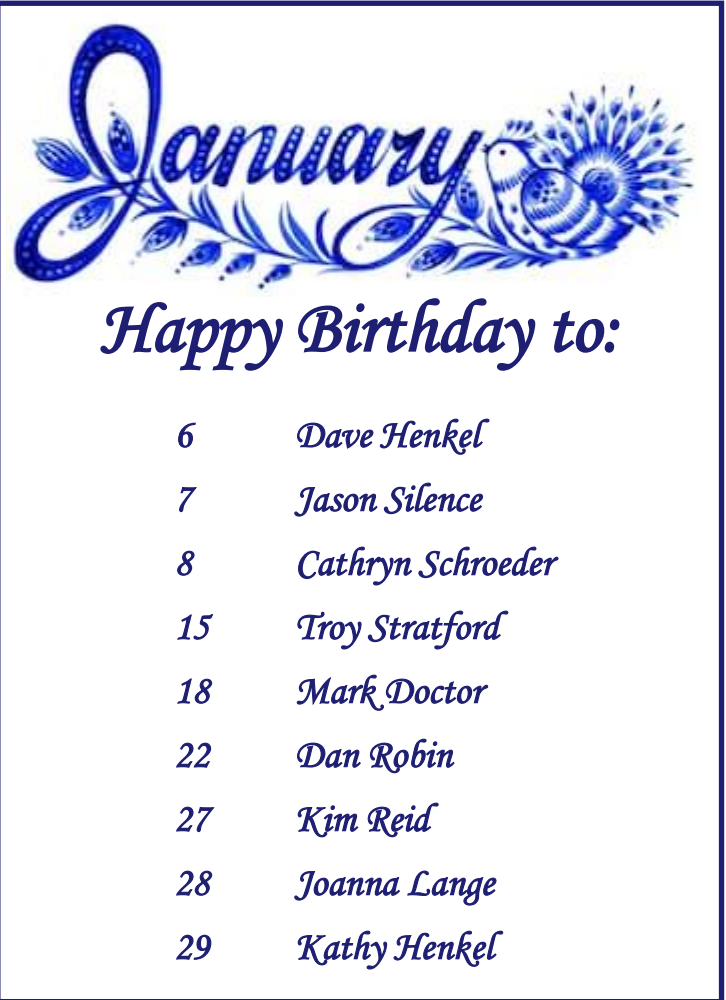
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- Last Day of Sunday School May 3rd (1st week in May)
- Will talk with Kathleen as time nears regarding the status of Confirmation classes
- When are the congregational work group reports needed?
Kim K: At Jan. 20th meeting

Newsletter: Sunday Dec 29th @ midnight
– send to Karen M.

Virtual Meeting ended when reports were due on Sunday Dec 29th, 2019.

Next meeting:
Monday January 20th @ 6:30pm



December Attendance & Giving			
Date	Attendance		Giving
12/1	10	20	\$4950.93
12/8 (Concert)	~100		Counted with 12/15
12/14 (Greens)	26		--
12/15	38		\$22,220.01
12/20 (Blue)	8		--
12/22	19		\$6,150.00
12/24 (Eve)	~50		\$2,001.00

PVLC - Master

Jan 2020 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
PVLC Pastors Off			6:30pm - WT Practice	9am - Quilting Group 10am - ELCA Retired Men		8pm - A.A
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am - GRACE Service 10am - Intergen. Sunday 11am - ALIVE Service 11am - Latvian Service 12pm - Latvian 12pm - PVLC Xmas Clean	*Dave Henkel* 6:30pm - DBSA 7:30pm - Resolution	*Jason Silence* 8:30am - ACH Spanish 10:20am - ACH Yoga 7pm - NAMI Connection	*Cathryn Schroeder* 9am - ACH School Tour 6pm - ACH Brd Mtg 6:30pm - Latvian Board 6:30pm - WT Practice	8:30am - ACH Spanish 9am - Quilting Group 10am - ELCA Retired Men	7:30am - ACH Staff Mtg 5:30pm - ACH Movie	8pm - A.A
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - GRACE Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - ALIVE Service 11am - Latvian Service 12pm - Latvian 3pm - Second Sunday	9am - Embroidery Guild 1pm - ACH Music 6:30pm - DBSA 7:30pm - Resolution	8:30am - ACH Spanish 10:20am - ACH Yoga 7pm - NAMI Connection 7pm - NAMI Support	*Troy Stratford* 6:30pm - WT Practice	8:30am - ACH Spanish 9am - Quilting Group 10am - ELCA Retired Men 5pm - ACH Parent		*Mark Doctor* 8pm - A.A
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am - PVLC I Can 11am - Latvian Service 12pm - Latvian	6:30pm - DBSA 6:30pm - PVLC Council 7:30pm - Resolution	8:30am - ACH Spanish 10:20am - ACH Yoga 7pm - NAMI Connection	*Dan Robin* 6:30pm - WT Practice	8:30am - ACH Spanish 9am - Quilting Group 10am - ELCA Retired Men	11:30am - ACH Staff 3pm - ACH Robotics	8pm - A.A
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9am - GRACE Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - ALIVE Service 11am - Latvian Service 12pm - Latvian	*Kim Reid* 9am - ACH Chess 1pm - ACH Music 6:30pm - DBSA 6:30pm - Financial Audit 7:30pm - Resolution	*Joanna Lange* 8:30am - ACH Spanish 10:20am - ACH Yoga 7pm - NAMI Connection	*Kathy Henkel* 6:30pm - WT Practice	8:30am - ACH Spanish 9am - Quilting Group 10am - ELCA Retired Men		