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January 2023 Newsletter

January 2023 Worship

Sundays @ 10 am
in the PVLC Sanctuary
or on Zoom

Meeting ID: 217 197 4317
Password: 02261844
Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099



Greetings from Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob Nowak



A Resolution to be Less Resolute

Ah, once again we're in the season of new year's resolutions. When it is convenient to pick the beginning of a new calendar year as the time to drastically change something about yourself... and then not follow through.

We want to offer an alternative resolution this year, an un-resolution actually: being less resolute. Now, if you go and look up the word "resolute" in the dictionary just to remind yourself exactly what this word is supposed to mean you will find, "admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering." Which may bring one to wonder just how "resolute" we generally are in our "resolutions" anyway?

And, being resolute isn't necessarily "bad." What's bad about acting with purpose and determination? Nothing. It's the "unwavering" bit that we want to push against. For us, that's often what comes to mind with the word "resolute" – unwavering, adamant, and already decided; one who already has their mind made up and will not be changed under any circumstances!

It would be great if we faced our "resolutions" in this way, but we generally don't. We do tend to hold on to many other things "resolutely" though – plans for our life, ideas about the world, and convictions that help us decide how we act and make decisions. What if your new year's resolution was to let go of some of that rigidity within yourself?

What if, instead of a to-do list or self-improvement goals, your focus was on approaching this new calendar year with more openness, more flexibility for what God may be trying to do within your life and our world? Instead of planning out what you need to do to get what you want out of life, you open your eyes more to your neighbors, even your global neighbors, and allow yourself to feel for them, to be moved by them, and brave enough to try to live in mutually-beneficial community with them as God intends for us. Instead of guiltily trying to become the person you think you need to be in order to be "the best version of yourself," you simply start listening more – allow yourself to hear others and learn from them (spoiler alert: that is the best version of yourself!)

This new year, you are invited to purposely be less resolute as your resolution. This will require you to slow down and check yourself often, but that time and space just might be enough for God to be able to get your attention.

God bless you all this new year!

- Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

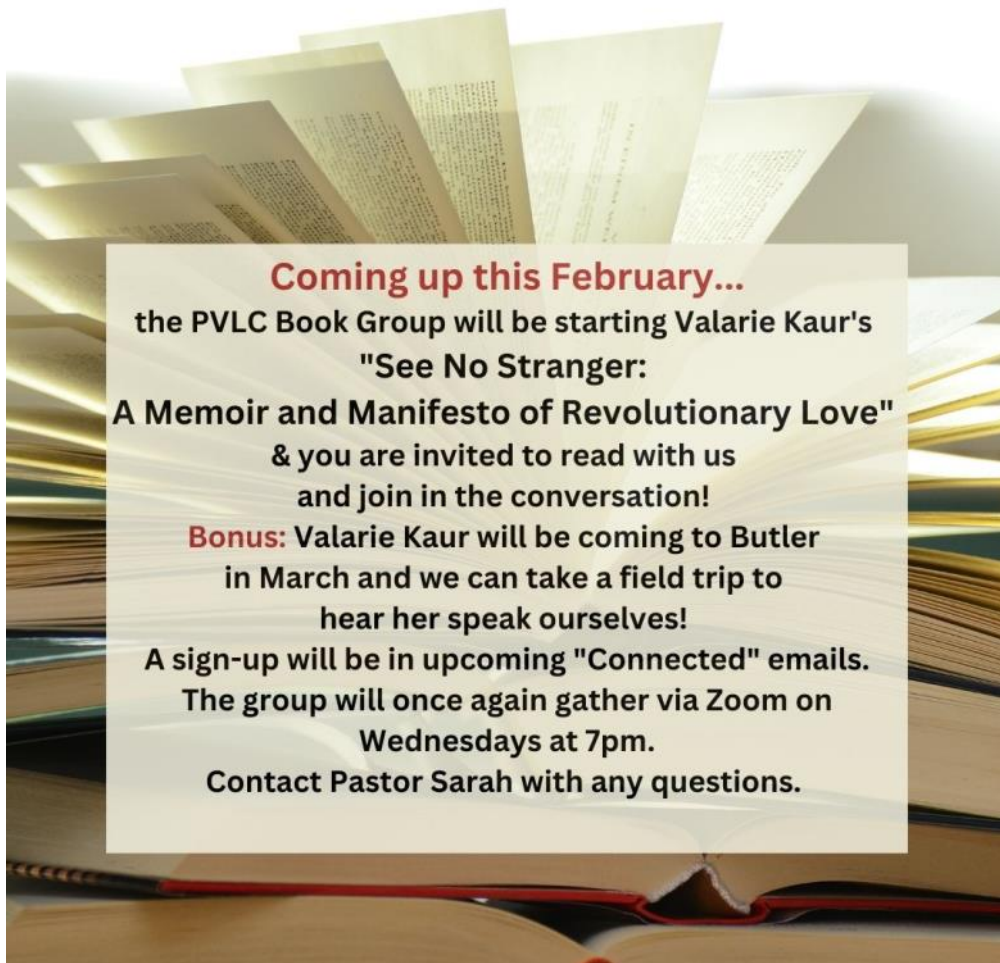


Greetings from Outreach!

Thank you so very much for your generosity! We provided \$90 in gift cards for each of the 9 youth at LCFS Trinity House. We only learned about the last 4 a week before Christmas. And the response from the congregation to fulfill the need was nothing short of amazing! We feel so very blessed to be part of such a caring community.

We are so thankful to all of you for your generosity. God bless us all to continue to be a blessing to our neighbors!

- Kathy & Dave Henkel



- On Sunday, December 18th, the 4th Sunday in Advent, Christian Ed held the annual Christmas Program Service. A great deal of thanks to Margaret for creating this program. It was beautiful to see how the children worked with the “Living” Advent Calendar to describe the meaning of each week of Advent in a visually appealing way.
- Help request for elementary students: On any given week, there are two to four young ladies in this class, as always, your generous assistance is needed to teach God’s word to them. Please let me or Margaret Stratford know if and when you can support this important ministry. Please find below the schedule and gaps for this month.

| Sunday | Lesson | Teacher |
|------------|---|---------|
| January 8 | JESUS’ BAPTISM Matthew 3: 13-17 (Winter A lectionary) | |
| January 15 | THE LAMB OF GOD John 1: 29-42 (Winter A lectionary) | Susan |
| January 22 | <i>Intergenerational Sunday School</i> | |
| January 29 | THE BEAUTITUDES Matthew 5: 1-12 (Winter A lectionary) | |

- Your ideas for future God’s Work, Our Hands (Intergenerational Sundays) activities are also welcome and appreciated.
- Diaper donations continue to be accepted. There are several ways to donate, as follows:
 - o You can drop diapers off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance.
 - o You can bring your diaper donations to worship service and drop them off.
 - o 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>.

PVLC Community Yearly Contact Update

*This form is for everyone in the Pleasant View Lutheran Church community. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete it to ensure that our records are accurate and up-to-date. The items marked with * will be included in the next directory. The other information is to assist our office and pastors. Please complete the portions of the form that are applicable to you and return it to us by the end of January 2023. Thank you!*

*Name(s): _____

*Primary Address: _____

Secondary Address: _____

When should we use this address? _____

*Primary Email Address: _____

Other Email Addresses: _____

When should we use other email address(es)? _____

*Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Birthday(s): _____

Membership Status:

Voting Member

Not a voting member

I no longer wish to be a voting member

I would like to become a voting member

Work group involvement: What group(s) are you a part of or would like to be a part of?

Education

Outreach

Hospitality

Finance

Constitution

Staffing

Facilities

Communications

Worship

Celebration of Life

Subscriptions: Which email communications would you like to receive?

Weekly Prayer Email

Weekly "Connected" & Saturday Worship reminder Emails

Monthly Newsletter Email

Prayer Chain Email (used occasionally)

Would you like the monthly newsletter USPS mailed to you?

Yes

No

Would you like the weekly bulletins USPS mailed to you?

Yes

No

If you are currently unable to come to regular worship,

would you like a pastor or church member to visit roughly once a month and bring Holy Communion?

Yes

No

Do we have permission to use images of you on our website and social media pages?

Yes

No