

Pleasant View Lutheran Church July 2022 Newsletter



Greetings from Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob Nowak

“You’re pro-life, right?”

What a loaded, complicated question. Have you been asked this recently by folks who know that you are a person who strives to follow Christ too?

Putting aside all political connotations of the term “pro-life,” and that is hard to do – but theoretically, yes, of course we’re pro-Life. We believe that God intends for humans to thrive along with the whole creation that we are just a small part of, that the very Breath of God is what fills our lungs and brings life to all the world, and that life is fragile, sacred, and beautiful. And it is exactly because of all of these beliefs that we do not see eye-to-eye with the “pro-life” political movement.

Even though the ELCA’s Social Statement on Abortion is over 30 years old (yikes!), we’re glad that the larger church we’re part of acknowledges the complexities of this topic and values the quality of life for mothers and families as well. From the statement:

“Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life, and should avoid unduly encumbering or endangering the lives of women. Because of our conviction that both the life of the woman and the life in her womb must be respected by law, this church opposes:

- the total lack of regulation of abortion;**
- legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances;**
- laws that prevent access to information about all options available to women faced with unintended pregnancies;**
- laws that deny access to safe and affordable services for morally justifiable abortions;**
- mandatory or coerced abortion or sterilization;**
- laws that prevent couples from practicing contraception;**
- laws that are primarily intended to harass those contemplating or deciding for an abortion. “**

Whether you’re weeping or rejoicing after the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, we hope you all recognize that this is much deeper than just being “pro-life” or “pro-choice.” Christ’s call to us in all times and places and circumstances is to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Right now that involves gracefully hearing the pain of women who are feeling that their lives and bodies are not valued; supporting and caring for all mothers and families; and voting and advocating for just laws that allow women and children get the care that they need to thrive as God intends for us.

You can read a Pastoral message from Presiding Bishop Eaton here: https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8158?_ga=2.251910539.329317395.1656530366-1197075856.1655148004

And the full ELCA Social Statement here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Abortion>



Greetings from Outreach!

On Saturday, June 18th five of us went to serve a meal at the Wheeler Mission Women's Shelter. What an honor to help our sisters in Christ! So glad that Pastor Sarah, Susan and Lauren Stolz were able to join Dave and me. This was our first opportunity to serve the women. We look forward to doing so again!

Please do not hesitate to let Dave or me know if you have ideas of ways that we can serve our neighbors. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a generous congregation!

- Kathy Henkel

*Congratulations
to
Brayden & Kelsey
Simpson
Married at Pleasant View
June 4, 2022*



Join Us For Worship!

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



Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

Password: 02261844

Join by Phone: 1 929 205 6099

(Audio Only)

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

Special Worship Dates:

**July 10th—Service of Readings, Prayers, & Hymn Shout-Out!
10am, Sanctuary & Zoom**

**July 24th—guest preacher: Pastor Nancy Nyland,
Director for Evangelical Mission, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA
*Pastor Nyland will also stay after the service for a conversation
about the ministry of our building and possible relocation.*
10am, Sanctuary & Zoom**