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News & Views

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JUNE CHURCH IS ZOOM CHURCH!

Log on or dial in for:

Worship

Kiddo Play Dates

Youth Hangouts

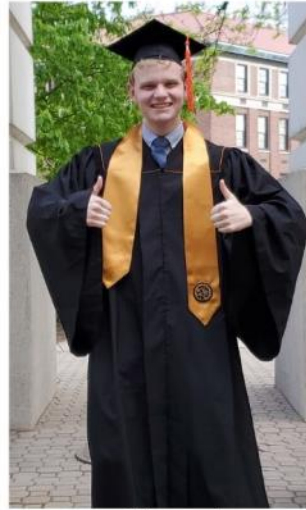
& Quarantine Quandaries discussion group!

All happening on Zoom!

Congrats Grads!!!



Hayley Kernodle
BS in Elementary Eudcation
IUPUI



Will Stolz
BS in Mechanical Engineering
Purdue



Zach Lafuse
High School Diploma
Will be attending Purdue to study
Construction Management
Technology



Thomas Horner
High School Diploma
Will be attending Purdue to study
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Our prayers surround you as you begin
new adventures!



From The Reverends Nowak

God is faithful.

YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW.

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS
OF MINISTRY IN INDIANAPOLIS

“God is faithful! Yesterday, today and tomorrow.” Over a year ago now, this was the truth our congregation lifted in praise as we celebrated 175 years of ministry. That celebration seems so long ago now, a completely different world and time. And yet, that very truth, that God is faithful, yesterday, today, and tomorrow has never seemed more relevant to the world around us than it does right now.

God is faithful amid this pandemic:

Through the care and concern we give for the health and well-being of our neighbor.

Through the dedication and compassion of essential workers, including doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, grocery store employees, logistic workers, etc.....

Through comfort amid the grief of lives lost and joy for those who have recovered

God is faithful, hearing the cries of God’s black children as they are silenced, oppressed, hated, feared, and continue to receive injustice.

God is faithful, even when we are separated by differences of opinion and the divisiveness that results from political allegiances.

Through all of this GOD IS STILL FAITHFUL!

God is continually faithful as the Spirit persists in moving within and among God’s beloved people and creation. Our life together, as God’s children, yes, looks very different nowadays. But God is faithful, comforting, guiding and strengthening us as we journey into new territory alongside one another. May we be gentle and compassionate toward one another in this time and always. May we honor one another’s emotional responses to our varying lived experiences. And may we trust that God is indeed at work, in new and unexpected ways now. For God is faithful! Yesterday, today, tomorrow!

Celebrating 176 years of ministry among the people of Pleasant View!

See you on Zoom!

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob



Change is constant which we are greatly reminded of over the past few months. We have changed our schedules, our social interaction, our educational systems, our work and pretty much everything from pre-COVID. These changes are often very difficult to process and we wish we can return to our old ways as soon as possible. However, it also a chance to evaluate our routines and priorities that we took for granted. While the impact of COVID-19 is devastating with loss of life, employment, and interactions with friends and family, my hope is we can look forward to a new normal – whatever that might be. Change can foster growth for PVLC as well. Our service to our neighbors can be redefined as a result of our experience of the last few months. I am looking forward to seeing how these changes happen.

Another change is in our new Council. We have a new group to take us forward and assist us all with the changes. I would like to thank Robert Kernodle, Margaret Stratford, Dave Henkel, and Kim Kernodle for their service to the congregation and the work of Christ here at PVLC. They have served well and please take a moment to thank them. Joining Council for the upcoming term will be Kathy Henkel, Bob Stratford and Mary Swallender. I'm very glad that they have offered to be council members. We are very blessed to have them on board. I personally am changing roles from president to property chair. I would like to thank everyone on council, our pastors, and our congregation for all the support over my two year term. We have a great group at PVLC and you all are amazing to see in action. I am looking forward to "seeing" you all again soon.

God bless! *Jon*

NEW PVLC CHURCH COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: ALAN ZIMMERMANN
VICE PRESIDENT: JENNIFER MORLAN
SECRETARY: AMBER STEPHON
TREASURER: TOM MUELLER

SONIA SIMMONS, HOSPITALITY
KATHY HENKEL, OUTREACH LIAISON
JANE BIRD, FINANCE
JON STOLZ, FACILITIES
KAREN MYERS, COMMUNICATIONS
BOB STRATFORD, EDUCATION
MARY SWALLENDER, MEMBER AT LARGE



As I prepare to step down from serving on PVLC church council, I wish to ask a few questions. Are you looking for a fun way to spend the 3rd Monday evening of every month? Do you want to contribute and bring new ideas to the community? May I suggest that you consider saying yes to someone later this year when you have the opportunity to be on church council?

I have enjoyed my time on the PVLC church council. The group is based on love of Our God, fellowship with our PVLC family, and reminding everyone that we are all His children! Through the Education Workgroup, I have enjoyed trying to remind us:

“Who is our Neighbor?”
“How are we Neighbors?” and
“How can we help our Neighbors?”

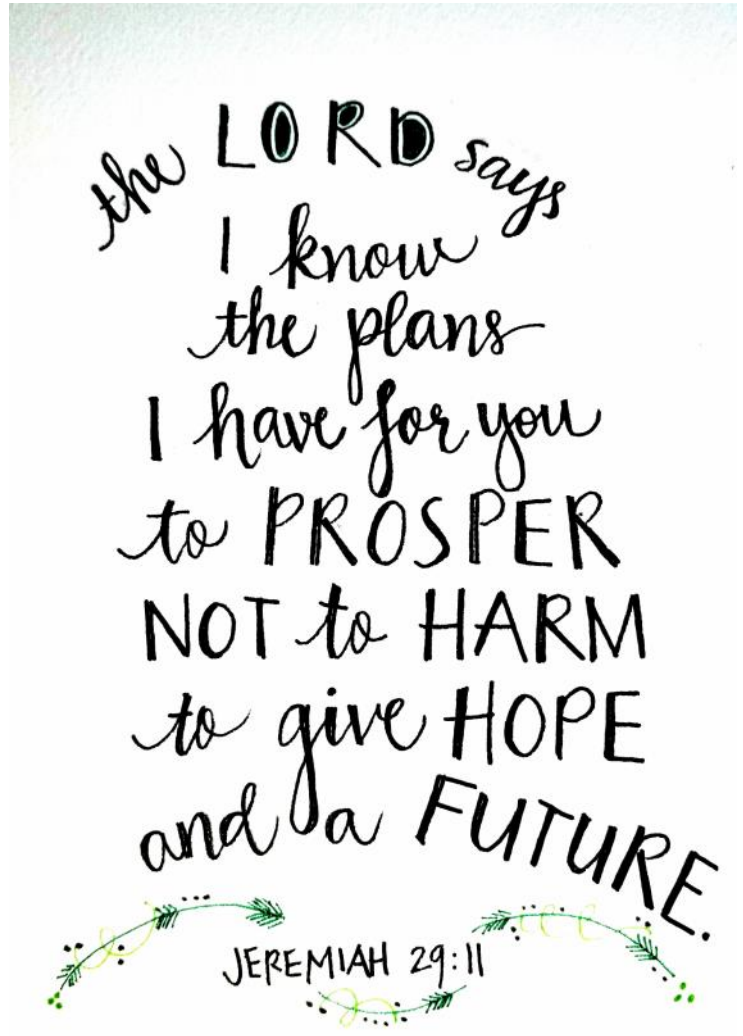
The good news is that my replacement on council and I have a close relationship. I plan to assist him to continue to follow the mission of Pleasant View Lutheran Church:

To live in Christ and share God’s love!

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved. We are a church who gathers on Zoom and hopefully we will be back to share in person to celebrate. Peace and Blessings to all!

Stay strong and healthy....

Margaret Stratford



How to Worship on Zoom

Log On or Dial-In

→Log On

If you have access to a computer or smartphone with video, microphone, and sound capabilities you can join with the Zoom program. If you do not have it downloaded to your device, you can simply go to zoom.com and click “join a meeting.”

You will need to enter the following information when prompted:

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

(This information is the same for every 10am Sunday service.)

Or, you can simply join by clicking on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/2171974317pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09>

We advise that you log on about 5 minutes before worship begins to ensure you are connected in time. You may need to wait in a “waiting room” for a bit, but we will let you in.

→Dial-In

If you cannot join with a computer or smartphone, you can still hear our service on the phone by following these directions and using the Meeting ID and Password above:

Step 1. Dial 1 929 205 6099

Step 2. When prompted to enter the meeting ID, enter on the keypad the meeting ID number listed above.

Step 3. If prompted for a host or participant ID, simply press the pound key: #

Step 4. When prompted to enter the password, enter on the keypad the password listed above.

If you're told the meeting hasn't started yet, it's best to just hang up & try again.

Get Your “Stuff” Ready

Your usual checklist for coming to worship probably involves grabbing your offering, keys, wallet/purse, phone, and perhaps coffee and trusting everything else you will need will be here. Now, preparing for worship looks a bit different:

- ⇒ Find a place in your home, yard, or car where you are free from distractions—or at least have less distractions—and access to internet or a phone
- ⇒ On Sundays when we will share Communion during our service you are invited to have bread or crackers ready as well as wine, juice, or water to use. Other Sundays we may have a Thanksgiving for Baptism and you are invited to have a bowl of water available. These things do not need to be fancy or look anything like what we use when we gather in our building. Simple items worked for Jesus and they will work for us as well!
- ⇒ Send your offerings in the mail or through our online giving portal at <http://www.pvlcelca.org/>. Yes, this does not feel the same as gathering all that we have to offer in the offering basket during the service, but we will have offering prayers occasionally in our services to remember that our gifts are still gathered, blessed, and sent for God’s Mission in the world and our local community in the same way as before!

Get Involved

There are still opportunities for you to participating in these services by being a reader, leading the prayers, leading a song, and in other ways. We would love to have you be involved—the more voices the better! Contact Pastor Sarah to get plugged in!

Invite Your friends!

We don’t share the Zoom login information very publicly to hopefully avoid “Zoom Bombers” (yes, it happens. People will join random Zoom meetings to share inappropriate content.) But, we still encourage you to privately share the login information with anyone you think may want to join in our worship.

One perk of using Zoom is that folks can worship with us from anywhere!

Local Food Pantries and Kitchens Need Your Support!

As you are able, and as the Spirit moves you, we urge you to support these local programs feeding our neighbors:

CICOA (Aging and In-Home Solutions) Donate here: <https://cicoa.org/support/donate-now/>

Pike Township Red Zone Food Pantry. Donate here: <https://pike-ef.org/give/pike-red-zone-food-pantry-donations/>

Lutheran Child and Family Services, The Sharing Place food pantry. Donate here: <http://lutheranfamily.org/donate.html>

Wheeler Mission. Donate here: <https://wheelermission.org/donate-to-wheeler/>

Crooked Creek Food Pantry. Donate here: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/donations>

Glick Neighborhood Center. Donate here: <https://www.faybiccardglickcenter.org/donate>



- 5 Thomas Horner**
- 7 Betty Lundgaard**
- 8 Lauren Stolz**
- 15 Robert Stratford**
- 23 Lewis Myers**
- 24 Mark Doctor**
- 25 Sarah Baldwin-Shatz**

| Date | Attendance |
|---|------------|
| 5/3 | 23 (Zoom) |
| 5/10 | 24 (Zoom) |
| 5/17 | 25 (Zoom) |
| 5/24 | 34 (Zoom) |
| 5/31 | 21 (Zoom) |
| 5/18 offering count: \$7987.20 (does not include online gifts) | |

PVLC Council Virtual Meeting

05/18/2020

- Present: Alan Z., Amber S., Bob S., David H., Jane B., Jennifer M., Jon S., Kim K., Karen M., Margaret S., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N., Robert S., Sonia S., Tom M.

I. Devotions, Jon S.: Working Patiently, Ps 27:7-14

II. Good News and Gratitude

- Hayley's Graduation
- The Easter song created by Robert with PVLC members
- Allie N. feeling better following COVID-19
- Kim - great job on learning new finance system
- Online worship services are going well and Thank you to Pastors for having this available weekly
- Attendance to zoom worship services trending up as members become more comfortable with using zoom software.
- Thank you to folks who have taken time to create resources to help members attend worship services

III. Agenda

- Status of items regarding COVID-19 and process moving forward for the next couple of months
- Council Officers

IV. Committees Report

A. Pastor's Report given by Pastor Sarah

- Graduate recognition discussion for Sunday May 24th; Card shower to celebrate their special moments; Slide on what the graduates and what they are planning to do next.
- Festival of Homiletics- continuing education
- Trinity Sunday June 7th – utilizing prepared service by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Easton
- Online Worship Service updates - Worship singing discussion
- Newsletter discussion

B. President - Jon S.

1) COVID-19: Updates and Discussion

a) COVID-19: PVLC Congregation:

The Next Step Discussion

- What makes worship worth it for us?
We have physical togetherness or singing but not both; full services vs. brief services
- Anyone anxious to getting back to PVLC?
- Parking lot worship service or outside service discussion
- Discussion on who would be excluded from service with changing worship to the PVLC facility
- Will we start back on Sunday June 14th? No. Based on council discussion this is more of a want than a need. Err on side of safety for now. Council consensus to keep moving forward with the online worship service. Council will continue to evaluate at each monthly council meeting.
 - Idea: send out a questionnaire to congregation to receive recommendations on the first live worship service at PVLC facility.
 - Idea: continue with the Zoom worship service during the live PVLC worship services to connect those who are unable to attend.

b) COVID-19: ACH School

- Good methods of PPE and social distancing for the returning of student's items for the end of the year
- Questioning on what PVLC guidelines are and shared spaces for next school year?
 - Mobile classroom is on hold for now due delays with COVID-19
- Facility meeting to evaluate the ACH requests for school year 2020-2021 and update to council in June's monthly council meeting
 - Custodial service discussion

c) COVID-19: Latvian Congregation

- Currently a small group is meeting at the Latvian center in cars (following guidelines)

- PVLC Pastor's have been providing ELCA / IK Synod bishop's guidelines to Pr. Lazdins
- d) COVID-19: DBSA
- June 1st in Fellowship Hall?
 - PVLC to provide our timelines and guidelines. Contact Jon P. to get his vision on how to move forward and Pr. Sarah N. will communicate the council the proposed start
- e) COVID-19: Other Groups
- PVLC will evaluate case by case and determine the guidelines.

2) Council Officers and Chairs Changes and Discussion

Council Positions:

- * **Treasure:** Tom M.
- * **Finance Chair:** Jane B.
- * **Finance Secretary:** Intentionally Vacant
- * **President:** Alan Z.
- * **Vice President:** Jennifer M.
- * **Secretary:** Amber S.
- * **At Large Member (new proposed structure position):** Mary S.
- * **Education Chair:** Bob S.
- * **Facility Chair:** Jon S.
- * **Outreach Liaison:** Kathy H.
(Dave will remain Outreach Chair)
- * **Hospitality Chair:** Sonia S.
- * **Communications Chairs:** Karen M.
- * **Worship Chair:** Jennifer M.

Motion (Robert K):

Vote on the following council members:

President: Alan Z.,

Vice President: Jennifer M.,

Secretary: Amber S.,

Treasure: Tom M. for the next term

Seconded: Sonia. S

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

- Did we already voted on financial secretary to be vacant? Yes
- Installation in June during Zoom worship service
- Discussion to understand the role of the At Large Council Member

C. Finance – Jane B./Tom M.

- Tom M – Current balance: \$55,037
- Completed the online application for the loan and have received money
 - Interest free? Yes, it is.
- Online offerings going well? Yes, Kim confirms everything is working well and offered updates.
- Kim to email new reports from the finance system

D. Education – Margaret S.

- May 29th: Bread for World Offering Letters Due
 - Is there hand delivering? No, please send email or mail out from home.

E. Outreach – David H.

- Plea to make individual donations to anywhere providing food. The need is large now. Indy Parks, 1st Baptist, Crooked Creek Food Panty, etc.
- In lieu of strawberry festival, please give to LCFS directly.

F. Facilities – Robert K.

- Landscaping – request to remove weeds around entrances
- Parking lot update – no progress due to weather

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.

Second: Alan Z.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday June 15th @ 6:30pm