

January 25, 2015

More get connected opportunities:

College: Village Groups are focused on scripture, relationships, and engaging with the gifts and passions God has given us, to share the Gospel and be agents of change in our world. Various days and times, Kaisa Newville, kaisa@pvwinona.com

Affinity Groups

Women:

The Daniel Plan - The most powerful tool you have to transform your health is your fork! Use it well and you will thrive. Choose poorly and you will suffer. The Daniel Plan is a healthy lifestyle founded on biblical principles and focused on Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. With the support of God and your group, you have far more than willpower helping you obtain and sustain a new healthy lifestyle. Thursdays, 5:30pm. Class has begun but it's not too late to join. Optional group workout at 4:45pm. Cindy Bautch, cindy@pvwinona.com.

Knitting at Yarnology, 65 East 3rd St, Tuesdays, 1:30pm, Cheri Looman, calooman@gmail.com

Men:

God's Great Outdoors (G.G.O.) Enjoy hunting and fishing with other guys? Lou George, georgelou@msn.com.



Celebrate Recovery

A safe place every Friday, dinner at 6pm. Participants support and encourage one another on the road to Christ centered recovery from hurts, habits or hang-ups. Evening includes worship, message, and small groups. Pastor Joe McConkey, 452.5518; joe@pvwinona.com.



Starting Point: Being a Disciple is a 1-on-1 study for adults who want to get grounded in their relationship with Christ. Meeting times are based on participants' schedules. If you'd like to go through the material, or take someone through, contact Pastor Joe, joe@pvwinona.com.

Learning Communities:

Becoming Irresistible - Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm. Class has begun but it's not too late to join. For 6 weeks you'll learn about who you are in Christ, what it is you're called to be and do, and how to live as a victorious Christ-follower. To register, check your response card or visit pvwinona.com, click on Sunday+1, "get grounded."



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 everyone once in awhile, consider making the kind of difference that only you can make. Contact the facilitator or visit pvwinona.com/Sunday-plus-one/get-going. Current opportunities include:

- Kidz Zone (serving Preschool-Kindergarten) Holly Ekern, hekern@acegroup.cc
- Kidz Zone (serving 1st-5th grade) Kirsten, kirsten@pvwinona.com
- Middle School (serving grades 6-8) James, james@pvwinona.com
- High School (serving grades 9-12) Brian, brian@pvwinona.com
- Arts (music, drama, or set design) and Tech Ministry (sound, lights, video) Pastor Chad, chad@pvwinona.com
- First Impressions: Parking - Bill Braun, bhbraun@hbc.com
- Greeting - Tina Rosenau, rosenaufam6@yahoo.com
- Ushering - Kevin Ewert, kevinjewert@gmail.com
- Building & Grounds (cleaning, projects, grounds, hospitality) - Michael, michael@pvwinona.com

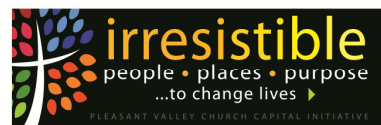


Special Business Meeting - Sunday, February 1, immediately after first service, AND immediately after second service. All members are asked to be at one of these short, identical, meetings where a vote will be taken regarding calling Brandon Zieske to the position of Senior Pastor. **Members who will be out of town may contact the office to obtain an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be turned into the office by 4:30pm, Friday, January 30.**

Join us as we celebrate Communion next Sunday. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If your diet requires no gluten, we welcome you to celebrate communion by selecting an individually wrapped gluten-free wafer when the tray passes.

Hymn Sing - Sunday, February 8, 6pm, room 203. All are welcome!

Membership - The Governance Board will vote on church membership for David Amann, Tressie Amann, Veronica Bell, Kathryn Dontje, Barb Dropps, Erica Ericksen, Gabe Ericksen, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Isakson, Kim McMurl, Amberlynn Olson, Greg Peterson, Kim Renk, Steve Renk, Jan Schmidt, Ty Schmidt, Jennifer Vieth and Mark Vieth at an upcoming meeting. In accordance with our Constitution, any PVC member with reasons why their memberships should not be approved, contact Pastor Brandon or Governance Board Chair, Andrew Olsen.



Pleasant Valley Church is pursuing an initiative that will do three things that require sacrifice, commitment and financial resources:
Repurpose the facility

(classroom remodeling, audio-visual-lighting (AVL) needs, and traffic flow), Retire existing debt, and Bless local ministries.

To date, \$2,088,824 of the goal of \$3.6 million has been pledged. Through December 2014, \$508,009 has been given toward the Initiative.

Phase 1 has been completed and we are pleased with the new AVL system! Praise God that we were able to purchase excellent gear for significantly less than the estimated cost.

Phase 2 will include 100% debt elimination! In 6 months, we will eliminate 50% of our debt. As of January 22, the Initiative cash balance was \$354,500 and our debt balance was approximately \$919,000. We made a \$284,000 payment (\$234,000 from Initiative funds and \$50,000 from PVC general savings) to pay off the rental house, applying the balance to our building debt. We will now combine the former debt payments to accelerate the payments on the building debt. \$120,500 was retained so that when we begin the other part of Phase 2, Children's Ministry area updates, we have cash on hand to safeguard us from incurring more debt, which we will not do.

\$15,400 Initiative giving is projected each month. 80% of those funds will be applied to debt and 20% will be set aside for the Children's Ministry area updates. If we exceed the projected Initiative giving, we will increase the debt payment.

We are convinced that we will be debt free in 12 months!

Debt elimination is now our highest priority. If you have not partnered with PVC in this Initiative because debt was not a priority, or pledged less than you may have, would you prayerfully reconsider?

By eliminating debt, we are setting our church up to be free to be used by God to point people to the irresistible one, Jesus. Booklets, devotionals, and pledge cards are available on the brochure kiosk.

2014 Year-End Giving Statements have been mailed. If you have a PVC mailbox, please find your statement there. Thank you!

2015 Offering Envelopes - If you are currently using envelopes, please find your 2015 envelopes in your PVC mailbox or on the shelf below the mailboxes. Use of envelopes is not necessary for accurate year-end reports. Giving by check or automatic giving are great alternatives.

Automatic Giving - If you would like to begin giving automatically or have a change to submit, fill out the green form from the brochure kiosk, choosing monthly or weekly, and drop it in the offering in the envelope provided. Be sure to include a voided check. Contact the church office with questions.

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.

Kidz Zone Preschooler (age range 24-33 mos) through Kindergarten meet Sundays, 9 & 10:45am. Down the hallway on the first floor.

Kidz Zone Grades 1-4, Sundays at 9 & 10:45am. 1st-4th grade students enjoy worship, teaching and fun team challenges, plus small groups for talking points and prayer. Meet in room 203.

5th Graders now join the Sunday Morning Live (SML) Middle School class that meets at 9am in room 206.

AWANA - Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, at the Peterson Middle School. Awana is a ministry for kids, grades K-6, that takes them through the Bible and shows them how it applies to everyday life. Club time includes individual Bible verse study and memorization, small group games, and large group teaching and song time. Kids are welcome to join at any time and are not required to attend every week. For more info visit awana.org/ or [facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA](https://www.facebook.com/RushfordPetersonAWANA); or email jpriksen99@gmail.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Live (SML) - 9am in room 206. 5th-8th graders are challenged to grow in their faith, plus enjoy games and donuts!

"The Oasis" - Wednesdays, 7pm at PVC. 6th-8th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

HSM Sunday Morning - 9am in room 210. 9th-12th grade students are challenged to grow in their faith, plus enjoy games and donuts!
No class on February 8 due to the "Stand Out" Retreat.

HSM Wednesdays - 7pm at PVC. 9th-12th grade students enjoy worship, time in the Word, and a community-building fun time.

Life Groups (formerly known as DGroups) If you are interested in "moving forward in life together" with other HSM students, contact Pastor Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

HSM "Stand Out" Retreat - February 6-8, 2015 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. Cost is \$80. Registration due by January 28, 2015. Sign up on Sunday morning or Wednesday night or contact Brian, brian@pvwinona.com.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

H2o Café - 9:15am in the Student Ministry Center (rm 209). Need a ride? Cars will be waiting at Krysko Commons and West Campus beginning at 8:45am.

No h2o Café on February 8 due to the Winter Conference.

Breathe (College Church) - Mondays, 7pm at PVC. Need a ride? Cars will be waiting at Krysko Commons and West Campus at 6:30pm.

H2o Super Bowl Party - Sunday, February 1, 5:30pm. All college students are invited to watch the game at PVC.

H2o Winter Conference: Refocus - February 6-8 at Camp Forest Springs. Register by February 6: \$150.

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

ADULT MINISTRIES

Financial Peace University (FPU), a 9-week class will be offered at PVC on Mondays from 6-7:30pm beginning January 26. We all need a plan for our money. FPU is that plan! Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Broke is normal. Be weird! \$100 per kit (couples can share a kit). Scholarships are available. Childcare is also available. To register, visit pvwinona.com, click on Sunday +1, then "get grounded." You may come even if you didn't register.

Pleasant Valley Men's Ministry presents: Best Buck Battle of the Border Saturday, January 31, Elks Lodge, Goodview, MN. Doors open for lunch and voting at 12:30pm. Calling all deer hunters! If you shot a buck, regardless of size, from Minnesota or Wisconsin it's time to show it off. Bring your family and friends to help us judge the best buck from the region. The winning mount will win \$100. Chili lunch plus door prizes! Video presentation by Grace Outfitters and David Blanton and a few words from Pastor Joe McConkey. Preregister by contacting Tom Bernatz at 608.687.4668 or dbernatz@centurytel.net. Learn more by stopping by the Living room today.

The PVC Men's Ministry invites you to the 2015 No Regrets Conference. "Live Free" is a simulcast event on Saturday, February 7, 8:30am-4pm at Bethany Free Church, 3966 County Rd B, La Crosse, WI. Meet at PVC to carpool at 7:30am. No Regrets offers men a dynamic growth experience that equips them to be strong, effective Christian men. Cost \$20, includes lunch. Scholarships are available, contact John Kennedy, jfkwinona@gmail.com or 450.4708. Learn more by stopping by the Living Room today or February 1. Register online by February 2 at www.bfreechurch.org/ministries-%28grow%29/adults/men.

SUNDAY + ONE
Become Irresistible like Jesus

Whether you're new or a long-time attendee, we want PVC to be a place where you grow spiritually. Attending Sunday morning Worship Celebrations is a great place to start, but it simply is not enough. You can:



All groups meet in Winona unless otherwise listed. Contact the facilitator of the group, or visit pvwinona.com/sunday-plus-one/get-connected.

Mixed Adult:

Sundays, (every other), 5:30-7pm, Jake & Molly Dahl, 450.3015, jakedahl@hotmail.com, Rushford, MN
Tuesdays, 7pm, Owen Warneke & Todd Erickson, 454.7524, owenowa@hbc.com, *Parables of Jesus*
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Coy Herr, 452.9252, jacoherr@hbc.com, various topics
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Bob & Andrea Reinert, 452.9657, robertfreiner@gmail.com, *Beth Moore: Revelation*
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Matt Bollinger, 507.273.0701, mrb4686@aol.com, (young families) Lewiston, MN, *Balancing Life's Demands by Chip Ingram*
Wednesdays, 7pm, Glenn & Michele Butler, 608.355.2478, butterm@arcadia.k12.wi.us, Arcadia, WI
Thursdays, 9:30am, Allen Thompson, 454.0363 (senior adults), *John*
Thursdays, 1pm, Kathy Dickinson, 608.781.3888, dlkedickinson@gmail.com, *Precepts: Isaiah Pt 2, \$32 for materials*

Women:

Thursdays, 9-11am. *The Attributes of God, A Journey into the Father's Heart*, by A.W. Tozer, a 12 week Bible study. Class has begun but it's not too late to join. God's Infinitude, Immensity, Goodness, Justice, Mercy, Grace, Omnipresence, Immanence, Holiness, Perfection all answer, what is God like? \$22.50 for materials. Kelly Hein, lkhein@hotmail.com or 507.313.1659.

Men:

Mondays, 6:15am, Burdey's in Peterson, Ben Ekern, 507.864.3742, bekern@acegroup.cc, *James*
Tuesdays, 7pm, Phil Huerta, 507.458.4381, huerta.phillip@gmail.com (young adult men)
Wednesdays, 6:45am, Jeff Peterson, 507.454.7688, jgpeteron03@hotmail.com, *James*
Saturdays, 7am, Owen Warneke, 507.454.7524, owenowa@hbc.com, *Matthew*

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