

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 Benefits of Memorizing Scripture

It's "Back to School" time! Once again, students have unpacked their backpacks, met their new teachers, and started doing homework. In our confirmation program at Park View Lutheran, our 5th-8th graders are also expected to do "homework." We encourage them to read an assigned portion of the Bible before bed each night and spend a little bit of time memorizing a verse or two for each week.

The word "memorize" might sound a bit scary. It was for me as I grew up attending a Lutheran parochial school. Memorizing Bible verses and parts of Luther's Small Catechism was a challenge. It did not come easy for me, and I often grumbled about it. But over the years, I have seen the benefits. Here are five benefits of memorizing Scripture; what I prefer to call "Learning by Heart."

1. A Weapon in Times of Spiritual Battle

We are tempted to sin daily. Our enemy, the devil, tries hard to lead us away from Christ and into dark unbelief. Therefore, God has equipped us with the "Sword of the Spirit," the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). When we learn God's Spirit-filled Word by heart, we are readying ourselves for battle. This is exactly what our Lord Jesus used when He was tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-9). If it's good enough for Jesus it's good enough for us!

2. Comfort in Times of Crisis

We all have our moments of spiritual crisis. When a family member or friend dies unexpectedly, for example, our minds can be flooded with many thoughts and questions. A Bible verse like Philippians 1:21, "*For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain,*" hidden in our heart, keeps us at peace. I have met many elderly people who cannot read anymore, but they find comfort in the words of Scripture and old hymns that have been imprinted in their memory.

3. A Fountain for Prayer

When our prayers seem stale and stagnant, we have a fountain of rich words to draw from in Scripture. The many prayers we find in the Psalms are especially good for committing to memory. I can attest from experience that when I pray in public, I am much more confident and free to speak when I have recently spent some time in the Word.

4. Spiritual Counsel and Encouragement for Others

From time to time Christians have the opportunity to offer spiritual counsel and encouragement to others. A Bible verse that you have taken the time to learn by heart may be just what that person needs to hear. Rather than scramble for that verse in your Bible index/concordance, how much more freeing it is to recite it from the heart! Proverbs 25:11 says, "*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.*"

5. Sharing the Gospel with Unbelievers

We may not always have a Bible at hand when we have the precious opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with an unbelieving friend. Therefore, Peter tells us, "*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this gentleness and respect* (1 Peter 3:15)."

Points of Interest

- * Sunday School Curriculum
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- * Christmas Card Orders

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.

SEPTEMBER Sunday School Curriculum & Schedule

Join us for Rally Day on September 8th!

Preschool - 5th Grade

Dig In from Group Publisher will help kids create deeper Bible experiences.

DIGGING
IN



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
Teacher - Sharon Tannahill



Sept 15th - An Angel Announces Jesus' Birth

Sept 22nd - Jesus the Light of the World is Born

Sept 29th - Simeon and Anna see Jesus

1st & 2nd Grade
Teacher - Dawn Dittmer



Sept 15th - Nothing is Impossible with God

Sept 22nd - Jesus is the Light of the World

Sept 29th - Jesus is God's gift...The best gift of all

3rd - 5th Grade
Teacher - Kerri Rehn



Sept 15th- God does the Impossible!

Sept 22nd - Jesus is the Light of the World

Sept 29th - Jesus is God's gift

Middle Schoolers 6th - 8th Grade

Using Be Bold from Group Publishing, each week we will look at questions and for answers that can be found in studying God's Word.



6th - 8th Grade
Teachers - Sue Raleigh & Bethany Dorschner



Sept 15th - LEGO activity introduction to the Sunday School year & overview.

Sept 22nd - Is it ok that I sometimes doubt God?

Sept 29th - How can I forgive when I don't feel like it?

High School Youth

Helping explore why people make the choices they do in their faith stories and how those choices help improve or neglect their relationship with God.



High School
Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmshaeuser



Sept 15th - Jacob is the Deceiver

Sept 22nd - Jacob Wrestles with God

Sept 29th - Jacob is Deceived



We are blessed once again with the most awesome, enthusiastic Superintendent Super Team that a church has been fortunate enough to have...Kimberly Cronkleton & Melissa Drummond! This year we are joined by Bethany Dorschner, who is proving to be a delight to work with and adds many talents to our team!

We are also thrilled to be led in music this year by Kathy Yaudas & Bethany Dorschner.

I thank my God every time I remember you.
Philippians 1:3

Rod Kjersten has stepped down from the Board of Education. His many years of service are greatly appreciated!

Jennifer Rathe is taking her many talents to the Share & Care directorship. She taught K-2nd and led the Christmas program for many years. She is greatly loved & will be sorely missed.

Mike Yaudas went home to be with God on Father's Day. His cheerful smile, quick wit and generosity of sharing his musical talents with our Sunday School, VBS, Christmas programs and practices were such a blessing to all of us!

SEPTEMBER Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study



9:15-10:15am

Pastor will teach a series of lessons on the topic of **Worship** starting on Sept. 15. We will take a close look at each part of the liturgy, gaining a deeper understanding of God's work in the service and our response.

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study



6:30-7:30am

Men meet with Pastor to read through the Bible, chapter by chapter, and discuss how it applies to our life. We are currently studying the **Book of Acts**.

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study

9:30-10:30am



Women meet in the multipurpose room for Bible study. We will begin studying the **Gospel of Mark** on Sept. 12.

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

LYTES will meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights 6-7
We will also have a weekend activity each month

National Youth Gathering Informational meeting September 15, following 10:30 church service, a pizza lunch will be served.

LYTES 5th Sunday worship service – September 29



Confirmation Schedule

Sept 4th - 6-7pm Class

Sept 8th - Rally Day - First Day of Sunday School

Sept 11th - 6-7pm Class

Sept 14th - Dine and Dash (TBA)

Sept 18th - 6-7pm Class

Sept 25th - 6-7pm Class

Share and Care

The preschool year is off to a great start and it's been wonderful getting to know all of our students and families. We've started in with our letter of the week, shapes and numbers, and have been learning all the classroom rules. We look forward to our first Show & Share with the students, taking school pictures, and our first visit from the Scott County Library Bookmobile. Our dress up days for this month will be, "Go Gold," in support of childhood cancer. Thank you all for your support of the preschool and continued prayers.

We will be doing prayer partners again this year. Our families love being paired with church members and we truly appreciate the participation we receive from the church. Please watch the church bulletin for when and how to sign up. We ask that you keep the child and their family in your daily prayers. You may also give small gifts or cards for holidays or for birthdays.

Jennifer Rathe, Director



Living Out the Great Commission in Daily Life

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." This Great Commission is not just a call for pastors, DCE/O interns, missionaries, or church leaders—it's a charge for each of us as followers of Christ. But how do we live out this commission in our everyday lives? The answer is simpler than we might think. Living out the Great Commission doesn't always require grand gestures or going to distant lands—it begins with our everyday interactions, our attitudes, and the way we love and serve those around us.

1. Start with Prayer The first step in living out the Great Commission is prayer. Begin each day by asking God to open your eyes to the opportunities around you. Pray for the people you encounter, that God would soften their hearts and open doors for meaningful conversations. Prayer aligns our hearts with God's mission and prepares us to see the world through His eyes.

2. Build Relationships Jesus' ministry was built on relationships. He spent time with people, listened to their stories, and met them where they were. We can do the same by taking time to build genuine relationships with our neighbors, co-workers, and others in our community. Invite a colleague for coffee, check in on a neighbor, or join a local community group. Through these relationships, we have opportunities to share our faith naturally and lovingly.

3. Be a Light in Your Actions Actions often speak louder than words. As Christians, we are called to reflect Christ in all that we do. This means showing kindness, patience, and love, even in challenging situations. Whether it's offering a helping hand, speaking words of encouragement, or simply being a listening ear, our actions can demonstrate the love of Christ to those around us.

4. Share Your Story You don't need to have all the answers to share your faith. Your personal story of how God has worked in your life is powerful. When appropriate, share how your faith has guided you through difficult times, brought you peace, or given you hope. People are often more open to hearing about your personal experiences than a theological argument.

5. Extend an Invitation Sometimes the simplest way to live out the Great Commission is to invite someone to church, a Bible study, or a church event. This invitation could be the first step in someone's journey to faith. Don't underestimate the power of a personal invitation.

6. Serve with Compassion Look for ways to serve others, whether through your church's outreach programs, local charities, or simply by helping those in need around you. When we serve with compassion, we embody the love of Christ and open the door for others to experience His grace.

7. Live with Integrity Our integrity in daily life—being honest, reliable, and ethical—can be a powerful witness. When people see that our faith influences how we live, they may become curious about the source of our strength and peace.

8. Stay Grounded in Scripture Finally, staying grounded in God's Word equips us to live out the Great Commission. Regularly reading and meditating on Scripture strengthens our faith and provides us with the wisdom and discernment needed to share God's love effectively. The Great Commission is not an overwhelming task reserved for a select few; it's an invitation for all of us to participate in God's mission. By starting with small, intentional actions in our daily lives, we can make a significant impact for God's Kingdom. As we pray, build relationships, serve, and share our stories, we can help others experience the transforming love of Christ.

Bethany Dorschner, DCE/O Intern

Pictorial Directory Timeline

We will be wrapping up directory photos in September.



Editing and production of the directory will take place in October.

You/your family will receive a directory if their picture is included in it.

Please email pictures to pvlcpix24@outlook.com or text it to me at 563-508-4736. Please list people included in picture.

Let me know if you need your picture taken at church.

Thanks! Sharon

Neighborhood Invite Opportunity

"Come One, Come All! After our 10:30 am church service on Sunday, September 22nd, we will be inviting our neighbors to come and check out our Fall Festival! We will be hanging invitations on our neighbor's doors that include information about our church and preschool! We encourage everyone in the congregation to bring friends and family of all ages to join us for this special outreach event. Let's gather together and extend a warm welcome to our community. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors, share a smile, and invite them to experience the joy and fellowship of our Fall Festival, happening on October 6th. Your presence makes a difference—let's spread the love and excitement!"



For the Men in Our congregation: An Opportunity to Serve

Our next-door neighbors, Trey and Hillarey, purchased the home next door to us and moved in last fall. This summer they have uncovered several big-ticket items needing repair, including a roof that leaked with the water damaging their ceilings resulting in the need to re-sheet rock the entire upstairs. Their roof has now been replaced.

To help them get their ceilings done so that they can insulate and get ready for winter, I am organizing a sheet rock party on Saturday September 7. If we could have eight or more workers, we could put a team to work in each room. We need some persons experienced in Sheet Rock installation, but we also need workers who are willing to learn. It can also be a work of service for our teens. We have a rolling scaffold and one sheet rock lift. I have three DeWalt 20-amp drills with chargers, sawhorses, Tee Squares and knives. Bring ring your own drills. Come on out for a great day of fellowship, work and service for a very neat young couple in need. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact me, Rod Kjersten, at rodk@wikel.com or phone 218-242-4075.

THANK YOU

Dear PVLC,

Thank you to everyone who sent a card or prayed for me during and after my knee replacement surgery.

Sharon Tannahill



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Don and Sue Petersen, Trinity Lutheran Church, Oscoda, MI

Chuck Moeller, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kewanee, IL

Cheryl Lunardi, St. Paul Lutheran Church, South Bend, IN



LWML Fall Rally

Saturday
September 28, 2024

At
Park View
Lutheran
Church

8:30 Am Registration

9:00 AM Brunch

9:45 AM Bible Study
Rev. Peter D. Hoft
"Being a citizen of
heaven as well as a
citizen of the
United States"

Lutheran Church East Side Mission

August 2024 Newsletter

July 2024 Baptisms ~

Baptisms were held twice during the month of July. Welcome to the family of Christ:

Amyia Collin Gernaria Collins
Justin Collins Adrianna Hillman

Since January 2023, 23 people have been saved and brought into the Kingdom of heaven through Word and Sacrament ministry.



Adult Bible Study

During Bible study and in conjunction with the study of "Christian Identity", members are making a "Birthday Board" to help remember family and friends on their birthdays and to be able to give them encouragement from God.

Kids for Christ

We sent 6 kids to Grace Camp the end of July; they had a great time!



On August 13 - 15, we held Vacation Bible School at the Mission during the evening. It was a great time for all who attended, kids, pastor and staff! We had 13 kids the first night, 17 on the second and 18 on the third night.

After registration and badge pickup each evening, we started VBS with a light meal, moved into the sanctuary for an opening, then outside for games and activities, back inside for the main lesson, upstairs for activities and crafts and then down to the sanctuary to close the evening. A highlight was going into the "belly of the whale" like Jonah did. Again, we want to thank Risen Christ for the use of the Scuba program, materials, and props! The kids were so excited seeing the ocean décor!



VBS



2024



Church Services

Rev. Dr. Andrew Watkins leads
Worship Service every
Monday starting at 6 pm.
Sunday School is held
immediately following service.
Visitors are always welcome.

Kids for Christ

Meets every Wednesday from
5-7 pm. Children range from
ages 4-16. A light dinner,
including dessert, is provided
prior to Bible Study and crafts.

Adult Bible Study

Adults, teens, and pre-teens
meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday
of the month at
5:30 pm for a light meal
and Bible study.

Food Pantry

Bread and pastries, donated by
Hy-Vee, are available every
Wednesday free for pickup by
our members and the
community from 3-6 pm.

Donations

The Mission gladly accepts
monetary donations, in-kind,
and Thrivent Choice Dollars
to support our ministries
and programs.

We have a current need for
children's Bibles, baptismal
candles, certificates, and
napkins and catechism books
"Living God's Word".

If you can help, monetary
donations can be mailed to the
address below or if you have
questions, please contact us.

Thank you!

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Birthdays

- 2 Henry Yaudas
- 4 Madison Grunwald
- 5 Maddox Drummond
- 6 Nancy Schmidt
- Lowell Stuedemann
- 7 Jackie Holden
- Madison Temperly
- Del Traub
- Teri Wuestenberg
- 9 Anthony Isely
- 10 Ashley Carstens
- 11 Scott Campbell
- Barb Colbert
- Zoe Warm
- 13 Brynne Fenske
- 14 Caleb Claes
- 15 Amanda Ahrens
- 16 Nichole Claes
- Ashton Oncken
- 17 Allyson Baetke
- 18 Jim Gruntorad
- Austin Plagge
- Tyler Plagge
- 19 Kay Hartwig
- Kyle Rohlf
- Luke Yaudas
- 21 Major Hill
- 22 Jasmine Bailey
- 24 John Pischke
- 26 Doug Egesdal
- 28 Joe Claes
- Morgan Marchant
- Rachel Riedesel
- 30 Tracy Carstens
- Amanda Miranda
- Breanna Voelkers



Anniversaries

- 1 Dan & Bonita Howes (28)
- 2 Paul & Susan Kalainoff (52)
- 5 Luke & Kori Yaudas (21)
- 7 Russell & Sandy Soenksen (56)
- 8 Andy & Kim Cronkleton (17)
- 10 William & Marcia Perdieu (36)
- 11 Brian & Sue Klever (42)
- 16 Josh & Malia Carstens (7)
- 18 Randy & Kristy Warm (48)
- 20 Dean & Melissa Drummond (16)
- 23 William & Cheryl Kofron (35)
- 24 Ralph & Pam Schneklath (47)
- 25 John Flotterud & Ashley Carstens (3)
- Al & JoLynn Pawloski (53)
- 27 Joe & Mary Moth (21)



Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Rich Atwood, Pastor Bob Bartel, Andrew Claes, 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 peace and healing.

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

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

For Pastor Bob Bartel, comfort and peace as he continues his battle with cancer.

For Jo Miller, strength and healing after a recent hospitalization.

For Sharon Tannahill, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Trish Horn, recovering from tear duct surgery.

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 Claes, 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

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cheerful House Cards is once again offering Christmas cards with no shipping fees. Trish Horn will be offering card box orders between services on September 15, 22 and 29.



Current Membership	
Baptized Members	504
Communicant Members	409

Official Acts

Gains:

Transfer:

Adult Confirmation:

Junior Confirmation:

Profession of Faith:

Baptism:

Losses:

Transfer:

Removal:

Peaceful Release: Norman and Lorna Seifert; Benjamin, Patricia, and Liam Edge

Own Request:

The Church Triumphant:

From Our Records

Sunday Attendance

07/07/2024 - 125

07/14/2024 - 124

07/21/2024 - 126

07/28/2024 - 107

Thursday Attendance

07/04/2024 - No Service

07/11/2024 - 40

07/18/2024 - 32

07/25/2024 - 39

Total July Attendance: 593

Financial

	<u>July 24</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>
General Fund Income	\$34,167	\$265,794
General Fund Expenses	\$26,195	\$217,665
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,972	\$48,129
Principal Only	\$250	\$4,150
Payments Collected		

The General Fund includes envelope offerings, loose plate offerings, Sunday school offerings and Share and Care Preschool income. The General Fund is used to pay day to day expenses of the church and preschool, salaries, mission support, etc.

The General Fund **does not include contributions specifically earmarked** for the St. Stephen's fund, memorials, etc.

Men's Bible Study = MBS		September 2024					Women's Bible Study = WBS
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 9:00am-Worship HC	2 Church Office Closed	3 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	4 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	5	6	7	
8 8:0am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC 4:00pm-Ladies Potluck	9 7:00pm-Ex Bd Mtg	10 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	11 6:00pm-Confirmation	12 9:30am-WBS	13	14 Confirmation - Dine & Dash	
15 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	16	17 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	18 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	19 9:30am-WBS	20	21	
22 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC 11:30am- Neighborhood Invite	23	24 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	25 6:00pm-Confirmation	26 9:30am-WBS	27	28 8:30am-LWML Fall Rally @ PVLC	
29 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	30 6:30pm-Elders Mtg						

September Serving Schedule

Ushers

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

Elders

- 1 Kyle Rehn/Brian Klever (C) (9:00)
- 8 Scott Campbell (8:00)
Quintin Gerard/Craig Tannahill (C)
(10:30)
- 15 Tim Raleigh/Kyle Rehn (C) (8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 22 Scott Campbell (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)
- 29 Tim Raleigh/Scott Campell (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)

Acolytes

- 1 Kenneth Chumbley (9:00)
- 8 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)
Mason Nemeth (10:30)
- 15 Peyton Paxton (8:00)
Maddox Drummond (10:30)
- 22 Ryker VanWetzinga (8:00)
Alliana Ray (10:30)
- 29 Oliver Mangan (8:00)
Victoria McKown (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 1 Cheryl Lunardi
Trish Horn
- 8 Sue Raleigh
Catherine Schaub
- 15 Connie Youngers
Connie Morse
- 22 Catherine Schaub
Dawn Dittmer
- 29 Julie Daniels
Barb Huff (8:00)
Dawn Dittmer
Teri Wuestenberg (10:30)

Counters

- 1 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schneklath
- 8 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 15 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 22 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
- 29 Lee/Jackie Holden
Aimee/Doug Egesdal

Nursery

- 1 NO Nursery
- 8 Mary Lou Kaney
- 15 Bethany Hoft
- 22 Linda Schroeder
- 29 Cheryl Lunardi