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News & Views

March 2020

## Lent

Midweek Meals & Conversation

Wednesdays March 4-April 1, 5:45pm

## Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service, April 9, 7pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 10, 7pm

## Easter

Resurrection of Our Lord Worship, April 12, 10am



**Everyone is welcome here!**



## From The Reverends Nowak

### *“What does this mean?”*

Ah, that famous question from the Small Catechism of Martin Luther. Following this question we know there will be a more lengthy explanation of a commandment, petition of the Lord’s Prayer, or creed. More lengthy, but also more helpful; clarifying what these ancient writings mean to us who are now living in the light and life of the resurrected Christ many, many years later. (Even though Luther’s work is now roughly 500 years old!)

*What is this? So what? What difference does it make?* This is the lens through which we should look at all scripture. Telling stories of the past and remembering together as a Christian community is cool, but...so what? What difference does it make, really? What difference does it make that Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness? What differences does it make that Jesus talked with a Samaritan woman at a well? What differences does it make that Lazarus was raised from the dead?

I think we can all agree that these make pretty cool stories, but...*so what?*

In our preaching for Lent this year, we hope to be like Martin Luther and dive into the answer to, “What does this mean?” for the Gospel readings. Each week until Palm Sunday, the Gospel readings can be seen as stories of great change, and ultimately the change is a gift from God in all cases. Before we get to the great change of resurrection at Easter, we’ll look at all of these other blessings of change from God and what difference these can make to us today. Perhaps God is calling you to change or be changed in some way? Or perhaps all of us as a community? The important thing is not to run from the change, but towards it, knowing that is where we will find our Beloved Savior. You may ask yourself: *What does this mean?* Luckily, you’re not alone in answering that question. We’ve got this together!

See you Sunday!

*Pr Sarah & Pr Bob*

We are  
Changed by “yes” and “no”  
Changed by faith  
Changed by encounter  
Changed by grace  
Changed by love

Changed by God.

Lent 2020 @ PVLC





Each month we all receive this newsletter to help share information of the church, address important issues, educate our members, hear reflections of our pastors and much more. This information is important to the life of the church and just one more way we can be part of the call to serve others. The problem for me and likely many of you, is that we are inundated with waves of information. The many avenues of how we receive information are jammed full of “stuff”. It is easy to become overwhelmed and unable to discern what is relevant and what is unimportant. We need to know what is considered the grain and what is the chaff.

As one of many contributors to the newsletter, I would say it is all relevant and we should read every word. Right?! However, after you have read the newsletter, there is still massive information that requires your attention to process. Lately, I've been pointed to resources which basically say, “Stop It”! We can be our own worst enemy in trying to read, respond, share and retain the firehose of (mostly electronic) information in our lives. While we need to live in the modern world, we can still use the basics of face to face conversations, mutual support and engaged relationships to communicate and get things done. Technology is a useful tool, but we still need to see the value of being present and available for those around us who might need our help.

So next time you see me with my face in my phone, feel free to tap me on the shoulder and say, “Be Present!”

Peace all,

*Jon*

*Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.*

*Celebrating our Members!*

YOUTH OF THE YEAR: LAUREN STOLZ

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: JANE BIRD

CHURCH PERSON OF THE YEAR:

ROBERT KERNODLE



## Wednesday Soup Suppers

Claimed, Gathered, Sent:  
A Guide for Conversation



- 3/4 We are church
- 3/11 We are Lutheran
- 3/18 We are church together
- 3/25 We are church for the sake of the world
- 4/1 What difference do we make?

We'll begin eating around 5:45pm, conversations will begin around 6:30pm. This study is appropriate for individuals, families, & all ages, so all are welcome!

## March Worship

1st	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
8th	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
15th	10:00 am	I CAN Service in Fellowship Hall
22nd	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
29th	9:00 am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall



*Help beautify our  
worship space for the  
Celebration of our  
Savior's Resurrection!*

## **Order Easter Lilies!**

**Order an Easter lily (or more!) to share with the congregation on Easter Sunday, April 12. The cost is \$6.00 each. Please fill out this form and return with your payment.**

**Check payable to: Pleasant View Lutheran Church**

**Mark check with: "Easter Lilies"**

**Mail to the church or drop your check and order in the offering plate on Sunday.**

**Order and payment deadline: Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**Plants should be taken home following the 10am Easter Service on April 12.**

**How many Easter lilies? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total \$ amount (quantity x \$6 each): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please indicate *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* the following person(s):**

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March 2020	3/1	Intergenerational – Baking Communion Bread 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
April 2020	4/5	Intergenerational – Holy Week Activities Palm Sunday
	4/12	No Sunday school– EASTER
	4/19	No Sunday School - I CAN Sunday
	4/26	Sunday School – All Ages

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!

Join us on March 1<sup>st</sup> as Pastor Sarah leads us into Lent by baking Communion Bread for our intergenerational meeting in March. “Lent” originally was a secular word with its origins traced to an Old English word *lencten* related to “lengthen”. It referred to the lengthening of days, which simply was the season of spring. Time to be penitent in the church fell during the springtime in Europe and “Lent” became synonymous with this time. The official Latin title was “*quadragesima*” which literally translated to the “40<sup>th</sup> day”. This 40 days before Easter was the period of preparation before Jesus’s Passion, death and resurrection. Considering these words let us remember that Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. And we are inviting you to begin the season by baking the bread which symbolizes love and grace in Communion with the Lord.

As always, remember to

**love your neighbor!**

# Youth Hang-Out

Saturday, March 14, 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, and just...hang out!

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.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

## CULTIVATING COMMON GROUND TO END HUNGER

Sat, March 21, 2020  
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Second Presbyterian Church  
7700 North Meridian Street

Please join us Saturday March 21st in Indianapolis for our Spring Gathering and Offering of Letters Workshop!

We are excited to welcome **Jeremy Everett** as our keynote speaker. A member of the National Commission on Hunger and the director of the Texas Hunger Initiative, Jeremy is the author of the book, *I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis*. From organic farming and community organizing to public policy influencing, he says he's learned, "how working together and cultivating trust is the best way to find solutions."

## PVLC Facilities Work Nights Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Please consider joining us on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30pm as we work together on various projects around the facility. All skill levels are welcome to lend a hand.



## Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

*Sunday, February 9th, 2020*

Devotion – Pastor Sarah Nowak

Establishment of a Quorum: yes

26 voting members

### Special Recognitions

- Youth of the Year: Lauren Stolz
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Jane Bird
- Church Person of the Year: Robert Kernodle
- Recognition of outgoing Council Members: David Henkel, Margaret Stratford, Kim Kernodle, and Robert Kernodle

### Action Agenda

Approval of Minutes - Feb 2019 Annual Mtg.

Motion: Robert K.

Second: Jane B.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

### Election of New Council Members

Notes: New members Bob Stratford, Jane Bird, Kathy Henkel, Mary Swallender starting June 1<sup>st</sup>

Motion: Chris L

Second: Janet W.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

### Elect Synod Assembly Representatives

Motion to vote for Karen Myers and Mike Bird and council can make changes or additions to elected Synod assembly representatives.

Motion: Alan Z.

Second: Kathy H.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

Note: Opening for 1 youth still can be filled

## Approval of Endowment Committee Interest Distribution

Notes:

\$2,100 (\$1,050 per group)

Trinity Haven-LGBTQ youth housing  
Grace Unlimited – Butler university campus ministry. Pr. Sarah explained the ministry

Motion to approve the two above to receive the endowment interest distribution.

Motion: Jane B.

Second: Sonia S.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

## Approval of 2020 Congregational Budget

Discussion:

Question: Disability insurance went down, correct?

Answer: Yes that is correct. Health Insurance is higher due change of plan. Clarity was provided on type of insurance.

Motion to approve the proposed 2020 Congregation budget.

Motion: Robert K.

Second: Jennifer H.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

## Information Items

### *Constitution Update*

There is progress with reviewing and updating the constitution and supporting documents. The current plan is to have it ready for final vote at Feb 2021 Congregational Meeting.



Review of current structure and a possible future structure. This information was provided in a power point presentation.

The advised structure presented reduction of council members from 14 to 7. This structure better represents our current number of members.

Members who have been reviewing constitution: Alan Z., Janet W., Luke H., and Pr. Sarah All are welcome to participate and contribute to the changes.

## Discussion

Question: Update to constitution, will there be updates to bylaws and resolutions and other supporting documents?

Answer: Yes all is being reviewed, updated to provide consistency between documents.

Question: How do we make updates concerning our committees?

Example: Memorial committee has a couple of updates they would like to present.

Answer: Contact the writing committee. All are welcome to assist with the update process.

Question: Can committee member working under the lead committee member, come to council on behalf of their committee, in regards to new structure?

Answer: Yes they can report but they will not be able to vote because they would not be a council member

Question: The Financial Chair is not considered an officer under new structure?

Answer: Open to discussion and know this is officer position will need closer consideration in order to remove from the structure. In regards to Synod guides, this office is not required to be a member of council.

Question: Target date this year to have the final draft to provide to synod to have by congregation Feb 2021?

Answer: Congregation will have time to review and Synod will review. Goal is to send a closely completed document to Synod in 2020.

Plan: Two votes format

- First presented to congregation August 2020 and first vote once reviewed by Synod
- Final congregational vote is planned to be at the Congregational Meeting Feb 2021.

Question: Council officer cannot be part of the committees, is this correct?

Answer: No they can still be involved to assist with the committee. They do not have to lead committee to be on council.

## Consent Agenda

The agenda includes reports from the Pastor, the Officers, and Committees.

Notes: Kristi G.: Report from Memorial Committee: If there are needs, committees which to purchase items, please keep the memorial committee in mind.

## Adjourn

Motion: Chris

Second: Jane W.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

Closing: Lord's Prayer

## PVLC Council Meeting 02/17/2020

Present: Amber S., Jane B., Jennifer M., Jon S., Karen M., Margaret S., Mary S., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N.; Bob S., Sonia S., and Tom M.

I. Devotion: 1 John 2: Show my love to your neighbors

### II. Good News and Gratitude

- Congregational annual meeting decoration and meal
- Annual meeting went very well
- Mary S. & Bob S. joining first council meeting
- Mary's trip to Arizona went well
- Karen is feeling better
- CICOA class went very well
- Youth hang out went SUPER!
- New Alive set up is good

### III. Committee's Report

#### A. Pastor's Report - Pr. Sarah

- Youth hang out went well, expanding, and schedule future activities
- Constitution is moving slowly due to weather cancellation
- Discussion about how to present the changes to congregation and council
- Harassment/Child Protection Policy Review
- Theme for Lent: Changed By God
- Pastor Schedule for week of Feb 17
- Synod Assembly Registration
- Wednesday Lent Bible Study – need 3 more leaders
- Facility Tuesday work days - 630-830pm
- Easter Egg Hunt brainstorming led to changing to late spring event due to scheduling conflicts. Discussed joining with other organizations for an event (e.g. SHARP; ACH.)

#### B. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Preparing for soup suppers
- Signup sheet for soup and sides

#### C. Worship - Jennifer M.

- Ash Wednesday Service
- Wednesday Lent study set
- Maundy Thursday – encourage congregates before the end of service to assist in stripping the altar
- Palm Sunday – eco-friendly Palms and will add additional information in regard to how we are helping our neighbor by purchasing from this distributor.
- Summer schedule – discussion about having single 10am service
- Presented plan for making more joined services possible in sanctuary
- Annual Picnic August 30<sup>th</sup> discussion

#### D. President- Jon S.

- Motion: Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, Financial Secretary will remain vacant and to re-appoint Tom Mueller as Financial Treasurer.  
Motion: Pr. Sarah N.  
Second: Jennifer M.  
All in favor: unanimous  
All opposed: none
- Facility update:
  - Parking lot: complete review of all the quotes that are comparable in order to get added to spring schedule.
  - Will the tenants be contributing?  
They have all contributed in the past generously. We are open to their generosity if they can contribute. Plan is to keep moving forward.

- Kitchen changes are going well and areas are labeled clearly
- Outreach –Wheeler Mission for Women’s Shelter – date coming soon



- 1 Karen Myers
- 4 Sarah Nowak
- 6 Jennifer Morlan
- 6 Kelsey Stolz
- 11 Keith Johns
- 20 Katherine Shella
- 25 Will Stolz
- 26 Kathleen Leander
- 26 Rick Baldwin
- 27 Alex Lafuse

**E. Finance - Jane B./Tom M.**

- Audit on 1/27 was stupendous!
- Changing Shelby to user friendly system
  - Looking into new computers to support new system
- Current balance: \$65,192
- Disbursement checks have been sent out to
  - Trinity Haven
  - Grace unlimited
- Raymond James Account Reestablishment

**F. Education – Margaret S.**

- March 1: Intergeneration: Pr. Sarah making bread

Newsletter: Monday Feb 24th @ midnight deadline

Motion to adjourn: Jane B

Second: Jennifer M.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting:

Monday March 16th @ 6:30pm

February Attendance & Giving			
Date	Attendance		Giving
2/2	15	24	\$5564.69
2/9	45		\$2577.45
Nursing Home	15		---
2/16	30		\$3261.67
2/23	13	24	\$2228.98