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PLEASANT VIEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH



News & Views

February 2020



Ash Wednesday February 26

Worship in the Sanctuary, 7pm

Can't come to the evening worship service?
You can visit Pastor Sarah in the church office
between 10am and 4pm to receive your ashes!

Can't get to the church?
Call or email Pastor Sarah at 317-253-0872 or
prsarah@pvlcelca.org to schedule a time for her
to come to you!





From The Reverends Nowak

Why Worship?

Silly question, right? We're a church; worship is just what we do... it's what we've always done!

It seems so simple that sometimes it goes overlooked, but, as a church, our *primary* act is to worship together. Yes we are also called to service, education, evangelism, and other very good things, but primarily, we worship! And, yes, those other things can be more exciting, and maybe even more life-giving to you than the repetition of weekly worship, especially if you sometimes feel you "don't get anything out of it." Or, if on a given Sunday, the service is in a style or at a time that you personally aren't a fan of. But, there is no better way to feed, encourage, and inspire those other actions of the church than be in weekly worship together. But, why? What's so special about doing worship together every single week?

- *Sunday*: The day of the resurrection of our Lord; the "first day of the week." Every Sunday is a "mini Easter" celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, even the Sundays in Lent!

- *Morning*: The timing of worship happening near dawn is, again, in celebration and remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus—when the female disciples went to the tomb in the early morning to discover that Jesus was not there and went running to tell the rest of the disciples!

- *Gather—Word—Meal—Send Pattern*: The first half, the "Gather & Word," has roots in early Jewish synagogue services where readings would be shared and an interpretation offered, much like our reading(s) and sermon.

The "Meal" & "Send" part, is from Jesus' command and promises regarding the Lord's Supper, loving our neighbors, and sharing the good news and love of God with all.

Now, of course worship can happen anytime, any day, in so many different ways. But, these three mentioned aspects mark super-important pieces of our shared faith: the Resurrection of Jesus, sharing that good news with others in word and deed, grounding our beliefs and actions in scripture, and the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion to nourish our faith and send us on our way.

And you know what? All of these things occur no matter what kind of service we happen to have and when it happens to be! Now, all of our life journeys are different, and we may come to worship each Sunday each seeking something different; each feeling that we are in need of something particular. And, perhaps you leave feeling that you have received it, and perhaps you don't always. And, that's certainly hard if you feel that you haven't received what you needed from your church. But, you never, ever truly leave here empty. You will ALWAYS be reminded of God's great love and promises for you. You will always be reminded of Jesus' resurrection and the new life that means for you and all the world. And, (since we do celebrate Holy Communion weekly here) you will never leave without the physical sign *in your very own stomach* of these very promises and more. You literally never leave here empty!

Sure, you might not personally be a fan of the music, or a particular prayer, or how something was done, or a particular part of the sermon. But, never let those pieces distract you from God's presence among us, taking pleasure in the worship we are able to offer together, and sharing God's love within all gathered. You don't want to miss out on that, do you?

See you Sundays!

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob



It is nearly time for our Congregational Annual Meeting. This time in our church calendar provides us the opportunity to share and reflect on the work of PVLC over the past year. It is also a time where we can give thanks for the hard work and continued service of those in our congregation. One activity during this time is changing the members of our church council. Some of the council members have met their constitution limits, and we need new volunteers to assume leadership roles. Thanks to those who have helped over many years. Serving Christ is very apparent in our congregation.

As we reflect on the past year and look forward to the future, we realize that time goes by very quickly. For example, does it seem as if the 175th Anniversary celebration was a year ago? We blink, a year goes by, and suddenly we realize a great deal has happened and changes have occurred. I hope that we can see change as another way of fulfilling our call where our church involves different people to lead, uses different means of getting the work done, and adapts to the ever changing needs of our neighbors. I hope we can see change as a gift, to enable other pathways in how we serve.

Peace and Blessings,

Jon

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2

February Worship

2nd	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
9th	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	<i>Lunch and Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall</i>
	3:00 pm	Second Sunday Service at Traditions at North Willow
16th	10:00 am	I CAN Service in Fellowship Hall
23rd	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
26th	7:00 pm	<i>Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary</i>

IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT SONIA -
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ANNUAL MEETING & MEAL

FOLLOWING WORSHIP AT 11AM

Feb. 9th
12:00

HAM & CHEESY POTATOES
AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED.
BRING A SALAD, SIDE DISH,
OR DESSERT TO SHARE. IF
YOU CANNOT BRING A DISH,
PLEASE PLAN TO EAT
ANYWAY, WE ALWAYS
HAVE PLENTY!!





At the end of this month, we will observe Ash Wednesday and begin Lent.

This year, for our Wednesday Soup Suppers, we will be taking up a question that Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is asking all ELCA congregations to consider: *By being a church, what can the ELCA uniquely offer to the world?* Over five weeks, beginning on March 5, we will work through “Claimed, Gathered, Sent: A Guide for Conversation.”

Bishop Eaton hopes that the guide will help us deepen our awareness of the ELCA’s relationship with other members of the global church; build excitement about vocations in daily life and our callings to God; guide us to seek out to more faithfully live out our callings in daily life; and envision ways PVLC can reach out to serve our neighbors and the world.

During the first four weeks, we will focus on:

- We are church
- We are Lutheran
- We a church together
- We are church for the sake of the world

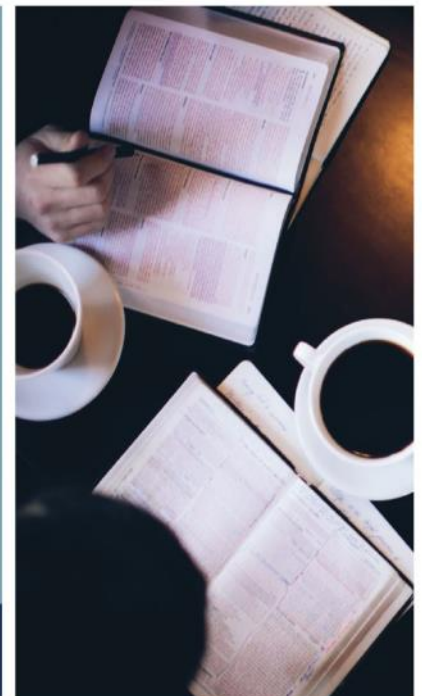
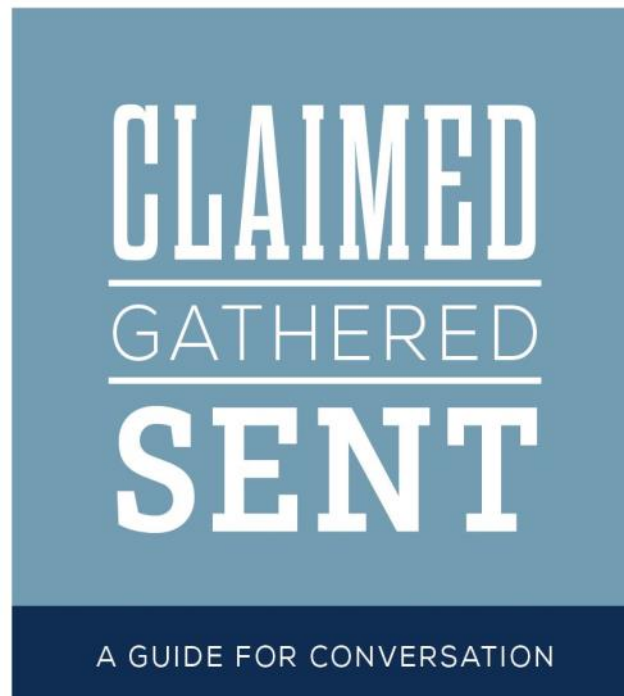
For the fifth week, we will discuss the ELCA’s global and ecumenical partners, particularly the Lutheran World Federation.

Each week, there will be time for reflection, conversation and discernment about what church means today. Through this, the goal is to strengthen the ministry of PVLC and the ELCA as a whole.

While Pastors Bob and Sarah will be participating in these conversations, the Worship Committee is looking for congregation volunteers to lead the conversations. It won’t be hard, I promise!

Please let me know if you are interested in leading one of the weeks. And of course, I invite you all to attend ... even if you can’t bring a soup to share.

We’ll begin eating around 5:45pm, but come whenever you can. The conversations will begin around 6:30pm.





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
March 2020	3/1	Intergenerational – Baking Communion Bread 1 st Sunday in Lent
	3/8	Sunday School – All Ages
	3/15	No Sunday school - I CAN Sunday
	3/22	Sunday School – All Ages
	3/29	Sunday School – All Ages

CICOA joined us in September to train us to be Dementia friendly, and now on February 2nd (aka Groundhogs Day) you can find out what other good things are happening with our neighbors at CICOA. Denise Jones will be talking about her work with CICOA.

CICOA's mission is to empower older adults, those of any age with a disability, and their caregivers. They provide support, services and innovative answers to your questions to achieve the greatest possible independence, dignity and quality of life. Find out what they are doing and how they might assist your needs as well as what we can do to continue to show mercy and compassion to our neighbors. As always, remember to

love your neighbor!

**Join us on
Sundays at 10 am
between GRACE
and ALIVE!**

**Come and see
what we have
planned for you –
no matter what
your age is!**

Youth Hang-Out

Saturday, Feb. 1, 6pm

Since we had so much fun last time, we're going to do it again!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited for some hang-out time 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 friends that might want to join us! Parents are welcome to stay and join in or drop-off. Contact Pr. Sarah with any questions.



I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

-Ephesians 3:19



**WE DID IT!
DIAPERS DELIVERED!**

175 *Thank you!*

We collected 183 packs of diapers for
Lutheran Child and Family Services in
celebration of our 175th Anniversary!



Blessed

Council Meeting Minutes December 2019

PVLC Council Meeting 01/20/20120

Present: Alan Z., Amber S., Jane B., Jennifer M., Jon S., Kimberly K., Margaret S., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N.; Robert K., Sonia S., Tom M.

I. Devotions - Psalm 40 - Sharing God

II. Good News and Gratitude

- Delivering the remainder of the diaper donation soon
- First day at new job for Amber
- Advent season went well
- Christmas Eve beautiful service
- Hanging of the greens was good
- Decoration and Take Down went fast
- Trinity tree donations happened well
- Children's Christmas Program and gift bags
- Exodus Refugee support has been wonderful

Agenda— Jon S.

- Year end reports
- Council Structure thinking ahead

III. Committee's Report

A. Pastor's Report - Pr. Sarah

- Feb 1st - youth hang out
- Suggestion: Do we want to do something similar to Trunk or Treat for Easter? Easter egg hunt? Bring ideas to next meeting
- Church Directory review
- Motion: Pr. Sarah N. moved to move Judy Silence to inactive member; and Jim Eaton transfer to Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert, CA
 - Second: Robert K
 - All in favor - unanimous
 - All opposed - none
- Letter to congregation regarding annual meeting, work on with Jon
- Madeline maternity leave plans

B. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Sunday Feb 9th - Annual Meeting - congregation bring sides and desserts. The rest provided by committee
- Annual Picnic in August dates

C. Worship - Jennifer M.

- Lent discussion
- Soup Suppers and discussion of theme
- Sunday Feb 9th Annual Meeting, one service at 11am

D. Vice President- Alan Z.

- Brainstorming and discussion of changing of the committee/council structure
- Discussed the concerns of terminology in the constitution and supporting clauses and bylaws
- Re-open the opportunity of having a church manager; someone who is on site to manage the building and could also support administrative tasks
- Evaluating the number of council members required
- Remember to keep the number odd
- Discussion about term limits
- Is there a proposal? No, not at this time because we are brainstorming; adding onto the constitution group to support the restructure
- Recommendation made to provide information at the annual meeting
- Review of financial officers
- Nominating committee has 2 people to join council so far

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

- Audit on 1/27
- Beginning to work with software company in regards to new finance program

- No extra money to move to maintenance fund; but maintenance reserve fund did grow
- Current Checking Acct Balance: \$67,179
- Endowment donation review and proposal-
- Trinity Haven
- Grace Unlimited

F. Facilities - Robert K.

- Kitchen cabinet space discussion
- Proposal to move ACH from the small kitchen to the larger kitchen in agreed upon designated space
- When is ACH contract up for review?
- Sink in the sacristy, remove water heater
- HVAC updates
- Parking lot repair - compiling data to get on schedule for spring
- Work days to be scheduled soon to work on the list of installation of items

G. Outreach - Dave H.

- Gift Tree for Trinity House was a success
- Exodus refugee visit update
- Exodus Support: Approaching the end of the 6 month support pledge
- Suggestion: Easter baskets for Trinity house residents

H. Annual Meeting Awards Nominations - Jon S.

Newsletter: Jan 27th @ midnight deadline

Motion to adjourn: Pr. Bob N.

Second: Alan Z.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting:
Monday Feb 17th @ 6:30pm



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Jim Eaton

7 Kim Kernodle

8 Amy Crispen

8 Lylah Nowak

10 Jim Morgan

25 Janet Williams

January Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance		Giving
1/5	18	29	\$2847.20
1/12	16	35	\$2059.25
1/19	29		\$4188.00
1/26	14	30	\$1840.00