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## News & Notes

April 2022

*Join in as we  
journey through  
Holy Week as a  
community!*

*All services are  
in person  
and on Zoom.*



*Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter Sunday*

*Everyone is  
invited &  
welcome here!*

# Holy Week & Easter Worship

**Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 7pm  
Sanctuary & Zoom**

**Good Friday, April 15th, 7pm  
Stations of the Cross  
Sanctuary & Zoom**

**Palm Sunday, Easter,  
& all other Sundays @ 10 am  
Sanctuary & Zoom**

*Masks are currently optional (but welcome) at PVLC,  
in following with the updated CDC guidance.  
If Marion County becomes a medium or high risk area,  
masks will be required in the building once again.*

**Zoom link for all worship services:  
[https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?](https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09)  
[pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09](https://zoom.us/j/2171974317?pwd=c0V2TExzQWlmd09PQkxhOE1ZUEZmdz09)**

**Meeting ID: 217 197 4317  
Password: 02261844**

**Join by phone (audio only): 1 929 205 6099  
How do I "join by phone" for a Zoom gathering?**

- 1. Dial 1 929 205 6099**
- 2. When prompted to enter the meeting ID, enter on the keypad the meeting ID number listed above.**
- 3. If prompted for a host or participant ID, simply press the pound key: #**
- 4. When prompted to enter the password, enter on the keypad the password listed above. If you're told the meeting hasn't started yet, it's best to just hang up and try again in a few minutes.**



## From Pastor Sarah & Pastor Bob

*"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

*Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"* - Matthew 6:24-25

To continue along the lines of Jesus' thinking in this scripture from Matthew: Is the church not more than a building? I think we all, of course, already know the right answer to this question, but that doesn't mean that we still don't *\*want\** the building, just like we still *\*want\** clothes for our bodies as well as food and shelter – in fact, we generally *\*need\** those things. But, Jesus invites those who follow him out on a path of trust, even when it comes to needs.

Jesus calls to those who will hear to "consider the lilies" who do nothing and yet receive all that they need to thrive....well, until they don't, right? Until there is a particularly harsh Spring or a drought, or the soil is so disturbed that the bulbs are uprooted and cannot survive in that location any longer and, unless they are transplanted, they will die. These things are all true to life as well. And yet, Jesus seems to gloss over these truths and says "do not worry." Is he really that naïve to the realities of life?

Absolutely not. Jesus is actually personally familiar with all that goes wrong in our world, as we will again remember this month when we observe Holy Week and Easter, remembering his arrest, trial, and crucifixion, all before his resurrection. Yes, these words are said by him before all that happens, but as fully God (and as our gospels hint), Jesus knew what was before him. And yet, he says "do not worry... But strive first for the kingdom of God." And, "you cannot serve God and wealth."

The phrase "bleeding money" has been used often around here these days. Our congregational leaders on council have recognized that the amount of time, energy, and funds going into maintaining our building, the best we can, are on a continuous upwards trajectory. We're at the point to ask ourselves how much this building is serving us and our mission versus how much of our mission are we having to give up to continue to serve the building – who could we be if we laid this burden down and re-focused on "striving first for the kingdom of God," instead of striving first to keep the building functional? Where could that lead us?

We know that this kind of thinking can feel like a tomb, like a dark conversation that nothing good can come out of – no one wants to go into. But, remember that the One who said "do not worry" is also the One who had everything in the world to be worried about, and he still said "do not worry." He is the same One that was not afraid of those dark places, but faced them out of love for all of us, and shows us that dark places are not the end. With Jesus there is always – always – resurrection. We can expect it.

Even if you haven't for a very long time, we invite you to join us for Holy Week and Easter, and join us for these holy conversations on the stewardship of our property – see what God will do in our little piece of the whole Body of Christ next.

Hope to see you around, in person or Zoom!

- Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob





## President's Note

Jennifer Morlan Horner

PVLC brothers and sisters,

I hope you can join us – in person or via Zoom – at 11 a.m., Sunday, April 10, for a discussion about the future of our mission and our building. As you know, we were approached by an interested party about the purchase of our building and land. On April 10, we will have an open and considerate conversation about how we want to move forward together.

When I delivered this news on Sunday, March 27, I saw some shocked faces among the congregation. There is no need to pretend that we aren't facing a momentous decision. But as I have said before, we are stronger together than any of us could imagine being on our own. I have great trust and faith in each and every one of you. There will be a lot of feelings in the room, but I know we will treat each other with compassion and empathy.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [jennyamorlan@gmail.com](mailto:jennyamorlan@gmail.com) or 317-441-7069.

- Jennifer





Greetings from Outreach!

We are continuing to collect items for the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. On Palm Sunday, we plan to assemble these kits. The instructions are available on the table in the narthex. They are also included in the PVLC Connected email updates. It is exciting to be able to help our neighbors around the world!

We are not sure where the kits will be sent, but rest assured they will be used somewhere as the world-wide need is great.

Dave is working on setting a couple of dates for us to serve a meal. We are planning one of our Wheeler Men's Shelter evenings. We also are working on a date for serving a meal at the Women's Shelter. Watch for details coming soon!

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

**- 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: <https://wheelermission.org/donate-to-wheeler/>
- Crooked Creek Food Pantry: <https://www.ccfpindy.org/donations>
- Glick Neighborhood Center: <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.

To donate money for the purchase of diapers:

1) Send donation to the church office (note for "GWOH Diapers")

or

2) donate directly to <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/IndianaDiaperBank/general>

# PERSONAL CARE KITS

## SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

## INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ☐ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ☐ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ☐ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

## HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on 1 outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents







- We are now back to on-site Sunday School. Praise God!  
Please come and join us. The adult class is led by Dave Henkel.  
We are discussing Luther's *Small Catechism*.
- Margaret is teaching the High School class using a hybrid format.  
You can join virtually by Zoom with the link in the weekly email.
- Below is the elementary school class schedule for the remainder of the year.  
As you can see, we need teachers for April 3rd and April 24th.  
- *Margaret and Bob*

April 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	LOVE YOUR ENEMIES Matthew 5: 38-48	
April 10	Palm Sunday	HOLY WEEK <i>Intergenerational Sunday School</i>	<i>Service Project - LWR Personal Care Kits</i>
April 17	EASTER Sunday	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
April 24		Philip and the Ethiopian Acts 8: 26-40	
May 1		Saul to Paul Acts 9: 1-20	<i>Susan and Lauren</i>
May 8		SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION- all ages	<i>Margaret - TBD</i>

We're at it again...

## PVLC Youth Hangout!

Saturday, April 30, 6pm

All Jr. High and High School Youth are invited for an evening of togetherness and silliness in the PVLC Youth Room!

Questions? Ask Pastor Sarah!



# Congregational Conversation

Sunday, April 10th, 2022

following 10am Worship, In Person & Zoom

\*Zoomers can join by using the Worship Zoom login.

All members of Pleasant View are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, April 10th for a conversation regarding our congregation's stewardship of our current facility and considering if the sale of our property might help us in better following our mission. No decisions or votes will be made at this meeting. This will be a time of asking questions, sharing ideas, and organizing ourselves for the work ahead, wherever the Spirit is calling us!

## Council Minutes

## March 2022

### PVLC Council Virtual Meeting 03/21/2022

**Present:** Amber S., Jane B., Janet W., Jennifer M.; Jon S., Karen M., Kathy H.; Kristi G., Pr. Sarah N., Robert S., Sonia, S.

**Devotion:** Jennifer MH: *Word In Season*,  
Breathing

#### **Good News and Gratitude:**

- Easter Banners – Beautiful design and look gorgeous
- Pr. Sarah N. sermon for Tom M. funeral
- Welcome to Kristi G. to Council
- Thank you from Sonia for all the prayers and the improvement in her mother's health
- David H.'s mother has been cleared by doctor's post-surgery
- Lylah's walking better!
- Thankful for the sunny and rainy days

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

- ACH Building Conversation  
—provided information and update
- Schedule Congregational Information Meeting:  
April 10th @ 11am
- **Vote:** Pr. Sarah moved to appoint Susan Stolz to  
Council starting June 2022.

Second: Jennifer M.

All in favor: Unanimous

All opposed: None

- Trash Service update
- Free Google service update
- Youth gathering monies have been refunded
- Pastor's family vacation: April 6-9th
- Youth Hang out: Saturday March 26th
- Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
- Good Friday Station of the Cross @ 7 pm
- Dawn Gill requested to be removed from rolls

**Vote:** Jennifer M. moved to have Dawn Gill  
removed from rolls.

Second: Pr. Sarah N.

All in favor: Unanimous

All in opposed: None



## Committee's Reports

- Finance – Jane B./Karen M.
  - Balance: \$116,093.49  
(includes earmarked funds)
  - Jane is streamlining process for bills and finance office
    - Add second person to the memorial account
    - Taking inventory of accounts
- Facility and Grounds – Jon S.
  - Charlie took care of plumbing issues
  - Edward's update: will not renew contract
    - No return calls regarding outstanding Invoices
  - Roof – Update on appraisals and insurance updates
    - Damage to the steeple is cosmetic
    - Do we utilize the steeple repair monies for replacing rotting fascia around the building? Yes
- Outreach – Kathy H.
  - LWR- Personal hygiene kits
  - Possibly moving the kit creation due to mtg
- Education—Bob S.
  - Sunday School going well
  - Sending out calendar for Sunday school teachers – all welcome to participate.
- Hospitality—Sonia S
  - Brainstorming possible June cookout
- Worship – Jennifer M.
  - Order completed for ecological palms

Newsletter: Monday March 28th at 11:59 pm  
deadline – send to Karen M.

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.

Second: Bob S.

All in Favor: Unanimous

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Monday, April 18th, 2022  
@ 6:30pm on Zoom

Date	Attendance
3/2	18
3/6	21
3/13	29
3/20	26
3/27	33
Offering: \$21,409	

