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News & Notes

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## WE'RE SPREADING GOD'S LOVE

this Lent by making Personal Care Kits for those in the poorest parts of the world.

**GIVE TODAY AT [LWR.ORG/HOPE](https://lwr.org/hope).**

A SEASON OF  
**HOPE**  
LENT

  
LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF





## From Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

### Sacrificial Giving & Works of Love

*“Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus’ passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.*

*We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God’s mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.*

*As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.”*

*(“Invitation to Lent.” ELW Leaders Edition, pg. 617)*

This “Invitation to Lent” is traditionally read on Ash Wednesday to remind those gathered in worship what this season that we are entering into together is all about – to take some time to re-direct our thinking away from ourselves and, instead, on the ways that God wishes we would think, live, and act. Often during Lent, folks, Lutheran included, pick something to give up for the season to “help” then with this task. Others, try to add something – extra Bible reading, prayer time, or reading an extra daily devotion – to their lives to help keep the focus of this season.

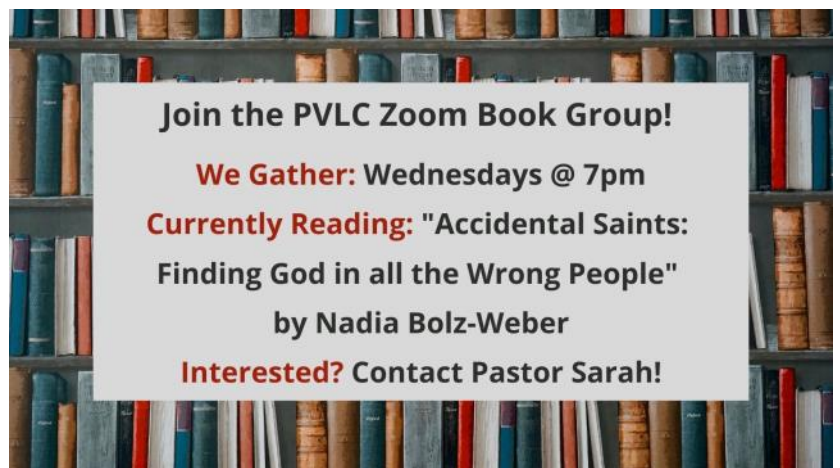
This year, we’re inviting you into a congregational Lenten disciple. A few pages away in this newsletter you’ll find some words and information from Kathy Henkel explaining that we will be creating Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief together. You are invited to bring donations to the church until Palm Sunday, when we will build the kits; bless them in our Eater worship, and then send them out into the world to help our siblings in need.

We didn’t know, when we were in the planning stages of this project, that there would be a war going on in Ukraine, and Lutheran World Relief would be helping at the boarder with humanitarian aid. That is exactly the kind of place where our kits will go.

So, this Lent, you all are invited to focus on the “Sacrificial Giving and Worlds of Love” part of this invitation especially, and be part of this effort to help our global neighbors.

Hope to see you around, in person or Zoom!

- Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob



## President's Note Jennifer Morlan Horner



Many of us enter the Lenten season feeling anxious and heart-broken over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The updates are grim: from 1 to 5 million people are expected to be displaced and seeking safety. Already hundreds of civilians, including children, have been killed. Even more upsetting are the unknowns. Will Putin stop in Ukraine? How will the U.S. and the rest of the world respond? How will our friends and family members in the military be affected? How will the U.S. economy be impacted?

Also weighing on me is the feeling of uselessness. My typical Lenten ritual of giving up a favorite food or leisure pastime feels frivolous. Making a financial donation to help relief organizations deal with the impending refugee crisis, while important, doesn't feel like enough. I realize that much of the feelings of impotence are caused by thinking of what I can do by myself.

But when I am with my Pleasant View family – and our worldwide church family – I feel emboldened. I know that together we can make a difference. We might not be the ones delivering aid, but we can help replenish the supplies. Maybe we can't help house a Ukrainian refugee family, but perhaps we will renew our efforts to help refugees through Exodus. We can continue to support the advocacy of groups such as Bread for the World to ensure systems are in place to help feed the hungry who will be affected by the war. And we can educate ourselves on what is happening. I recommend keeping up to date with [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#), which offers action steps we can take individually or as a congregation.

And we can pray:

### *A Prayer of Christian Faith for Ukraine*

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing. May our path not be one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA  
Faith Vigil for Peace in Ukraine

Thanks and blessings!

*Jennifer Morlan-Horner*

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## Greetings from Outreach!

For Lent this year we have an outreach opportunity! We are going to assemble [personal care kits](#) for Lutheran World Relief. Over the next several weeks leading up to Palm Sunday, we are going to collect the items for these kits. The items are very specific. The next page of this newsletter shows what is needed. We will also put these instructions in Sunday, March 6's bulletin. We are coordinating with the Education Committee and the Stratford's to assemble the kits on Palm Sunday. It is exciting to be able to help our neighbors around the world!

We are not sure where the kits will be sent, but rest assured they will be used somewhere as the world-wide need is great.

Dave and I are so thankful to all of you for your generosity. God bless us all to continue to be a blessing to our neighbors!

*- Kathy H.*

## Local Food Pantries and Kitchens

- Pike Township Red Zone Food Pantry. Donate here: <https://pike-ef.org/give/pike-red-zone-food-pantry-donations/>
- Wheeler Mission: <https://wheelermission.org/donate-to-wheeler/>
- Crooked Creek Food Pantry: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/donations>
- Glick Neighborhood Center: <https://www.faybiccardglickcenter.org/donate>

## Diaper Donations

Diaper donations can be dropped off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance. You can bring your diaper donations to a worship service and drop them off then.

To donate money for the purchase of diapers:

- 1) Send donation to the church office (note for "GWOH Diapers")  
or

- 2) donate directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>





## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



# PERSONAL CARE KITS

### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



- We are now back to on-site Sunday School. Praise God! Please come and join us. The adult class is led by Dave Henkel. We are discussing Luther's *Small Catechism*. A big 'thank you' to Susan and Lauren Stolz, Jennifer Morlan-Horner, and Amber Stephon for teaching the Elementary School class in February and their commitment to do so in March!
- Intergenerational Sunday School will be held on March 20th. We will be making Easter banners for display in the Sanctuary. Amber Stephon's daughters, Adele and Cici, had a lot of fun co-creating banners for the season of Lent during our most recent Intergenerational Sunday School on February 20th.
- As a reminder to you all, here are a few important points about PVLC's Sunday School program:
  - It will be held in-person so long as we are able to worship in person; otherwise, we will have school via Zoom.
  - It will immediately follow the 10:00 AM service.

**DIAPER DONATIONS** continue to be accepted. There are several ways to donate, as follows:

- You can drop diapers off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance.
- You can bring your diaper donations to worship service and drop them off.
- If you would like to donate money for the purchase of diapers:
  - \* 1) You can send your monetary donations to the church office (writing "GWOH Diapers" in the note section of your check), or
  - \* 2) you can donate diaper funds directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>.

*Margaret and Bob*

**A Message from Sparkhouse: The Youth Devo is back!**

Our popular **Youth Lenten Devotional** is coming back this year. This free daily devotional is geared specifically towards youth. These devotions follow readings from the Gospel of Luke and are accompanied by a thought-provoking photograph.

The daily devotions start Ash Wednesday and go through Easter Vigil. Devotions will be posted daily at [SparkhouseDevo.com](https://www.sparkhousedevo.com).



# Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 7pm  
Sanctuary & Zoom

&

Sundays @ 10 am  
Sanctuary & Zoom

*Masks are currently optional (but welcome) at PVLC,  
in following with the updated CDC guidance.  
If Marion County becomes a "High Risk" area,  
masks will be required in the building once again.*

Zoom link for all worship services:

[https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?](https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09)  
pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

Join by phone (audio only): +1 929 205 6099

How do I "join by phone" for a Zoom gathering?

1. Dial 1 929 205 6099
2. When prompted to enter the meeting ID, enter on the keypad the meeting ID number listed above.
3. If prompted for a host or participant ID, simply press the pound key: #
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 and try again in a few minutes.

## PVLC Council Meeting Virtual Meeting 02/21/2022

Present: Amber S, Jane B., Jennifer MH, Jon S, Karen M, Kathy H, Pr. Bob N, Sonia S, Robert S  
Guest: Janet W.

Devotion: Jennifer MH: "God Says Yes To Me" by Kaylin Haught

### Good News and Gratitude:

- Joel is back to driving and recovering well
- Jennifer MH and family made it safely to Arizona. Her aunt made it home and they can spend a week and half together with her.
- Good news on lower COVID number and getting back to in-person worship
- Purple banners look awesome and thank you for those who assisted with it.
- Great to fellowship with younger congregation members
- Lylah adding to the music to worship
- Gratitude for a successful Annual meeting
- Thank you to Pr. Sarah for taking notes and vote results
- Grace Unlimited chaplain interview at Butler went well
- Pr. Sarah N is doing a very good job leading the Grace Unlimited board meetings
- Thankful for beautiful weather on Feb 21st
- Thank you, Jon S., Pastors, and Charlie for your patience and teamwork in regards to continued maintenance on HVAC
- Jane B. thank you for your contribution to the Annual Meeting and being organized

### Lead Topics

#### 1. Covid Updates

- AA, DBSA, ELCARM all going well
- ACH – no updates

#### 2. Worship Stages

Continuing to follow the state map color

- Red: Virtual Worship
- Orange: Attending/Virtual; masks required and no singing
- Yellow: Attending/Virtual: masks required and possible singing
- Blue: Determine how to move from yellow

### Pastor's Report - Pr. Bob

- ACH Building Conversation—no updates
- Grant Fund—Wifi updates going well
- Youth Gathering has been cancelled and will return next cycle (2 years from now)
  - Refund: Yes, full refund
- Mary Swallender transferred to Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

### Committee's Reports

- Finance – Jane B./Pr. Bob
  - Balance: \$25,500
  - Offering Envelop booklets – determine if remainder should deliver or mail
  - Counters – remember to check member number if offering envelope is 2021. Member numbers have changed.
- Facility and Grounds – Jon S.
  - Edward's update: working on settling up current workorders and issues
  - Roof – Update on appraisals and insurance updates
- Outreach – Kathy H.
  - LWR- Personal hygiene kits
  - Shredding outreach brainstorming idea
  - Robert K – Kentucky donation



- Education—Bob S.
  - Updates and call for teachers
  - March 20th – Intergenerational – Easter Banners
- Hospitality—Sonia S
  - No updates until warmer weather!
- Worship – Jennifer M.
  - Update for Advent/Easter season

Newsletter: February 27th , 2022 11:59 pm deadline — send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.  
Second: Pr. Bob  
All in Favor: Unanimous  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday, March 21st , 2022 @ 6:30pm on Zoom

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## Pleasant View Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting *Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

Opening Prayer – Pastor Sarah Nowak  
Establishment of a Quorum: Yes with 25 voting members

### Special Recognitions

- Pastors: For leading us through this unprecedented time and for guiding to us. Connection with all of our congregation members and for communication with bulletin mail, emails, and social media.
- Charlie: Thank you for your dedication to help our church facility and welcoming relations with our tenants.

- Madelin, Robert, Haley, Jennifer, Jerry and volunteers. Thank you for being our musical worship through this year and for stepping up in ways to share gifts.
- Church Staff: Pr. Sarah, Pr. Bob, Charlie, and Madelin for your service to our congregation.
- Facilities: Thank you, Jon S., Pr. Bob, Charlie, Dave, and Sonia, for all your support in maintaining our place of worship.
- Sunday Schools: Margaret for the organization and forethought. For all the teachers and participants.
- Community Outreach: Thank you to the Henkel's for guiding our congregation in opportunities to help our community through local food pantry support, crop walk, and Christmas donations.
- Financial Committee: Kim K., Jane B., Tom M., and Karen M. and counters of offerings
- Newsletters: Thank you, Pastors and Karen
- Congregation: Small but Mighty! Thank you all for all you contributed to the great works of this church.
- Thank you to those who are continuing as council members. Thank you to Jennifer M. and Alan Z. for being our leaders.
- Thank you for your contribution to those who are leaving council, Jon S., Amber S., and Karen M.
- Thank you to Kathy H. for organizing and sending the Annual Meeting documents.

### Action Agenda

- Approval of 2021 Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Robert K. motion for the approval of 2021 Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes

**Motion: Robert K.**

**Second: Jane B.**

**All in favor: 23**

**All opposed: 0**

**Abstain: 2**

- **Election of New Council Members**

- Jane B. motioned the election of new council members Janet W. and Kristi G. to begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Motion: Jane. B**

**Second: Robert K.**

**All in favor: 23**

**All opposed: 0**

**Abstain: 2**

- **Elect Synod Assembly Representatives for 2022**

- Janet W. motion to vote for David H. and Karen M. to be the 2022 Synod assembly representatives.

**Motion: Janet W.**

**Second: Beverly T.**

**All in favor: 22**

**All opposed: 0**

**Abstain: 3**

**Question: David H.: When is the exact dates of the Synod Assembly?**

**Answer: Pr. Bob N: June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- **Approval of Endowment Committee Interest Distribution – Jennifer M.**

- **Discussion:**

- ♦ **Amount: \$1500 (\$750 per group)**
- ♦ **Lutheran Children and Family services – Impact program and Building Fund**
- ♦ **New Hope of Indiana – Adults with disabilities**
- ♦ **Bethlehem in New Orleans - Building fund for affordable housing**

**<https://www.gofundme.com/f/build-affordable-housing-in-new-orleans>**

- ♦ **Pr. Bob N. – Nominations were requested prior to this meeting and Endowment Group recommended LCFS – Impact program and New Hope be recipients of the endowment donation.**

**Question: What is the percentage of the endowment fund given?**

**Answer: It is some of the interest from the funds that is given.**

- ♦ **Pr. Bob N. motion to approve the two charities: LCFS – impact program and New Hope to receive the endowment interest distribution.**

**Motion: Pr. Bob N.**

**Second: Janet W.**

**All in favor: 24**

**All opposed:0**

**Abstain: 1**

- **Approval of 2022 Congregational Budget Review/Discussion–Faith Budget – Jane B.**

- **Discussion:**

- ♦ **Q: Robert K.: Income line has dropped for the Latvian Community. What is the situation?**
- ♦ **A: Pr. Sarah N.: Latvian Congregation has a contract with the Lutheran Center until June 2022. They are paying for storage and office space. Finance Committee determined the budget for the Latvian Congregation based current agreement and this carried through the year.**
- ♦ **Q: David H. What is the balance for maintenance reserve?**
- ♦ **A: Jane B: \$17,000+ is from the insurance payment for the roof**
- ♦ **Q: David H. Are the other groups going to come back?**
- ♦ **A: Pr. Sarah N: DBSA, AA, and ELCARM have returned.**

- ◆ Note: Pr. Bob N.: Waste management update – reduced costs.
- ◆ Note: Pr. Bob N: Youth gathering budget was for adults’ participation. Youth gathering has been cancelled. The \$2000 for the trip will be utilized for other church needs.
- ◆ Q: Chris L.: How much is available in the general fund?
  - ◆ A: Jane B: ~\$49,000
- ◆ Q: Kristi G.: Is the balance \$ 49,992.00?
  - ◆ A: Karen M: Yes
- ◆ Kristi G. motion to approve 2021 Congregation budget as is.
  - Motion: Kristi G.
  - Second: Robert K.
  - All in favor: 24
  - All opposed: 0
  - Abstain: 1

• Adjourn

- Motion: Chris L.
- Second: Jane B.
- All in favor: 24
- All opposed: 0
- Abstain: 1

Closing: Lord’s Prayer

Closing Levity

What is a line of rabbits walking backwards in a forest called?

*A receding hare line...*

What did the squirrel say to the other squirrel for Valentine’s day?

*I am nuts about you.*



- 1 Karen Myers
- 4 Pr. Sarah Nowak
- 6 Jenny Morlan Horner
- 6 Kelsey Stolz
- 11 Keith Johns
- 25 Will Stolz
- 26 Kathleen Leander
- 26 Rick Baldwin
- 27 Alex Lafuse
- 27 Amber Stephon

Date	Attendance
2/6	26
2/13	32
2/20	26
2/27	34
Offering: ~7,000	