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News & Notes

October 2021

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**PVLC TRUNK OR TREAT**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 2021**  
**TIME- TBD**

**PLEASANT VIEW LUTHERAN CHUCH**  
**801 W. 73RD STREET**

**JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP**  
**AND TRICK-OR-TREATING!**  
**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**





## From Your Pastors

*<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” -Mark 9:36-37*

6,600, plus refugees who fled from Afghanistan for their safety are currently living at Camp Atterbury. That's a lot of people to find new, safe homes for, jobs, schools, healthcare, food, clothing – everything. Furthermore, 50% percent of those roughly 6,600 individuals are under the age of 19, that's 3,300. And 1000 of them are between the ages of 1 and 4!

That's a lot of children and families all living at a National Guard base right now—people like you and me who are living with fear and uncertainty of what the future holds, but also a fervent hope for a better and safe life. Families like you and me who are putting their trust in us; people from a completely different country to show compassion to and extend a helping hand. And so, *“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”*

Upon their arrival to the US, organizations including the Red Cross and Team Rubicon ensured that they received new, clean clothes, fed culturally appropriate foods, received all needed medical treatments, and even supplied toys for children. But the Red Cross' purpose is to respond in emergency situations, so the continued care and aid for these refugees has to be passed on to other organizations. That's where we come in! We, from faith communities all around the state, who know just how important a good welcome is.

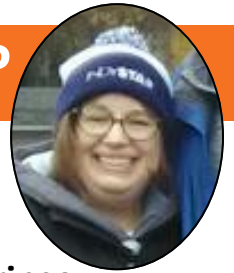
You all came through in amazing ways for our “God's Work. Our Hands.” project for September with bringing in so many cleaning items for Exodus Refugee Immigration (see picture below)! In order to continue the work of helping welcome these new neighbors from Afghanistan and elsewhere, PVLC is now (again!) forming a Welcome Team to serve through Exodus Refugee Immigration! If you were part of the Welcome Team 2 years ago, tell others what a cool experience it was—having the privilege of being the ones to welcome new folks to the country and our community—and then invite them to be part of it this time around! Our Welcome Team training will take place on Monday, November 1st at 7pm on Zoom. More info will be coming as we have it.

If you are interested in being part of this awesome, welcoming group, (and we hope you all are!) please let us know through this Google form: <https://forms.gle/24LbH8V13hnc1Ko88>, or just call one of us pastors or the church office!

Let's get to work Church!

- Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob





The COVID-19 pandemic keeps pushing me out of my comfort zone! Working from home, accepting that I can't control everything, showing grace to people with different points of view, and giving up hugs and gatherings, to name a few.

I've also found myself participating in worship in ways I never would have considered in pre-COVID. I filmed myself singing for Easter 2020; you all heard me fumble at the piano last summer; and recently Jane Bird and I sang a hymn during a service together. When I told Scott I was going to sing at church he said, "You mean by yourself?"

But you know what? Other than a few jitters, I've felt OK about putting myself out there. I think it's because I feel so much love and acceptance at PVLC. We should steal Planet Fitness' slogan, but spell it correctly: We're a judgment-free zone. Or we could put a positive spin on it: **We're a grace-filled zone !**

A great thing about charting a new course is that so much is possible. Have you ever wanted to be a reader but never have the chance because others (me) raise their hands first? Want to relive your Luther League days and be an acolyte? Do you want to sing or have a musical "talent" we don't know about? Let me know!

\* Note: Bring a photo, leash, collar or other memento of your pets -- including any you've lost -- on **Sunday, October 3**, for our annual Blessing of the Animals. For various reasons we decided to incorporate this blessing during Sunday worship this year. On this day, we will thank God for the animals who enrich our lives.

## October Worship

**Sundays at 10 am @ PVLC**

Out of hospitality to all, masks are required.

or

**Join in on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 217 197 4317**

**Password: 02261844**

**Join by phone (audio only):**

**1 929 205 6099**



Sunday Church School (SCS) has resumed! Margaret Stratford developed a wonderful program for Rally Day, which was held on Sunday, September 12th. The program centered around the story of Ruth and Naomi, who were literally refugees who fled to Naomi's homeland due to a severe drought. Ruth was determined to join her mother-in-law. God's providence and loving care was realized through the kindness of Boaz, a relative of Naomi. The story reminds us of the plight of refugees in our own time, from Central and South America, from Haiti, and from Afghanistan, or the many other regions of the world where people are imprisoned by strife. The story is a call to us, who are fortunate to live in a country free from political and religious persecution, and that has the capability to care for its impoverished citizens, to be the 'Boazs' of the present.

- On Sunday, September 19th, we held our first Inter-Generational SCS of the year. We made good progress creating banners that are predominantly red, and therefore appropriate for special Sundays in the Church year, such as upcoming Reformation Sunday, but also seasonally appropriate for All Saints and Christ the King with reminders of fall incorporated in as well.
- As a reminder to you all, here are a few important points about SCS this year:
  - It will be held in-person so long as we are able to worship in person.
  - SCS will follow 10:00 AM Sunday worship. All ages are welcome.
  - The adult class has also resumed.
  - As we continue to worship in-person, and if we have in-person SCS, the third Sunday of each month will be Inter-Generational SCS. All participants in SCS will meet in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on these days.

## Children's SCS Schedule: October

Sunday		LESSON		Teacher
Oct. 3		David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-50	FALL orange	Susan & Lauren
Oct. 10		Elijah and the Widow 1 Kings 17: 8-16	FALL orange	Amber
Oct. 17	Prepare banners	Intergenerational Sunday School		Pastor Sarah
Oct. 24		Jonah and the Big Fish Jonah 1-4	FALL orange	Kathy
Oct. 31		REFORMATION GAMES for All Ages		Margaret

# Rally Day 2021

Here are a few photographs taken to commemorate **Rally Day 2021**!

As they show, there was plenty of good food and we played bingo, which, of course, had a Ruth and Naomi theme! Thank you Margaret for leading us in such a fun time of Christians Education and Fellowship!



Rally  
SUNDAY



Greetings from Outreach!

The Crop Walk is this month! And, will again be virtual. Congregations are choosing their own date and route, and we have chosen **October 17, 2021**. We will again gather at the usual walk location at Butler University at 1:00 pm. Even though the crowd will not be there, we will still enjoy the beautiful campus in the fall. Additionally, we'll attempt to understand how small actions that we take can move us all toward ending the scourge of hunger in our world. Please plan to walk with us. And, even if you cannot, you can donate to our cause! Simply go to our team page found at the following link and follow the prompts. Or sending a check to church for donating to the Crop Walk also works!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/pleasant-view-lutheran>

Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. I will continue to take your donations to the Fay Biccard Glick Center. *Thank you* for helping care for our neighbors!

Please check out our updated bulletin board in the corridor between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. There is information there about some of the neighbors we have had the privilege of serving. And, we have a place that you can share ideas that you have for other opportunities to care for our neighbor.

We are so thankful for all of the times that we can show our gratitude for our blessings by blessing those in the city, state and even the world!


- **Kathy H.**

## 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>



## Diaper Donations

- Diaper donations can be dropped off at the church in a bin located under the portico at the main church/office entrance.
  - You can bring your diaper donations to a worship service and drop them off then.
  - 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>.
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## Happy BIRTHDAY

October 3	Valarie Weust
October 6	Judy Silence
October 8	Bob Meyers
October 8	Mary-Jean Halverson
October 16	Charlie Simmons
October 18	Bev Tripp
October 25	Hayley Kernodle
October 27	Andrew Bird

## PVLC Zoom Book Group

Pastor Sarah plans to get the group back together starting Wednesday October 20th!

Everyone is invited to be part of this awesome group of individuals as we dive into our next book together! We gather on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

The book will be announced soon, so stay tuned!



**A Stewardship Series**

More Information Coming Soon!

## PVLC Council Meeting Virtual Meeting 09/20/2021

Present: *Jane B., Jennifer M.; Jon S., Kathy H.; Karen M.; Pr. Sarah N.; Robert S.; Sonia S.; Tom M.*

Devotion: Pr. Sarah N.: Breath Prayer: Psalm 27

### Good News and Gratitude

- Thomas got his braces off!
- Willing singers for Sunday's Service
- Tom M. last cancer treatment. Need follow ups but is optimistic
- Good start on the new banners
- Thank you, Pr. Sarah, for buying the materials for the banners
- Luke and Joel are doing well in school
- Rally day went well
- Thank you Margaret for the wonderful job organizing rally day
- The Alive service celebration was meaningful
- Madelin's children's sermon was great
- Karen thankful for the prayers regarding her mother's health
- Amber's safe trip to/from Florida to celebrate sister's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and wonderful family and work support to allow this to happen
- Jan's funeral was very beautiful celebration of her life

### Agenda

#### COVID-19 Review and Discussion

- Council Decision: Indicators to transition from in-person worship to virtual Zoom worship:
  - Canceling of all metro area elective surgeriesOR
  - Marion County goes to Red Zone on Indiana State COVID dashboard mapOR
  - Pastor's quarantinedOR
  - If there is need, council would call an unscheduled mtg to evaluate the situation

- Sunday School:  
If church worship service in person, Sunday school will be in-person
- Staffing:  
When was the last evaluation? At least 3 years and was in a form of survey. Jennifer will begin to create survey.
- Tenants Updates:  
ACH: Will ensure that the building is in better condition for weekend.

### Committee's Report

#### A. Pastor's Report- Pr. Sarah

- Requesting Committee's to update their bulletin boards
- Refugee Report and guidance on how to assist.
- Exodus discussion supporting refugees
  - Training
  - Background check updates
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>: Pastor's on vacation to celebrate Sarah's parents 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Book Group will begin. Look for Book survey to help chose next book for group session. Wednesdays @ 7pm on Zoom
- Youth Gathering: Lewis and Jessica are interested- planning registration
- Pastor's Health Insurance: Discussion
  - Currently at Platinum Tier and have agreed to go to Gold+ tier
  - Council indicated assisting with the higher deductible if necessary

#### B. Outreach – Kathy H.

- Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: Crop Walk
- Pantry Donations will be picked up to be distributed to food pantries
- Encourage to continue to donate to local food pantries

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## C. Finance – Tom M./Jane B.

- Balance: ~\$32,395 (including Sunday ~\$39,000)
- Stewardship Theme: A Future With Hope
  - Beginning to plan and organize

## D. Facility and Grounds – Jon S.

- Drew company: David H. to assist with light bulb delay
- Roof: Insurance adjustor completed report – possible shingled roof replacement
- Edward's discussion:
  - Invoices review and plan to challenge
  - Compressor quote: \$10,000 repair for fellowship hall and determining if under warranty
  - Displeased with service and re-evaluating service agreement
  - Reach out to AES to get an electrical evaluation of the building

## E. Hospitality – Sonia S.

- Oct 30<sup>th</sup>: Trunk or Treat/Annual Picnic
  - Outside and Bonfire
  - Masks recommended
  - If inclement weather – event will be cancelled
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: Charlie will be out a couple of days
- Kitchen: Cabinet fell off the wall
- Place settings: keeping 75 sets and donating the rest to Exodus Refugee Immigration

## F. Worship – Jennifer M.

- Oct 3rd: Blessing of Animals: Discussion
  - Have at Sunday service?
  - Opted to encourage to bring pictures or memories of pets to be blessed

## G. Education – Bob S.

- Rally day went well
- Adult and Younger Classes are set
- Need teachers for Younger Class
- High School Sunday school discussion
- Diapers continue to be delivered

Newsletter: September 26th midnight deadline  
— send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Sonia S.

Second: Jon S.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday Oct 18th @ 6:30pm

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Date	Attendance
Sept. 5	20
Sept. 12	39
Sept. 19	26
Sept. 26	22
Offering: \$15,443.53 *does not include online giving	