

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.

Easter Evidence

Christianity rests on the historical fact that Jesus rose bodily from the dead. If our Lord did not physically walk out of the tomb, as the skeptics suppose, then there would be no point in singing praises to God on Easter Sunday. In 1 Corinthians 15:17, the apostle Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

Author Lee Strobel was once a hard-core atheist. He once reasoned, "If there is no God, if there is no heaven, and no ultimate accountability, then the most logical way for me to live is as a hedonist, someone who only pursues pleasure." When his wife became a Christian, he set out to disprove Christianity. But the more he investigated, the more he was led to the evidence of Christianity. He came to realize that there is strong, persuasive, and powerful evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. Strobel summarizes his findings in the "Four E's":

- **The Execution of Jesus.** Jesus was truly killed by crucifixion. All four Gospels and the rest of the New Testament clearly state that Jesus died on the cross. It is also mentioned in the ancient writings of non-Christians like Josephus and Tacitus. It would have been extremely unlikely that the early Christians would have invented the story that their Messiah was executed as a criminal. The idea of a crucified Messiah would have been highly offensive to first-century Jews. It also seems unlikely that the early Christians would have invented the story that Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, would have buried Jesus in a tomb. Even the secular Journal of the American Medical Association said, "Clearly, based on the medical and historical evidence, Jesus was dead even before the wound to His side was inflicted."
- **The Early Accounts of Jesus' Resurrection.** The earliest Christian creeds proclaiming Christ's resurrection date to within months of the events of Passion week. 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 is one example. In other words, Easter is not a legend or fairy tale. Legends take time to develop. Famed classical historian A.N. Sherwin-White of Oxford said that it took more than two generations in the ancient world for legends to develop and wipe out a solid core of historical truth. But the news of Jesus' resurrection spread quickly.
- **The Empty Tomb.** Even the opponents of Jesus admitted that the tomb was empty. The stone enclosing the tomb had been rolled away for the women and disciples to see. The grave clothes were neatly left behind. The body of Jesus was never found.
- **Eyewitnesses.** Ancient sources inside and outside of the New Testament corroborate the conviction of the disciples and others that they encountered the resurrected Jesus. Jesus' appearances were to men and women, individuals, couples, groups and at least one crowd. He was physically touched, audibly heard, visually seen, and He ate food in their presence. Many of the eyewitnesses died because of their claim that Jesus was alive. Their lives would probably have been spared if they retracted. But they gave their lives as a testimony to Jesus' resurrection.

-Pastor Pete Hoft

Points of Interest

- ◆ *Lenten Services*
- *Ladies Spring Fling*
- *Male Volunteers Needed*
- *LivWell Guest Speaker*
- *Share & Care Preschool News*
- *Share & Care Scholarships*
- *LYTES*
- *Jews For Jesus Visit PVLC*
- *Love Box Thank Yous*
- *VBS Volunteer Form*

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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



Ladies' Spring Fling
Saturday, March 9, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Ladies, are you tired of winter? The cold? The cloudy gray gloomy days? Dirty snow? Brown dead looking yards? Sloppy wet sidewalks, streets, and roads?

Rejoice, there's hope! Spring is coming! And to celebrate, to help break out of the doldrums of winter, you are invited to the Park View Ladies' Spring Fling.

You and your guests are invited to an evening with a delicious gourmet meal prepared by men of the congregation and served in beautiful ambiance, the opportunity for wonderful fellowship in our fellowship hall complete with newly dampened sound, and superb musical entertainment by our own Riley Sindt.

Mark your calendars: March 9, 2024. Tickets only \$10.00. Linda Johnston will be in charge of ticket sales.

Men of the congregation: sign up sheets are on the kiosk to volunteer for this special evening.

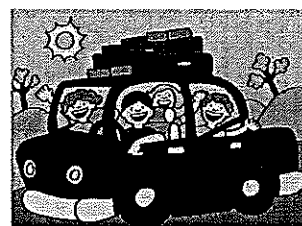


LYTES Meeting Dates

Wednesday, March 6th - 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 20th - 5:00pm
Lenten Dinner - Sloppy Joes

Wednesday, March 27th - 6:00pm
Good Friday Service Rehearsal



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Pastor Bob and Elaine Bartel, Peace Lutheran Church, New Berlin, WI
Chuck Moeller, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kewanee, IL
Dan Rathe family, Memorial Lutheran Church and Student Center, Ames, IA
Jerry and Teri Wuestenberg, First Lutheran Church, Ohio, IL
Mike and Debra Nelson, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olive Branch, MS & Our Savior Lutheran Church, Nashville, TN
Esther Harrison, Trinity Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA
Gary and Barb Huff, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, IA



SCHOLARSHIPS

Share and Care Preschool \$250 Scholarships Available

Scholarships of \$250 are available to any senior who attended Share and Care Preschool or is a member of Park View Lutheran. You may pick up an application in the church office or at Share and Care Preschool. Deadline is April 1, 2024.



March Newsletter

Our classes for this fall are filling up quickly! We are redoing a favorite from the past, a western theme, Wanted by God.

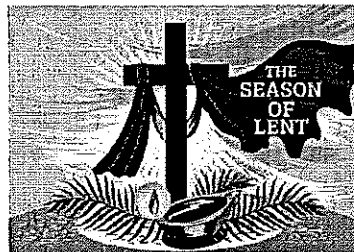
Rhonda and Jennifer each have applied for a Governor's Stem Grant. The grant this year is all about balance. This grant has been awarded to the preschool the past few years and has been a wonderful asset to our curriculum. The award includes training as well as kits that we can use in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We are very excited to be a part of this again!

Spring Break will be upon us this month, we will not have school March 11 - 15th, we hope for fair weather and safe travels to our preschool families and the preschool and the preschool staff, please include them in your prayers.

High School seniors you are eligible for a Share and Care Christian Preschool scholarship of \$250. This is available to any senior that attended Share and Care or is a member of Park View Lutheran Church. The church secretary, Joan Serrano has forms in her office as well as the guidance department at the high school.

Thanks to all for your continued support of our preschool. We appreciate your prayers and donations, our preschool would not be what it is without our wonderful congregation!

God's Blessings,
Denise Weiss



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 1:00pm Worship

March 6
March 13
March 20

Wednesdays 7:00pm Worship

March 6
March 13
March 20

Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship

March 28

Good Friday 7:00pm Worship

March 29

Easter Sunday Worship 6:30 & 9:00am

March 31

Easter Breakfast 7:30am

March 31

JEW FOR JESUS

Save the date of Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Jews for Jesus (A Christian Missionary Organization) will be here at PVLC to present Christ in the Passover.



Bible Study Guest Speaker Sunday, March 3

Erica Schroeder-Cerda, Partner Relations Director of LivWell Seniors in Davenport will present senior living resources during the 9:15 a.m. Bible study hour on March 3, 2024. They are a free, local, professional and experienced organization dedicated to helping families navigate senior living options as well as payment options.

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Men of the Congregation, Mark your calendars for March 9, 2024. We will be hosting our ladies and their guests for the Ladies Spring Fling night. We will need volunteers for food preparation, fellowship hall set up, serving and for clean-up. Sign up sheets are posted on the kiosk in the fellowship hall.

WRO would like to thank the congregation for all the wonderful donations for the Love Boxes. It's greatly appreciated!



ImpactLife

Park View Lutheran/Community Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for our spring blood drive on Monday, April 15, 2024 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall. The last date to donate elsewhere was February 12. There is a special plea out by the blood center for the urgent need for type O, AB and all types of Platelets.

Dear PVLC,

Thank you for the wonderful snacks and very useful daily items.

Erik Egesdal



PVLC,

Thank you so much for the care package. It was much appreciated! Thank you,

Ashley Fluegel

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the good box! I appreciate all the PVLC has done for me throughout the years. Here at the University of Iowa I have found a great church, student organization, and group of Christian friends that have blessed my life in so many ways! I truly love the University of Iowa!

Go Hawks & Love, Bella Warm

Dear PVLC,

Thank you for the love box. It is always comforting knowing I have people who will always love and care about me.

Dane Egesdal

PVLC,

Thank you for the gift bag! It means a lot to have someone thinking of me.

Sincerely, Kylee Schroeder

Dear PVLC,

Thanks so much for the care package! It'll provide a great boost in this busy season. I'm so thankful for my church family. When I come back to PVLC on breaks I'm always greeted warmly by so many people. Truly one of the best parts of going home. I'm still on course to graduate this semester, and move to Seward soon after! Thanks for all the prayers and support!

Love, Nathan Hoft



Greetings,

Planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School is in full swing. We are excited to share that this year we will be heading to the jungle to take an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation. During the week of **June 17th – 21st**, we will joyfully spread the Gospel to our Park View Lutheran church family and the surrounding community.

You can learn more about our VBS theme by visiting this online link: <https://ParkViewLutheranVBSMyAnswers.MyAnswers.com/jungle-journey/>.

We are looking for help carrying out this important work. How can you use your talents to support this important mission of PVLC?

Prayer

Thank you for praying for VBS. Praying for VBS is one way that all families can contribute to the success of the year's VBS program. Please pray that the children in our community will have a joyous time during VBS as they learn of God's love and come to the knowledge and truth of a Savior who died for all and rose again for the forgiveness of sins.

In-Person Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for 30 volunteers to be present during the week in each of the areas listed below. VBS runs 9:00-11:30 each day. If you have scheduling conflicts, please let us know in advance so we can find coverage for days or times you will miss.

- Group Leaders and Helpers for Grades K-5
Lead students to stations, pray with them, and discuss the lesson of the day.
- Craft Leader and Helpers
Teach the daily craft (prepared in advance) and assist students as needed.
- Science & Scripture Study Station Leader
Explore fun science experiments, prepare games and projects to help teach the Bible verse of the day.
- Music Leader and Helpers
Lead students and staff in song during the opening and closing of each day. Help students learn new and familiar VBS songs.

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Lead students and staff in song during the opening and closing of each day. Help students learn new and familiar VBS songs.

- Registration Leader and Helpers

Work with VBS Coordinators on the registration and daily check-out process. Check students in on Monday, gather daily attendance from group leaders Tues-Fri. Be the go-to person for questions about the daily schedule.

- Kitchen Leader and Helpers:

Prepare food and drinks for students' snack time. Based on feedback from parents, we have decided to use the North Scott Safe Snack list for the safety of all the children who attend VBS. We will have alternate options for children with special allergies.

- Decorating Leader:

Help plan and set up decorations with assistance from the VBS Coordinators.

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are not expected, but are accepted if one chooses to do so, in the form of cash or check, to go towards snacks and other VBS supplies.

Supply Donations

Be on the lookout for our VBS Hub in the Fellowship Hall. Over the next few months, we will be updating this location with a list of supply needs as we prepare for VBS.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping this important mission of Park View Lutheran. If you feel called to serve in-person, please fill out the form below and return it to the VBS Hub in the Fellowship Hall by March 3.

Thank you,

VBS Team Coordinators

Jen Rathe, Sharon Tannahill, Kerri Rehn, Angela Elmshaeuser, Courtney Sanders, Erin Rubach

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I can help with VBS!

Name: _____

How can you use your talents to serve during this important Gospel mission of PVLC?

- Group Leader | Preferred Grade Level _____
- Group Helper | Preferred Grade Level _____
- Station Leader | Preferred Station _____

*There will be a meeting for Station Leaders in April.

- Station helper | Preferred Station _____

Birthdays

- 1 Griffin Alden
Jessie Howes
- 2 Chase Moseley
- 4 Kole Carstens
- 5 Melissa Drummond
Marion Kjersten
Connie Youngers
- 6 Andy Cronkleton
- 7 Fenyx Hill
Clara Rathe
- 8 Tricia Edge
- 9 Aaron Vandivier
Kori Yaudas
- 10 Tanner Merten
- 11 Kelly Caskey
John Davison
Vera Elmshaeuser
Collin Foss
Cody Johnston
- 12 Laura Klever
- 13 Ryan Dopler
- 14 Cory Denison
Adison Raleigh
- 15 Faith Amhof
Cheryl Kofron
- 16 Dennis Dopler
Lisa Paxton
- 18 Trish Miller
- 19 Liam Edge
Aimee Egesdal
Gary Huff
Elena Kalainoff
Amanda Krambeck
Jakob Nelson
- 20 Kyle Rehn
- 21 Jane Traub
- 22 Greg Daniels
- 23 Addison Ahrens
Emmarie Gerard
- 25 Mary Lou Kaney
- 28 Ryan Grunwald
- 29 Katie Thomas
Jodee Tippet
Tara Youngers
- 30 Abby Buchanan
- 31 Andrew Hartwig

Anniversaries

- 16 Matthew & Robyn Klever (6)
- 18 Frank & Dorothy England (62)
Craig & Sharon Tannahill (29)
- 20 Ken & Janice Thomsen (59)
- 30 Rod & Denise Weiss (50)
Scot & Karen Schaar (17)



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, 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 comfort and peace.

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

For Jill Grunwald and family, as they grieve the death of her sister.

For Jodee Tippet and family, as they grieve the death of her father.

For Rich Atwood, strength and healing after a recent hospitalization.

For John Pischke, strength and healing after a recent hospitalization.

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:

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		March 2024					WBS=Women's Bible Study
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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3 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-Sunday School 9:15am-Guest Speaker 10:15am-Honor Nancy Schmidt 10:30am-Worship	4	5 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	6 1:00pm-Lenten Worship 5:30pm-Lenten Dinner 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES 7:00pm-Lenten Worship	7 9:30am-WBS	8	9 5:30pm-Ladies Spring Fling	
10 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	11 7:00pm-Executive Board Meeting	12 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	13 1:00pm-Lenten Worship 7:00pm-Lenten Worship	14 9:30am-WBS	15	16	
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31 6:30am-Worship HC 7:30am-Easter Breakfast 9:00am-Worship HC							

March Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 3 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott, (8:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys (10:30)
Rich Atwood
- 10 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)
Andrew Hartwig, John Pischke
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron, (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen
- 17 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten, (8:00)
Dave Amhof, Jerry Wuestenberg
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley
- 24 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys (10:30)
Rich Atwood, Scot Schaar
- 31 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott (6:30am)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (9:00am)
Gayle Rasmussen

Elders

- 3 Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)
(8:00)
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
- 6 Scott Campbell (1:00)
Craig Tannahill (7:00)
- 10 Kyle Rehn (8:00am)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)

- (10:30am)
- 13 Brian Klever (1:00)
Craig Tannahill (7:00)
- 17 Tim Raleigh/Brian Klever (C)
(8:00)
Mike Yaudas (10:30)
- 20 Mike Yaudas (1:00)
Tim Raleigh (7:00)
- 24 Quintin Gerard (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Mike Yaudas (C)
(10:30)
- 28 Tim Raleigh/Craig Tannahill (C)
(7:00)
- 31 Volunteer (C) (6:30am)
Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)
(9:00am)

Acolytes

- 4 Peyton Paxton (8:00)
Kallen Rohlf (10:30)
- 6 Volunteer (1:00)
Ryker VanWetzinga (7:00pm)
- 10 Alliana Ray (8:00am)
Brylee Rathe (10:30am)
- 13 Volunteer (1:00)
Victoria McKown (7:00)
- 17 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)
Kenny Chumbley (10:30)
- 20 Volunteer (1:00)
Oliver Mangan (7:00)
- 24 Mason Nemeth (8:00)
Maddox Drummond (10:30)
- 28 Brylee Rathe (7:00)

- 31 Volunteer (6:30am)
Riley Toohey (9:00am)

Communion Washers

- 3 Cheryl Lunardi
Barb Huff
- 10 Teri Wuestenberg
Dorcas Smith
- 17 Jackie Holden
Julie Daniels
- 24 Dawn Dittmer
Catherine Schaub
- 31 Caralee Gruntorad (6:30am)
Teri Wuestenberg
Dorcas Smith (9:00am)

Counters

- 3 Lee/Jackie Holden
Aimee/Doug Egesdal
- 10 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens
- 17 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schneklath
- 24 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 31 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish

Nursery

- 3 Cheryl Lunardi
- 10 Mary Lou Kaney
- 17 Bethany Hoft
- 24 Linda Schroeder
- 31 No Nursery