

The Herald



PARK VIEW
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lord has Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

God's Purpose for Marriage

Summer is a season for weddings. Therefore, now is a good time to review God's purposes for marriage. The Rite of Holy Matrimony (LSB, p.274) begins with a helpful description of marriage from the Bible. Here are the three main purposes:

1. "The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for the mutual companionship, help, and support that each person ought to receive from the other, both in prosperity and adversity."



After God created Adam, He said, *"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him"* (Gen. 2:18). God didn't give Adam a dog ("man's best friend"). As wonderful as pets may be as companions, God gave him someone much better- a wife! Eve was brought forth from Adam's side. She was flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone. She and he were of the same "stuff." She was not taken from Adam's head so that he would lord over her. She was not taken from his feet so that he would trample her. Instead, God took Eve from Adam's rib to be by his side. For this reason, Martin Luther called his dear wife Katharina, "Kitty, my rib." Still today, husbands and wives are brought together, side to side, to help and support each other.

2. "Marriage was also ordained so that man and woman find delight in one another. Therefore, all persons who marry shall take a spouse in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust, for God has not called us to impurity but in holiness."

Genesis 2:24-25 says, *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."* Before the Fall into sin, Adam and Eve had a perfect marriage. In the Garden of Eden, they stood before each other in open, honest, communication. They felt no shame, no fear of rejection or betrayal. They didn't keep score or hold grudges. They didn't replay old arguments in their minds. They simply loved each other. They delighted in each other. This is what God still intends for our marriages today. He calls husbands and wives into a life-long union of love and fidelity.

3. "God also established marriage for the procreation of children who are to be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord so that they may offer Him their praise."

Psalms 127:3 says, *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb as reward."* Children are not our own product to satisfy our desires or meet our specifications. Children are gifts from God. In marriage, men and women turn toward each other, and when a child is born through their union, they are to turn outward to raise their child in the Christian faith. Not every couple is physically able to have children, but every marriage can turn outward and be fruitful in ways other than procreation.

Perhaps the most important thing to know about marriage is that it is a picture of the communion between Christ and His Bride, the Church. Jesus came into this world to show us what perfect, sacrificial love looks like. But He's not just our example. He's our Savior who laid down His life for all sinners. Marriage is grounded in grace. By God's grace in Christ, we are being prepared each day for the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9).

Pastor Pete

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.

Points of Interest

- * Share & Care Preschool News
- * Preschool Registration Ongoing
- * Vanco Mobile App
- * New Member Class
- * New Pictorial Directory
- * DCE Gift Card Shower
- * Light Meal Possibility?
- * Our High School Seniors Say A Few Words
- * New ArtWork at PVLC

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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.

June Herald



Wow! What a year. It sure went fast. We finished up with our year-end programs on May 20 & 21st. Our four-year old class graduates each received a certificate, picture Bible from the Buck Fish Memorial Fund, lap quilt from the wonderful PVLC quilting ministry, cross necklace, headband, and fun jungle-themed sunglasses. The children enjoyed sharing songs that are favorites from throughout the year, including "Awesome God" and devotion from Pastor Pete, Miss Beth Campbell helped the children share some of the songs she's taught us from her monthly story time we were blessed to have with her this year. Thank you so much, Beth!

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is still ongoing and we are praying for increased enrollment, especially in our three-year old class. We thank the congregation for their continued support and prayers. Please continue to share about our preschool program to those you know. We are working on some new marketing strategies including partnering with the local library on summer take-home kits and we are hoping to participate in the Eldridge Summer Festival parade. If you know of anywhere we can display information flyers or business cards, please let us know.

All of the staff at Share and Care wish to thank Denise for all of her hard work and love she has brought to Share and Care this year, especially, as well as her support from many previous years. Jennifer appreciates all Denise has been teaching her as we prepare for Jennifer to transition to serving in the administrator role this summer. Denise, Share and Care is blessed to have had you.

Jennifer Rathe & Denise Weiss



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.

Pastor will begin a new series of New Member classes on Sunday, June 23 at 10:15 am (after the 9 am service). As a group we will decide to either continue on Sunday mornings or move it to a weeknight. There will be a total of 7 or 8 classes. This class is not only for those seeking membership at PVLC. Anyone who would like a review is welcome to attend!



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Jim and Caralee Gruntorad, St. Paul
Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, IA

SMILE!

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING !



Park View will be creating our own directory, using pictures taken by you! We are requesting you email a "church directory appropriate" photo of you/your family to the following email address:

PVLCpix24@outlook.com

Please include your last name followed by first names of those pictured.
MUCH MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT IN A WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE .

Please add PVLCpix24@outlook.com to your list of contacts!

Contact Sharon Tannahill with questions.



***Please help in
welcoming Bethany D. to PVLC!***

The Education and the Outreach committees would like to present Bethany with a gift card shower. We will be accepting monetary donations at the worship services, or anytime during office hours. The plan is to provide her with a variety of options for food, activities, and merchandise in the North Scott area.

Her official installation will be at the 9am service on Sunday, July 21st; a brunch will follow, and we will present her with the gift cards at that time.

If you can help with providing food for the brunch, please autograph the sign-up on the kiosk.

We will also have a casual meet & greet with Bethany from 6/6.30pm-7pm at the Thursday night service, July 18th. There will either be a light dinner served, or a dessert bar--more info on that to follow. Thank you!



Should We or Shouldn't We?

Greetings! The Outreach/Evangelism committee would love your input regarding an idea to add more fellowship opportunities during the busy summer.

We are considering offering a light meal before the Thursday evening services.

We would begin serving at 6.15pm and end serving at 6.45pm. This would be a free will donation.

Menu ideas include a taco bar, grilled hot dogs/brats, pulled pork sandwiches, etc. including sides & desserts & beverages.

If this is something that you would be interested in attending or assisting with, then please let me know in person, or

563.326.9113 or daliplash@mchsi.com

Thank you, Karen Nord Schaar



Our Seniors Say A Few Words

Logan Fluegel: Park View Lutheran is a caring congregation and it's a place where I can grow my faith. It's been great to be a part of LYLES since it's a place where I can share my faith with people my age and also have fun with this group. I will be attending Kirkwood Community College getting a degree in Fire Science.

Gretchen Hoft: Park View Lutheran Church has meant a lot to me because it's basically my second home and my second family. Everyone at church has been so supportive of me and my journey of faith, and they helped me grow spiritually so much. Being a member of LYLES has meant so much to me because I have loved having a solid, small group of friends to talk about my faith. It's also led me to lots of service opportunities and fun ways to spread God's love! I will be attending Concordia University Nebraska getting a degree in Elementary Education.

Adison Raleigh: Park View Lutheran Church has always been a safe space for me. I've had a lot of fun and made a lot of memories. The church is family. I've learned a lot working in the LYLES booth. I've enjoyed being a LYTE and everything that comes with. I am grateful for the opportunities and experience I got being a LYTE. I will be attending Concordia University Wisconsin getting a degree in Pharmacy.

Jack Striegel: Park View Lutheran was the first church we came to when we moved to Eldridge. We decided to make it our home church because of the fellowship and Pastor Hoft's spiritual leadership. Through the church my faith has been strengthened greatly, and it will be hard to find a church as good as this one. I will be attending the University of Iowa getting my degree in International Relations, minor in Korean. I will enter the Army in 2023 after ROTC officer commissioning and graduation from the University of Iowa.

McKinley Toohey: Park View Lutheran Church has meant a lot to me. The love and support the congregation provides and my faith in the Lord has helped me through a lot of difficult times in my life. I'm very grateful for the memories and relationships I've been fortunate to have at a time when there have been so many challenges and distractions in the world, it's comforting to have fellowship with the Lord. Being a member of LYLES has helped me grow both personally and spiritually. It has given me opportunity to meet a lot of great people and share my faith in the Lord. It has taught me the importance of serving others, being a leader and setting an example for the youth. I am very thankful and blessed for the opportunities LYLES has given me and look forward to sharing my faith and being LYTE for others on my journey. I will be attending Iowa State University getting my degree in Interior Design as well as getting my Real Estate License.

Madison Wilshsuen: Park View Lutheran Church has welcomed me into the faith family since my baptism and has guided me through the years. Park View Lutheran is a community that supports me in all that I do and have done these past 4 years at high school. Being a member of LYLES has provided me a supportive environment to express my faith amongst my peers. LYLES has also given me an abundance of opportunities to be involved in both the Church and the community. I will be attending Iowa State University getting my degree in Architecture.

Shaun Yaudas: Being a part of PVLC has connected me with more people, as well as further my strength in my faith in the Lord. LYLES has allowed me to connect with new people as I grew up. I will be attending Scott Community College getting my degree in welding and working for John Deere.

New Artwork at Park View Lutheran

In our multi-purpose room where Bible class, quilting and meetings take place, we have several works of art displayed by the Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe. These have been donated by Gayle Rasmussen in honor of several PVLC members, past and present. Each colorful print depicts the life of Christ. A new print has been donated in honor of Pastor Pete and Bethany Hoft. Created in 1967, it is called *The Deposition*. This painting shows the broken body of Jesus being lowered from the cross into His mother's arms. Mary looks up in sorrow. The enlarged dimension of Christ's head emphasizes the weight of His body. Other disciples look on in sorrow as well. These figures may be Joseph of Arimathea, John the apostle, and the women. It's a somber image of our Lord's death. However, if you look closely at the cross, you'll notice bulging plant-like fruits, some of which bring forth new leaves. This signifies that Jesus' death gives hope to the world. Jesus says in John 12:23-24, *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."* From Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Thank you, Gayle, for this beautiful gift, which will direct our eyes upon Christ the crucified.



Birthdays

- 2 Kurt Krambeck
- 3 Esther Harrison
- 4 Christopher Tague
Nathan Tague
- 5 Nora Bomia
Trisha Horn
- 6 Tammy Gustafson
Matthew Klever
Jim Payne
Brylee Rathe
- 7 Alayna Krambeck
- 8 Carol Hauser
Sally Oberlander
Jace Tippet
- 9 Russell Soenksen
- 13 Alex Yaudas
- 14 Pastor Pete Hoft
- 15 Patrick Looney
- 17 Angela Elmshaeuser
Michaela Goodwin
- 19 Bethany Hoft
Jo Miller
Devin Sanders
- 22 Tyler Kull
Caleb Wilshsuen
- 23 Dale Grunwald
Sarah Blazier
- 25 Ikyah Hill
- 26 Deborah Brown
- 28 Ben Fish
Peyton Paxton
Zach Warm
- 29 Gemma Bomia
Ken Thomsen
- 30 Mallory Grunwald

Anniversaries

- 1 Christine & Jeffrey Fluegel (22)
- 8 Sue & Quintin Gerard (39)
- 10 Jackie & Tom Knapper (20)
- 11 Addie & Mark Akin (13)
- 12 Amanda & Adam Ahrens (20)
- 19 Sue & Tim Raleigh (31)
- 20 Becky & Steve Knorrek (26)
- 22 Betty & Francis Kircher (28)
- 27 Pam & John Pischke (54)
- 28 Kay & Jerry Hartwig (49)
Marcia & James McKinney (49)



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 Mary Fish, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Kent Denison and family, as they grieve the death of his mother, Pat.

For Betty Lockhart, as she grieves the death of her husband, Doug.

For Share & Care Christian Preschool, for increased fall enrollment.

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, Alan Rubach, Brett Slaughter, Christopher Teuscker and Nate Thayer.

Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

Hudson Barclay, 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	June 2024					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am - Worship HC	3	4 6:30am-MBS	5	6 7:00pm - Worship HC	7	8
9 9:00am - Worship HC	10 7:00pm-Ex Bd Mtg	11 6:30am-MBS 10:00am - Quilting	12	13 7:00pm - Worship	14	15
16 9:00am - Worship HC	17 VBS – 9 - 11:30am	18 6:30am-MBS VBS – 9 - 11:30am	19 VBS – 9 - 11:30am	20 VBS – 9 - 11:30am 7:00pm - Worship HC	21 VBS – 9 - 11:30am	22
23 9:00am - Worship HC 10:15am-New Member Class	24 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	25 6:30am-MBS 10:00am - Quilting	26	27 7:00pm - Worship	28	29
30 9:00am - Worship HC						

June Serving Schedule

Ushers

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

Elders

- 2 Kyle Rehn/Brian Klever (C)
(9:00am)
- 6 Craig Tannahill (C) (7:00pm)
- 9 Mike Yaudas/Tim Raleigh (C) (9:00)
- 13 Brian Klever (7:00)
- 16 Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)
(9:00)
- 20 Tim Raleigh (C) (7:00)
- 23 Quintin Gerard/Kyle Rehn (C) (9:00)
- 27 Scott Campbell (7:00)
- 30 Craig Tannahill/Mike Yaudas (C)
(9:00)

Acolytes

- 2 Mallory Grunwald (9:00am)
- 6 Oliver Mangan (7:00pm)
- 9 Kenneth Chumbley (9:00)
- 13 Peyton Paxton (7:00)
- 16 Mason Nemeth (9:00)
- 20 Alliana Ray (7:00)
- 23 Maddox Drummond (9:00)
- 27 Ryker Van Wetzlinga (7:00)
- 30 Victoria McKown (9:00)

Communion Washers

- 2 Mary Lou Engler
Julie Daniels
- 9 Teri Wuestenberg
Dorcas Smith
- 16 Linda Schroeder
Cheryl Lunardi
- 23 Caralee Gruntorad
Dawn Dittmer
- 30 Dorcas Smith
Sue Raleigh

Counters

- 2 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens
- 9 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schnekloth
- 16 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 23 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 30 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill