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**News & Views**

**July 2020**

### **JULY 2020 EVENTS**

**Worship - every Sunday, 10am, Zoom**

- Thurs. 2nd - Quarantine Quandaries, 7pm, Zoom
- Thurs. 16th - Quarantine Quandaries, 7pm, Zoom
- 20th-24th - I-K Synod Virtual Bible School
- Tues. 21st - Kiddo Play Date, 4pm, Zoom
- Thurs. 23rd - Youth Hangout, 6:30pm, Zoom
- Thurs. 30th - Quarantine Quandaries, 7pm, Zoom

**Just ask a pastor if you want more info or logins to participate!**

# From The Reverends Nowak



Dear Church,

We're excited! Yes, even in the midst of a global pandemic, national crisis, and election year there is something to be excited about...the Holy Spirit is still working in the world, including the people of Pleasant View! God is still faithful! We are thankful for the participation of so many of you in the recent survey that we sent out to get some information before making decisions about worship and other church events at the last Council meeting. As you are (hopefully) already aware, we decided to continue to conduct worship solely on Zoom for the month of July. But, what was so exciting about that survey was the desire from so many of you to read something together this summer and have theological discussions. We think this is a fantastic idea, especially since it will not be difficult to do such a thing virtually!

The book we look forward to reading and discussing together is called "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S." It is written by Rev. Lenny Duncan who is an ELCA pastor, and yes, the ELCA is the whitest denomination in the country. We're not going to lie to you, this might be difficult to read. It not only talks about racial issues but every other "hot topic" out there. You may not agree with some of it. You may need to chew on some of the ideas for a while. You may find it "too critical" as many have. But, we encourage you all to pick up this book as you would any other book, as a conversation. And, bonus, this doesn't have to be just a conversation between you and Lenny. It will be a conversation between you, everyone in our community who want to be part of it, and Lenny. Let's do this together!

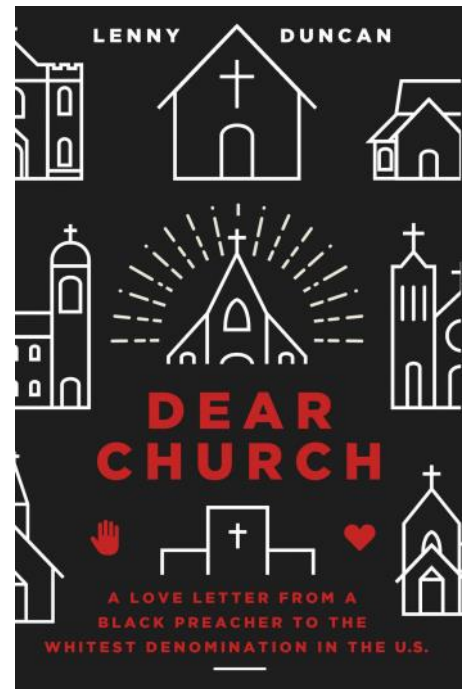
If you are interested in reading this book with the Pleasant View Community (and we hope you are!) please fill out this quick survey here: <https://forms.gle/WN5UKMx2HEDCGUNc6>

This will help us know how many copies to order and what day and time will work for the most of us to have discussions. If you cannot access the survey, just let one of us know you are interested.

If you want to order your own copy, you can from Augsburg Fortress here: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/productgroup/1106/Dear-Church>

Looking forward to reading together soon!

*Pr Sarah & Pr Bob*





Greetings fellow PVLC-ers! It's my first newsletter as council president, what a year to take over that role! It will be made easier by following Jon's leadership, by having a fine group of folks on the council, and by having 2 wonderful pastors. And of course, by our congregation.

We have enjoyed the great use of technology to continue worship and other aspects of church life during this time of limited in-person gathering. I'd like to thank all who have helped with the virtual services by providing music and readings, and the pastors for putting together a variety of materials for those with varying access to technology. Although the meeting technology we use is internet-based, several folks have successfully joined worship simply over the telephone.

Our stay-at-home order is loosened, and it did its job of saving ventilators and PPE while more were made. But we are not back to life as it was before. The novel coronavirus is still with us, still affecting lives, and we can't return to the "old normal". Thanks to all who answered the COVID-19 survey. The results made easy the council's decision to keep worship virtual through July. The results showed close to half of you are interested in in-person services, while a little more than half are fine with things as they are. But what was most clear was this, a vast majority were comfortable with extending online worship if that was best for all. It's heartwarming to see that we care for good of the whole, and not just our own preferences.

We will be watching how the disease numbers trend in the next month. And a group of volunteers will plan how we might return to in-person worship. Or, I should probably say, how to start "partial" in-person worship, as we have some members who due to age or other reasons would want to continue worshipping virtually. It is for this reason, combined with caring for the whole congregation, that decisions of when and how to return to in-person gathering are not easy. Along the way, we'll probably make a mistake or two, relying on grace to wash those mistakes away as we correct them and move forward.

If you have comments that you'd like to share with council, or would like to volunteer to help with the group working on how we'd return to in-person worship, don't hesitate to contact me (317-995-5062, [azindy@hotmail.com](mailto:azindy@hotmail.com)) or the pastors.

- Alan

DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH  
AMBITION OR CONCEIT,  
BUT IN HUMILITY REGARD  
OTHERS AS BETTER THAN  
YOURSELVES.

Philippians 2:3 (NRSV)





Greetings from the Henkel home! I, Kathy, am replacing Dave on the Leadership Team. Dave will continue to lead the Outreach Team, and I will be his liaison on church council. Our guiding principle comes from Matthew 25:40:

*“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*

We ask continued prayers for our refugee family. They do not have anyone working at this point in time. It must be so very difficult to acclimate to a new country in such an extraordinary time!

It is difficult in our isolated situation to do all of the activities that we have done, in the past, to assist those in need. We do plan to return to Wheeler to serve a meal when our volunteers are comfortable doing so. And the Crop Walk this year is virtual. We will participate, but each on our own. We will share more information in the fall.

Dave and I donate groceries weekly to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. The need is so great right now. We would encourage anyone who has the ability to donate to one of the groups listed below. Also, we did learn that The Glick Center needs volunteers. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between 12:00 and 5:00, they need 1 or 2 people to deliver donations to homes. On Tuesday and Thursday, also between 12:00 and 5:00, they need 1-3 people to help distribute donations to folks who come to the Center. They are located on 71<sup>st</sup> Street just west of Michigan Road. Give them a call if you can help: 317-293-2600.

In the meantime, stay safe and well as we navigate the coronavirus environment.

**- Kathy**

## 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>

# 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](https://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!

*Looking For something new to add to your summer reading?*

*Interested in something that addresses current events, faith and theology?*

*Here are a few recommendations from Pastors Sarah and Bob....*

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Outlaw Christian	Jacqueline A. Bussie
Love Without Limits	Jacqueline A. Bussie
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism	Robin Diangelo
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood	Trevor Noah
How To Be An Antiracist	Ibram X. Kendi
The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible, and the Journey to Belong	Karen Gonzalez
Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America	Ayaz Virji w/ Alan Eisenstock

## Want to spend more time in the Word this Summer?

- Grab your copy of "The Word in Season" devotional conveniently located in a plastic bin next to the main church doors, free and ready for you to pick-up at any time! If you would like one mailed to you we can do that too! Just ask one of the pastors.
- Check out the daily Bible readings at [pvlcelca.org](http://pvlcelca.org). These compliment what we use each week in worship.

## Celebrating 50 Years of Women's Ordination

June 29, 2020 marked the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church in America's vote in favor of the ordination of women! It is with gratitude for those who have gone before and hope for the future, we offer our thanks to God for the ministry of women. As part of this anniversary, we lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded. We also celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors.

Here at PVLC, we give our thanks for the ordination and ministry of Rev. Sarah Nowak. Her strength, wisdom, genuine care, and compassion for God's beloved people is a gift to the countless lives she has touched. So, may we give our thanks to Pastor Sarah, and all women in ministry, who by their dedication and leadership, extend the grace of God across our communities and the world!

- Pastor Bob

### **Great Job PVLC!**

Even though we had to write our letters on our own from our homes this year, we were still able to contribute 15 letters/emails for the 2020 Bread for the World Joint Ecumenical offering of letters! Our letters and emails join over 1600 from congregations all over central Indiana!

If you missed out, you can still go to <https://bread.org/2020-offering-letters> to write to our leaders on behalf of the hungry.



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.



## PVLC Council Meeting Virtual meeting 04/20/2020

Present: Alan Z., Amber S., Bob S., Jane B., Jennifer M., Jon S., Kathy H., Karen M., Pr. Bob N., Pr. Sarah N.;  
Sonia S., Tom M.

Reading: Alan Z.: God Pause: Lead on King Eternal Hymn

### Agenda

#### COVID-19 Survey Results Review and Discussion:

Q: Did the survey results appear to be more individually filled out or 1 survey completed for an entire family?

A: Mostly individual responses.

- Continuing live streaming worship service online (aka Zoom) is appropriate for this point in time
- Discussion of county trends and stages
- Live outside Council Meeting Discussion:
  - Assembling a small team to researched guidelines and incorporate in dry run zoom meeting
  - A live outside Council Meeting will become a dry run of a live outside worship service helping determine the pros/cons of having a live outside worship service, following COVID-19 restrictions.
  - This has not been schedule yet.

Q: How are cleaning supplies?

A: Charlie is doing well and had supplies needed;

#### Tenants:

- DBSA: Are they meeting? Yes
- Latvian returning: They are doing a drive-in service at the Latvian center currently. They would like to use the sanctuary and perform a full service
  - Request a written proposal from Latvian council to explain how they would plan to conduct live worship service with COVID-19 precautions
- ACH: July camp – no update so far
  - New leadership
  - Use of Fellowship Hall for social distancing
  - Cleaning service will be cleaning the high touch surfaces and will not affect Charlies employment through PVLC.

Q: Do we know plans for the fall?

A: They are waiting for guidance from the state before they move forward.

Policy updates – they will be sent out one last time to review. ( Harassment Policy and the children's protection policy)

#### I. Good News and Gratitude

- Parking Lot looks wonderful
- Welcome Madelin's and Jean-luc daughter
- Welcome Katherine's son
- Allie and Austin's Farewell was well done
- Happy to see fresh faces on joining zoom worship
- Thankful for the musicians Jennifer, Robert, Hayley, Pr. Sarah, Jerry B.
- Thank you Pastor Sarah and Bob for the words on the PVLC outside white corner sign
- Tom made it safely up north

#### II. Committee's Report

A: Pastor's Report- Pr. Sarah

- Pastor's out of office week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> week for Lylah's procedure/surgery
- Pastor's vacation - July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>
- Additional procedure for Lylah in September
- Will utilize synod sermon video's in addition to zoom worship
- Book/Bible Study – Book titled: "Dear Church" possible. In review.

B. Finance – Jane B./Tom M.

Tom M – Current balance: \$63,096 before next parking lot payment

Jane B – June offering review and review the finance report

C. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Crop Walk is virtual this year
  - We are open to participating to create team page
  - The walk itself is conducted by the participate in their own environment
- Refugee Family Update
- Encourage to donate to local pantry

D. Facility – Jon S.

- Parking Lot – Update
  - Handicap spots
  - Drainage
  - Patch work
  - Aware that the PVLC dumpster has been illegally used. Working on solution.
  - Edwards? – Not scheduled yet. Jon S. will communicate when scheduled

## E. Worship – Jennifer M.

- Jennifer is pleased with how the zoom worship service is going
- Open to doing more survey's through the year to continue to connect with the congregation spiritual needs.

## F. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Discussion about Annual Picnic
  - will check back in July Council Meeting

## G. Communications – Karen M.

Newsletter: Thursday May 25th @ midnight deadline – send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Pr. Sarah N.

Second: Kathy H.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

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

Date	Attendance
6/7	37 (Zoom)
6/14	24 (Zoom)
6/21	21 (Zoom)
6/28	23 (Zoom)
6/15 offering count: \$10,297.20 (does not include online gifts)	

# July Birthdays

- 10 David Khalenberg
- 10 Kristi Griffiths
- 11 AnnaMaria Zimmermann
- 19 Jerry Silence
- 21 Tom Mueller
- 26 Dorothy Miller
- 28 Chris Lafuse
- 30 Clinton Stephon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!