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



News & Views

October 2017

## Special Events This October at Pleasant View

15th Support Greater Indy CROP Hunger Walk  
21st Craft Fair Extraordinaire, 9am-3pm  
22nd PumpkinFest, 5pm  
28th Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm  
29th Reformation 500 Worship & Meal, 11am

## From the Pastors' Desk



### The “Protest” in “PROTESTant”

*“Therefore, we conclude that Christian individuals do not live in themselves, but in Christ and in their neighbor, or else they are not a Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love. Through faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God; likewise through love they fall down beneath themselves into the neighbor—remaining nevertheless always in God and God’s love.”*

*[Martin Luther, Freedom of a Christian, translated by Timothy J. Wengert, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016), 530.]*

Well, after a full year of hype, it’s finally here: the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation! That fateful October evening, Martin Luther “nailed” his 95 highly-controversial debate topics to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. Why did he do it? Because he couldn’t bear the thought of not doing it, not speaking up, not standing for those the unjust society was trampling on— the peasants who were being taken advantage of through the selling of indulgences. The church of his day was creating idols for itself in the magnificent churches that it wanted to build, funded by the sale of indulgences instead of honoring the *Imago Dei*, “image of God,” in the poorest members of society.

It may be a difficult question, but as we think about the reform that needs to continue to happen within the church today, let us reflect on the question: what idols have we made for ourselves today? What comes first in our lives? Our jobs? Our country? Our property? If it is not God, which means seeing and respecting the *Imago Dei* within one another, especially those who are treated poorest in our world, then that is where our reformation needs to begin.

Blessings on your journey of faith, *Pastor Sarah and Pastor Bob*



OCTOBER

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We'll continue to meet each Thursday evening at 7pm at Rock Bottom Brewery on 86th Street.

Here is our October line-up:

5th: Liberation Theology

12th: Why do such bad things happen?

19th: Feminist Theology

26th: Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue



## Faith

*"He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'" - Matthew 17:20*

I have always considered myself a person of faith and I have certainly grown in faith and spirit during my time as council president. Recently I was faced with my own mountain in my role as council president, paying for the repairs of our HVAC units in excess of \$31,500.00. Admittedly, I thought it was a huge mountain to climb and I had little faith that our congregation could raise that amount of money in a special appeal process.

Boy, was I wrong! Not only did we raise the money, we exceeded the goal! For that I would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you and for restoring my faith in our ability to move mountains together.

See You Sunday!

*Jim*



## A Note from Facilities...

Hello everyone!

I can say now, that I can see the light on the other side of the tunnel. The roof top unit is done and the other units will be done soon. With that being said, I want to say THANK YOU!! Not only did we get help from members of our church family but we also received donations from other groups that use our building. This was truly amazing!

Thanks again,  
*Mikey Hohl*  
Facilities Leader







## Celebrate ALL of Gods Creation - St. Francis of Assisi

Every year on or around October 4, Christians throughout the world gather to celebrate the blessing of the animals. St. Francis is considered the Patron Saint of the animals. He called all creatures his brothers and sisters, and could even be found preaching to the birds.

It is easy to love things that are cute and furry, but what about those creatures who are not so lovable? It isn't as simple to find a soft spot for spiders or snakes. (or in my case...centipedes) We are truly called to care for the earth, and that means all of God's creation. In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, see if you can find a new way to care for the environment and creatures that are on earth. Even if it means just taking a moment to just observe nature and the creations in and around it.

## PET DONATIONS NEEDED!

Continuing in the spirit of loving and caring for all creatures, we will be accepting donations of the following items for the Indianapolis Humane Society. If you are able, please bring an item(s) of your choice from the list below with you to church. We will take donations now through Sunday October 8th. The week of October 9th, donations will be delivered to the Humane Society to help with pets at the shelter that are in need. Thank you for your support and care of our community and its pets!

You can also visit [indyhumane.org](http://indyhumane.org) for other ways to help!

### WISH LIST

- Greenie Pill Pockets
- Hot dogs
- Nylon leashes and martingale collars
- Natural Balance rolled dog food
- Small chewy, soft treats
- Small chewy, soft treats
- Large and extra-large Kongs
- Dawn Dishsoap
- Easy Cheese
- Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags

### October 22 ~ 5:00PM—PVLC PUMPKINFEST

Come and join us for food, fellowship, and fall fun for all! This event will take place in our Outdoor classroom area. Bring your own pumpkin for carving. All of the tools needed will be provided. After all the hard work of carving, we will enjoy a meal together.

PVLC will provide Hot Dogs, Chips and S'mores.

Please bring along a cooler with your favorite beverages along with a side dish to share if you are able.

Sign-up begins October 1st

If you have any questions please contact Minda Hohl

[mhohl@pvlcelca.org](mailto:mhohl@pvlcelca.org)

### Help Needed!

*Set-up and Clean-up help needed for PumpkinFest!*

We will need a crew at 4:30 before the event to help set up, and also help cleaning up afterward. Please consider signing up in the Fellowship Hall.

*Craft Fair HELP - October 21- 10 AM - 2 PM*

Attention PVLC youth and families - We need your help at the annual Craft Fair. We are in need of volunteers to serve concessions. This is a very simple task, but it is a great way to help out and it is also a lot of fun.

Please contact Minda Hohl if you are available.



## Sharing the Good News Every Second Sunday at MorningSide!

As our seniors and disabled people enter assisted living communities, transportation to their home church for worship becomes increasingly difficult. However, most communities open their doors to bringing a worship service to the residents and their families right where they live. Our pastors have reached out and been given the opportunity to provide ministry to the residents at nearby MorningSide of College Park Retirement Community (located just north of the West 86<sup>th</sup> Street Wal-Mart) at 8810 Colby Boulevard. This just happens to be the place where my parents reside. I am very excited to worship with them again as a family and bring Christ's love to all through prayer, communion, and song!

On Sunday, October 8th at 3 p.m. Pleasant View will lead a monthly worship service at MorningSide. This service will always be on the second Sunday of the month with the pastors providing the pastoral leadership of the service. We are looking for folks to read, help with communion, play/lead music, and just be there to worship and build relationships with residents. All ages are welcome! If you want to help or come along for our first service please let one of the pastors know!

Grace and peace, *Dawn*

### October Worship Schedule

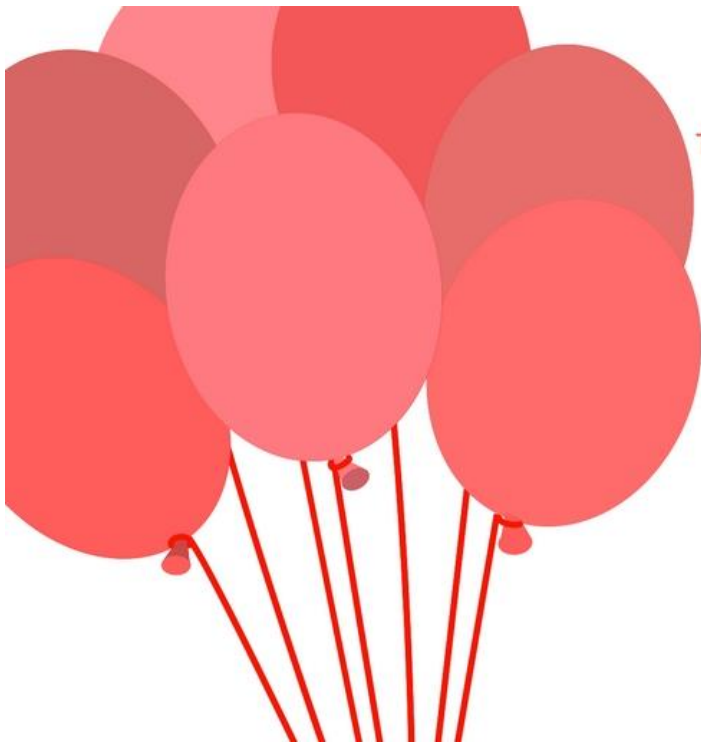
Sunday, October 1	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 8	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 PM	Service at MorningSide of College Park in the Chapel, lower level
I CAN Sunday, October 15	10:00 AM	ONE Worship Service in Fellowship Hall, bring: *Canned goods/toiletries to donate *Prayers & donations for Crop Walk -Goal \$600
Sunday, October 22	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 29	11:00 AM	ONE Worship Service in Sanctuary with Latvian Lutheran Congregation *Reformation Celebration- 500 Years of God's Grace in Action! *Wear RED- Freed & Renewed in Christ!



Pleasant View Lutheran Church &  
The Latvian Lutheran Congregation of Indianapolis  
invite you to our

## 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION CELEBRATORY WORSHIP & MEAL

Sunday, October 29th, 2017, 11am



The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is just around the corner! We will be having a worship service and luncheon together with the Latvian congregation. This should be an awesome and inspiring event. Again, I encourage you to invite friends, family and co-workers to share in this great opportunity for worship and fellowship.

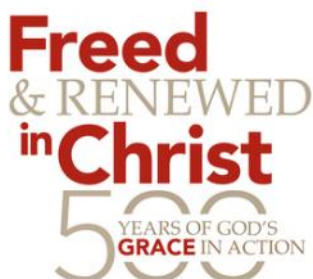
This is not a pitch-in but if you are so moved, please feel free to bring a soup, side or salad. This event will have a Germanic theme so, if it's in your roots, dig up those old family recipes or try something new!

Can't wait to see you there,

*Lori*

### Share the Good News!

As part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, on Sunday, October 29th, we will be collecting money to purchase Bibles! New, growing Lutheran churches around the world need Bibles in their own language to preach, teach, study, and share in God's promise of steadfast love. On the 29th, help us purchase Bibles for the growing church through ELCA Good Gifts!







# We Are Off to a Great Start to Our New Educational Year!

See the pictures from God’s Work, Our Hands...we prepared at least 30 dozen cookies for our first responders and delivered them to TWO grateful Fire Stations – IFD Station #4 and #32. Our Rally Day Skit – A Dirty Story for Seedy People was well received and the message enjoyed. Let’s keep our hearts and minds open to receive God’s word, grow with love and kindness in God’s word and continue to respond with love and grace to others in our lives and community.

Our PVLC blankets went to.....

## BURKINA FASO

“Land of the Honest People”

Landlocked country in West Africa

Nationality: Burkinabe

Population of 16.3 million

The Mossi is the largest ethnic group

“Yam Kibaré?” (How are you?)

Response: “Laafi Bala, La Yamba?” (I am fine & you?)



God’s Work,  
Our Hands  
& Rally Day!



October	10/1	10:00 AM	Intergenerational - Hungry?
	10/8	10:00 AM	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
	10/15		No Sunday School - I CAN Sunday
	10/22	10:00 AM	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
	10/29	10:00 AM	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
November	11/5	10:00 AM	Intergenerational - Martin Luther Trivia
	11/12	10:00 AM	Traditional Sunday School Children, Confirmation, High School & Adult Classes
	11/19		No Sunday School - I CAN Sunday
	11/26		No Sunday School- Thanksgiving
December	12/3	10:00 AM	Intergenerational - Baby Shower

## Prepare for Advent!

Our Intergenerational Sunday School event on the First Sunday in Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a baby shower to prepare baby care kits to send off through Lutheran World Relief. If you are out and about and want to purchase an item off the list, feel free and we will try to make a few Baby Care Kits to send off.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks
- ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins





## 2017 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR EXTRAORDINAIRE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 9AM-3PM

CHECK OUT THE CRAFTINESS OF  
MEMBERS OF OUR LARGER  
COMMUNITY

&

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR  
HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

## 2017 Greater Indy CROP Hunger Walk!

Join Team PVLC at The Greater Indianapolis Area Crop Hunger Walk- Sunday October 15. If you are interested in walking as part of team Pleasant View Lutheran Church, please let Dave Henkel or one of the Pastors know. The first 10 team members to sign up will get a special gift!

You can also register online to walk and help raise donations towards Team Pleasant Views Goal!

To Sign up online as a walker for team Pleasant View Lutheran Church:

1. Go to [Indycropwalk.org](http://Indycropwalk.org)
2. Click the "Sign Up- Support the Crop Walk" Icon
3. Click "Register"
4. Fill in the information asked
5. Click "Create Your Account"
6. Once you are signed in, on the right-side bar click "Create or Join a Team"
7. Click "Join an Existing Team"
8. Search "Pleasant View Lutheran Church" and click "Join Now"

If you would like to donate to the Crop Walk in support of Team Pleasant View Lutheran Church, you may do so at the following link: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/indianapolisin/PVLC>



September Giving	
9-3	\$1,309.00
9-10	\$2,917.00
9-17	\$2,188.86
9-24	\$1,197.00

Sept. Worship Attendance		
9-3	19	
9-10	24	33
9-17	32	
9-24	15	31

**Mortgage  
Balance:  
\$30,724.70**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3rd- Valarie Weust  
 6th- Judy Silence  
 8th- Bob Meyers  
 8th- Mary Jean Halvorson  
 16th- Charlie Simmons  
 18th- Beverly Tripp  
 22nd- Andrew Skinner  
 25th- Hayley Kernodle  
 27th- Andrew Bird

Join us for an afternoon of safe and fun trick or treating  
at the Pleasant View

# Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 28th, 4-6pm  
Please wear your Halloween best!



We'll be hosting our first-ever TRUNK OR TREAT! This will be a great way to connect with our community! We are located in an area where there are multiple apartment complexes but not many sidewalks, meaning that it is not the safest area for kids to trick or treat! You can get involved by signing up to pass out candy from your trunk. If you feel so compelled, please dress up in costume and/or festively decorate your trunk. Invite all kiddos you know!

## PVLC Council Meeting 09/18/2017

Present: Amber S.; Pr. Bob N; Dawn G; Jane B.; Jim E.; Jon S.; Karen M.; Lori E.; Margaret S.; Pr. Sarah N.

I: Devotions – Jim E. – *Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

### II: Good News

- A: I-CAN Service: Enjoyed the skit, music, everything
- B: HVAC donations– Amazing!
- C: Resolution choir concert & donations to HVAC
- D: Broad Ripple Fire Department #32 said thank you for the cookies and they did receive them
- E: Successful extracting & inputting HVACs from roof
- F: Wheeler Mission – 8 people attended
- G: PBS Luther Movie: The Idea That Changed the World
- H: Communications Board – Great bee’s made by Karen

### III: General Questions/Discussion

- A: HVAC – how do we let the congregation know goal was met? How do we encourage to continue pledged giving to the operating fund
    - a: Saint’s email announce current status
    - b: Letter Encouraging continuing to give
    - c: Celebration
  - B: Pastor’s benefits: PVLC’s Retirement contribution was off by 2%. Corrected effective 9/1/2017. Retro compensation discussion in future.
  - C: AED Defibrillator – ZOLL
    - a: Defibrillator (fully automatic): \$1,400
    - b: Red Cross: give you prescription
    - c: CPR support; Timing correct; Depth Comparison chart
    - d: Split cost with Latvians
    - e: Training: \$900 minimum of 8 people PVLC and tenants  
Price break ends Sept 30th
    - f: Jerry Bishop – training source?
    - g: Training is not required to purchase AED
    - h: Memorial Request process to start
    - i: Margaret: to check the price after Sep 30 and if the pads are pediatric
    - j: Motion: Jane B: To purchase AED if approved by memorial
- Second: Dawn  
All in favor: Unanimous

### IV: Budget: Review January to June

- A: Start putting requests into Kim for 2018 budget
- B: Pastor’s benefits needs to change with new baby

### V: PASTOR’S REPORT

- A: Saturday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Pet Blessing: Playground/Grassy area @ 10 am – rain/shine
  - a: Rain Location: Under main entrance portico
  - b: Time frame: 30 mins
  - c: Homemade treats for pets
  - d: Refreshments for humans
- B: October 15<sup>th</sup>: Crop Walk  
Sunday Service: Bread/Hunger Theme
- C: October 21<sup>st</sup>: Craft Fair, 9am-3pm
- D: October 29<sup>th</sup> : Reformation Celebration
  - a: ELCA Good gifts: Bible \$12  
Separate box/basket  
Free will donation at luncheon
- E: Houston Youth Gathering- 4 youth committed
- F: October 31<sup>st</sup>: Trunk n Treat
  - a: Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: 4-6p
  - b: Need at least 10 trunks
  - c: Ask Latvians, God’s Grace, & ACH
  - d: Signup to be put out
- G: Morningside of College Park on Colby:
  - a: Worship service 2nd Sunday of month @ 3pm
  - b: Beginning: October 8<sup>th</sup> because of September scheduling snafu
- H: Food for Thought: Going well & continuing
  - a: Questions continue to come in
  - b: Thursday’s @ 7pm
  - c: Venue Change: Rock Bottom
  - d: End week before Thanksgiving  
pick up in January
- I: Maternity/Parental Leave
  - a: Council to determine the pastoral need for when Pr. Sarah & Pr. Bob on parental leave
- J: Stain glass: Installation of plexi-glass to protect the stain glass purchased by Latvians

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

### VI: Education – Margaret S.

- A: Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> class for Children, youth & adult class
- B: Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: Intergenerational – Martin Luther Theme  
more coloring!
- C: October 22<sup>nd</sup> : Pumpkin Fest
  - a: Hot dogs provided– grilling and fireside



## VII: Worship – Dawn G.

- A: Scheduling OCT, NOV, DEC organists
- B: No Thanksgiving Eve service this year
- C: Mid-week Advent Service: Dec 6th, 13th, 20<sup>t</sup>
  - a: Fleece blanket creating while we pray
- D: October 29<sup>th</sup>: Reformation 500 Worship
  - a: Joint Worship w/ Latvians in Sanctuary
  - b: Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

## VIII: Finance – Jane B.

- A: Planning 2018 Budget
- B: Schedule Finance meeting in October

## IX: Hospitably – Lori E.

- A: Possible HVAC Celebration between services
- B: October 29<sup>th</sup>: Reformation Celebration

Newsletter: Deadline: Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> @ midnight  
– to Pr. Sarah N

Motion to adjourn: Jane B.

Second: Jon S.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

## *From the Pets...*

Dear Human Members of PVLC,  
THANK YOU very much for the Pet Blessing Service on September 23rd. We all had a great time even though the weather was hot. We behaved ourselves and got along with everyone. We all got a blessing and our families did too. We also prayed for all the pets that have gone before us. It was nice to have a chance to be with all of the animal lovers at church. We hope you will invite us back again.

Love, The Pets

*Buddy, Bucky, Little Heidi, Gonzo, Nola, Scarlett, Mario & Andretti*

## PVLC PUMPKINFEST 2017!

Sunday, October 22nd, 5pm

Bring your pumpkin and we'll carve together while enjoying some great picnic food and a campfire in the Outdoor Classroom area on the South side of the Pleasant View property!

All are invited! All are welcome!