

December 13, 2015

VOLUNTEERING

Imagine the transformation that would happen in our families, church, and community if we all took the time to do what God uniquely designed each of us to do to serve others. Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator listed.

Current serving opportunities include:

Kids' Church (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) kirsten@pvwinona.com
Kids' Church (serving 1st-4th grade) kirsten@pvwinona.com
Middle School (serving grades 5-8) james@pvwinona.com
High School (serving grades 9-12) brian@pvwinona.com
Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) and Arts (music, drama, or set design) chad@pvwinona.com
First Impressions:
Ushering - kevinjewert@gmail.com
Greeting - Joyce, jgulbrandsen@outlook.com
Parking - Bill Braun, bhbraun@hbci.com
Building & Grounds (hospitality team, cleaning, projects, grounds) - michael@pvwinona.com

OWNERSHIP

Will you MERGE (to become combined, united, swallowed up, or absorbed; lose identity by uniting or blending) with us at PV to join us as we glorify God by becoming alive in order to make disciples? We believe that as you MERGE with us, you will begin to understand the Gospel better, PV's DNA better, and how you can join us in achieving the vision that God has given to PV. Because the reality is, when we do this together, WE are BETTER because of it.

Meet the Zieskes

- Informal time to meet the Senior Pastor and his family. Dessert and childcare are on us! Watch for more information about future opportunities.

Engage

- We are Better Together! First step toward becoming an owner (formerly called membership) at PV. Dinner and childcare are on us! Next class is December 20, register on your bulletin response card.

Revolve

- A 3 Week Learning Community on learning how to Abide & Abound. Watch for information about future opportunities.

Grow

- 7 Week series based on PV's values. Series is available online for groups or individuals to participate in anytime. Visit pvwinona.com/merge/grow

Empower

- A 1 day Learning Community discovering your spiritual gifts, and how your life experiences have uniquely shaped you for Kingdom influence. At the end of this session, participants will be asked to discover what's next for them; that may be serving, volunteering, going on a mission trip, or interning. Watch for information about future opportunities.

WAYS TO GIVE AT PLEASANT VALLEY:

Cash or Check: Place your check or cash in a secure giving box during any Sunday service. Contributions may also be sent to the PV office.

Automatic Giving: Fill out a green form from the brochure kiosk to consistently give weekly/monthly via checking or savings account. This is the most cost-effective method of automatic giving for the church.

Online Giving:



Scan this QR code or visit pvwinona.com to set up an online account to give one-time or consistent weekly/monthly via credit card*, debit card, checking or savings account.

Text Giving: With your smartphone or device, text a dollar amount to 507.697.1988. You'll receive a text with a link. Tap the link, enter your information, and the credit* or debit card you'd like to use for all future gifts. Next time you're ready to give, text the dollar amount to the number above. (To give to Irresistible, include the code "II"; Benevolence, "BV"; or Missions, "MI") Example: text "\$50 II" if you want to give \$50 to Irresistible.

Stock Transfer: Please call the office for details, 507.452.5518.

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 **PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH**
Every generation, alive in Jesus.
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Worship Celebrations: Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am



Worship & Prayer Night - Tonight, 6:30-8pm. Come together for a time of worship and prayer! Childcare will be available.

Church Workdays - Let's get together to spruce up the building for Christmas! Teams will clean (inside and out) and paint on Tuesday, December 15, 9am-2pm; and Thursday, December 17, 9am-2pm or 6-9pm. Whether you can help the whole shift or just part, please sign up by email to pv@pvwinona.com or on your bulletin response card.

Christmas Eve Celebrations - Thursday, December 24 at 1, 3, and 5pm. Childcare will be provided for birth-33 months. The Trester Trolley will shuttle from the Middle School, to and from the church. Use the invitations in the bulletin to invite your friends and neighbors.

Giving Tree - Birthright of Winona, a crisis pregnancy center, has a "Tree of Life" located in our Fellowship Area. Gift tags, identifying items for babies, are hanging on the tree. If you choose, please take a tag, purchase the item and put the unwrapped gift under the tree. Tree will be in place until December 30. Direct questions to Joyce Rocco at 452.4126 or jrocco@charter.net.

Winona Hims Concert - Today, 1pm & 3:30pm at Wesley United Methodist, 114 West Broadway.

ENGAGE: We are better together! - Sunday, December 20, 5-8pm. Have you been attending PV for a while, and would like to better understand the church, possibly considering ownership? Join us for this informative class that answers the basics of who we are, what we are called to do, and if you choose, how you can become a participating owner. Dinner will be served and childcare is available. Register on your bulletin response card.

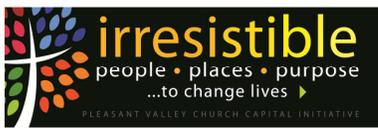
Philippines Update - Sunday, December 20, following 2nd service, room 111. You're invited to enjoy lunch and hear updates from Lael Lemire about her time serving with Samaritana Transformational Ministries. This ministry focuses on after care for sexually exploited women. Register by December 18 to lcoj18@gmail.com.

Attention Single Moms & Widows - As a gift to you from the church, certificates for a free oil change from Gordie's BP are available in the Next Steps Area.

Year-end giving - As we approach the end of 2015, please be aware that any offerings that are to be credited to 2015 must be hand delivered or post marked by December 31, 2015. Thank you for your generous giving!

Governance Board Nominations - PV members may suggest potential candidates for the 2016-2017 Governance Board up until January 13, 2016. The Board seeks candidates who have a desire for leadership, and to be a part of the team focused on assisting the Senior Pastor and Staff with the strategic leadership of the Church. Board Mandate: The board will govern biblically with an emphasis on (a) an outward focus rather than on an internal preoccupation; (b) collective rather than individual decisions, while permitting the expression of individual viewpoints; (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail; (d) clear distinction of Board and staff roles; (e) perpetuating a culture of moving forward; (f) being proactive rather than reactive. Requirements: must be an owner of Pleasant Valley Church, must complete required leadership training, and fulfill qualifications as outlined in the Scriptures. Please email potential candidate names to Ace Olsen, aceolsen@hbci.com.

Isik Abla Autobiographies are available for \$10. Stop by the office to purchase a copy.



In April of 2014, the PV family was invited to partner in a 3-year initiative called Irresistible.

The goal remains the same: to connect more people to Jesus and align more Christ followers to His purpose. We set out to accomplish three things that would require sacrifice, commitment, and financial resources: eliminate the \$1,000,000 debt, re-purpose the facility, and bless local ministries.

To date, \$2,158,395 of the \$3.6 million goal has been pledged.

We have already accomplished much. In Phase 1, we installed a new Audio/Video/Lighting system in the Ministry Center. In Phase 2, we have, to date, decreased the debt to \$124,251, and have begun updating the children's areas. We are now excited to reveal plans for Phase 3, the re-purposing of the facility. New 3-D design plans are on display in the Fellowship area. If you have not partnered with PV in this way, please consider understanding the need and stepping out in faith to be part of something great. Pick up a pledge card from the back of the Ministry Center or from the brochure kiosk in the Next Steps Area and drop it in one of the black giving boxes.

MN Adult and Teen Challenge assists teens and adults in gaining freedom from addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The team will lead both Worship Celebrations on December 27. A free-will offering will be taken.

Cancellations - During this season of unpredictable weather, PV related cancellations will be broadcast on Winona radio, KFSI 88.5, and will be posted on our website www.pvwinona.com.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The Baby/Toddler Zones (BTZ) are located in the hallway on our lower level. The Baby Zone welcomes birth through steady walkers. The Toddler Zone is for walkers through 33 months.

Kids' Church Pre & K - Preschoolers (age 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten, meet Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30am in room 206.

Kids' Church Grades 1-4, Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30am, room 209 (SMC). Students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer.

Awana, a ministry for kids, grades K-6, meets at the Peterson Middle School on Wednesdays at 6pm. For more information email jpriksen99@gmail.com or [facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA](https://www.facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA). No Awana on December 23 and 30.

PV Play Day - We are excited to have our very first PV Play Day on Wednesday, December 16, 8:30-11:30am. The Ministry Center will be opened up to parents that have young children in need of running around, and a new place to play or sit, chat, and connect with other parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Youth - 8:30 & 10:30am in room 203 (Chapel). 5th-8th grade students are welcome. Adult leaders challenge them to grow deeper in their faith; plus they enjoy games and donuts! No class December 20, 27 and January 3.

Wednesday Night Youth Group - 7pm at PV. 5th - 8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time. Our hope is that the students will be refreshed in Jesus. No Youth Group December 23 and 30.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Wednesday Night Youth Group - 7pm at PV. 5th - 8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time. Our hope is that the students will be refreshed in Jesus. No Youth Group December 23 and 30.

HSM Sunday Night Life Groups - If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

HSM Winter Retreat - January 22-24, 2016 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. Cost is \$60. Register now at pvwinona.com, go to Ministries, High School. Deadline is January 17, 2016.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

No Breathe (College Church) in December, resumes January 11, 2016.

H2o Winter Conference - February 5-7 at Camp Forest Springs. Register and pay a non-refundable down payment of \$40 by January 18 to receive the early bird price of \$135. Cost is \$155 after that. Find more information and register at h2ocollegeministries.com.

Want to join a small group? Email h2o@pvwinona.com and let us know you are interested in joining a Village Group!

ADULT MINISTRIES

Ladies' Connection - Tuesday, December 15, at Norseland in Rushford. Meet at PV at 11:30am to carpool. Dine with other ladies on the 3rd Tuesday of each month! Each is responsible for her own meal. RSVP to Judy, 452.2615.

Ladies! Save the date for the 2016 IF: Gathering at PV. Friday, February 5, 7-10pm and Saturday, February 6, 9am-7pm. The mission of IF is to gather, equip, and unleash women to live out God's calling on their lives. This simulcast is designed to answer the question: *If God is real, what does that mean for us, our families, and our community?* Cost: donation of \$1 or more to IF. Complete details and registration: ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifwinona/. Deadline is January 31. Space is limited. Nursing babies under 12 months welcome. No on-site childcare will be provided, but a limited amount of scholarships for childcare are available for those with that need. Apply by January 15. Follow the link on the registration page.

GROUPS @PV

It is our goal to have every person at PV involved in a Small Group, to develop a meaningful relationship with God and His Word, and meaningful relationships with other Christ-followers. To show interest or inquire about a group, contact the group leader listed, or stop by the Next Steps area.

GENERAL (any age, gender, and marital status welcome)

Sundays, 4pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, jakedahl@hotmail.com, Rushford
Tuesdays, 7pm, Gabe & Erika Ericksen, gtericksen@gmail.com
Tuesdays, Todd Ericksen & Owen Warneke, toddehs@q.com
Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michelle Butler, michelerbutler@gmail.com, Arcadia

WOMEN

Tuesdays, 6pm, Mary Miller-Hyland, mary.mh0624@gmail.com
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, at PV, single women, MacKenzie Haugen, mjhaugen4135@winona.edu

MEN

Mondays, 6:15am, Ben Ekern, bekern@acegroup.cc, Burdy's Cafe in Peterson
Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, jgpeterston03@hotmail.com, PV
Tuesdays, 7pm, young adult men, Marc-Henry Wakim, mwakim89@gmail.com
Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 454.7524, owenowa@hbci.com

SPECIFIC

Starting Point, one-on-one study for adults who want to get grounded in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times based on participants' schedules. Pastor Joe, joe@pvwinona.com

Thursdays, 9:30am, group for **senior adults**, Allen Thompson, 454.0363

Celebrate Recovery - CR 60, Friday nights, 6:30-7:30pm. Women's and Men's Open Share Groups. The next Life's Healing Choices semester begins on Friday, Jan 8, the normal 6:30 to 8:30pm schedule will resume then. Visit pvwinona.com for details or contact Pastor Joe, joe@pvwinona.com. Step into freedom from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups!