

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.

Five Benefits of Attending a Bible Study

Increasing our Knowledge of the Bible

The Bible is more accessible today than ever. We can read it anywhere- on our phones through apps, on our laptops, over audio, or in a traditional printed copy. But many Christians today do not know what to do with their Bibles or where to start reading. We have a biblical illiteracy epidemic in our world today. Many children and adults do not know some of the most basic stories, parables, and teachings in Scripture or where to find them. This should greatly concern us as our world continues to change. We need the unchanging truth of God's Word more than ever! Paul says to Timothy, *"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14-15)."*

Growing in Faith

The purpose of Bible study is not so that you can rattle off the names of Jacob's twelve sons, or to be an expert in world history. Spending time in the Word helps us to answer life's most fundamental questions: Who is God? Who am I? Why do I need Jesus? The answers to these questions impact the way we live our everyday lives and where we spend eternity. The purpose of the Gospel of John is stated in John 20:30-31: *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."*

Asking Questions

Attending a Bible study is different than listening to a sermon in church. It's more interactive. You can ask the pastor/teacher questions, and there is no such thing as a dumb question. Chances are that the question you would like answered is one that others are curious about too. When the Holy Spirit came upon the people on the day of Pentecost, many asked "What does this mean?" (Acts 2:12). This gave Peter the opportunity to proclaim a marvelous message about salvation. Pastors/teachers love to take questions because it tells them that people are interested, and faith is growing.

Learning from Others

Another benefit of attending a Bible study is that you learn from others. Having personal devotions at home is very important, but so is being in a group setting. It's a blessing to hear the insights and applications from others, especially when the group is multi-generational. Young believers need to hear the wisdom of older believers, and older believers need to experience the zeal of younger believers. In a group setting we can share prayer requests and intercede for one another. The earliest Christians gathered to devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42).

Equipped to be a Witness

Churches that thrive and grow are churches that are studying the Word. When we come to a Bible study, it's not just for our own benefit. We come to be equipped to share our faith with others. We learn how to defend our faith in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to Christianity. We also learn how to share the Good News with family and friends. 1 Peter 3:15 says, *"But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."*

Points of Interest

- * August Blood Drive
- * Fall Worship Schedule
- * August Voters Meeting
- * Rally Day Schedule
- * August LYLES Meetings
- * Confirmation Orientation
- * Bible Studies Resume
- * Quilting Resumes
- * Preschool News
- * Get to Know Bethany Dorschner DCE/O

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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.

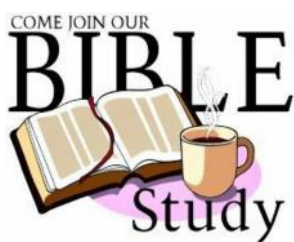


Our next Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 18 at 10:15am. All communicant members 18 years and older should become involved in the decision making process of our church.



Rally Day September 8, 2024.

Sunday School teachers for 2024-2025 will be installed during worship services. Bibles will be presented during both church services to students entering 3rd grade. We will begin classes that day. Teachers look forward to greeting their students as they begin another year of growing in Christ together.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study
Resumes September 8 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study
6:30 a.m.**

**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study
Resumes September 5, 9:30 a.m.**



On Sunday, September 8, 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 August 29.**



Dear PVLC family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, kind words and sympathy for me and my family with the passing of Mike. He is sorely missed by all, but your love and support has been tremendous.

Kathy Yaudas & family

PVLC Congregation,

Thank you to those of you who have included me in your prayers while I recuperated from my recent surgery. It meant a lot to know you were thinking of me. I feel blessed to call you my friends

In Christ,
Barb Huff

PVLC,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, food, prayers during and after my knee replacement. It's very much appreciated.

Mary Fish



August LYLES Meetings

August 7 - Pickleball

August 14 - Picnic & Kayaking
Scott County Park

August 21 - Regular Meeting

August 28 - Regular Meeting



Confirmation Orientation

Orientation for the 2024-2025 5th - 8th grade Junior Confirmation classes will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024 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 carpooling for our fun events and meet the teachers.

Classes will begin on September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. ending at 7:00 p.m.



Quilting will resume its weekly meetings beginning on Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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



ONLINE GENEROSITY

Online giving is a convenient way to support the ministry of PVLC. Our digital giving partner is Vanco. Vanco is a simple and secure service. Contributions can be made on a recurring or one-time basis from a checking or savings account. Donations may be designated toward the General Fund or to a specific ministry such as PVLC's Building Fund, or Missions Fund. To learn how to download the app, see the instruction page on our kiosk in the fellowship hall.



July 2024 Herald Share & Care Preschool News

In a couple of short weeks, Mrs. Upmeyer and myself will be back to work daily, making final preparations for the coming school year. And in another couple weeks, the students will grace these classrooms once again with laughter and love as we set out on our learning adventure for the year. The first day of classes will be August 27 for the three-year-old class and August 28 for the four-year-old class. We will also hold Drop-In Day on Monday, August 26 for students to stop in with their parents to see their classroom and meet the teachers. In addition, we will hold an orientation night on August 21 in the sanctuary for parents to attend. We are excited about our western theme for this year, "Wanted by God" and look forward to the start of the year. Please pray for a wonderful year for Share & Care students and staff.

Jennifer Rathe, Director



The ImpactLife Blood Center will conduct our next Community/ Church Blood Drive from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 12, 2024 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 13, 2024. Teens who are 16 years old must have a signed parental consent form.

Please call the church office, 285-9035 with questions or to sign up to donate. A donation sheet may be found in the fellowship hall.



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Lee and Jackie Holden, Our Savior Lutheran Church and Lutheran Student Center,
Carbondale IL



Hello!

My name is Bethany Dorschner, and I'm the new DCE/O intern here at Park View Lutheran Church. I just wanted to introduce myself a little bit, and share a quick devotion!

First, a little bit about myself!

I am a Christian Ministry major, Lutheran Theology and Religion minor, student at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN. My internship here at Park View Lutheran is my final step to getting my degree and certificates from CSP! What does this mean? (A good Lutheran question.) This means that while I am here, I still have some learning to do! I will still have course assignments to do for class credit, and my degree director, Shelly Schwalm, will be checking up on me a couple times this year. However, I get the ability to immerse myself into this amazing congregation, and explore many different areas and serve alongside you!

My time at CSP: While I was on campus, you would've most likely seen me quite a few times in your day, as I was super active. I was involved with campus ministry, working in the chapel doing various jobs—livestreaming our chapel services, purchasing snacks for events, and running the social media pages. I also worked in the CSP Library, sorting through books and helping patrons. I was also involved in quite a few on-campus clubs and events, including Propel—our women's Bible study, Embers Night Chapel—camp music and devotions, 908 Praise—our student-led contemporary service, and I also served on the 908 Board. I worked a couple off-campus jobs as well. Trust me when I say I was a busy girl!

I grew up in Southwest Minnesota, in a town called Worthington. Growing up, I lived on a chicken farm with my mom and dad (Ronald and Dawn), two older brothers (Stephen and Gabriel), and many, many animals—some of which include two dogs, twenty-five outdoor cats, and three indoor cats. Here in Eldridge, I have a handsome, almost 3-year-old, rescue cat named Aslan—yes, after my favorite piece of art by C.S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*! As you can probably tell, I love-- and I mean love-- animals! They are wonderful, loving creatures that our Heavenly Father created!

When I have downtime, I enjoy baking, cooking, creating art, listening to and playing music, and being with people. One of my favorite things to do is to curl up in a nice, soft, comfy blanket, and watch some movies with my cat and some homemade popcorn!

Devotion reflecting on Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

"May the LORD bless and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."

It's not often that we receive a blessing poured over us. I received one on my instillation day, held on July 21st— but when was the last time someone prayed a blessing over you? It is comforting to experience someone expressing their desire to see you blessed. You may have come from a family where you experienced your parents' prayers over you. Perhaps you never grew up with blessings.

Well, today is a different day. This blessing is especially for you! These are ancient words and yet the Holy Spirit is bringing the words freshly to you— and *for* you! May you be blessed and protected today. May you feel God's favor towards you and His acceptance of you. May you experience His unexplainable peace in the middle of all your circumstances.

Lets pray,

Holy Spirit, thank you for bringing this blessing to us right now. I ask that you help remind us of these words throughout our days, and that Your blessing would flow through us, and that we, in turn, can pass this blessing onto others. Amen.

What blessings can you be thankful for today?

****If you ever need to reach me, my email is bethanydorschner.pvlc@gmail.com, or you can call or text me at 507-329-7686.**

Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Ott
- 2 Joshua Sorenson
- 4 Ben Edge
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
- 22 Linda Johnston
Dan Pfeiler
- 23 Jill Grunwald
Gracyn Woodward
- 24 Pam Schneklath
- 26 Elaine Bartel
- 28 Norma Hohensee
- 29 Jacob Arnold
David Curlott
- 30 Sharon Tannahill
- 31 Amber Petersen
Alliana Ray

Anniversaries

- 1 Mark and Gara Hundley (43)
- 3 Richard and Sharon Grimes (53)
Stan and LuAnn Paxton (45)
- 3 Scott and Julie Daniels (40)
- 4 Brad and Emily Peters (18)
- 5 Scott and Beth Campbell (41)
- 13 Devin and Courtney Sanders (8)
- 14 Kevin and Amber Petersen (20)
- 15 Ron and Bonnie Amhof (66)
Daniel and Jennifer Rathe (16)
- 17 Randy and Amy Nelson (22)
Kurt and Alissa Krambeck (19)
- 28 Dan and Kathy Kilen (42)



Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Rich Atwood, Pastor Bob Bartel, Andrew Claeys, Mike Cornett, Gene Horn, Cheryl Kofron, Jim McKinney, Marcia McKinney, Cy Miller, Jo Miller, Chuck Moeller, Connie Morse, Judy Mumm, Don Petersen, Donna Ploog, Dorcas Smith, Connie Youngers, for strength and healing.

For our members who suffer silently from chronic life threatening illness, for comfort and peace.

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

For Pastor Bob Bartel, strength and peace in his battle with cancer.

For Donna Ploog, for complete healing of a broken hip and wrist.

For Dorcas Smith, undergoing tests.

For Jo Miller, recovering from a small stroke.

For PVLC, as we celebrate the installation of Bethany Dorschner as our DCE/DCO intern.

For John Schaub, recovering from an angiogram.

For Denise Weiss, recovering from kidney stones.

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

Japan: Lucas Miller; **Stateside:** Michael Bartel, Tanner Carpenter, Caleb Claeys, Kasey Denison, Larry Goodwin, Anthony Isely, Morgan Marchant, Isabella Richards, Alan Rubach, Brett Slaughter, Christopher Teuscker and Nate Thayer.

Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

Rev. Brad Birtell, Tammy Cheek, and Scott Horn as they face Covid-19, pneumonia, influenza, cancer, surgery, stroke, Alzheimer's, or illness, we pray for peace that surpasses all understanding.

Missionaries in Uruguay Rev. James and Angie Sharp

MBS=Men's Bible Study	August 2024					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm-Worship HC MVF	2 8:00am-LifeLine MVF	3
4 9:00am-Worship HC 10:15am-Membership Class MVF	5 9:00am-Post Fair Clean Up	6 6:30am-MBS	7 6:00pm-LYTES	8 7:00pm-Worship HC	9	10
11 9:00am-Worship HC 10:15am-Membership Class	12 3 - 6pm-Blood Drive 7:00pm-Executive Board Meeting	13 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	14 6:00pm-LYTES	15 7:00pm-Worship HC	16	17
18 9:00am-Worship HC	19	20 6:30am-MBS	21 Preschool Orientation 6:00pm-LYTES	22 7:00pm-Worship HC	23	24
25 9:00am-Worship HC	26 6:30pm-Elders Meeting	27 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	28 6:00pm-Confirmation Orientation 6:00pm-LYTES	29 7:00pm-Worship HC	30	31

August Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 4 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (9:00)
Andy Hartwig, John Pischke
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys,
Rich Atwood
- 11 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten, (9:00)
Dave Amhof, Jerry Wuestenberg
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron,
Gayle Rasmussen
- 18 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (9:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill,
Mark Hundley
- 25 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott, (9:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys,
Rich Atwood

Elders

- 1 Scott Campbell (C) (7:00)
4 Kyle Rehn/Craig Tannahill (C)
(9:00am)
- 8 Tim Raleigh (C) (7:00)
11 Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)
(9:00)
- 15 Brian Klever (C) (7:00)
18 Craig Tannahill/Tim Raleigh (C)
(9:00)
- 22 Brian Klever (C) (7:00)
25 Quintin Gerard/Kyle Rehn (C)
(9:00)
- 29 Tim Raleigh (C) (7:00)

Acolytes

- 1 Kenny Chumbley (7:00)
4 Mason Nement (9:00am)
8 Peyton Paxton (7:00)
11 Maddox Drummond (9:00)
15 Oliver Mangan (7:00)
18 Alliana Ray (9:00)
22 Ryker VanWetzinga(7:00)
25 Mallory Grunwald (9:00)
29 Victoria McKown (7:00)

Communion Washers

- 4 Linda Schroeder
Jackie Holden
- 11 Caralee Gruntorad
Teri Wuestenberg
- 18 Mary Lou Engler
Barb Huff
- 25 Dawn Dittmer
Dorcas Smith

Counters

- 4 Paul/Susan Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 11 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
- 18 Lee/Jackie Holden
Aimee/Doug Egesdal
- 25 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens