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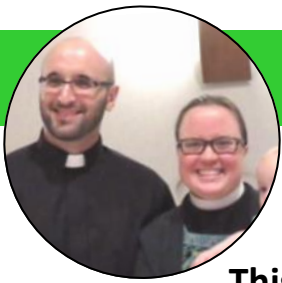


News & Views

April 2021

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!





From The Reverends Nowak

All Creation Sings!

This newsletter article may be about the new hymnal by the title *All Creation Sings...* or it may be about the season of Spring that we are now in and the joys of new life that we can hear around us... or it may be about the upcoming outdoor worship services we are looking forward to having. Hmmm, or maybe it's about all of these?

We are quite excited (or maybe just Pastor Sarah is!) to have a new hymnal to play with and begin to use when it is fitting; filled with updates to the liturgy, new prayers, and new songs to learn and love. We're glad to have another resource to refresh and bring new life into our worship as we enter this Easter Season. And, as the world around us wakes up from long winter naps, and we all begin to slowly come out of our year-long, love-driven social hibernation, we can embrace this blossoming world more fully than just watching from the windows as so many of us did last year.

And, we're quite excited to have some in-person worship opportunities to look forward to. No, don't expect us to just jump right back into what we were doing before. Unfortunately congregational singing still isn't recommended until more of the population is vaccinated and COVID-19 cases stay decreased. But we CAN have vocalists singing on behalf of all of us during our in-person gatherings. So, enjoy the familiar tunes, listen more fully to the words, take in the way that the song mixes with the sounds of the natural world around us—there is so much to do besides sing along. Use this time to discover something new!

And, we should also not be handing you the bread and the wine for Communion—we actually invite you to bring your own. (FYI, you should not be traveling with open bottles of wine. We encourage you to use juice for this!) But, again, during this time we eat not only with the congregation of gathered people and the Communion of Saints across all time and space, but also among the congregation of all of creation worshipping with us—the grass, the birds, the cars driving by, the dogs barking, all of it!

When we gather in creation, and when we wander out into it on our own, we are indeed far from alone, and it is far from barren—it is singing! Worship will continue to be different... but that's how it's supposed to be anyway! May we move into the new life that God is leading us into with joy and the enthusiasm to embrace the new!

Easter Blessings!

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob



President's Note

Alan Zimmermann

Greetings fellow PVLC-ers,

I could never be a newspaper feature writer. Last month's newsletter was the time for a "one year of the pandemic" piece. But I'm not good at writing about such an anniversary ahead of time so please allow me to reflect on a year of Covid now.

Looking back on the past year, it has been a unique one. Everyone has adjusted differently. Some do fine with online Sunday worship, some not so fine. Some churches have been starting and stopping (and re-starting, etc) indoor worship, but we've remained consistent.

When I think about limiting social contacts, one thing I've thought about recently is what the Indiana Dept of Health said last summer – that limiting COVID-19 spread makes it easier to get kids back in school. I'm afraid we really don't know yet how much the lack of in-person school has affected our youth. As schools try to get back to at least four days in person, I keep that in mind when deciding how much social contact is important to me.

One great thing about remote or recorded worship is that it makes it very easy to try out some worship services you may not have otherwise. I've been pretty regular at PVLC online services, but not everyone's service is at 10 am Eastern! I may not recall each one, but besides Lutheran services, I've attended virtual or recorded services from at least four other faiths, in at least four states.

Another plus from the pandemic has been fewer knocks on the door from various religious groups to which I have to say, "Thanks for stopping by. I'm happy with my faith life!" Let me close with an example of a good communication from one of those groups. We recently received a handwritten letter via good old US Mail from a group that usually goes door-to-door. I almost just threw it out but thought, someone took the time to write this by hand, I will read it. And I'm glad I did. It quoted a few passages about hygiene from Leviticus and Deuteronomy (which are generally very good advice). Then it said, "The Israelites benefited by following the standards set out in God's laws. And we can benefit too... by wearing your mask, washing your hands, maintaining your distance." The did say they'd love to talk in the future, but ended quickly and simply with, "Stay safe and have a nice day."

What a great way for this group to reach out and show me they love their neighbors!

Peace, *Alan Z.*

Check out the schedule of Holy Week worship services below and join in as you are able. Each of the Zoom worship services will use the Zoom login listed below. Feel free to invite friends & family! We will celebrate Holy Communion during the Maundy Thursday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday services.

Holy Week Worship

4/1 - Maundy Thursday, 7pm Zoom

4/2 - Good Friday, 7pm Zoom

4/3 - Easter Saturday
11am Outdoors @ PVLC
(weather permitting)

4/4 Easter Sunday
10am Zoom



Zoom Login and Information:

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

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

Join by phone (audio only): 888 788 0099 (toll free!)

Outdoor Easter Saturday Service & Baptism of Delaney Spears April 3rd at 11am @ PVLC

You are invited to join us for this Holy Saturday, outdoor, in-person worship opportunity where we will also celebrate the baptism of Delaney Spears and welcome Luci, Joe and Delaney into our congregation!

Since our entire congregation has not yet had the opportunity to receive Covid-19 vaccines and in an effort to maintain the health and safety of our community the following precautions are being taken:

- Masks are required and Social Distancing will still be necessary
- In the event of inclement weather, the service will be canceled.

Delaney's baptism will be recorded to be shared at a later date with the congregation.

- Please bring a chair if you are able – we will have chairs for those unable to bring their own.
- Please bring your own bread and juice for Communion- prepackaged Communion kits will be available if you are unable or forget to bring your own and still wish to participate.

PVLC Outdoor Worship Service

Saturday, April 17th @ 11:00am

You are invited to join us for this outdoor, in-person worship opportunity. Invite your friends and family! All are welcome!



In a continued effort to maintain the health & safety of our community, the following precautions are being taken:

- Masks are required and Social Distancing will still be necessary
- In the event of inclement weather, the service will be canceled.
- Please bring a chair if you are able
(We will have chairs for those unable to bring their own.)
- Please bring your own bread and juice for Communion
(Prepackaged Communion kits will be available if you are unable to bring your own and still wish to participate.)

Weekly Worship on Zoom Every Sunday @ 10:00am

We gather for Worship every Sunday at 10am on Zoom, accessible on phone, tablet, or computer. This login information stays the same for each worship service and is listed below. We celebrate Holy Communion each week. Join in from wherever you happen to be!

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317
Password: 02261844

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

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Education

Bob Stratford

Christian Education Update

- For the pre-school and elementary school ages, we continue with the virtual format. Below is the schedule for Sunday School classes through April. Thank you for volunteering to teach! There remain a few more slots

Sunday	LESSON	TEACHER
April 4	Easter Sunday NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
April 11	THE EMPTY TOMB	Susan and Lauren
April 18	THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT	
April 25	THE GREAT COMMISSION	

- Lewis Myers is the sole student in the Confirmation Class. Alan Zimmerman, our Council President, and Bob Stratford are teaching this class. We are covering the Apostle's Creed, through April 18th.
- The Adult Wednesday Book Group (Zoom at 7:00 pm) are reading and discussing, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. All are invited to join them! Contact Pastor Sarah for further details, or if you have questions.
- 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. If you would like to donate money for the purchase of diapers, you have two options: 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>.
- Bread for the World – Offering of Letters. We will once again participate in a letter writing campaign (Offering of Letters) to urge members of Congress to expand anti-hunger programs in response the pandemic, and to increase funding for nutrition programs. This letter writing campaign is organized by Bread for the World, a national organization to promote education about hunger and to proactively address it. Here is the organization's website: <https://www.bread.org/>. More information about how you, as a member of PVLC, can specifically help will come next month!

- Robert & Margaret S.

Education and Fellowship



**Feeding Our Economy:
Food Security. Good for Business.
Bread for the World - Indiana
Tuesday • April 20, 2021 • 4:30 p.m.**

*Bread for the World of
Indiana hosts a one-hour
conversation on how and why govern-
ments should invest in
accessible, equitable and
nutritious food systems.*

Speakers:

Sen. Mike Braun
Dr. Heather Eicher-Miller, Purdue University
Department of Nutrition Science
Eric Halvorson, Kroger Corporation
Michelle Hummel, Organizational Effective-
ness Consultant, former WIC staff

Tickets are free. Reservations required.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feeding-our-economy-tickets-141487076655>

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR



**FOLLOWING 10AM ZOOM
WORSHIP**



PVLC BOOK GROUP

The virtual book group will continue to meet through the month of April as we finish Barbara Brown Taylor's "An Altar in the World."
We'll meet at 7pm on Zoom on 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28.
Contact Pr sarah for more info!





Greetings from Outreach!

There are no official activities happening this month, unfortunately. However, Dave and I are hoping that someone out there has an idea for a way we can serve our neighbors. We are such a generous, loving congregation! Please let us know if you are aware of a need that we can help address. Don't feel pressured to have a plan! We can work on that together. And thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Dave and I continue to donate groceries weekly to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. We encourage any of you who can to help out our neighbors through any food bank. We will continue to publish some options. And The Glick Center always 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 71st 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 continue to navigate the coronavirus environment. We are hopeful that the numbers will continue to drop!

- *Kathy Henkel*, PVLC Outreach Team Leader

Local Food Pantries and Kitchens Need Your Support!

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



RICHARD (RICK) A. ALVIS
PRESIDENT/CEO

March 9, 2021

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for blessing those who come to Wheeler Mission searching for a helping hand and a new beginning.

Your wonderful gift of \$1,000.00 on 2/24/2021 - makes sure our most vulnerable neighbors get what they need: nourishing meals, a warm bed with a roof overhead, and Christ-centered guidance and encouragement.

Because caring friends like you support our mission, we can meet the physical and emotional needs, as well as offer life-changing programs that help the hurting get back on their feet.

Thank you for your love and compassion for those in the Indianapolis area. May you know that your kindness brings help, hope, and healing to those who need it most.

God's blessings be upon you,

Rick A. Alvis
President/CEO

Thank you!

IRS Statement: No goods or services have been provided in exchange for your contribution. The benefit to you consists solely of what the IRS considers "intangible religious benefits."

Gift to Ministry





**Ascension
St. Vincent
Foundation**

Pleasant View Lutheran Church
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March 1, 2021

Dear Thomas,

What an amazing thing you've done. We are so grateful for friends like you who've stepped up to help our community in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

You have reinforced that we are not alone in this fight with your gift of \$1,000.00 to support the COVID-19 response efforts at Ascension St. Vincent. Your gift is important and helps ensure we are prepared and ready for challenges unlike anything we've ever seen.

Thank you for being there for patients, families and those courageously serving during this crisis.

Regards,

Thank you!

Ann Haupt
Executive Director

**Please retain this letter as an additional official gift receipt for tax purposes. IRS regulations require us to inform you that you received no goods or services in return for your contribution.*

Ascension St. Vincent Foundation
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317-338-2338
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ARE YOU A DETAIL ORIENTED PERSON?
DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO GIVE?

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

The Finance work group is looking for someone to learn the accounting program, Aplos, and to begin to take over the bookkeeping duties. If you are interested in this vital position please contact Jane Bird, Finance Chair, or Kim Kernodle, Aplos Administrator.

CELEBRATING
April
BIRTHDAYS!

- 4 Chris Robin
- 7 Brendan Kernodle
- 8 Caroline Silence
- 9 Minda Hohl
- 23 Cecilia Stephon
- 26 Audrey Worrel
- 26 Jeffrey Stratford
- 29 Michael Bird
- 30 Adele Stephon
- 30 Elizabeth Silence

Date	Attendance (Zoom)
3/7	29
3/14	27
3/21	29
3/28	31
Offering (3/11 count) \$34,450.20	

Please Note: The March Council Minutes will be published along with the April Council Minutes in next month's newsletter.