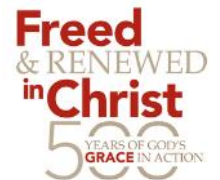




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Our Mission:
To live in Christ and to
share God's love.



News & Views

August 2017

Save these special dates!

Aug. 20, 10am	Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic
Sept. 10, 10am	God's Work, Our Hands Day
Sept. 16	Serve Dinner at Wheeler Mission
Sept. 17, 10am	Rally Day Worship Service
Sept. 23, 10am	Pet Blessings Service
Oct. 15	Greater Indy CROP Hunger Walk
Oct. 21, 9am-3pm	Craft Fair
Oct. 22, 5pm	PumpkinFest
Oct. 29, 11am	Reformation 500 Worship & Meal

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 6	9:00am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary***
	11:00am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 13	9:00am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary***
	11:00am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 20	10:00am	ONE Worship Service in Outdoor Classroom w/Baptism of Emma Rae Beck *Bring canned goods/toiletries to donate + lawn chair or blankets to sit on! *Followed by Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, August 27	9:00am	GRACE Service in Sanctuary***
	11:00am	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 3	9:00am	GRACE Service ONLY in Sanctuary

Note: Sunday School is in recess for the summer.

***Grace Services may require relocation to the Fellowship Hall until A/C unit is replaced. Signs will be posted.



August 2017 Food for Thought

3rd

Communion: Why every week?

Should there be restrictions on who gets it?

10th

Karl Marx called religion the "opiate of the masses," could this be true in some ways?

17th

Why are there so many denominations?

Are we all just the same?

24th

Climate change: God's creation & our role in it

31st

Jesus is the "only son of God."

This is what the creed says, what does that mean?

Join the conversation!
7pm Thursdays
@ Sahm's Ale House
(near the corner of 86th &
Westfield Blvd.)



Eating or Feeding?



Food for Thought, Bread for the World letter-writing campaign, CROP Hunger Walk, I Can Sunday collections for Crooked Creek Food Pantry, serving meals at Wheeler Mission, Pastors' Fund grocery gift cards, Fellowship meals and events, weekly Communion... clearly we care about food around here, and we like that!

To eat is a basic need of all living things. Nothing in this world, every human included, has been created to be completely self-sufficient. We cannot get by on our own. We all need other living, growing things to survive; the food we eat is made of them! Think about the interconnectedness of nature that we see in food chains and ecosystem webs. Human communities work in the same way; to eat is to be connected with something else. When we eat the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion we are connected in an incredibly unique way with God, all people, and all creation. This meal is at the heart of all else we do as a church. We are fed and nourished for ministry—to feed others and to foster more connections.

When we first came to Pleasant View someone said, “We’re a church that likes to eat!” But, we’re also a church that feeds, and that is evident in our passions and ministries. But where are we on the food chain? Are we somewhere near the top, consuming more than we give? Are we near the bottom, giving a lot but not being sustained by much? Somewhere in the center is the healthy place for us as a church and each of us individually. Are you allowing yourself to be fed enough for adequate ministry? Are you allowing yourself to give enough to adequately satisfy the needs of others?

Throughout the Summer, we have been praying the following after Communion at the 9am service:

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

We’re serving up Communion each week! See you at the table!

Pastor Sarah and Pastor Bob

Pastors' Note:

The A/C unit that cools the office area is in need of being replaced, and our office is currently quite warm. We've been finding cooler places to work. So, if you would like to come by please arrange that ahead of time with us so we can be sure to be around or meet you wherever is convenient. Thanks!



SEASONS

Wow! It's August already! It seems like just yesterday they were filling the pool and now it will be closing at the end of the month. For some reason, this summer has really flown by with some kids already back in school by the time you receive this newsletter. I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy a Summer vacation, complete projects around the house, or simply take in a couple of ballgames or concerts at the park. While I will certainly miss Summer, as I have become older I have come to appreciate the different seasons more and all of God's wonderment in each and every season.

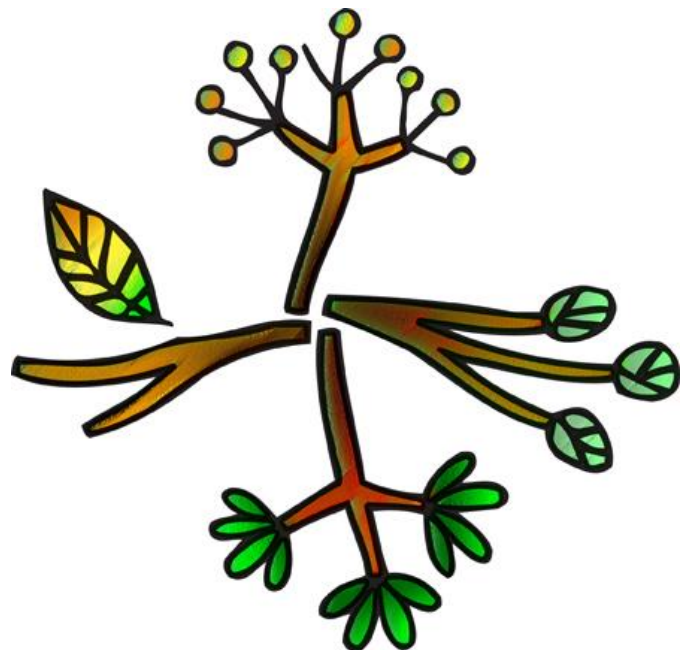
I am especially excited for this upcoming Fall Season with the many activities we have planned here at PVLC, which you will be hearing more about in the coming months. For now, I would like to encourage all of you to send out Summer with a bang by attending our Outdoor Worship Service and Annual Church Picnic on August 20th. Speaking of the end of Summer, this might be a good time to do a mid-year check-up on your Pledge and Covenant Card. I have to confess, I could not remember the third item on my Covenant Card. However, thanks to our Financial Secretary Jane Bird those records are easily accessible. So if you can not remember either please feel free to ask her and she will be happy to provide the information.

Finally, with the heat of Summer comes the common problems of air conditioning which many of you have witnessed in our sanctuary and other parts of the building. We are in the process of receiving quotes to replace the units and hope to rectify the problems within the next couple weeks.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Blue Jean Sunday— Mid Summer Clean-up on July 16th and to the Hospitality Group for providing lunch. Special thanks go out to Adele Stephon for making sure we all kept hydrated and took a break in the shade. She was clearly an Angel among us!

See you Sunday!

Jim





Never Too Old for Crayons

Ever open a brand-new box of crayons? Now, I was one of those kids who really disliked sharing my crayons with others. I know, it's not a great thing to have to admit, but I was always afraid they would break. It made me so upset...as if somehow the crayons weren't as great as they were before they were broken.

The other thing I used to do was to make sure that every color in the box got used. Especially when there was that big box of 64 crayons and it had so many colors. Red always went the fastest, followed by the other primary colors. But there was always a random color that got left out, or not used as much. So I used to make it a goal to use each crayon so that none got left out. Even if they weren't my favorite colors.

In the spirit of going back to school and keeping true to my desire to always look at things from a different perspective, I thought I would share the following poem with you.

The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Derolf

While walking into a toy store the day before today I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.

"I don't like Red!" said Yellow and Green said "Nor do I." "And no one here likes Orange but no one knows just why."

"We are a box of crayons that doesn't get along Said Blue to all the others "Something here is wrong."

Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me and laid out all the colors so the crayons all could see.

They watched me as I colored with Red and Blue and Green and Black and White and Orange and every color in between.

They watched as Green became the grass and Blue became the sky. The Yellow sun was shining bright on White clouds drifting by.

Colors changing as they touched becoming something new. They watched me as I colored - they watched me till I was through.

And when I finally finished I began to walk away. And as I did the crayon box had something more to say.

"I do like Red!" said Yellow and Green said, "so do I." And Blue you were terrific! So high up in the sky.

"We are a box of crayons each one of us unique But when we get together the picture is more complete."

We live in such a beautiful and diverse world. God has placed each one of us here, all with different gifts and talents. Amazing things always happen when we work together.

As we begin another school year lets continue to think of ways that we can carry out our love and acceptance of others. How can we work together with our gifts? What things will we accomplish?

And even if we aren't actually headed back to a classroom this fall, we are still all part of the crayon box.

Peace and Blessings for another school year.

Minda



1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you has received a gift to serve others.

I was born a Lutheran, baptized, confirmed (8 years of confirmation classes Yikes!) and married all in the same church back in my hometown of Decatur, IL. We Lutherans are often known as reserved and polite, however I see a lot of energy in our church. That's why I'm excited to lead the hospitality team with all the upcoming events, beginning with the PVLC Annual Church Picnic on August 20th. First and foremost I encourage each member to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to attend our Outdoor Worship Service and stay for fellowship, food and games.

As with a lot of our meals it will be a pitch-in with hospitality providing the main course and drinks and also a few added surprises. If you are able, please bring a salad, side or dessert. Tried and true is great and I encourage that, however if you want to express yourself and try something new, bring it on! Remember, we are not just good looks and Jello!

Peace,

Lori

Sunday, August 20th, 10am

Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic

Everyone
welcome!

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on for worship
& stay for good food and fun activities together!



**SEEKING TALENTED OR
JUST AVERAGE BAKERS...**

**willing to make cookies or cookie dough
for our September 10th,**

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

**PVLC 2ND ANNUAL
FIGHTING FIRES
WITH COOKIES!**

**Please contact Margaret Stratford at 317-340-9090 or SinaSC@aol.com
if you would like to help!**

KEEP these important dates on your calendars!

September 10th at 10am - God's Work, Our Hands Day

We'll be making cookies again for our 1st responders and delivering them to local firehouses!

September 17th at 10am - Rally Day 2017

Come celebrate educational opportunities at PVLC Where does the WORD grow in your life???

September 23rd at 10am - Blessing of the Animals

Pets, please bring your owners & families to PVLC for a Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Coffee and pastries will be served, as well as treats for pets!

October 22nd at 5pm - PumpkinFest

Bring your pumpkins and come on over to PVLC! You won't want to miss out on this wonderful fall celebration. We will enjoy food and fellowship and carve our pumpkins for the season. Look for details in September N&V!

What: FLEECE TIED BLANKETS!

Why: Because they are warm, sturdy and a snap to make!
No sewing required!

Who: This project is great for any group that wants to provide gifts of comfort and warmth to those in need. It's an especially great activity for Sunday school classes, youth groups, Vacation Bible School classes and intergenerational groups.

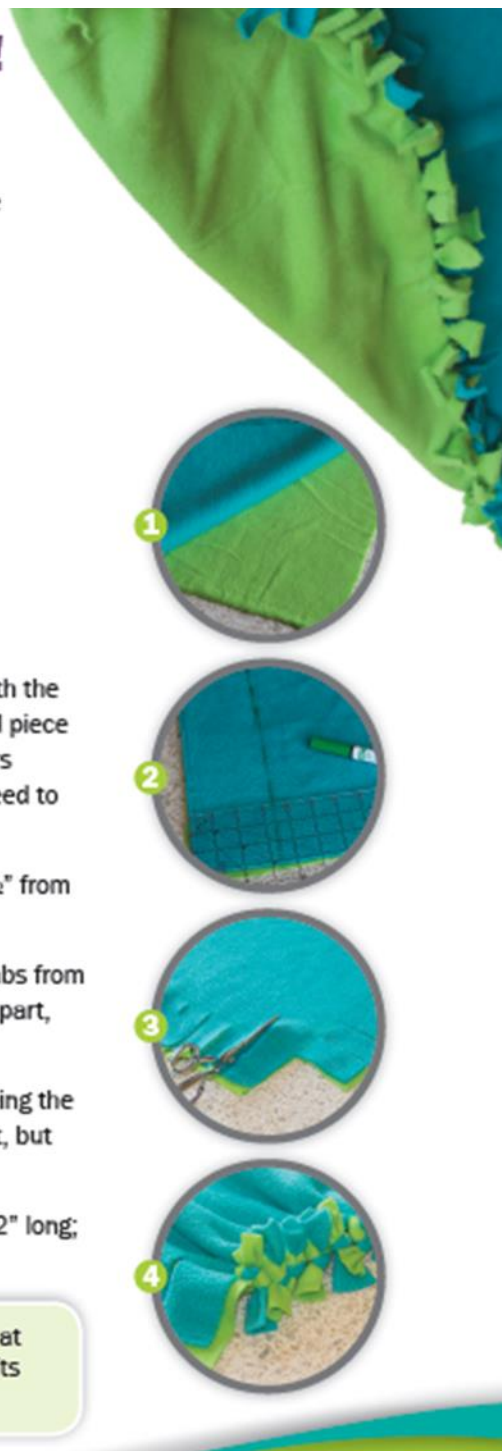
MATERIALS:

- Two pieces of fleece 58" – 59" wide x 80" long*
- Ruler
- Chalk or fabric pen
- Sharp fabric scissors

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Place the first piece of fleece with the right side (with the brightest pattern or finish) DOWN. Layer the second piece on top of it, with the right side UP. Smooth the layers together so they lie flat. Edges and corners don't need to match exactly.
- 2 Using the ruler and fabric pen, mark a line 3" – 3 ½" from the edge of the fabric all the way around.
- 3 Cut out a square at each corner and discard. Cut tabs from the edge of the fabric to the line, about 1" – 1 ½" apart, through both pieces of fleece.
- 4 Tie the top and bottom pieces of fleece together using the pairs of tabs you just cut. Use a secure double-knot, but don't pull too tight and stretch or tear the fleece.
- 5 Check to be sure that the tabs are not longer than 2" long; trim any that are.

***IMPORTANT:** Check out LWR's fabric guidelines at lwr.org/getinvolved/assembly to ensure your gifts of love can reach the hands that need them.

**Some important guidelines to remember:**

- * Fleece typically comes in widths of 58" or 59". If you buy fleece from a fabric store, you can ask them to cut the length to 80", saving you the step of measuring and cutting the pieces yourself.
- * 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.

An Upcoming Embroiderers' Guild Event:

The members of the Indianapolis Chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America and I would like to invite you to our annual Stitcher's Garage Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Pleasant View Lutheran Church. Doors will open at 10:00 AM. We are a group of women who meet regularly to learn, practice, study, and research the art of needlework. There are too many forms of needlework to name them all. Our members enjoy doing count cross stitch, needlework (canvas work), hardanger, quilting, crochet, embroidery, beading and fiber arts.

Our sale will include fibers—yarn, all types of crochet and embroidery floss and quilting threads. We will have a variety of fabrics—quilting, linen, silk, and various types and sizes of canvas. We have a large collection of individual patterns for all types of needlework and books of patterns and designs for sale. Three hundred quilting magazines in excellent condition have been donated. We have over 100 kits—some have never been opened; others have projects that have been started and for some reason, abandoned!

We also have a large assortment of needlework necessities such as scissors, needles, frames, thimbles, etc. Baskets, decorative boxes and metal containers to help you organize and keep your projects together will be available. A large collection of picture frames have been donated, including a few antique frames. We have lamps, lights, floor craft frames, stitch scroll frames and stretcher bars.

This year finished needlework pieces will be available for sale. Some members pick projects to learn certain stitches or techniques. Once these projects are finished, they have no desire to keep them. These orphans have been donated for sale. There will be a silent auction where you can bid on more specialized finished pieces.

Please come and visit our Stitcher's Sale. If you are unfamiliar with our various forms of needlework, many of our members will be available to answer your questions—just ask anyone wearing our guild name tags. Payment for purchases can be made either by cash or check. Thank you.

Nan Lackey,

Chapter President



Do you speak Spanish? Would you be interested in joining a new ministry?



We are considering becoming part of a new ministry of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod reaching out to migrant populations in our area, but one of the key requirements is that we have decent Spanish-speakers in our congregation. So, do we? If you speak Spanish and are interested in putting that skill to work in the church please let one of the pastors or someone on council know soon! Thanks!

**Mortgage
Balance:
\$36,934.25**

A Note From Our Facilities Leader:

Hello everyone!! We had a very successful Blue Jean Sunday and a great lunch. We also got a lot done. So I want to THANK everyone that was there that helped out.

Thanks again!!!
Mikey Hohl

July Giving	
7-2	\$1,209.00
7-9	\$1,772.00
7-16	\$1,519.00
7-23	\$3,229.00

July Worship Attendance		
7-2	20	
7-9	13	18
7-16	36	
7-23	16	30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 13 MEGAN SILENCE
- 14 KAREN BROWN
- 15 JIM SHELLA
- 30 ALAN ZIMMERMANN
- 31 MIKE HOHL

PVLC Council Meeting 07/17/2017

Present: Amber S.; Pr. Sarah N.; Jane B.; Jon S.; Kim K.; Karen M.; Dave H.; Jim E.; Mike H.; Lori E.; Dawn G.

I: Devotions – Jim E. (Mark 1)

II: Good News

Survived the storms and down pours
Wonderful turn out at Food for Thought
Blue Jean Sunday went very well– Adele great job on keeping everyone hydrated and cooled down
Welcome back to Dawn who was out of the country
Lori did great on Hot Dog Bar for Blue Jean Sunday
Brendan K. passed his physical test to move to next training session
Kristi G. supporting Branden during his journey
Thank you to Karen M. for the lovely flowers on the bulletin boards

III: General Questions/Discussion

A: Financials

- a:How to access pledge card?
- b>Contact Jane B. or Kim K.

B: Air Conditioning – see facilities/ground below

C: Stained Glass Protective Plexiglass – no update

D: 2017 Council Retreat?- Maybe

E: PumpkinFest, scheduled for Oct 22 at 5pm

F: AAMPARO Ministry: Discussion

- a: Are there members of PVLC that are fluent in other languages and interested in participating?
- b: Contact Pastor's, if so.

IV: Pastor Report – Pastor Sarah N.

A: Latvian new calendar: requested change for event start times to 12:30pm on Sundays

B: Alive Service: Added video package for services

C: Sept 23rd: Saturday: Pet Blessing at 10am

D: October 29th : Sunday : Reformation Celebration

- a:Worship Service Combined: Latvian and PVLC
- b: Celebration meal – Lori to reach out to LLC
- c: hospitality focal point
- d:Plant an olive tree at Mt. Olives?

Pr. Sarah N. looking into cost

E: October 31st: Tuesday: Living Streaming of Reformation Service, conflict with trick or treating?

- a>Show at later date? Adult Sunday School?

F: October 31st: Tuesday: Trunk n Treat

- a: Would PVLC be interested in Trunk n Treat?

G: Food for Thought Sessions: Thursday's @ 7pm:

- a: Going well and continuing the sessions
- b: Venue Change: Sahn's Ale House

V: Facility – Mike H.

A: Air Conditioning Issue

a:Sanctuary – hot weather plans –

Move to fellowship hall

b:Jim E. to look into portable unit

c:Admin Wing – no air –

Pastor's Schedule until repaired:

Mornings: In office

Afternoons: off site. Please contact their cell to schedule a meeting time.

d:Repair Status: All Units need replaced.

Seeking several quotes.

B: Ceiling leaks: Will schedule a review leak areas and determine repair plan.

VI: Outreach – Dave H.

A: September 16: Saturday: Wheeler Mission

a: Need 11 people

B: Geranium Sale: Kim K: addressed balance

VII: Worship – Dawn G.

A: December: Christmas Eve Sunday Dec 24th:

a: Sunday 9 am Grace Service (Advent 4)

b: 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

B: Christmas Day Dec 25th: No Service

VIII: Hospitably – Lori E.

A: August 20th:

a: Service: Emma's Baptism: Outdoor Classroom
Church Picnic: Patio

b: Kim and Dawn: bring ice boats please

c: Baptism Reception during Church Picnic

d: Requesting pop up tents and grills

IX: Staffing – Jon S

A: Status: 9 Candidates

B: Ready to schedule interviews

X: Newsletter Deadline: Monday July 24th @ midnight

A: Send articles to Pr. Sarah N

Motion to adjourn: Jon S.

Second: Kim K.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: **Monday August 21st, 2017 @ 6:30pm.**