

# 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.*

## What Jesus Left Behind

My sermon on Easter Sunday was based on Mark's account of the resurrection of Jesus. Each Gospel writer (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) wrote from their own perspective. Mark is unique. Instead of focusing on the joy and celebration of the women who came to the tomb, he is more interested in telling us about their initial fear and panic. Their world had been turned upside down. Mark even concludes his Gospel by saying, "They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid (Mark 16:8)."

It might seem odd to us that the Gospel of Mark ends so abruptly. It really leaves the reader hanging. We don't even get to read about the risen Jesus appearing to these fearful women! He had already taken off. But there are three things that Jesus left behind for these women, and for us who often find ourselves confused and bewildered these days.

1. Jesus left behind **an angel**, a witness to the resurrection. The angel was sent to the tomb to tell the women, "Do not be alarmed." Jesus knew what these women were going through. He knew what was stirring in their hearts. He knew their stress and anxiety. Jesus also knows what we're going through. He knows the pain we hide, the fears we keep inside, and the doubts we dare not say out loud. Jesus knows everything about us, and so He continues to send us an angel.

The word "angel" means messenger, and it doesn't always imply a heavenly being. He puts people in our life to talk to- a pastor, a Christian friend, a counselor, or a wise and loved grandparent. God puts witnesses of the resurrection into our lives to say, "Do not be alarmed." You don't have to panic. Don't ignore these "angels." Welcome them into your life!

2. Jesus left behind **a promise**. The angel said, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid Him." The women received a promise that Jesus was alive. He once was dead, but now He lives. That means Jesus conquered sin, death, and the devil. Jesus completed His mission. The Father accepted His sacrifice for the world.

This is God's promise for us, too. By faith, we cling to the promise that our sins are forgiven. And where there is forgiveness, there is also life and salvation. We live in a world of many uncertainties. We have no idea what to expect in the coming year, much less tomorrow. But we can be certain of this: Jesus has risen, and we shall, too!

3. Jesus left behind for the women **a community of faith**. The angel said, "Go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." Not only would they see the risen Lord, but they would also find a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus provided for them a family of believers whom they could belong to, lean on, and to encourage.

Likewise, the Lord gathers us each week around His Word and Sacrament. God doesn't want us to be Lone Ranger Christians, trying to slog through life on our own. He forms us into a community so that we can learn how to live by faith. The Lord has blessed us with a loving congregation at Park View Lutheran. In times of joy, sadness, and stress we are there for each other. We can be real with each other about our fears and share our difficulties. Being a Christian doesn't mean that our life is perfect. Life is sometimes messy, unpredictable and upside down. Sometimes we have fears just like the women who came to the tomb. But these fears don't have to debilitate us. They drive back to the promises of our risen Lord.

The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Pete

## Points of Interest

- ◇ *LifeLine Screenings*
- ◇ *Church/Community Blood Drive*
- ◇ *VBS Registration Now Open*
- ◇ *Time to Subscribe to the Lutheran Witness*
- ◇ *Share and Care Preschool News*
- ◇ *2023-2024 Confirmands*
- ◇ *More Love Box Thank You's*
- ◇ *LYTES Meetings*

## Park View Lutheran Church

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Pastor Peter Hoft: (563) 508-4893

### 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



**Registration ONLINE ONLY:**  
 Visit [parkviewlutheranvbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/](http://parkviewlutheranvbs.myanswers.com/jungle-journey/)

Or Scan the following QR code:



**Registration Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Questions: Call **563-285-9035**



**LifeLine Screening**  
*will be here at PVLC*

Take a step toward staying healthy and active. LifeLine Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. Lifeline Screening will be here Friday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To register for your appointment please call 1-800-679-5191; Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC or Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607.



**The Lutheran Witness Subscription**

Be an informed member of our church body by subscribing to The Lutheran Witness – a monthly periodical of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod which provides a wealth of information for Christian faith and life. For a special rate of \$20.65 you will receive The Lutheran Witness from August 2024 to June/July 2025 (11 issues). You may subscribe or re-subscribe by contacting the church office 285-9035 by Sunday, April 21. Please make checks payable to Park View Lutheran Church and place on the secretary's desk.



WRO,  
 Thank you so much for including Cooper and Ian on the list of Love Boxes. Both of the boys were so surprised and asked that I thank you. I can only imagine the smiles on their faces when they opened a package they were not expecting. I apologize this is late in coming. I am so grateful for such a loving church family.  
 Dawn Dittmer & Cooper and Ian

Dear Park View Lutheran Church,  
 Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day care package. I really enjoy getting your packages and letters. Thank you once again.  
 Jakob Nelson, Mary Lou's grandson

WRO,  
 I really appreciate all the goodies & snacks. Thank you for thinking of me!  
 Maddie Grunwald



**LYTES Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday, April 3 - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, April 10 - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, April 17 - 6:00pm



## April Herald

The Share and Care staff hopes you all had a wonderful Easter as we continue celebrating our risen Lord. Our children did a wonderful job sharing the wonderful news of our Lord dying and rising again at their Easter program at the end of March. Thanks to all parents and congregation members who came to watch and support them.

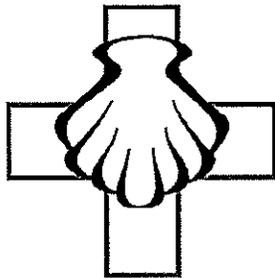
Registration for the 2024 - 2025 school year continues and we've already had several new families contact us. Word of mouth continues to be our best way of referral, so please be sure to tell young families you know about Share and Care. Many exciting preparations for next year are in the works, as well.

Assessments have begun for our classes. These are especially beneficial to the parents of our older classes to help them determine kindergarten readiness and the next step in their child's education.

We are excited for spring weather and hope you all get out and enjoy God's creation. The children are for sure excited about more outside playtime.

On April 28, at the 8:00 service the preschool children will be sharing songs they have learned with Miss Beth (Beth Campbell) this school year. They have really enjoyed her coming. I hope you can plan to join us that morning.

Denise Weiss

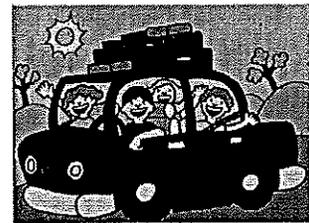


### **2023 - 2024 Confirmands**

Brylee Rathe  
Kallen Rohlf  
Riley Toohey

Confirmation Reception and Service  
April 28

(Reception 9:15am & Service 10:30am)



### **MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS**

Del Traub, Louisville Christian Church,  
Louisville, IL

Karen Schaar, Holy Cross Evangelical  
Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA

Pat and Sue Regan, Zion Lutheran  
Church, Fort Myers, FL and  
Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Cape Coral, FL

# BLOOD DRIVE

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## Park View Lutheran Church

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm – 6:00pm

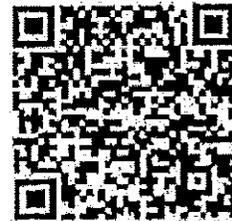
Fellowship Hall (14 Grove Road)

To schedule, please contact the church office at 563-285-9035 or [office.pvlcms@gmail.com](mailto:office.pvlcms@gmail.com), scan the QR code below or visit us online at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) – group #485

Appointments preferred.



Give & get choice of gift card, a donation to Best Friends Animal Society or bonus points to the rewards store!



SCAN ME!

Please eat before donating and bring a Photo ID.

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 2/19/24



# ImpactLife

50 Years of Saving Lives

### **Birthdays**

- 1 Mindy Serrano-Schroeder
- 2 Corbin Cronkleton  
Jerry Hartwig
- 3 Hailey Blazier  
David Fletcher
- 5 Nicole Ashby  
Vivian Hines  
Nicole Ingwersen
- 6 Logan Soedt
- 7 Wyatt Moseley
- 9 Vicki Arnold  
Rob Martin  
Emily Peters
- 10 Erika Martin
- 12 Quintin Gerard  
Jeff Pearce
- 13 Kyle Denison  
Kathy Yaudas
- 14 Joshua Elmshaeuser  
Chuck Moeller
- 15 Jillian Lakas
- 16 Jo Lynn Pawloski
- 17 Kane Carstens  
Andrew Claeys  
Virgil Marchant
- 18 Larry Goodwin  
Archer Klever
- 19 Jill Kent
- 20 Michelle Goodwin  
Bella Warm
- 21 Jerry Davison  
Jameson Gerard  
Daniel Rathe
- 22 Kale Rohlf
- 23 Denise Weiss
- 24 Michael Dopler  
Frank England  
Courtney Nelson  
Logan Rubach
- 26 Kent Denison
- 27 Ryker Alden  
Jude Gerard
- 28 Barb Ferguson  
Lucas Fuhs-Fowler  
Eric Paxton
- 29 Vivian George
- 30 Alex Isley  
Francis Kircher



**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 Kyle and Kerri Rehn**, the birth of a baby boy, Colin Luke.

**For Colin Rehn**, for healing of a heart issue.

**For Brian Klever**, praise and thanks for a successful procedure.

**For Barb Huff**, praise and thanks for successful knee surgery.

**For Jo Miller**, praise and thanks for a successful surgery.

**For Nancy Schmidt**, for transitional ease as she moves to Cedar Falls, IA to be closer to family.

**For Pastor Bob**, continued strength and healing in his fight against cancer.

**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.

### **Anniversaries**

- 4 Kent & Julie Denison (37)
- 11 Javier & Amanda Miranda (3)
- 12 Pastor Bob & Elaine Bartel (44)
- 19 Dale & Jill Grunwald (44)
- 21 Zach & Amy Oncken-Cameron (12)
- 24 Kevin & Robin Green (25)
- 29 Greg & Katie Daniels (5)

# April 2024

	April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	<b>3</b> 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	<b>4</b> 9:30am-WBS	<b>5</b> 8:00am-LifeLine Screening	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	<b>8</b> 7:00pm-Executive Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	<b>10</b> 6:00pm-Confirmation	<b>11</b> 9:30am-WBS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	<b>15</b> 3:00pm-Blood Drive	<b>16</b> 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	<b>17</b> 6:00pm-Confirmation	<b>18</b> 9:30am-WBS	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting	<b>24</b> 6:00pm-Confirmation Final Class '23-'24	<b>25</b> 9:30am-WBS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 9:15am-Conf. Recept. 10:30am-Worship HC	<b>29</b> 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	<b>30</b> 6:30am-MBS 10:00am-Quilting					

### April 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)  
Andrew Hartwig, John Pischke  
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, (8:00)  
Gene Horn, Brian Klever  
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)  
Mark Hundley, Scot Schaar

#### Elders

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

#### Acolytes

- 7 Peyton Paxton (8:00)  
Kallen Rohlf (10:30)
- 14 Ryker VanWetzinga (8:00am)  
Alliana Ray (10:30am)
- 21 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)  
Victoria McKown (10:30)
- 28 Kenneth Chumbley (8:00)  
Oliver Mangan (10:30)

#### Communion Washers

- 7 Mary Lou Engler  
Jackie Holden
- 14 Lorna Seifert  
Teri Wuestenberg
- 21 Linda Schroeder  
Barb Huff
- 28 Dawn Dittmer  
Caralee Gruntorad

#### Counters

- 7 Mary Lou Engler  
Sharon Tannahill
- 14 Lee/Jackie Holden  
Aimee/Doug Egesdal
- 21 Randy Ridgeway  
Tracy Carstens
- 28 Connie Youngers  
Ralph/Pam Schnekloth

#### Nursery

- 7 Cheryl Lunardi
- 14 Lorna Seifert
- 21 Linda Schroeder
- 28 Mary Lou Kaney