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



News & Views

November 2017

**“They are to do good, to be rich in good works,
generous, and ready to share, thus storing up
for themselves the treasure of a good
foundation for the future, so that they may
take hold of the life that really is life.”**

1 Timothy 6:18-19

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH
10AM**

LIVE GENEROUSLY

From the Pastors' Desk



THANKFUL

November is apparently the month for being thankful; at least that's what I'm sure you're going to hear at least 20 times throughout the month. But, we are truly thankful, and we would like to use this space to express that. We are thankful for the wonderful whirlwind of life during the month of October here at Pleasant View. From the Crop Walk to Craft Fair, PumpkinFest to the Trunk or Treat, and all of the wonderful Food for Thought discussions to our splendid Reformation Worship and meal, we are now a bit dizzy from all of the activity but thankful and astounded that, frankly, as a small congregation, we pulled all of this off and even did it well! Whew!

We're thankful to be in a church that not only has great ideas for ministry and fellowship, but follows through on making them happen, and happen well! November will seem a bit quiet, but that's fine. We can all take a breath, reflect on Stewardship (as we'll be doing each Sunday leading up to the 19th), and gear up for the fun and festivities of December!

As we approach year 501 after the beginning of the Reformation, let us not forget whose church we are, why we do what we do, and what we are capable of when we come together as people of God. And, let us all take some time to give thanks for the way that the Spirit continues to call and move within us!

Thankful for each of you,

Pastor Sarah and Pastor Bob

November
**FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT**

2nd Abortion
9th Consumerism
16th Nationalism

Join in for these conversations at
7pm at Smee's Place.
For the remainder of November and
December, we will take a break
from gathering.

A photograph of several golden-brown, crusty loaves of bread, possibly baguettes, nestled in a woven wicker basket. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the bread and the basket.



FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR

"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:20-21

As I am writing this article, we are in our second week of our stewardship series entitled "Live Generously" using the bible text from 1 Timothy 6: 18-19 *"...Take hold of the life that really is life."* I know stewardship month isn't everyone's favorite time of the year, but often it can be with a few tweaks of how you perceive it. First, I think it is interesting and almost ironic how stewardship talks always seems to coincide with the fall season, during the most colorful time of the year and the end of Daylight Savings Time. Big changes for sure and maybe an opportunity to change the way we think.

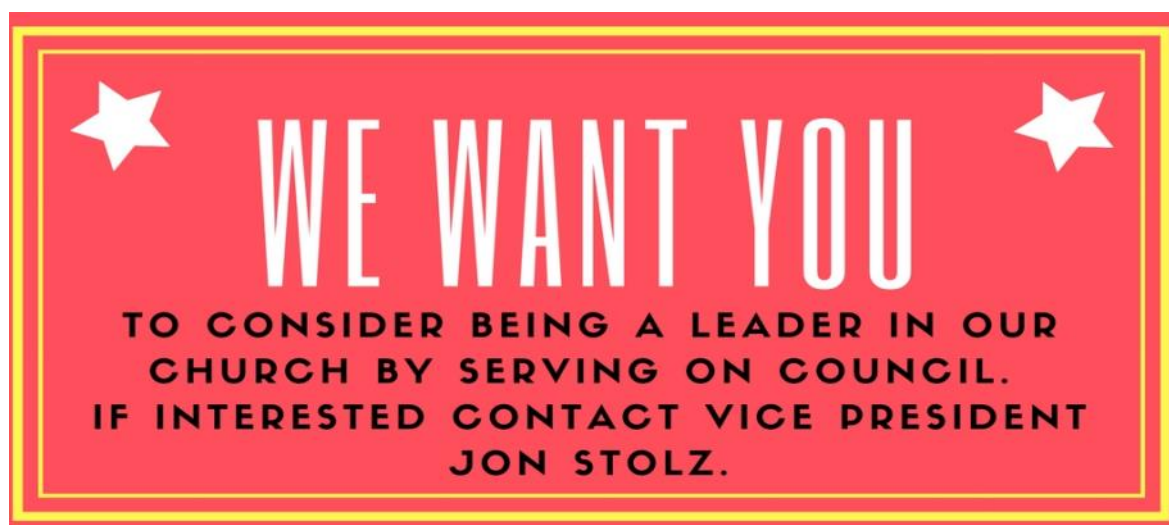
Last year's theme for our stewardship series was "Make it Simple." I, as a goal-driven guy, wrote down specific goals to make my life more simple. I confess that for the first 3 months of the year I did pretty well and then the bottom fell out. My life got more complicated with work, home, my mom, and even church obligations. In a nutshell, I failed but I am still keeping those goals and practices of "Make it Simple" in front of me.

To "Live Generously" I believe will be a goal I can really embrace as a step forward in my spiritual growth. I hope all of you have been picking up the leaflet each week and reading it about how to live more generously. Personally, I am looking forward to the challenge in 2018 of Living Generously and pray that my pledge card reflects where my heart is.

This time of year offers a time to reflect and meditate on what a gracious and giving God we serve knowing that all blessings come from God and everything we have and are come from God. It is up to us to reflect on these gifts and make this our favorite time of the year!

See you Sunday,

Jim





STEWARDSHIP – LIVE GENEROUSLY

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As we continue on our stewardship journey during the month of November the following is a schedule of upcoming topics and events:

November 5 – Desiring More

November 12 – If We Tightly Grasp

November 19 – Stewardship Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Service

LIVE GENEROUSLY

Scripture Focus: 1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE @ 11:15 a.m.

The following is one of the many articles shared in the resources of our stewardship series:

GOD’S ECONOMIC DELIVERY SYSTEM

By Mike Slaughter

One of my favorite contemporary theologians is Bono of U2 fame. Bono is unapologetic about his commitment to Jesus Christ wherever he goes. Bill Hybels, the senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago, Illinois, sat down with Bono a few years ago for a conversation about faith. Bono pointed out during their dialogue that 2,003 Scripture passages pertain to the poor, the largest quantity next to those Scriptures dealing with personal redemption and salvation. Bono proclaimed that “the main thrust of the Scriptures is to meet Christ through working with the poor and disadvantaged.” He referenced Matthew 25, the only part of the Gospels in which Jesus described Judgment Day. I have always referred to that as the “final exam” passage. To pass that final, we had better belong on the side of those who clothed the naked, fed the hungry, and visited the prisoner.

Bono next asked a great question: “Why have we amassed all this wealth and power if we cannot go to the aid of our sisters and brothers? . . . Love thy neighbor is not advice; it’s a command.” He followed up with two more excellent questions: “Can an accident of longitude and latitude really decide whether you live or whether you die? In the global community—in the globalized world, can you say . . . because that’s happening over there, it’s not really my concern? Well, you can’t if you’re a Christian.”

I was born to a middle-class family in Cincinnati, Ohio. When compared to the majority of people in the world it means that I was also born into great privilege. I am thankful for that! But, does

that mean that God favors me personally more than he does a mother in Darfur, Sudan, who is working hard to raise her children alone after her husband was murdered? Am I more favored because of my more privileged “accident of longitude and latitude”? “Privilege” should not imply a favored status but a responsibility.

In Luke 4 Jesus declares his mission statement to the world, quoting Isaiah 61:1: “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” If the gospel as we demonstrate it in the world does not serve the poor, then it is not the good news! Our privilege, our fortunate accident of longitude and latitude, carries deep responsibility.

We are God’s economic delivery system for serving the least and the lost. As the living, breathing body of Christ, we are the only hands, feet, and wallet God has to accomplish God’s work within the world. Have you ever heard a preacher insist, “God doesn’t need your money. God can do it without your money. You just need to give!” That’s true, we do need to give; but frankly, I find the rest of that claim misleading at best and bogus at worst. We are the only bank account that God has. God needs our feet, our hands, our money, and our trust.

I am in my sixties. As I regularly remind my congregation based on the scope and space of a normal lifetime, I am almost dead. James reminds us, “What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:14). Jesus indicated that when we tightly grip the seed we have been given, using it only for ourselves, ultimately it will rot. But if we are willing to give it up, to entrust it into God’s soil, then the seed grows into God’s future harvest.

My daughter and son-in-law used to live in Boston, and during one of our visits Carolyn and I took a detour to visit the Breakers in Newport, Rhode Island, a mansion built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II in the mid-1890s as a “summer home” for when his estate in North Carolina, the Biltmore, got too hot and humid. This summer “cottage” was expansive and beautiful, encompassing 62,482 square feet of living area across five floors. One of the most impressive rooms was the library, filled with leather-bound books that no one ever reads on shelves made from beautiful wood. The tour guide indicated that the library had been built in Europe, disassembled, and then shipped to the United States for reassembling. The gardens also were impressive. The place is now a museum, a tourist attraction. Ironically, the tour guide revealed, Cornelius only visited his new vacation home four times before dying of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1899 at the age of fifty-five. What a great reminder! You can’t take it with you.

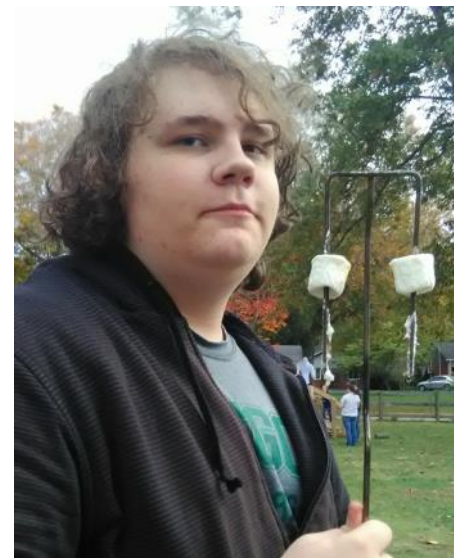
Jesus taught us that ““from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked”” (Luke 12:48). I suggest we start living like it, generously and open handedly releasing “our” resources into God’s purposes for the world Christ loves.

1 “Bono Vox (U2) – Interview 7/9,” YouTube video, 5:42, posted by maniauswien, March 27, 2008. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JVVYbrF93bw>



Picture-Perfect Pumpkin FUN!

Please enjoy these pictures from our 2017 **Pumpkinfest!** Thanks to all who came out to enjoy this evening of fellowship. It was a wonderful evening for all.



November 5th

All Youth Grades 6-12 (and parents)! Please join us on Sunday November 5th after the ALIVE service for lunch in the Youth Room. We will be planning upcoming events and fundraisers for the winter. Bring a side dish or dessert if you are able. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Minda Hohl mhohl@pvlcelca.org

December 17th

Save the Date! CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Calling all smiling faces, eager voices, and guitar players!

Please join us for a light brunch and Christmas Caroling after worship.

We will be caroling to local nursing homes as well as some of our own church members.

Don't miss out!



As of the writing of this article...

245 days

15 hours 32 minutes

1,025 miles

It may seem like a lot of days and a lot of miles, but we are already on our way!
PVLC is officially registered for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston!

We have 4 youth and 2 adults that will represent PVLC at the ELCA National Youth Gathering: Lauren Stolz, Steven Myers, Luke Henkel, Joel Henkel, Karen Myers, and Pastor Bob!

As a congregation, we are included in this adventure as well. Although not all of us are actually doing the traveling, we have a BIG job to do here. Just as our Youth have made this commitment to attend the gathering, we are making the commitment to get them there. It's our job to be supportive as we prepare to send these brothers and sisters in Christ to the 2018 gathering. As the fundraising and work begins, our prayers can also begin. Congregational prayers and support are such a large part of this Gathering. There will be much to do and learn along the way... and we are blessed to be joined with the entire ELCA as we head out to CHANGE EVERYTHING in the city of Houston.

Please keep the city of Houston and all those who will be attending in your prayers. We cannot wait to share this adventure together!



November	11/5	10am	Intergenerational - Martin Luther Trivia
	11/12	10am	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	10am	Intergenerational - Baby Shower



Prepare for Advent!

Our Intergenerational Sunday School event on the First Sunday In Advent, December 3rd will be a baby shower! We will 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

Craft Fair Extraordinaire Recap

Wow PVLC!

This year was our best Craft Fair for a number of reasons:

- PVLC raised \$635 (last year \$500) toward Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- 16 vendors participated this year (last year 13 vendors) with good vendor networking and sales
- More foot traffic due to multiple communication advertising avenues: Facebook, signs in our community, and passing out flyers
- The youth made \$155.80 for their trip to Houston next Summer by selling food
- PVLC families pitched in to help make this Craft Fair a real success!

A special thanks to Karen Myers, Charlie Simmons and Pastors Bob and Sarah for their attention to important details in the planning, praying and implementation of the Craft Fair.

God is awesome,

Chris Robin—Event Coordinator



October Giving	
10/1	\$3,344.08
10/8	\$3,622.00
10/15	\$1,897.00
10/22	\$1,355.00
10/29	\$1,794.00

Mortgage Balance:
\$27,597.67
We're getting so close!!!!

Oct. Worship Attendance		
10/1	8	34
10/8	18	42
10/15	24	
10/22	20	18
10/29	93	



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st John Sander
 3rd Lily Nowak
 7th Pastor Bob Nowak
 14th Bill Crispin
 14th Joel Henkel
 14th Luke Henkel
 15th Troy Stratford
 16th Dawn Cill
 28th Deon Bishop
 28th Susan Stolz

November Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 5	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Intergenerational Sunday School - Conference Room
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 12	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School/Confirmation in classrooms
	11:00 AM	ALIVE Service in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 PM	Second Sunday Service at MorningSide of College Park - Chapel, lower level
Stewardship Sunday, November 19	10:00 AM	ONE Worship Service in Fellowship Hall including: *Live Generously stewardship celebration *Bring pledge cards & canned goods/toiletries to donate Stewardship Meal following worship in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 26	9:00 AM	GRACE Service in Sanctuary Only

PVLC Council Meeting 10/16/2017

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

I: Devotions – Jim E. – Live Generously Week 1

II: Good News and Gratitude

A: Humane Society Donations – Thank you for the donations and for Jim dropping off

B: Thank you to Alan Z. for the hotdog donation

C: Crop Walk: 10 walkers – Raised \$411
No rain during walk

D: PVLC service @ MorningSide – very well received
Thank you for everyone from PVLC attending
Morning Side 2nd Sunday service

E: Protective plexiglass was installed in Conference room – Thank you Latvian congregation for the donation and the installers for doing a great job

III: General Questions/Discussion

A: New Bunn Coffee Maker after Strawberry Festival – Still Missing. If you know the where-about, please contact Jim E. or Lori E.

B: Trunk or Treat – is it occurring? YES!

C: 3 month calendar review. Some highlights below:

Saturday Oct 21st – Craft Fair

Sunday Oct 22nd – Pumpkin Fest

Sunday Oct 29th – Reformation Joint Service

Sunday Nov 5th – Youth gathering after church

Saturday Dec 2nd – 9 am Hanging of the greens
with Cookie Exchange (new) & Christmas
Dinner and white elephant gift

Sunday Dec 3rd – 10am - Intergenerational Sunday
school – Baby Shower
11am - joint service w/PVLC & LLC

Sunday Dec 10th – Sunday School Show

Sunday Dec 17th – Christmas caroling

Mid-week Advent Services – 3 times

D: Mike M – HVAC Repair

a. Ideal (old company) provided information not accurate. All units not repaired: Three– 5 ton units Replaced 2 units but the 3rd is not working and did not know it was not functioning until other units were established.

b. Minimum cost \$875 for motor of 3rd unit

Memorial Fund – Mike to place memorial request

c. Terms of payment are the same with Edwards for the initial repairs/replacements

Question: Is it an option to replace the 3rd unit since we do not know how much more it will take to repair the existing unit?

Answer: Mike to get total cost with labor and then evaluate whether to repair or replace.

Question: Is there a guarantee/warranty on repair

Answer: Not sure at this time. Mike to ask.

Question: Will the HVAC system be mapped to utilize for future reference in regards to which units operate which sections of the building and the locations of unit's sources and such?

Answer: Yes

E: Tracking Pledges – Would this be of interest?

Idea would be to provide a statement to PVLC members of how much they contributed per their stewardship note card

F: AED – Jim E. to put in request form to memorial.

Reminder: Latvian church will provide donation of half the purchase cost of AED.

G: Jim E. and Lori E. on Vacation – Nov 1-6th

a. Contact during vacation: Jon S.

H: Pastors' Family leave – Prefer to work up to time baby arrives to save time to add to end of leave

I: Stewardship Dinner – Theme: Live Generously

IV: Minda Hohl – Youth Director

A: Houston TX 6 participants

Minda will not be going to Houston, TX

B: Minda shared need to step away from youth director role due to personal/family needs. Minda is not leaving PVLC community, just stepping away from the role. She will continue to help with the Houston trip.

a: Staffing – to review position of Youth Director

b: Staffing—to review transition period

C: Saturday Oct 21st - Craft Fair –

help with concessions...walking tacos

D: Sunday Oct 22nd - Pumpkin Fest – help is welcome

E: Sunday December 17th

10am - ICAN Sunday

11am - brunch followed by Christmas Caroling at local senior facilities

Hospitality Committee will provide light snacks

COMMITTEE REPORTS

V: Pastor Report – Pr. Bob N. / Pr. Sarah N.

- A: ECLA National Youth Gathering
Houston, TX – Summer 2018
 - a: Pr. Bob is excited to go
 - b: Minda going to do registration
 - c: 4 Youth deposits and 2 Adult chaperones
 - d: Post mark must be Nov 15th to get early bird registration price
 - e: Youth & Adult deposit - \$150 each
 - f: Rest of the cost is due in April 2018
 - g: Fundraising Events
 - h: Same Synod in the same hotel
 - i: Theme: This Changes Everything
- B: Reformation: Currently working on building worship service for Sunday October 29th
 - a: Pr. Sarah meeting with Pr Laz's regarding joint service
- C: Saturday October 28th : Trunk n Treat 4pm-6pm
- D: Food for Thought Sessions: Going well & continuing
 - a: New Location: Smee's Place
 - b: End week before Thanksgiving for now

VI: Worship – Dawn G.

- A: No Thanksgiving Eve Service
- B: Question: Advent –regarding pink candle
(no purchase but decorate)
- C: Midweek Advent services – Dawn and Pr. Sarah to work on details
- D: Poinsettias – set amount and then provide order form to purchase

VII: Financial Secretary – Jane B.

Returning talent cards with second quarter statements

VIII: Finance – Kim K.

- A: New envelopes were ordered and 1/3rd of the cost
- B: Request prior to purchasing anything – operation budget is low at this time Send the request to Tom
- C: 3rd quarter statements will be going out
- D: December council meeting – budget review
 - a: If you think you have changes, let Kim K know by November Council meeting
 - b: Then vote at December Council Meeting on 2018 budget

IX: Communication – Karen M.

- A: Preparing for October – Crop Walk, Craft Fair, Pumpkin Fest, and Reformation Sunday
- B: Utilize Social Media to help promote PVLC
- C: Welcoming Suggestions

X: Hospitably – Lori E.

- A: Sunday Oct 29th: Lutheran Reformation Meal
 - a: PVLC – Main dishes, salads, drinks
 - b: Latvian – appetizers, breads, and desserts
 - c: Clean up helpers are very welcome
 - d: Estimating 80 folks

XI: Staffing – Jon S

- A: Council members – transition for some members
- B: Simplified check in on how the Pastors are doing

Newsletter: Tuesday October 24th @ midnight deadline – to Pr. Sarah N

Motion to adjourn: Jon S.

Second: Jane B.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: **Monday November 20th, 2017 @ 6:30pm.**

Get Ready for December at Pleasant View!

Saturday, Dec. 2nd

Hanging of the
Greens
9am decorating
the church
5pm worship
followed by meal,
cookie exchange,
& white elephant
gift exchange

Sunday, Dec. 3rd

10am Lutheran
World Relief Baby
Shower

11am Advent
Concert
followed by
Latvian Advent
Bazaar

Sunday, Dec. 10th

11am Sunday
School Christmas
Program

3pm Advent Hymn
Sing at
MorningSide of
College Park

Sunday, Dec. 17th

10am I CAN
Worship
followed by
caroling

Sunday, Dec. 24th

9am Advent 4
Worship

7:30pm
Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Worship

Sunday, Dec. 31st

9am Worship only

**Wednesdays
Dec. 6th, 13th,
& 20th**

7pm Midweek
Advent Prayer