

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.

The Nunc Dimittis: Simeon's Song



I'm a bit embarrassed to admit it. I was just a kid. When a certain song played toward the end of the church service, I got excited about packing up my things to go home. It was the *Nunc Dimittis*- the post-communion canticle. "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word..." The pastor instructed everyone to stand to sing. This was my

cue that church was almost over and soon I could depart in peace and put on some comfortable clothes.

Many years later I learned what this song really means. It means much more than, "Oh boy! I get to go home now!" It comes from Luke 2:29-32. Joseph and Mary brought their 40-day old son to the Jerusalem temple to be presented to the Lord. A man in the temple named Simeon walked up to the family, took the baby Jesus into his arms, and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory to your people Israel (ESV)." It had been revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. Day after day, he prayed in the temple, waiting and watching. Finally, Simeon's great moment had come! He got to see with his eyes and hold in his arms his salvation. He could now declare his readiness to die in peace and go to his heavenly home.

Perhaps you now understand why we sing this Song of Simeon right after the celebration of Holy Communion. At this sacred meal we receive the very body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. Into our hands and mouths, are given the same Lord who was held in Simeon's arms, nailed to a cross for our sins, and raised back to life from the dead. By partaking of this Sacrament, we are forgiven of our sins, united with our Savior, and strengthened to live a Christian life. Like Simeon, we have seen our salvation and can declare with faith, "Lord, you may dismiss me from this vale of tears according to your word. I'm ready for heaven."

Nunc Dimittis is Latin for "Now let us depart," or "Now dismiss." It's still one of my favorite parts of the liturgy. But not because it's my cue to go home and kick my feet up. Simeon's Song reminds me that I have just tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). Will it be the last time I eat this Supper before I die? Only the Lord knows. But having seen and tasted my salvation, I am well-prepared and at peace with God. Confident in the Lord's mercy, we are ready to go to our heavenly home.

Points of Interest

- * New Bible Studies
- * LYLES Meetings
- * Christmas Decorations Removal
- * New Sound Panels
- * Quilting Group Contributions
- * Preschool News

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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.

Summer Adult Bible Study



Pastor Pete will be teaching a new class on Sunday mornings on the prophet Jeremiah. This will begin January 7 at 9:15 am.

The women's Bible class will begin a new study on January 11 called *Inspired by the Holy Spirit*. The women meet at 9:30 am on Thursdays.



LYTES Meeting Dates

Wednesday, January 10th - 6:00pm
Wednesday, January 24th - 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 7th - 6:00pm
Wednesday, February 21st - 6:00pm



Removal of Christmas Decorations

On Sunday, January 7 after the 10:30 service we will remove all Christmas decorations around the church and bring in the nativity set (weather permitting). With everyone's help it shouldn't take very long.



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Mike and Debra Nelson, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olive Branch, MS
Pastor Bob and Elaine Bartel, First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, WI



The staff at LSI, our Angel Tree coordinators, are VERY thankful to you, the gifters, who have been so generous in taking care of the kids under their care. Thank you for your kind heartedness toward the children. Please pray for your angel!



January Herald

It's registration time. Do you have a child or know of someone who might be interested in starting at Share and Care Christian Preschool in the fall? Please share our telephone number with them so we can get them added to our mailing list. Children for the Tuesday and Thursday class need to be 3 by September 15, 2024. The Monday, Wednesday, and Friday class is for 4 year olds. Both of the classes the children need to have a current physical, up to date on their immunizations and be completely potty trained.

January will keep us busy going over skills with the children and keeping them busy inside and out, weather permitting. We will continue to have the Bookmobile, Mrs. Beth, Ag in the classroom and other speakers throughout the second semester.

All the items arrived that we were able to purchase for the playground. We will start installing as weather permits. A couple items need to wait until warmer weather. We were able to purchase the large bus, magnetic gears, magnetic ramps, a new balance tree and a water table. We are planning on using sand with the water table. Our plans are to still repair the music wall, and add more rubber mulch. We are excited to be able to do so much from the silent auction. Thanks to all who donated and purchased the large variety of baskets.

Denise Weiss



New Sound Panels in the Fellowship Hall

You may have noticed lately that it is much easier to have a conversation in the fellowship hall. In early December, *Reference Audio* of Davenport installed sound panels on the ceiling of our fellowship hall. We have noticed a big improvement. The echo is gone. It's much easier to hear each other after worship services and when we have dinners. It's also easier to hear music played through the speakers. The cost of this project was covered by the memorial funds of Woody Podkulski, sister of Cy Miller and Linda Moeller, wife of Chuck Moeller.



PVLC's Quilting Group **Sew Much Fun!**

In 2023, our group completed and distributed these quilts and other items for:

- 59 Residents of Manor Care in Davenport
- 43 Residents of Good Samaritan Care Facility in Davenport
- 40 Fundraiser Items for our Quilting Group
- 37 Residents of Ivy Nursing Home in Davenport
- 23 Share and Care Preschool Graduates
- 18 Pregnancy Resources for Newborns
- 17 Children Moving into Habitat for Humanity Homes
- 17 Foster Kids
- 14 Patients at the VA Hospital in Iowa City
- 11 Individuals at Hope at the Brick House
- 6 PVLC High School Graduates
- 4 Special Distribution Quilts
- 4 Church Banners
- 1 Camp IO-DIS-E-CA Fundraiser

What a blessing to demonstrate love and concern for others by distributing 294 items! In addition, our group finished 105 Cancer/Heart Pillows for Quad City patients. Our members completed the work on pillows from an organization that was disbanding.

Several folks are involved with this outreach. A special thanks goes to those who have dedicated hours to make this organization a success. They are Michelle Bartels, Dianna DeNeve, Mary Fahrenkrug, Abigail Hauser, Trish Horn, Linda Intveld, Linda Johnston, Susan Kalainoff, Cheryl Lunnardi, Jo Miller, Connie Morse, Sandy Ott, JoLynn Pawloski, LuAnn Paxton, Gayle Rasmussen, Janice Thomsen, Denise and Rod Weiss, Petra Westphal, and Kay Hartwig. Sadly, one of our members, Linda Moeller, was called to her eternal home in 2023. We miss her and her contribution to the group.

Our group has been supported with generous donations of funds, materials, and quilt tops. We received many quilt tops in various stages of completion. All items will be finished and distributed. The owner of The Fabric Stasher in Tipton contributed many bolts of fabric. We are very thankful for all the financial support through the church, memorials, Thrivent Action cards, our fundraiser, and other individual donations. Our group is very blessed. Thank you!

Would you like to be part of our special fellowship and at the same time make quilts for our mission outreach? If your answer is yes, you are invited to join the PVLC Quilting Group. No sewing skills or supplies are necessary to join the group. We need folks who can cut material, design quilts, sew, iron material, hand stitch, or tie quilts. If you would like to learn how to sew, we will be glad to teach you. There are sewing machines available at church. If you have any questions, please call Kay Hartwig 285-8147.

January Birthdays

- 1 Laura Douthit
Craig Tannahill
Janice Thomsen
- 4 Scott Daniels
Jason Lydic
Linda Trask
- 6 Alexandria Hauser
- 7 Leslie Immel
Loren Ingwersen
Raina Van Wetzlinga
- 9 Kerrick Cameron
Christine Fluegel
Jeff Trask
- 11 Amanda Amhof
Julianna Stuedemann
- 12 Jerry Wuestenberg
- 13 Wendy Martin
Kallen Rohlf
- 14 Kara Rohlf
Jerry Voelkers
- 16 Kyson Meyer
Donovan Schachel
Mitchell Temperly
- 17 Gretchen Hoft
Martin Mirfield
Sandra Soenksen
- 18 David Mirfield
- 19 Bonnie Amhof
- 20 Laura Irwin
Teagan Merten
Caitlynn Peters
- 21 Carol Mickelson
Aaron Raleigh
- 21 Bethany Belz
- 23 Ronnie Johnston
Julie Wolfe
- 24 Zachary Howes
Keith Mohr
- 25 Matthew Claeyes
Julie Daniels
- 26 Shalee Sio
- 27 Jane Hull
Carson Lage
- 28 Rily Grunwald
Conner Kelly
Kyle Ott
- 30 Lynn Curlott
- 31 Mark Claeyes
Collin Kull
Conner Kull

January Anniversaries

- 3 Lowell & Julianna Stuedemann (47)
- 10 Christopher & Jennifer Toohey (19)
- 19 Tyler & Laura Irwin (4)
- 28 Jerry & Joan Serrano (45)



Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Rich Atwood, Pastor Bob Bartel, Andrew Claeyes, Mike Cornett, Gene Horn, Cheryl Kofron, Doug Lockhart, 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 a for comfort and peace.

For Pastor Bob Bartel, strength and healing of his cancer.

For Rich Atwood, for continued strength and healing.

For Tim Foss, healing of his nerves and relief of pain.

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

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

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

Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

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		January 2024					WBS = Women's Bible Study
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Church Office Closed	2 6:30am-MBS	3 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	4 9:30am-WBS	5	6	
7 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	8 7:00pm-Ex Bd Mtg	9 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	10 6:00pm-Confirmation	11 9:30am-WBS	12	13	
14 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	15	16 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	17 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	18 9:30am-WBS	19	20	
21 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	22	23 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	24 6:00pm-Confirmation	25 9:30am-WBS	26	27	
28 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	29 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	30 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	31 6:00pm-Confirmation				

January Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 7 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)
Andy Hartwig, John Pischke
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley
- 14 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten (8:00)
Dave Amhof, Jerry Wuestenberg
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys (10:30)
Rich Atwood
- 21 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen
- 28 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott (9:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley

Elders

- 7 Scott Campbell/Kyle Rehn (C)
(8:00)
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
- 14 Quintin Gerard (8:00am)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30am)
- 21 Mike Yaudas/Quintin Gerard (C)
(8:00)
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
- 28 Scott Campbell (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)

Acolytes

- 7 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)
Alliana Ray (10:30)
- 14 Kenneth Chumbley (8:00am)
Mason Nemeth (10:30am)
- 21 Oliver Mangan (8:00)
Maddox Drummond (10:30)
- 28 Riley Toohey (8:00)
Kallen Rohlf (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 7 Connie Morse
Julie Daniels
- 14 Catherine Schaub
Teri Wuestenberg
- 21 Mary Lou Engler
Jackie Holden
- 28 Lu Foss
Caralee Gruntorad

Counters

- 7 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 14 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
- 21 Lee/Jackie Holden
Aimee Egesdal
- 28 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens

Nursery

- 7 Cheryl Lunardi
- 14 Mary Lou Kaney
- 21 Bethany Hoft
- 28 Cheryl Lunardi