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“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



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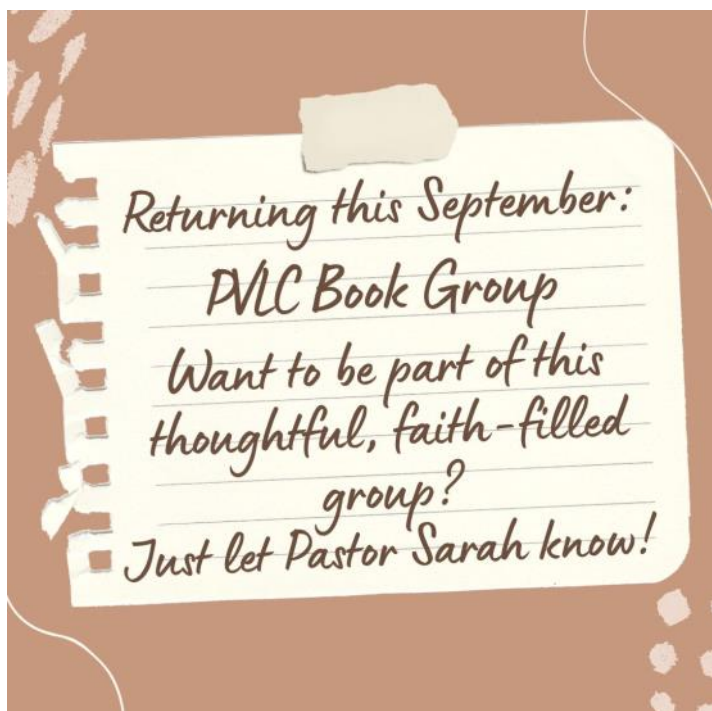
Greetings from Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob Nowak

“Let’s just make it a whole season of Reformation!” Pastor Sarah said, half-jokingly to Jennifer and Janet after worship while trying to figure out which banners to put up next in the Sanctuary. If you’ve noticed, we’ve had our incredibly beautiful and lovingly-made Easter banners up all summer, which have felt appropriate for all that time. But now, with kids back in school and days getting slightly shorter, the season is changing and so should it also in our worship space.

So, what will we do? Put the green banners up since they are liturgically appropriate? Or, the red ones since they are covered in autumn leaves and are appropriate for what will be happening outside shortly? The group decided to put the red banners up and keep them there for the next three months—reflecting what will be happening in the natural world soon, and also, inadvertently, giving us a whole season of Reformation here at Pleasant View!

But, perhaps that is just what we need. Not just a day of marking the past, but a season celebrating change, God remaking us, the Spirit guiding Christ’s church down a new path. This kind of whole-church change is in our heritage as Lutherans. It is time to do it again. Bring on the season of Reformation!

See you in Worship,
Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob



Change is in the air!

Last week we took Thomas to Purdue for his junior year. He connected with Lauren Stoltz, who is experiencing everything through a freshman's eyes. Jon and Susan are creating a new normal with no kids in the house full-time. And although this is the third time we have dropped Tom off at college, my heart aches a bit as Scott and I rediscover our rhythm with just the two of us at home.

Many families at PVLC are making adjustments to new schools, new grades and new students. This time of year brings excitement and yes, some apprehension. Sound familiar? These are some of the same emotions I feel when thinking about the future of PVLC's physical worship space.

With so many changes occurring, the scripture for August 28 and Pastor Sarah's message were well timed:

Hebrews 13: 5, 6: "I will never leave you or forsake you. So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

What a blessing to know that we are not alone. Our children are not alone. And our congregation is not alone.

Peace and blessings,

Jennifer



Christian Education Update

- **Our Sunday School program resumes on Sunday, September 11th.** Every month we have an intergenerational program, God's Work, Our Hands. We will begin the Sunday School year with such an activity. We will meet in the fellowship hall to write cards to send to our members who cannot attend Sunday service in person. We will also bake cookies to include with the cards.
- **On the 18th, we will resume in-class education.**
 - For Elementary school children, we will continue with the Sparkhouse series.
Kids: Please remember to let your parents know that you need to bring your Bibles!
 - The High School class will be coordinated by Margaret Stratford.
 - The Adult class will be coordinated by Dave Henkel. We continue to discuss Luther's Small Catechism.
- **Help and Ideas**
 - As always, your generous assistance is needed to teach God's word to the Elementary school class. Please let me, or Margaret Stratford know if and when you can support this important activity.
 - Your ideas for future God's Work, Our Hands activities are also welcome and appreciated.
- **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, 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 at the following link:
<https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>.



- Robert Stratford

Join us for Worship

**Sundays at 10am
in the Sanctuary & on Zoom**



**Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?](https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09)
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Meeting ID: 217 197 4317

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

There is a place for you!