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News & Notes

June 2022

Food for Thought

During the month of June, come and join Pr. Bob on Thursday evenings as we join together for food, fellowship and thoughtful conversations.

If you are interested in attending, please take a moment to fill out the following brief survey regarding availability to attend. *(This will help to plan accordingly and make reservations for the appropriate number of people.)*

We are also exploring a change in venue, so please keep your eye on the weekly announcements for that info.

Thank you in advance and as always, if you have any ideas or topics you would be interested in discussing as a group, please feel free to share them with Pr. Bob.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/2c8ZKweCxSSNMaUX8>

Thursdays in June @ 7PM
Location: TBD

***No Gathering on 6/9**



From Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

Recently at our weekly Food for Thought gatherings, Pastor Bob and the group discussed what the church's role is in society today, especially in light of recent events that impact the lives of many of God's people. Further reflecting on that discussion brings to mind Micah 6:8 which says: *"...What does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."*

There is no shortage of systemic problems in our country that have caused great harm, loss of life, division, anxiety, anger, lament and grief lately. We might feel helpless because we know that alone, we cannot adequately address these too-big issues before us.

So then, what are we to do? What is our role as the church in the midst of all of this?

Together we do justice, we love kindness and we walk humbly with our God. But what does that look like, especially in light of all that has transpired recently, including a racially-motivated shooting in Buffalo NY. and yet another school shooting, this time at Robb Elementary in Uvalde TX.

To do justice, is to look to our neighbor, to those in our communities and around the world and in appreciation, recognize the beauty, the value and worth of God's wonderfully diverse creation. It is to practice a shared compassion for others. It is to allow the Spirit to move us from our earnest prayers into action— to advocate for equality, safety, and true peace for all.

To love kindness is to allow our eyes to not be clouded over by all of the terribleness around us, to not be overcome by just how wrong the situation is, but to be able to see God still at work in the kindness of others and then celebrate that, amplify it, and participate in that kindness in the midst of disaster.

To walk humbly with our God is to accompany and journey alongside others throughout life's winding roads— through the grief and despair, through the celebrations and joys, and through the unknowns or what we ourselves do not understand. To walk humbly with our God is to walk alongside God's people and be a shoulder to lean on or cry on, an ear to listen, and voice for the poor, the oppressed and all in need.

We never endure this journey alone. Just a few weeks ago, we heard John's account of Jesus granting his followers the gift of the Holy Spirit. In gifting them the Spirit— the Holy advocate— Jesus said, "peace I give you." It is that peace, that reminds us of God's everlasting presence and love among us. From that abundant love, we too can be instruments of peace—together.

Peace be with you!

- Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob

New PVLC Council Leaders



Your PVLC Church Council:

President: Jennifer Morlan-Horner

Vice-President: Kristi Griffiths

Secretary: Susan Stolz

Treasurer: Chris Lafuse

Education: Bob Stratford

Facilities & Hospitality: Sonia Simmons

Finance: Jane Bird

Outreach: Kathy Henkel

Worship: Janet Williams

2022 Church Council

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Jennifer

Kristi

Robert

Susan

Chris

Sonia

Janet

Kathy

Bob

Sarah

Jane

As you find the names of our church council members (pastors included) in the word search, pray that God may sustain each of them in their work.

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, O God, for all who respond to the call to serve in your name. Give them joy and fulfillment, care and guidance in their tasks. Help us all to give willingly and to receive thankfully the gifts of ministry, that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Christian Education Update

- Sunday School concluded on May 1st. It will reconvene after Labor Day in September.
- “Bread for the World” letters will be delivered by Pastor Sarah this month. 25 letters were written by our members!



- 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.
or
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, 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)
 - 2) You can donate diaper funds directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>.



indiana diaper bank

- Submitted by Robert Stratford

Wheeler Mission Women’s Shelter Dinner Service



June 18th, 4-5:30pm

We’re looking for 7 people to help serve dinner together at Wheeler’s Women’s Shelter.

Sign up when you come to worship or contact Dave or Kathy Henkel (kndhenkel@gmail.com)

June 2022

Join Us For Worship!

**Sundays at 10am
Sanctuary and on Zoom**

*Masks are currently optional (but welcome) at PVLC,
in following with the updated CDC guidance.
If Marion County becomes a medium or high
risk area, masks will be required in the
building for all individuals once again.*



Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

**Join by Phone: 1 929 205 6099
(Audio Only)**

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

Coming Soon...

Summer youth hangout opportunities!

All Jr. High & High School Youth are invited to join together for some time filled with food, fun and silliness!

Some event ideas being planned include, disk golf, hiking at a local park, and making sushi together!

More details, including dates & times will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

Questions?- Contact Pr. Sarah

June Birthdays

6/5 Thomas Horner

6/7 Betty Lundgaard

6/8 Lauren Stolz

6/15 Robert Stratford

6/23 Lewis Myers

6/24 Mark Doctor



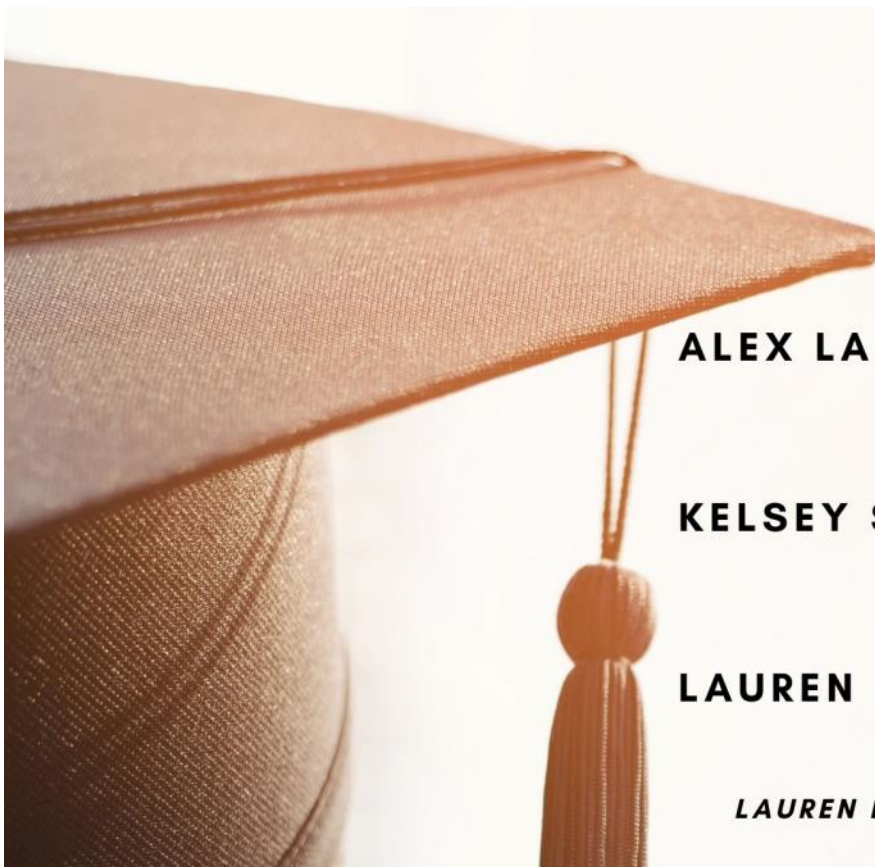
Congratulations 2022 Graduates

**ALEX LAFUSE- BACHELOR'S DEGREE
FROM PURDUE**

**KELSEY STOLZ- MASTER'S DEGREE
FROM IUPUI**

**LAUREN STOLZ- H.S. GRADUATE OF
NORTH CENTRAL**

LAUREN PLANS TO ATTEND PURDUE UNIVERSITY



PVLC Council Meeting Virtual meeting 05/16/2022

Present: *Amber S., Chris L.; Jane B.; Janet W.; Jennifer M.; Jon S.; Karen M.; Kristi G.; Pr. Sarah N.; Robert S.; Sonia, S.; Susan S.*

AGENDA

1. Devotion: Jennifer M. – Blessing for Pastors

2. Good News and Gratitude

- Thank you all for the beautiful, spiritual, and loving experience allowing me to serve as your council secretary
- Thank you blessing for the Pastors
- Alex L. graduated with his bachelors from Purdue
- Kelsey S. graduated with masters from IUPUI
- Tom H. home from the college for the summer
- Thank you for the folks that stayed to help assemble the Personal Care Kits
- The delivery of the Kits was a successful handoff
- Luke H. has been blessed with an apartment for the summer
- Janet W. has taken the opportunity to explore Europe with a multi-country adventure
- Thank the Lord for the break in the hot week
- Janet W. will be completing her final week at Franklin and asks us to pray for her students to pass their final exam
- 25 letters were written to support the bread for the world – great job!

3. Lead Topics

Facility - Work Group update

■ Realtor Progress:

- Gordon Henry:
 - Commercial relator and has experience with working with Lutheran Family and Child services
 - No fees for service unless sale is made

■ Next Steps:

- Realtor to determine fair value for the facility and continue to gather info.

- Work Group is to begin the congregation survey process to gather perspective from PVLC members and develop PVLC planning moving forward.

■ Discussion/Q&A:

- Will questions about our core mission be part of the survey? Yes
- How did PVLC get connected with interested buyer in the first place? They found us
- Are the options for PVLC to establish childcare/adult care programs or host another church, utilizing the space, viable options at this point? Discussion: concern that additional costs would be needed
- What is the timeline to have the appraisal completed? Gordan will come up with a broker estimation value based on comparison of similar buildings and repairs needed. Official appraisal is an added cost.
- Where is interested buyer in their timeline to purchase? They are in the process in interviewing realtors.
- Why are we working so much on selling? There have been several great ideas presented, however the ideas presented require additional costs to start up or only replace, not provide path to be sustainable.
- What are the Latvians plans? They are currently at the Latvian Center and assessing their options
- ACH contract is complete May 2023 – Does interested buyer need to make a decision by fall? Yes, with Gordan involved, interested buyer will be notified and that will get things moving more.
- Note: Seems like there is a disconnect between the people who think selling is main realistic financial option and those that don't. Discussion – educate and conversation to bring congregation and council to the same level of financial reality

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- \$5000 per month needed for daily expenses than what is received (this is not for extras or maintenance but for regular operations)
- Could we use Food for Thought to have more intimate conversations about PVLC location fate? It would be ideal to keep Food for Thought as a spiritual outlet.
- How many more members would it take? Though this would be helpful, donations from members come in many forms and not always monetary
- Note: Invite Nancy from Synod (Director of Evangelical Mission) to provide insight of similar situations from other congregations.
- Recap:
 - Educational dialogue in parallel to survey
 - More framework to help envision the plan
 - Establish alternative views to help understand PVLC situation

Council Member Service:

Thank you to Jon, Amber and Karen for completing their terms. Welcome to the new members!

Vote: Jon S. motioned that Jennifer M. (President), Kristi G. (Vice President) and Susan S. (Secretary) be elected to become PVLC officers.

Second: Jane B.

Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: none

Council Officers and Committee Liaisons:

President – Jennifer M.
Vice President – Kristi G.
Secretary – Susan S.
Treasure – Chris L.
Finance – Jane B.
Communication - open
Facilities – Sonia S.
Worship – Jennifer M.
Education – Bob S.
Outreach – Kathy H.
Hospitality – Sonia S.

4. Pastor's Report – Pr. Sarah N.

- Youth brainstormed ideas for the summer: Disc golf, Making Sushi, Hiking
- June 4th: Wedding: Kelsey and Brayden
- Food for Thought
- Bread for the World letter delivery
- Synod Assembly – Pr. Bob, Karen, and Dave June 9th -11th in Muncie IN.
- Academic Graduates: Lauren, Kelsey, & Alex

5. Committee Reports

A. Finance - Jane B./Chris L.

- Finance committee meeting will be scheduled – account access, organize, etc.
- Updating credit card, getting checks going
- Kathy is working on the process with the Raymond James account

B. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

- Roof update
- Brush piles need attention

C. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Saturday June 18th – Women's shelter

D. Education – Bob S.

- Great end to the year
- Scheduling diaper delivery

E. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Brainstorming – bonfire/summer picnic – maybe August

F. Worship – Jennifer M.

- Looking for specific wine for communion wine

Newsletter: Monday May 29th, 2022 11:59 pm
deadline – send Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Chris L.

Second: Karen M.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday June 20th, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Congregational Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2022

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 08th, 2022

Agenda: Operating Fund: Jennifer M.
Quorum: (needed 9 voting members):
21 (2 on zoom)

Gratitude: Finance team for gathering the
information, Jennifer, Robert, and
Endowment Team.

Discussion:

- Outline of what is needed
 - \$5K per month more is needed
 - Requesting \$40K for the rest of 2022 from endowment funds to operating to help
- Outlined known property repairs:
 - Flat roof repair
 - HVAC
 - Large trees on SW removal
 - Drainage issues in parking
 - Lighting in parking lot
 - \$50K maintenance per year is typical estimate for a building our size.
- Outline of Endowment:
 - Estimated Endowment total: \$117K
 - Raymond James Account: ~ \$14700 (need to keep balance at \$5K)
 - Mature CD: \$25K by end of October 2022
- Current Checking Account:
 - Operating Fund last council meeting: \$15K which is less than 1 month of expenses.
 - ♦ Note: The overall checking account balance is a much larger balance, however the majority of that balance is the insurance payment designated for the roof repairs.
- Question: What is the breakdown of the total maintenance and reserve fund? Is it just insurance?
Answer: All of the maintenance reserve is insurance money.

Vote:

Jane B. motioned to authorize endowment funds up to a total of \$40,000 be withdrawn during the remainder of the 2022 fiscal year for use of operating funds due to particular and difficult circumstances. What particular endowment funds are withdrawn up to the \$40,000 cap, will be up to the discretion of the endowment committee.

Second: Janet W.

All in Favor: 19

All Opposed: 0

Nonvote: 2

Question: Why don't we just take all \$40K now?

Answer: The motion is written to allow flexibility allowed to endowment committee use up to \$40K without another congregational meeting for a vote. Such flexibility also allows endowment flexibility to avoid penalty payments for withdrawing funds early where applicable.

Question: How has the summer donation trend been over the past couple of years? Should we account for it being lower?

Answer: Last year was steady with online giving.

Note: There may be unappreciated value to come from the roofing. It is too soon in the process to tell how much maybe saved from the roof repair to utilize toward budget.

Adjourn

Motion: Pr. Bob N

Second: Robert K.

Date	Attendance
5/1	33
5/8	43
5/15	22
5/22	23
5/29	20
Offering: \$ 21,706 Amount does not include gifts given online	