

The VIEW

News of the Ministries of Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2024

A Week of Weeks

The celebration of Pentecost is coming. As you read this, we are continuing the Week of Weeks, seven weeks of seven days which comes after Easter Sunday. We are marking the fifty days for which Pentecost is named. As you may remember, the prefix, pente, means five. When we do the math, one day is missing. When we include Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, it works out to fifty. We will be marking the day with unnumbered millions of people down through time because we are celebrating a Jewish festival. It was originally a harvest festival when the wheat and other products from the fields and gardens were brought to the temple in thanksgiving to God's blessings upon them. After the destruction of the temple, it became a time to celebrate the giving of the Law, or as we say the Ten Commandments, on Mt. Sinai. God has certainly blessed us and we give thanks always. But on this special day, this year May 19th, we will celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on ALL people, not just the people of Israel. We worship the same God, although we understand the relationship differently. We are grafted into the tree through Jesus, the Messiah, sent from God for our salvation.

The Pentecost celebration, immediately after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, was different from all the rest. On that day, everyone gathered there from the ends of the earth, known to them, heard of the greatness of God in their own language from the people who had not learned these languages which were foreign to them. It was a miraculous event which marked a new day for all of the people of the earth, Jews and Christians, as they would later be called.

How will we mark this day? What special things might we do or say which will set this day apart from other days? We traditionally focus on the color red to remember the tongues of fire which appeared upon the heads of the disciples. We have red flowers and we wear red clothing. What else might we do? Here's a suggestion. Let's tell just one other person today that God loves them and so do we. What if we shared ways in which God is great to us with someone who may not have heard our personal story? What if we said aloud how grateful we are for the Word of God sent to us and is living within us through the same Holy Spirit which lit a fire in them?

We can give thanks to God for all those who have brought the scripture to us from its original languages of Hebrew and Greek. Luther was one of them when he translated the Bible into the language of his people, the German people. Others such as St. Jerome, Wycliffe and Tyndale have made it possible for us, as English speakers, to understand the Bible in our language.

We may not speak another language, and we do not need to, because we speak the language of God's love for us and for others who are hurting, hungry and afraid. May the Holy Spirit ignite a fire within us so that all may know God's love.

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor Phyllis

Sundays, 10 a.m.: Open Door Class meets in the Social Hall. April through July.

“Luther’s Small Catechism and Religious History” Teachers: Bryan Huffman, Larry Landes, Bill Luders, Rosemary Spell and Stephen Troxell. All ages are welcome to attend this “refresh” study of our basic Lutheran beliefs. The schedule is available in the Main Hall.

Wednesdays, Choir Practice, at 6 p.m.: All are welcome. Choir Director, Gary Flavin. Organist, Stephen Dickerson.

Thursday, May 2: Council Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Social Hall: The Church Council has ongoing issues that must be addressed to ensure the appropriate planning for worship services, overseeing the operations of our Church, and discussing transition issues for the 2024 Council. If you have any questions or suggestions for the Council’s consideration, please submit them to Terry Bunch (preferably in writing) no later than April 29 .

Change for Hope/”Red Bucket Collections:” The Council has approved the following “Red Bucket” collections: **May 5: Micah Ecumenical Ministries (WELCA Project):** This is the July 2024 project of the Virginia Synodical Women’s Organization. Fredericksburg area churches are active in caring for the whole person through ministries that address basic needs: health care, housing, income and social/spiritual. **May 19: Area Volunteer Fire Departments.** This collection will assist fire departments with replenishing equipment and supplies following Spring wildfires in the area.

May 5, First Sunday Celebration will be held immediately following the worship service. Thank you to Debbie and Dennis Hastert for providing the cake.

Thursday, May 9, Ascension Day, On this fortieth day of the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus’ ascension into heaven and the missions and ministries that are still happening “on the ground.”

Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.: Blessings Group will meet at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. Anyone interested should contact Joy Landes.

Sunday, May 12, Mother’s Day: This is a special day to honor all mothers and motherhood. The carnation means **fascination, distinction, and love.** According to a Christian legend, carnations grew from the Virgin Mary’s tears as she watched Jesus carry the cross. This is how they became associated with motherly love. A **pink carnation** signifies a mother’s **undying** love. **White** corsages are usually used when someone’s **mother** has passed away. **White** is the color of peace and tranquil dignity. **Pink or white carnations will be distributed to families at the end of the worship service.**

Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m., WELCA Meeting: The next WELCA meeting is the **SVWO (Southern Valley Women's Organization) Spring Bible Study:** "Stir Up God in Us."

9:30 Registration and Gathering

10:00 Bible Study Leader: Kathy Thompson, Muhlenberg Lutheran

11:30 Short Business Meeting

Where: Salem Lutheran Church 417 Salem Church Rd., Mt. Sidney

Lunch: Sandwiches and chips Combo from Valley Pike Farmer's Market, Weyers Cave

All ladies are welcome. Contacts: Rosemary Spell, Goldie Shiflett or Linda Page.

Sunday, May 19, at 9 a.m.: Worship and Music Committee will meet in the Choir Room to plan for Summer services, including Summer vespers on June 19, July 17, and August 21 at 6 p.m.

May 19, Pentecost Sunday: As Christians, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus Christ and recognize the day the church was established. We honor the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

May 19, Service of Affirmation for New and Current Members

May 26, Sunday and June 2, Sunday: Dr William Franz will be leading worship on May 26th and Kathy Thompson will be leading worship on June 2nd. Pastor Phyllis will be on vacation.

May 27, Monday, Memorial Day: We honor members of America's military services who lost their lives while defending our country.

Friday, May 31, at 12:30 p.m.: Pleasant View Lutheran Men of Faith Gathering at Rowe's Restaurant. Anyone interested should contact Larry Landes.

June 2, Holy Trinity Sunday: It is the first Sunday after Pentecost; it celebrates and emphasizes the Trinity, the three Persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith. Lutherans believe the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. In the words of the Athanasian Creed: "We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal."

June 13-15: Virginia Synod's Summer Power in the Spirit, Topic: Esther, the Risk Taker; Location: Roanoke College. To access additional information on the event, to explore workshops, and to register, <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/32d2fo5331.html#page/1>

Summer Vespers (Social Hall): Wednesdays, June 19, July 17, and August 21 at 6 p.m.: Come and bring either a salad or sandwiches. The Hospitality and Worship and Music Committees will provide light desserts. Fellowship and meditation will follow. Mark your calendars.

Blessing Box: We are pleased to report that the blessing box is fulfilling its purpose as food, gloves, a Bible and children's Bible story books are regularly taken by those who pass by. If you have something for the box and it is full, please know that you can leave them on the table by the Pastor's study and she will see that they get put in it. Hearty soups and canned meat items have been popular items. Thanks to all who have contributed to this ministry.

Communion Options: Prefilled (disposable) communion packets are located in the Narthex. Please pick up a packet of wine/wafer or juice/wafer if you choose this form of Holy Communion rather than participating in Intinction. During Communion you may either bring your disposable packet with you to the front of the sanctuary or you may remain in your seat.

Sermon Manuscripts for each Sunday's sermon is available in the Narthex and is sent to our shut-ins.

PVELC Contributions: Please mail your contributions (or correspondence) to: **PVELC, 2733 Spring Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401.** If you wish for your contribution to be designated to a special fund (e.g., Outreach, HVAC, Change for Hope request), please make a note in the memo section of your check or include a note along with the contribution.

PVELC Communications: If you need pastoral consultation, please contact Pastor Phyllis either by phone or by email. If you have issues for the Church Council, please contact Rosemary Spell. For additions or corrections to the bulletin prayer list or email distribution, please contact Stephen Dickerson.

Prayer Chain Requests: To initiate specific prayer chain requests, please contact Linda Page either by phone or by email. To be included in the prayer chain text list, please contact Linda Page. In addition, please refer to the "Our Prayers" section of the weekly Announcements.

Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church: search website and Facebook posts: <http://www.pvelc.org/> and [Pleasant View Evangelical Lutheran Church - Posts | Facebook](#)

Good Stuff is a section of the bulletin board beside the pastor's study. The good stuff may include newspaper articles related to faith, background information for the seasonal or weekly liturgies, photos and definitions of difficult words, to name a few. So, as you go down the hall, check it out.

Bulletins, Newsletters, Emails. If you are having difficulty accessing the email distributions or are not receiving emails, please contact either Stephen Dickerson or Becci Page.

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“**Word in Season**” (April, May, and June devotions) and “**Living Lutheran**” are available in the Narthex and Main Hall.

“**Daily Grace**” is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Signup up for an email message. [Daily Grace, Reflections of Faith - Women of the ELCA](#)

Staying in Touch: Holidays, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You: Please take time to send a note of encouragement to one another, make a phone call, send a text message, post a social media message, light a candle, donate to a charity serving those in distress, and pray for our brothers and sisters at home and around the world.

Verona Community Food Pantry: The VCFP needs plastic bags. Contact: Goldie Shiflett.

**Pleasant View Women of the ELCA
Minutes April 9, 2024**

The Pleasant View WELCA met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 in the church social hall.

Devotions: Rosemary Spell had devotions reading “Soul Needs” from Daily Grace

Program: Rosemary presented our program on “Flowers in the Bible” and their meaning.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Cook reported we have \$581.00 in our treasurer including today’s offering.

Southern Valley Planning Team: met, Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. at Northridge in Verona. Plans were discussed for the May Bible Study and Summer Fun Event.

Spring Bible Study: Is Tuesday, May 14 at Salem Lutheran Church, 417 Salem Church Rd., Mt. Sidney. Registration is 9:30. Bible Study begins at 10:00. Bible Study Leader is Kathy Thompson, Va. Synod Lay Pastor. Lunch will be ordered from Valley Market, Weyers Cave. Pleasant View will provide fruit. Rosemary will purchase and PV WELCA will pay her back.

Virginia Snodical Women’s Organization Annual Convention is July 26 and 27 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Norge, Va.. Love Offering Project for this year is Micah’s Ecumenical Ministries in Fredericksburg, Va. They are in need of money, first aid kits, umbrellas, personal care items, notebooks, etc. Since Norge is close to Williamsburg, At this point in time, Rosemary and Carol Troxell are going to the convention. We discussed the Micha’s project. We will either order the items they need on Amazon and have shipped to them or give them a donation. This will be discussed further at our May meeting. We will also be taking up a “red bucket” for the Micha’s project on June 2.

Tour of the Catholic Church in Staunton: Since only two of our members are going to convention in July we decided to go ahead and have a July meeting here at PV. Rosemary is looking into us touring the Catholic Church in Staunton. They are currently remodeling there but anticipate being done by July. After tour we plan on eating at the Salvadorian restaurant “Gloria’s Pupuseria” on Central Avenue. Further details will be forthcoming.

Summer Fun Event: Sight and Sound Movie: Queen Ester. Saturday, August 10, Sipe Center in Bridgewater. Doors open at 9:30 and movie begins at 10:00. Lunch options are Cracked Pillar Pub, El Charro and Francesco’s (to name a few).

Fall Gathering: Sunday, October 13 at St. Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church, 3555 Spaders Church Rd., Mt. Crawford. Registration is at 2:00 p.m. Please bring finger foods, salads or dessert. Drinks/Set up items provided by the host church.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, May 14 to attend the May Bible Study to be held at Salem Lutheran Church. Registration is at 9:30 and Bible Study begins at 10:00.

Those Present today: Sue Cook, Linda Page, Becci Page, Rosemary Spell, Jo Cline, Terry Bunch and Carol Troxell.

Linda Page, WELCA Secretary

Our Prayers

For the good of the church: Our bishops, Elizabeth and Phyllis, Pastor Phyllis and all pastors and deacons.

For those serving on military active duty: Alex Rankin

For healing and recovery: Bill Braithwaite, Fred Cox, Pastor Price, Mary Tueting, Rebecca Perrin, Jimmy Cox, Martha Arehart, Steve Troxell and Kenneth Page

For our friends and neighbors: Lilly Myers, granddaughter of a friend of Joy Landes; Dwight Dart, son of Karen Fauber; Pam, friend of Alice Fauber and Mary Garber; Timmy Simmons, friend of Mark Price; Terri Pomphrey and her mother, friends of Tina Puffenbarger-Carrillo; Vera Baker, friend of Mandy Lilly

Church Contacts

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Pastor: Phyllis Diamond: 540-589-6988

Treasurer: Karen Fauber 290-1999

Council President: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Council Vice President: Rosemary Spell 248-1450

Council Secretary: Mary Garber 480-0444

Committee Representatives:

Education: Larry Landes 448-0047

Evangelism: Mary Garber 480-0444

Finance and Stewardship: John Bowers 337-7061; Burke Simmons 292-8674

Hospitality and Fellowship: Terry Bunch 292-1086

Property: Doug Painter 280-0882; John Bowers 337-7061

Social Ministry (Outreach): Rosemary Spell 703-298-3604

Worship and Music: Rosemary Spell 703-298-3604

Youth and Recreation: Bill Luders 271-1101

May Birthdays

Michael Adkins	5/2
Joshua Richter	5/2
Susan Wright	5/2
Roger McKay	5/5
Kenny Jordan	5/8
Mary Virginia Roudabush	5/9
Tammy Cox	5/10
Kenneth Price	5/11
Stephanie Hensley	5/20
Thomas Ratcliffe	5/20
Larry Landes	5/22
Burke Simmons	5/22
Wayne Heizer	5/23
Aiden Ashman	5/27
Steve Quick	5/28
David Taylor	5/29
Linda Page	5/30
Peggy Knott	5/31

May Anniversaries

Tyler & Ashlea Hevener	5/2/2015
Mark & Jennifer Cline	5/11/2012
Rick & Karen Fauber	5/22/2024
Wayne & Diane Hizer	5/24/1991
David & Stephanie Jetton	5/27/2001
Kenneth & Joe Price	5/30/1954



Worship Assistants for May

Assisting Minister: Terry Bunch

Ushers & Communion Preparation: Roger & Goldie Shiflett

May 5, 2024	Lay Reader: Gary Flavin	Acolyte: Bill Luders
May 12, 2024	Lay Reader: Steve Troxell	Acolyte: Dale Rankin
May 19, 2024	Lay Reader: Emily Vayvada	Acolyte: Bill Luders
May 26, 2024	Lay Reader: John Bowers	Acolyte: James Cox

May

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5
Read
Psalm 56:9–11.
What are you afraid of?
Pray about it.

6
Read
Psalm 56:12–13.
What is the offering
during church service?

7
Read
Romans 5:1–2.
Pick a song and sing it
as a family.

1
Read
Isaiah 25:1.
Ask an adult about a
time they saw God's
faithfulness.

2
Read
Psalm 56:1–4.
What does it mean to
"be gracious" to someone?

3
Read
Psalm 56:5–7.
Pray for someone who has
mistreated you.

4
Read
Psalm 56:8.
Draw what you hear in
this verse.

5
Read
Psalm 56:9–11.
What are you afraid of?
Pray about it.

6
Read
Psalm 56:12–13.
What is the offering
during church service?

7
Read
Romans 5:1–2.
Pick a song and sing it
as a family.

8
Read
Romans 5:3–5.
When have you seen
suffering produce hope?

9
Read
Luke 1:76–79.
Who is this
talking about?

10
Read
Isaiah 43:2.
Memorize this verse.

11
Read
Philippians 2:1–2.
Discuss what it means to
believe the same thing.

12
Read
Isaiah 66:13.
Pray for your mother.

13
Read
Luke 15:4.
Pray for someone who
has left the church.

14
Read
Matthew 7:25.
Ask your pastor to do a
house blessing.

15
Read
Psalm 115:1.
Pick a song to sing as
a family.

16
Read
John 16:33.
Memorize this verse.

17
Read
Lamentations 5:17.
Ask an adult about a
time they cried to God.

18
Read
1 John 4:13.
Look up what the word
abide means.

19
Read
Psalm 73:26.
What was something that
comforted you from
Sunday worship?

20
Read
2 Corinthians 1:5.
What are Christ's
sufferings?

21
Read
John 14:16–17.
Ask an adult a question
you have about the
Holy Spirit.

22
Read
Psalm 94:19.
Set a timer and pray
for 15 minutes.

23
Read
Deuteronomy 31:8.
Tell the person to your
right: "The Lord will be
with you."

24
Read
Psalm 38:9.
Have you ever been
frustrated with God?

25
Read
Joel 2:12.
Research fasting.

26
Read
Psalm 42:7–8.
Draw what you hear in
these verses.

27
Read
Psalm 62:8.
What does it mean to
"pour out your heart?"

28
Read
Matthew 6:26.
Shout: I matter to Jesus!

29
Read
1 John 4:4.
Pray for families with
young children.

30
Read
Lamentations 5:19.
Ask your parents about
their parents' faith.

31
Read
1 Thessalonians 5:24.
Memorize this verse.

