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



News & Views

January 2018

**HELP OUR
YOUTH GET TO
HOUSTON!
CHILI LUNCH**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST
11:30AM
PVLC FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Being a Good Getter

**“Tis better to give than to receive.”
But, is it really?**

Sometimes, sure. Most of the time, probably. But, not all of time. During this Christmas season, we’ve reflected on how it can be so much easier to give than to receive. The giver, in a relationship, seems to have the power over the receiver. The giver gets to decide what the receiver gets, and usually even is shown gratitude for it. The getter, however, is put into a humble position of getting whatever the giver chooses to give to them, having very little control of what that might be or when it might happen.

Giving feels good to do, especially giving something to someone who would not be able to get it for themselves. Why doesn’t receiving always feel good though? Sometimes there is guilt that the giver “shouldn’t have” or feelings of being undeserving and therefore uncomfortable about the gift. Now that we have been through this “season of giving,” maybe we need to allow ourselves to enter a “season of getting”—allowing ourselves to be open to what God is offering us, freely. This might be through the gifts or acts of others, events in our lives, and through prayer and worship.

Each week at worship, God offers us free forgiveness of our sins, nourishment at Christ’s table, the Holy Word at work in our world, and community with our sisters and brothers in Christ and the entire Communion of Saints. Do we receive this well? Do we allow ourselves to acknowledge how deep and wonderful this gift is, or do we brush it off when we take it—possibly a bit ashamed that we are in such need

of this gift; or maybe because we don’t allow ourselves to see what is offered as really “real?”

Are you humble enough to allow yourselves to receive when something wonderful is given to you? Allow someone else, God especially, to have some of the power in relationships? Allow yourself to be cared for and nurtured by others, as we were created to do. God did not make us to be endless consumers of all things, and this can be an easy slope to slip down. But, we were also not created to be givers alone. We were made for relationships, and those have many levels of giving and receiving. Open your hands and hearts to receive what God has to offer to you!

Pastor Sarah and Pastor Bob





GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

First and foremost I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and hope everyone had a Merry Christmas spent with family, friends, and your church family.

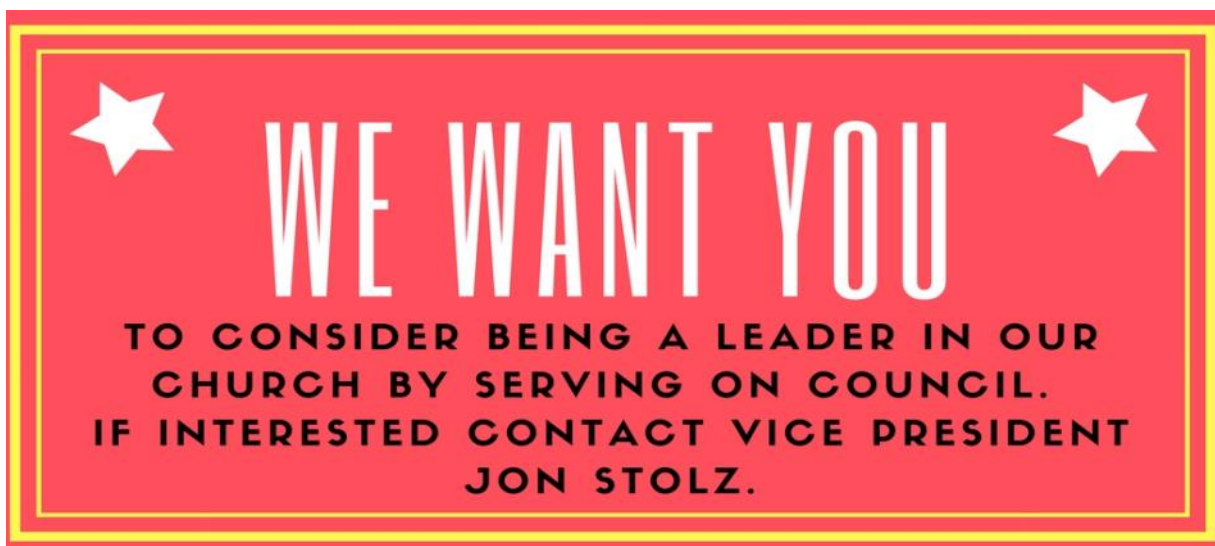
I learned this past month that the establishment I have worked at for the past 9 years will be closing January 4th as the owners are retiring and selling the business. While everyone is happy for the owners and their much deserved retirement, it has been a real emotional roller coaster for myself and my fellow employees as we battle the prospects of a new job search and look for ways to provide for our families. Old Point Tavern is a neighborhood bar/restaurant located in the heart of the city and is Indianapolis's second oldest bar dating back to 1887. To hear everyone coming in sharing their memories of the place and relationships formed including marriages, has been quite moving and heart warming the past couple of weeks.

Thankfully our church is not "going out of business," but I think there can be drawn many similar parallel emotions. Think of all the memories you have of PVLC and all the relationships formed, including meeting your significant others here as some individuals have. We all have laughed, cried, and prayed with our church family over the years and share so many special memories that will last us a lifetime. No, the church is not going out of business as it is built on God's solid foundation, but let's not take for granted what the church does and means to so many people in the neighborhood and the lifetime of memories they have for Pleasant View Lutheran Church.

May 2018 bring you Health, Happiness, Joy, Peace, Prosperity, and find you Living Generously!

See you Sunday,

Jim





Volunteers Needed – January 6, 2018!

Remember completing your 2018 Covenant Cards for service to PVLC? Here is your chance to fulfill your covenant first thing in the new year!

Volunteers are needed to remove the greenery and Christmas décor from the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary on Saturday, January 6, beginning at 9 a.m. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help! With a good supply of workers, this task can be done in a few short hours, helping to prepare the church for Epiphany Sunday on January 7. I'll provide the donuts, coffee, and juice to fuel your efforts.

Thanks for your service to our beautiful church facility!

In faith, *Dawn*

January 2018 Worship Schedule

Saturday, January 6	9:00 AM	Volunteers needed for removal and re-storage of Christmas Greenery from Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary (Donuts, coffee, and juice provided)
Sunday, January 7	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 14	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 PM	Second Sunday Service at MorningSide of College Park—All invited to assist!
Sunday, January 21	10:00 AM	ONE Worship Service in Fellowship Hall including: *Celebration of PVLC Youth and Special Recognition of Minda Hohl *I CAN Donations -Canned goods/toiletries
	~11:30 AM	Youth Chili Lunch in Fellowship Hall supporting trip to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston
Sunday, January 28	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall



SOCIAL JUSTICE IN 2018

Micah 6:8

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Advent Baby Shower...we have 7 completed baby kits and 10 more to finish off for the summer. We will be sending out 4 blankets along with the 7 baby kits...Stay tuned to "Where in the World..." We also had a successful Sunday School Christmas Program, "Just A Little Christmas", retelling the story of Our Savior's Birth with all ages from Sunday School participating. The Season was a little bit brighter with the love shared within our walls and outside to the world.

So...January finds us continuing to explore ...acting justly, loving kindness and walking humbly with Our God...join us!

In His Name, *Margaret*

January	1/7/2018	10 am	Intergenerational – Hungry? All ages welcome!
	1/14/2018	10 am	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
	1/21/2018		No Sunday School - I CAN Sunday
	1/28/2018	10 am	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
February	2/4/2018	10 am	Intergenerational Sunday School – More social justice All ages welcome!
	2/11/2018	10 am	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
	2/18/2018		No Sunday School - I CAN Sunday
	2/25/2018	10 am	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes



Just A Little Christmas — Sunday School Christmas 2017

December Giving	
12/3	\$9,897.46
12/10	\$3,246.00
12/17	\$4,600.00

Dec. Worship Attendance	
12/2	30
12/3	125
12/10	42
12/17	68

Mortgage Balance:
\$21,318.08

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6th- Dave Henkel
- 7th- Jason Silence
- 8th- Cathryn Schroeder
- 15th- Troy Stratford
- 18th- Mark Doctor
- 26th- Leslie Elliot
- 27th- Kim Reid
- 28th- Joanna Lange
- 29th- Kathryn Henkel

2018

**ANNUAL MEETING
 OF THE
 CONGREGATION**

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11
 WORSHIP @ 11AM IN
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 FOLLOWED BY MEAL & MEETING

PVLC Council Meeting 12/18/2017

Present: Pr. Bob N; Margaret S.; Dawn G.; Jane B.; Jon S.; Karen M.; Kim K.; Lori E.; Mike H.; Pr. Sarah N.; Tom M.

I: Devotions – Jon S. – Lutheran Daily Devotional

II: Good News and Gratitude

- A: Resolution Choir– Great to have as part of worship and enjoyable concert (was also great to need extra chairs at worship)
- B: Sunday School Christmas program
- C: Caroling went well, residents loved watching the children. Thanks to Lori for brunch beforehand.
- D: Baby shower went well – 7 baby kits complete.
- E: Stewardship dinner.

III: General Questions/Discussion

- A: Member Awards
 - a: Think of nominations for next meeting.
- B: Annual Meeting
 - a: February 11, 2018 date
 - b: Service at 11:00, meal following
 - c: Reports to Kim K. by January 15th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IV: Pastors' Report – Pr. Bob N. / Pr. Sarah N.

- A: Monday Dec 25th – Jan 2nd: Pastors on vacation, reachable by cell and email
- B: Sunday Dec 31st: Pr Lazdins lead worship @ 9am
- C: First call pastoral group will be meeting here starting January 8th 9:30 – 12:00.
- D: Large gift to be designated to PVLC.
 - a: Donor's family would like to see it used sooner rather than later.
 - b: Discussed ideas, for potential projects/uses.
 - c: Gift should go through Memorial for accounting purposes & check be cut to operating upon use.
- E: AED – memorial has provided a check for this, it will be ordered.
- F: Giving tree - 12 tags left, one member is willing to cover all of them if council members have gotten all they can do.

V: Finance – Tom M.

- A: Deposit for 12/17 over \$6500,
- B: Balance approx. \$41,400.
- C: All HVAC invoices have been paid for except for sanctuary thermostat.

D: Endowment – Please share with Tom or the Pastors suggestions of groups to donate to Anticipate about \$1000 to each of two organizations.

VI: Finance – Kim K.

- A: Proposed budget for 2018,
 - a: Kim K. gave overview of increases & decreases.
 - b: Margaret S. moved and Karen M. seconded that we accept the proposed budget. Unanimous approval.
- B: Groups are encouraged to be creative in looking for resources that are cheap or free.
 - a: Consult with Pastors if need resources.
- C: Please ask if you know will have out of ordinary expenses. Just because there is a budget does not mean that the money is actually there.
- D: Receipts for reimbursement are to be turned in at least monthly.
- E: Audit on January 29th at 6:30 pm.

VII: Hospitality – Lori E.

- A: Consideration of a higher end home dishwasher.
 - a: Possible donation – may be finalized in Feb.
- B: 2/11 Annual meeting, asking for hors d'oeuvres or dessert, hospitality will provide main dishes.

VIII: Worship – Dawn G.

- A: 10 Poinsettias ordered for Christmas Eve
- B: No Organist for 1st Sunday of January as of yet
- C: January 21st – I Can, recognition for Minda H.
- D: Ash Wednesday – February 14th
- E: Easter – April 1st
- F: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services being planned
- G: January 6th taking down Christmas decorations.
 - a: Need to take down the fellowship hall first, will start at 9:00 due to private event in fellowship hall from 12:00 – 6:00.

Motion to adjourn: Lori E.

Second: Pr. Bob N.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Monday January 15th, 2018 @ 6:30pm.