

The Herald



PARK VIEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lord has Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

The mission of Park View Lutheran Church is to awaken unbelievers to faith in the Triune God, and teach believers to live as servants of the Risen Lord.

Back to School, Back to the Word

August brings a season of preparation. Backpacks are filled with fresh notebooks and sharpened pencils. Calendars quickly fill with school events, sports practices, music lessons, and countless other activities. As we prepare for a new school year, it's also a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts by staying rooted in God's Word.

God told Joshua, "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:8). While our schedules may become busier this time of year, God's invitation remains the same: spend time with Him.

Family devotions don't have to be long or elaborate. Five minutes around the dinner table, a short Bible story before bed, or a prayer on the drive to school can become meaningful moments that point our families to Christ. These small, consistent habits remind us that our faith isn't something we leave at church on Sunday—it is woven into our everyday lives.

As the new school year begins, I encourage you to make God's Word part of your family's daily routine. Open your Bible together, ask a simple question about what you read, and pray for one another. These moments may seem small, but God works powerfully through His Word to strengthen our faith and shape our hearts.

I also invite you to bring your Bible with you to worship and Bible study. Whether you're 3 or 93, there's something special about opening God's Word together as a church family. Bring your Faith Alive Bible, your well-worn study Bible, or whichever Bible you use at home! Let's continue growing together as we hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest God's Word.

As we begin another school year, let's keep our students, teachers, school staff, administrators, college students, homeschool families, and parents in our prayers.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of learning and for the opportunities that a new school year brings. Watch over all students, teachers, school staff, and families. Grant wisdom, patience, courage, and joy in the work You have given them to do. Most of all, keep them firmly rooted in Your Word, that they may know Your love and trust in Your promises each day. Let Your Word be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path wherever You lead them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

May God bless each of you as you begin this new season, and may His Word remain at the center of your home and your heart.

Your friend in Christ,
Bethany Dorschner, DCE/O

Points of Interest

- ♦ *Mississippi Valley Fair Volunteers Needed*
- ♦ *We Return to our Fall Worship Schedule*
- ♦ *Sunday School Rally Day*
- ♦ *Sunday School Preschool & Kdg - 2nd Teachers Needed*
- ♦ *Confirmation Orientation*
- ♦ *LYTES Schedule*
- ♦ *Voters Meeting*
- ♦ *Church/Community Blood Drive*
- ♦ *Pastoral Call Update*

Park View Lutheran Church



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Normal Schedule:

Sunday Worship Schedule:
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Study:
Ages 3 - Adult 9:15 a.m.

Summer Thursday Worship Schedule:
Memorial Day - Labor Day 7:00 p.m.

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule:
Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:00 a.m.

Backpack Blessing

As your child gets ready for a new school year, gather around their backpack. Invite your child to place a hand on their backpack (or wear it), and parents can place a hand on their child's shoulder or head.

Begin with the sign of the cross:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Read God's Word

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Bless the Backpack

Lord Jesus,

As this backpack is filled with books, folders, pencils, and everything needed for learning, fill (child's name) with Your wisdom, peace, and love.

Go with them into every classroom, hallway, lunchroom, playground, and bus ride. Help them to learn with curiosity, treat others with kindness, and always remember that You are with them wherever they go.

Protect them from harm, calm their worries, and give them courage when things are difficult. Help them to be a light for You through their words and actions. Bless their teachers, classmates, school staff, and everyone they will meet this year. May this be a year of growing in knowledge, faith, and love.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A Family Blessing

Parents may make the sign of the cross on their child's forehead and say:

"(Child's name), God goes with you today and every day. Be brave, be kind, keep learning, and remember that you are deeply loved by God. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Close Together

Psalms 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Go in peace, knowing that Jesus walks with you wherever you go.

August

Sunday School

Looking ahead...

Confirmation Orientation Night



August 26th
6pm-7pm

*At least one parent must attend
the night with student.*

COME
JOIN
OUR
TEAM!



Preschool &

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

Sunday School Teachers are Needed!

If you would be interested in teaching
or co-teaching, please contact
Bethany Dorschner, Melissa Drummond
or Kim Cronkleton.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 13th!



from Sea to shining Sea

Sunday School Rally Day will continue the celebration of
America's 250th year!

We will honor the goodness of God, using skills and abilities
He has given us, while competing in events representing a few
of the states of our great nation.

Hmmm....corn hole, RAGBRAI, corn shucking- how will Iowa
be represented???

Preschool through High School

Nursery is also available.

Classes start on

September 20th at 9:15am

Adult Bible Study will also begin a new session.



August

Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

Summer Bible Class: Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Led by Craig Tannahill.

2 AUG Is Lutheranism the True Catholic Church? (and other stuff from a Lutheran Theologian)
This session discusses differences between Lutherans and other Christians with a focus on communion.

That the World May Know: The Early Church - Video Series

9 AUG Everything to Lose, Nothing to Gain

16 AUG August Voters Meeting - NO CLASS

23 AUG The Salt of the Earth

30 AUG Where Satan Lives



August LYLES

Aug 4-9 Mississippi Valley Fair

Aug 12 - 6pm-7:30pm

Aug 19 - 6pm-7:30pm

Aug 26 - 6pm-7pm

The Tuesday Morning Men's and Thursday Morning Women's Bible Studies are taking a break for the Summer!

Confirmation Orientation Night

August 26th 6pm~7pm

At least one parent must accompany student .



The classroom has been quiet over the summer, but that will soon change with the start of the new school year. Preschool classes will resume on Wednesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 27th. We are super excited to welcome students who attended last year, as well as many new faces. We are also excited to welcome a new staff member as an aide with our younger classes - Angela Elmshaeuser - welcome aboard!

Please pray for a great year for the students and staff of Share and Care. We are eager to begin watching the children grow in their faith and in all their new experiences and preschool skills.

Blessings,
Jennifer Rathe, Director

AUGUST



Our next Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16 at 10:15am. All communicant members 18 years and older should become involved in the decision making process of our church.



On Sunday, September 13, we return to our 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship schedule. Sunday School/ Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday evening services will end September 3.
Sunday 9:00am services will end September 6.



Quilting will resume its weekly meetings beginning on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

We meet at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00pm every Tuesday. Please join us even if you don't know how to sew.

Members
Bring
Back
Their
Bulletins

Jerry & Teri Wuestenberg, Rocky Hill Baptist Church, Cedar Mountain, North Carolina

Craig & Sharon Tannahill, St. John Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, AR



Orientation for the 2026-2027 5th - 8th grade Junior Confirmation classes will be Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. At least one (1) parent must attend with the youth. We will go over student expectations for the new year, sign up for workbooks or catechisms, discuss parent obligations, obtain a confirmation calendar, sign up for car-pooling for our fun events and meet the teachers.

Classes will begin on September 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ending at 7:00 p.m.



The ImpactLife Blood Center will conduct our next Community/ Church Blood Drive from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2026 at Park View Lutheran Church. They are in special need of type O blood both positive and negative.

Everyone who is at least 16 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health is encouraged to attend. Current donors are eligible if their last whole blood donation was no later than June 21, 2025. Teens who are 16 years old must have a signed parental consent form.

To donate please visit www.bloodcenter.org, Contact Sue Raleigh 285-5953 or the church office 285-9035 to sign up a donation sheet may also be found in the fellowship hall.

Early Questions Optional—

www.bloodcenter.org/earlyq

EarlyQ must be done the DAY OF your donation. Donors must present the donor pass/QR code at registration



August 4 - August 9



****Volunteers Still Needed for the LYTESHouse Fair Booth!****

The Mississippi Valley Fair is almost here (7 days away!!), and we still have **7** volunteer spots to fill. If you've been thinking about signing up, now is a great time! Even serving one shift makes a big difference.

****Current Openings:****

Wednesday, August 5

- Breakfast: 2 helpers (Backups)

Thursday, August 6

- Breakfast: 1 helper (Backup)

- Lunch: 1 helper (Window)

- Dinner: 1 helper (Backup)

Sunday, August 9

- Dinner: 2 helpers (Drinks, Backup)

Volunteering is a great way to support the ministry of LYTESHouse, serve alongside fellow church members, and connect with our community. Plus, every volunteer receives a free meal and drink during their shift. If you're available—even for just one shift—please sign up today. We truly need your help to fill these remaining openings before the fair begins. Thank you for stepping up and making this ministry possible!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TQh4wAYXmtISnJ9YNPwwY9SjFhqnnjloSgxxkK230vgl/edit?usp=sharing>



Pastor Kincaid was able to speak with Pastor Versemann on Sunday evening, and is happy to relay that Pastor Versemann will be prayerfully considering the Call to Park View Lutheran Church. Please pray for Pastor Versemann as he considers this Call, pray for his current congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, as well as for our congregation. Know that the Lord has a plan for us and that we should trust fully in Him.



Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Ott
- 2 Joshua Sorenson
- 4 Paul Kalainoff
Kylie Sanders
- 6 Jarrett Claeys
Leen IntVeld
- 7 Dawn Dittmer
Keldon Krambeck
- 11 Gina Atwood
- 13 Bobbi Caskey
- 14 Logan Fluegel
Gara Hundley
- 15 Evan Hundley
- 16 Sue Gerard
- 17 Dorcas Smith
- 18 Nick Peacock
Ralph Schneklath
- 19 Abigail Hauser
- 20 Paula Brown
Betty Kircher
Al Pawloski
- 21 Joan Serrano
- 22 Linda Johnston
Dan Pfeiler
- 23 Jill Grunwald
Gracyn Woodward
- 24 Pam Schneklath
- 25 Ryker Ayers
Zane Ayers
- 26 Elaine Bartel
- 28 Norma Hohensee
Jerry Serrano, Jr
- 29 Jacob Arnold
David Curlott
- 30 Sharon Tannahill
- 31 Amber Petersen
Alliana Ray



Anniversaries

- 1 Mark and Gara Hundley (45)
- 3 Richard and Sharon Grimes (58)
Stan and LuAnn Paxton (47)
- 4 Scott and Julie Daniels (42)
- 5 Brad and Emily Peters (20)
- 6 Scott and Beth Campbell (43)
- 13 Devin and Courtney Sanders (10)
- 14 Kevin and Amber Petersen (22)
- 16 Ron and Bonnie Amhof (68)
Daniel and Jennifer Rathe (18)
- 18 Lester and Cathy Hoyer (64)
- 27 Kurt and Alissa Krambeck (21)
- 28 Dan and Kathy Kilen (44)

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Bonnie Amhof, Rich Atwood, Andrew Claeys, Mike Cornett, Gene Horn, Cheryl Kofron, Jim McKinney, Marcia McKinney, Cy Miller, Jo Miller, Chuck Moeller, Connie Morse, Judy Mumm, Don Petersen, Grace Pfeiler, Dorcas Smith, Del Traub, Connie Youngers, for strength and healing from our Great Physician.



For our members who suffer silently from chronic life threatening illness, for comfort, strength and healing of all weaknesses.

For our members confined to a nursing facility or homebound by illness or other weakness, for patience, healing and comfort.

For Pastor Matthew Versemann, his family and Trinity Lutheran Church of Decatur, IL as he considers our call to PVLC.

For Park View Lutheran, calling Pastor Matthew Versemann.

For Mary Fahrenkrug, recovering from back surgery.

For Brian Klever, continuing to undergo tests.

For Al Pawloski, recovering from back surgery.

For Bonnie Amhof, undergoing cancer treatment.

For Greg and Katie Daniels, the birth of a healthy baby girl.

For those of our armed forces, especially those with ties to our faith family here at PVLC:

Michael Bartel, Tanner Carpenter, Caleb Claeys, Kasey Denison, Larry Goodwin, Lucas Miller, Isabella Richards, Brett Slaughter, Luke Striegel, Christopher Teuscher, Nate Thayer, Jadin Valesco.

For our First Responders: Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance.

Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

Rev. Brad Birtell, Tammy Cheek, Dawn Dorschner, Scott Horn, Deb Serrano, and Tiva Sharks as they face natural disaster recovery, Covid-19, pneumonia, influenza, cancer, surgery, stroke, Alzheimer's, or illness, we pray for peace that surpasses all understanding.

Missionaries in Puerto Rico Rev. James and Angie Sharp & Bible Translators Nathan and Sarah Federwitz

August 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am-Worship HC 10:15am-Bible Study	3 6:30pm-Education Mtg	4 Mississippi Valley Fair	5 Mississippi Valley Fair	6 Mississippi Valley Fair 7:00pm-Worship HC	7 Mississippi Valley Fair	8 Mississippi Valley Fair
9 9:00am-Worship HC Mississippi Valley Fair	10 6:30pm-Ex Bd Mtg Fair Booth Cleaning	11	12 6:00pm-LYTES	13 7:00pm-Worship	14	15
16 9:00am-Worship HC	17 3:00pm-Blood Drive	18	19 6:00pm-LYTES	20 7:00pm-Worship HC	21	22
23 9:00am-Worship HC	24	25	26 6:00pm-LYTES 6:00pm-Confirmation Orientation	27 7:00pm-Worship	28 Food Pantry	29
30 9:00am-Worship HC	31					

August Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 2 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig (9:00)
Andy Hartwig, Andrew Claeys,
Joe Claeys
- 9 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten (9:00)
Jerry Wuestenberg, Rob Martin,
Zach Cameron, Gayle Rasmussen
- 16 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (9:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill,
Mark Hundley
- 23 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott, (9:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys
- 30 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten (9:00)
Jerry Wuestenberg, John Schaub,
Craig Tannahill, Mark Hundley

Elders

- 2 Craig Tannahill/Andy Hartwig (C) (9:00)
- 6 Jim Gruntorad (C) (7:00)
- 9 Andy Hartwig/Kyle Rehn (C) (9:00)
- 13 Brian Klever (7:00)
- 16 Kyle Rehn/Craig Tannahill (C) (9:00)
- 20 Scott Campbell (C) (7:00)
- 23 Tim Raleigh/Quintin Gerard (C) (9:00)
- 27 Tim Raleigh (7:00)
- 30 Quintin Gerard/Scott Campbell (C)
(9:00)

Acolytes

- 2 Michaela Goodwin (9:00)
- 6 Volunteer (7:00)
- 9 Mason Rathe (9:00)
- 13 Volunteer (7:00)
- 16 Kip VanWetzinga (9:00)
- 20 Volunteer (7:00)
- 23 Ryker Ayers (9:00)
- 27 Volunteer (7:00)
- 30 Maddox Grunwald (9:00)

Communion Washers

- 2 Marcia Perdieu (9:00)
Kathy Anderson
- 6 Sandy Ott (7:00)
- 9 Dawn Dittmer (9:00)
Teri Wuestenberg
- 13 NO Communion (7:00)
- 16 Julie Daniels (9:00)
Linda Schroeder
- 20 Dorcas Smith (7:00)
- 23 Catherine Schaub (9:00)
Jamie Looney
- 27 No Communion (7:00)
- 30 Trish Horn (9:00)
Jackie Holden

Counters

- 2 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schnekloth
- 9 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 16 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 23 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
- 30 Lee/Jackie Holden
Doug/Aimee Egesdal