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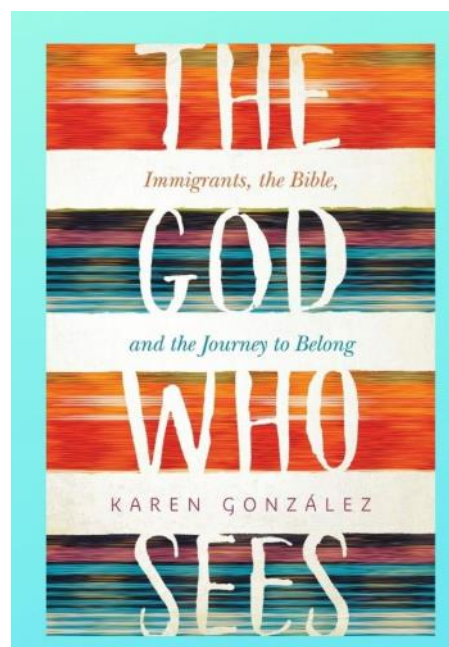
## News & Views

July 2021

### PVLC Book Group

Our Zoom Book Group is once again in full-swing! This time we're reading Karen Gonzalez *The God Who Sees*, a study of scripture and sacraments through the lens of immigration.

We gather each Wednesday at 7pm. Let Pastor Sarah know if you want to join, or just want a copy of the book to read yourself—we have a few more available to share!



# JULY WORSHIP



**4th, 18th, & 25th @ 10 am  
in the Sanctuary or on Zoom!\***

## **IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Out of hospitality and care for all gathered,  
masks and physical distancing are required.**

## **ON ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 217 197 4317**

**Password: 02261844**

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

## **\*ON JULY 11th**

**Be a guest at another congregation!  
(See next page for details)**



## From Pastor Bob & Pastor Sarah

*"Be their guest, be their guest,  
Put their service to the test.  
Tie a mask around your face – please  
And they'll provide the rest."*

("Be Their Guest" sung to the tune of "Be Our Guest" from *Beauty and the Beast*, an original composition by Pastor Sarah)

Ok, enough silliness. But, being a guest somewhere new every once in a while can be a worthwhile spiritual exercise, so we are especially inviting you to do this on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. And, ok, it may also be because we will be taking time off then, along with all of our musicians, and many of you will also be out of town. So, be a guest! If you will be traveling too, check out a church near your destination! Be brave! Be open to meeting God in a new way, among strangers. If you will be in town, check out a church nearby, or travel around the country virtually through worship using the information below. Several of our colleagues were excited by the idea of having some guests from Indiana joining in their virtual worship services on July 11<sup>th</sup>, so go check them out and we'll be here for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>!

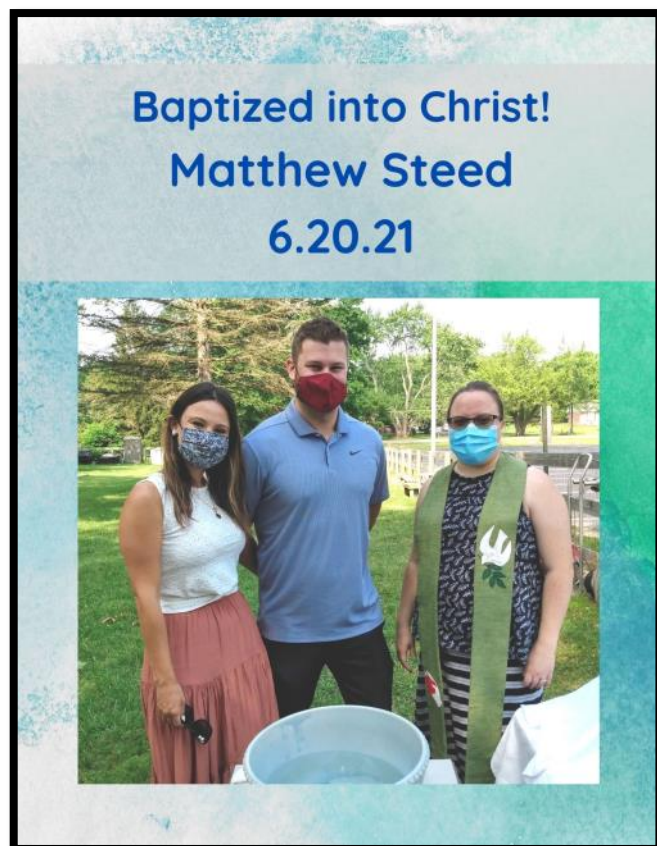
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, The Woodlands, TX  
Rev. David Bauser & John Van Haneghan  
Livestream Worship, 9am, 10:45am, 12:20pm EST  
<https://lolonline.org/sermons-2>

Good Shepherd Lutheran, Ashland, WI  
Rev. Rachel Sieja  
Zoom Worship, 9:30am EST  
Meeting ID: 834 4950 6685

Trinity Lutheran Church, Connellsville, PA  
Rev. Keri Clark  
Zoom Worship, 10:30am EST  
Meeting ID: 838 5330 2328  
Password: 15425

American Lutheran Church, Burbank, CA  
Rev. Ryan Chaddick  
Zoom Worship, 1pm EST  
Meeting ID: 896 0392 6981

Pr Sarah & Pr Bob





Greetings fellow PVLC-ers,

I have a two-parter for you this month. On Saturday June 12th, along with your Pastors and Karen Myers, I attended the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly. So I'll start this note with a few words more typical for my newsletter ramblings, I'll also include a paragraph on the Synod Assembly.

We have been having in-person Sunday worship services outdoors for a month! And are venturing back into the building for July, anticipating hot weather. What was normal over a year ago, is now a new thing... to go inside together for worship. Some wish we'd done it a while ago, and others are still not sure if they are ready. Both views are understandable. We'll still have an online option (Zoom). In person, we'll be maintaining physical distancing and masking, because that's still recommended for folks who are unvaccinated for COVID-19, and we are all one church and in this together — so we want to all do the same things, young or old, vaccinated or not. Your council has had many discussions on how to move forward during the pandemic. As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about how we are doing things, don't hesitate to contact any council member, pastor, or me.



Now a couple of comments on the Synod Assembly. This is the second one I have attended, the first one being in 2018, and I found myself making comparisons. The most notable difference was that this year's was virtual, and probably for that reason, it was shorter. In 2018, there was very little Synod business to conduct, whereas this year there was more business. As you may expect me to say, the business parts are the boring parts of the assembly. In 2018 there

was a lot more time for informational and inspirational speakers. In 2018 there was a speaker I have thought of frequently in the past year, who mentioned a church that was nearly totally virtual, having attendees in at least two countries and multiple time zones apart. We haven't gotten that far afield, but we have routinely had folks from other states join for worship on Sunday mornings. Perhaps the most interesting comment this year was from the Synod Bishop, Bill Gafkjen, also along those lines. He noted that he normally spends a lot of time behind the wheel, driving around visiting churches throughout the synod. During the pandemic, however, he has spent less time driving but has met with *more folks than ever before*. This was just one example of how the church adapted rapidly to the changing times of COVID.

Peace, **Alan Z.**



## Greetings from Outreach!

There are no official activities happening this month, unfortunately.

Your generous donations of items for the Glick food pantry are greatly appreciated! I took the items that were brought to our June outdoor services to the food bank on Wednesday, June 23.

As always, if you hear of an opportunity or have an idea where we can send a group of helpers, please do let us know. We are hopeful to have information on our next Wheeler trip next month.

Dave and I continue to donate groceries weekly to the Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center. We encourage any of you who are able, to help 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 71<sup>st</sup> Street just west of Michigan Road. Give them a call if you can help: 317-293-2600.

We are looking forward to gathering together in person this month. We are filled with hope as we take these steps forward. God bless you all!



## 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. 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>



## PVLC Council Meeting Virtual Meeting 06/21/2020

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

Devotion: Alan Z.: God Pause: Wisdom of  
Solomon

### Good News and Gratitude

- Good to see and hear Tom M.
- Campfire was a big success – thank you to Sonia and Charlie for set up
- Charlie's work on the landscaping is beautiful
- Baptism of Matt Steed – Congratulations!
- Nowak's vacation was good R&R & family time
- Kudos to the Council and Pastors for efforts during the pandemic
- Outdoor services are going well
- Lewis Meyers confirmed – Congratulation!
- Thank you to Karen keeping tabs on bills and informing Tom of finance information

### Agenda

#### COVID-19 Review and Discussion

##### PVLC Moving forward

- Masks Discussion – continue current policy of hospitality to all gathered
- How is In-person – outdoor service + Streaming doing? It is doing well
- Ready for in-person - indoors + Streaming in July @ 10am?  
Yes, with the following guidelines:
  - Location: Sanctuary:
  - There is currently no additional use of this area
  - Reduced for set up and tear down
  - Masks- Required within building

- Congregational singing:
  - Pr. Bob N. provided guidance
  - With masks, physical distancing, & limited projection– singing allowed
- Congregational seating:
  - Every 3rd pew being marked off
- Zoom Service:
  - Live streaming will continue as a service option and occur during in-person services

• LLC update: they have decided to remain at the Latvian Center for the remainder of the year 2021 due to:

- Mask requirement at PVLC
- Service schedule/time
- PVLC will reconnect w/ LLC in fall 2021
- Rent reduction
  - Motion: Pr. Bob N. motioned to reduce Latvian Lutheran Church rent to \$100 per month for the remaining 2021 year.
  - Second: Jane B.
  - All in favor: all (9)
  - All opposed: none (0)

##### • Tenants Updates:

ACH: Summer Camp is in session, doing well and following guidelines

DBSA: Monday evening – going well and following guidelines

AA: Saturday meetings – going well and following guidelines

ELCARM: Thursday returned in conference room – going well and following guidelines

NAMI: Leader has retired. Pastor's have reached out to new lead and NAMI are evaluating online sessions vs in person sessions

## Committee's Report

### A: Pastor's Report- Pr. Bob N

- August 21<sup>st</sup>: Embroidery garage sale
- Celebrations
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Louis Meyers confirmation
  - June 19<sup>th</sup>: Matt Steed baptized
- Book Club: going well so far.
  - Pastor's will contact for leaders to assist with June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Vacations
  - June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>: Charlie vacation; needing janitorial services and lock up
  - July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>: Pastor's vacation
- Synod Assembly- Virtual: went well
- July Services
  - July 4<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary indoor in person service – music will be camp themed
  - July 11<sup>th</sup>: Pastor's/Musicians not available: Pastor's to share options for available online services
  - July 18<sup>th</sup>: Sanctuary
  - July 25<sup>th</sup>: Sanctuary
- Youth Gathering virtual Synod Meeting: Pr. Sarah will be attending
- Virtual vs. In Person Council Meeting: Discussion
  - July: Virtual
  - Revisit at next Council Meeting

### B. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Pantry Donations will be picked up to be distributed to food pantries
- Encourage to continue to donate to local food pantries

### C. Finance – Tom M.

- Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>: Balance: ~\$43,616

### D. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

- Building is generally under control
- Big Thanks for Charlie for outdoor work

### E. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Bonfire went well and would like to do another in the cooler months (Late Sept/Oct)
- Annual Picnic – delay to September/October

Motion to adjourn: Tom M.

Second: Jane B.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm on Zoom



7/10	David Kahlenberg
7/10	Kristi Griffiths
7/11	Anna Zimmermann
7/21	Tom Mueller
7/26	Dorothy Miller
7/28	Chris Lafuse
7/30	Clint Stephon

Date	Attendance
June 6	27
June 13	16
June 20	25
June 27	25
Offering (6/6 & 6/27 counts) \$13,642.62 *does not include online giving	