

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 Resurrection of the Body

Christians believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead. This is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday. Our Lord's body was crucified and buried on a Friday. His body rested in the grave on Saturday. He then physically rose early on Sunday morning and made many resurrection appearances. The women at the tomb touched His feet (Matt. 28:9). Thomas saw the wounds in His hands and side (John 20:27). The disciples even watched the resurrected Jesus eat some fish (Luke 24:43). When we talk about Jesus' resurrection, we understand this to be a *bodily* resurrection, not just a spiritual rising from death.



Many people today have no problem with the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but they may be shocked to hear that their own bodies will someday rise. Many think that when we die our spirits go to heaven, and that's the end of the story. To them, "resurrection" for the human is just a spiritual phenomenon. Some may even conclude, "What we do with the bodily remains of our loved one doesn't matter because the real person is now with Jesus."

Yet, the Bible consistently teaches that God still has plans for the bones and ashes that are now buried in the earth. He plans to raise them up and reunite them with their spirits (also called "souls"). Even believers in the Old Testament trusted in this promise. Job 19:25-26 says, *"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God."* Isaiah 26:19 says, *"Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead."* Daniel 12:2 says, *"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake; some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."*

The New Testament says even more about the resurrection. The best treatment of this subject is in 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. Paul contrasts the weak and corruptible bodies we have now to the glorious bodies that we will receive at Christ's second coming. The perishable body will put on the imperishable, and the mortal will put on immortality. All of this will happen in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The dead will be raised, and we shall all be changed. And not only will our lowly bodies be transformed to be like Jesus' glorious body (Philippians 3:21). The Bible tells us that all of creation will be renewed (Romans 8:18-22). The book of Revelation calls it "a new heaven and a new earth."

God has not destined us to be disembodied spirits for all eternity. Nor does He plan to turn us into angels who will strum harps forever in the clouds. He plans to fully restore our humanity, wholly enlivened by the Holy Spirit. In Christ, God became man so that by His death and resurrection, we would be His new creation. As we listen to His Word and receive the Supper of His body and blood, we are strengthened and preserved in body and soul. This is why we confess in the Nicene Creed, "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

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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.

Pastor Pete



April Sunday School Curriculum & Schedule



Find out what happening in Sunday School!

Preschool - 5th Grade



Preschool & Kindergarten Teacher - Sharon Tannahill

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher - Dawn Dittmer

This Month's Lessons!

April 6 - Parable of the Good Samaritan

April 13 - Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

April 20 - **EASTER SUNDAY** (No Sunday School)

April 27 - Disciples Argue about Who Will be the Greatest

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS WILL BE SINGING AT
THE PALM SUNDAY SERVICES!



Kids VBS
Sign up opens
April 1st
Online only!



Volunteers- Please sign up at the VBS table!

Middle Schoolers 6th - 8th Grade



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

This Month's Lessons!

April 6 - Why Does God Want Us to Give Money at Church?

April 13 - If God is My Friend, Why Are People Mean to Me?

April 20 - **EASTER SUNDAY** (No Sunday School)

April 27 - Which Rules in the Bible Still Apply Today?

CALLING ALL KIDS!

JOIN US AT

NEIL ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ON APRIL 12TH AT 1:00PM

FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

INVITE A FRIEND!

Easter
EGG HUNT



JOIN US

7:30AM-8:30AM

ON APRIL 20TH

for Easter
Breakfast



High School Youth



High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmsaeuser

This Month's Lessons!

Exploring a 4 part Bible Study titled "I'm Not Listening", we will learn about the importance of listening to God.

April 20 - **EASTER SUNDAY** (No Sunday School)



There will be
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
or Adult Bible Study
On Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday
April 20th



Confirmation
Sunday
May 4th





April

Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities



**ADULT SUNDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
9:15-10:15am



Pastor is continuing the series on the Book of Genesis.

There will be NO Bible Study on Easter Sunday!

**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 will be studying the Book of Romans.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
9:30-10:30am



Women meet in the multipurpose room for Bible study. Bethany will lead us in studying "Promised Hope" by Michelle Diercks.



Confirmation Schedule

April 2nd - 6-6:50pm Class / 7pm 5th Lenten Svc
April 9th - 6-6:50pm Class / 7pm 6th Lenten Svc
April 13th - PALM SUNDAY
April 17th - 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 18th - 7pm Good Friday Service of Darkness
April 20th - 6:30am & 9am EASTER SUNDAY
April 23rd - 6-7pm Class
April 30th - 6-7pm Class
May 4th - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



LYTES

April 2 - 6-6:50pm LYTES Meeting/ 7pm Lenten Svc w/skit "Protector"
April 9 - 5:30pm LYTES will be serving dinner/ each family provide dessert/NO LYTES MEETING/ 7pm Lenten Svc w/ skit "Comforter"
April 12 - 1pm COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT at Neil Armstrong in Park View
April 16 - Good Friday Practice/Pizza Dinner served at 5:30pm with practice following
April 17- 7pm Maundy Thursday Service/following the service we will set up for the Service of Darkness
April 18 - Good Friday Service of Darkness
April 20 - Easter LYTES serve breakfast following Sunrise Service



Spring has sprung! Everyone has loved getting back outside to play in the warmer weather. We are finishing with the alphabet this month and will be doing lots of review these last couple of months of preschool. The year has sure gone fast.

Our big event for April will be our Easter Devotions on April 16 & 17th at 8:30 a.m. The children would love to have congregation members come listen to the songs they've learned that share the heart of the Easter Story.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is continuing. If you know anyone who is looking for a preschool please let them know about Share & Care. Word of mouth continues to be our best recruitment tool. We also would appreciate your prayers for our registration process and our classes to fill this year.

Blessings,

Jennifer Rathe, Director



SHARE & CARE
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Park View Community

Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by Park View Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 12, 2025

1:00 p.m.

**@ Neil Armstrong
Elementary Playground**

Age Groups:

0-2 years

3 & 4 year olds

Kdg. & 1st Grade

2nd & 3rd Grade

4th-6th Grade



Multiple
Photo
Opportunities!
Bring your
Camera!

Meet the
Easter
Bunny!



A Golden Egg with
Special Prize to find for
each Age Group!



Rain Date is April 19th at 1:00pm

Spring Cleaning for the Soul

As the days grow longer and the temperatures rise (though not as quickly as we hope), many of us find ourselves tackling the annual tradition of spring cleaning. We open the windows, clear out the clutter, and refresh our homes after the long winter months. There's something deeply satisfying about restoring order and creating .



But what if we took the same approach with our spiritual lives? Just as dust and clutter build up in our homes, so can distractions, worries, and sinful habits accumulate in our hearts. Spring is the perfect time to do some spiritual housecleaning and make room for renewal in our walk with Christ.

In Psalm 51:10, David prays, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." This verse reminds us that we can bring our mess—our sins, burdens, and distractions—to God, and He will cleanse and renew us.

Here are a few ways we can do some spiritual spring cleaning:

Declutter Your Mind with Prayer

Just as we sort through closets, we can take time to examine our thoughts and attitudes. Are we holding on to negativity, fear, or resentment? Through prayer, we can give these burdens to God and allow His peace to replace them (Philippians 4:6-7).

Dust Off Your Bible

Just like neglected shelves collect dust, our faith can grow stagnant without regular time in God's Word. Making a habit of daily Scripture reading can refresh our souls and keep us focused on God's truth.

Clean Up Relationships

Spring cleaning often involves getting rid of things that no longer serve a purpose. In our spiritual lives, this might mean letting go of grudges, forgiving past hurts, or mending broken relationships (Colossians 3:13).

Refresh Your Faith through Worship and Fellowship

A clean and organized home feels inviting, just as a heart refreshed in Christ is more open to worship and community. Attending church, joining a Bible study, or finding ways to serve can reignite our faith.

This spring, as you sweep the floors and clear out the clutter, take a moment to ask: What needs cleaning in my heart? May this season be a time of renewal, drawing us closer to the God who makes all things new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God's Blessings,
DCE/O Intern Bethany Dorschner



Wednesday, Lenten Services

April 2 & 9

1:00 & 7:00pm

Dinner 5:30pm - April 2 WRO - Tacos

Dinner 5:30pm - April 9 LYTES - Sloppy Joes

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 7:00pm HC

Good Friday, April 18 - 7:00pm

Easter Service - 6:30am HC

Easter Breakfast - 7:30am

Easter Service - 9:00am HC

The Lutheran Witness

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 2025 to June/July 2026 (11 issues). You may subscribe or re-subscribe by contacting the church office 285-9035 by Sunday, April 27. Please make checks payable to Park View Lutheran Church and place on the secretary's desk.



2024-2025 Confirmands

Kenneth Chumbley

Mallory Grunwald

Mason Nemeth

Alliana Ray

Ryker VanWetzinga

Confirmation Service
and Reception

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Service - 8:00 a.m. HC

Reception - 9:15 a.m.

Helping Our Neighbor

Michael and Jackie Meschke have recently moved back to Park View, after spending a year at a children's hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida for their son, Everett. If you would like to show support by bringing a meal to their home, please use the Meal Train link. Thank you!

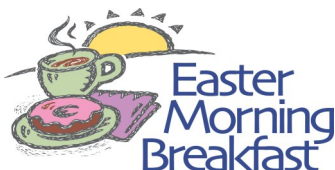
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The ImpactLife Blood Center will conduct our next Community/ Church Blood Drive from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025 at Park View Lutheran Church. They are in special need of type O blood both positive and negative.

Everyone who is at least 16 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health is encouraged to attend. Current donors are eligible if their last whole blood donation was no later than March 4, 2025. Teens who are 16 years old must have a signed parental consent form.

Please call the church office, 285-9035 with questions or to sign up to donate. A donation sheet may be found in the fellowship hall.



There will be NO Sunday school/Bible study Easter morning. The LYTES will serve Easter breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20, 2025 between the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service and Easter service at 9:00 a.m. Please use the sign up sheet on the kiosk so we may know how many families we will be serving.

Members

Tim, Sue, Aaron and Addie Raleigh

Bring

Chapel of Christ Triumphant Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin

Back

Their

Lee and Jackie Holden

Bulletins

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Carbondale, IL



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 Elmschaeuser
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 Dopier
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



Anniversaries

- 4 Kent & Julie Denison (38)
- 11 Javier & Amanda Miranda (4)
- 12 Pastor Bob & Elaine Bartel (45)
- 19 Dale & Jill Grunwald (45)
- 21 Zach & Amy Cameron (13)
- 24 Kevin & Robin Green (26)
- 29 Greg & Katie Daniels (6)

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Dave Amhof, 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, Grace Pfeiler, 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 Sharon Tannahill, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Marion Kjersten, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Sami Merten and family, as they grieve the death of Sami's sister.

For Scott and Beth Campbell, as they grieve the death of Scott's father.

For Pastor Bob Bartel, as he undergoes radiation treatments.

For Esther Harrison, for continued strength and healing.

For Sharon Grimes, recovering from gallbladder surgery.

For Mike, Kalee & Ethan Bartel, as they welcome a daughter, Lydia Ruth, born March 17, 2025.

For Connie Youngers, as she grieves the death of her brother.

For Jenny Pawloski and family, as they grieve the death of her mother.

For Robbie Ray and family, as they grieve the death of his father.

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

For our First Responders: Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance.

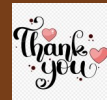
Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

Rev. Brad Birtell, Tammy Cheek, Scott Horn, Herb Kuehl and Fred Smith as they face natural disaster recovery, Covid-19, pneumonia, influenza, cancer, surgery, stroke, Alzheimer's, or illness, we pray for peace that surpasses all understanding.

Missionaries in Puerto Rico Rev. James and Angie Sharp

Bible Translators Nathan and Sarah Federwitz

College Love Box



Dear PVLC,

I am so thankful for the Love Box, and I really enjoyed all the treats. It was such a sweet and meaningful surprise. Thank you to everyone who donated items and put the boxes together!

Maddie Grunwald

Dear PVLC and WRO,

Thank you for the love box and all the gifts inside. I am truly thankful and blessed to have such a loving and supportive community at home.

Addie Raleigh

Dear PVLC and WRO,

Thank you so much for the Love Box! It was such a fun surprise to receive and definitely made my day! I appreciate you all thinking of me and praying for me. I feel so blessed to have such a loving and thoughtful church family.

Gretchen Hoff

MBS=Men's Bible	April 2025					WBS=Women's Bible
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	2 1:00pm-Worship 5:30pm-Dinner 6:00pm-LYTES 6:00pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship 8:00pm-Bell Choir	3 9:30am-WBS 7:00pm-Easter Choir	4	5
6 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	7	8 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	9 1:00pm-Worship 5:30pm-Dinner 6:00pm-LYTES 6:00pm-Confirmation 7:00pm-Worship 8:00pm-Bell Choir	10 9:30am-WBS 7:00pm-Easter Choir	11	12 1:00pm-Easter Egg Hunt
13 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	14 6:30pm-Ex Bd Mtg	15 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	16 8:30am-Preschool Devotions 5:30pm-LYTES	17 8:30am-Preschool Devotions 7:00pm-Worship HC	18 7:00pm-Worship	19
20 6:30am-Worship HC 7:30am-Breakfast 9:00am-Worship HC	21	22 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	23 6:00pm-Confirmation	24 9:30am-WBS	25	26
27 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	28 3:00pm-Blood Drive 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	29 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	30 6:00pm-Confirmation			

April Serving Schedule

Ushers

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

Elders

- 2 Jim Gruntorad (1:00pm)
Kyle Rehn (7:00pm)
- 6 Quintin Gerard/Jim Gruntorad (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 9 Scott Campbell(1:00pm)
Tim Raleigh (7:00pm)
- 13 Quintin Gerard (8:00)
Tim Raleigh/Craig Tannahill (C)
(10:30)
- 17 Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (7:00)
- 18 Tim Raleigh (7:00pm)
- 20 Craig Tannahill/Jim Gruntorad(C)
(6:30am)

- Scott Campbell/Kyle Rehn (C) (9:00am)
- 27 Scott Campbell (8:00)
Tim Raleigh/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)

Acolytes

- 2 Mallory Grunwald (7:00)
- 6 Kip VanWetzinga (8:00)
Mason Rathe (10:30)
- 9 Liam Deweerdt (7:00)
- 13 Maddox Grunwald (8:00)
Ryker VanWetzinga (10:30)
- 17 Michaela Goodwin (7:00)
- 20 Volunteer (6:30am)
Mason Nemeth (9:00)
- 27 Kenneth Chumbley (8:00)
Alliana Ray (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 6 Cheryl Lunardi
Julie Daniels
- 13 Sue Raleigh
Catherine Schaub
- 17 Connie Youngers
- 20 Caralee Gruntorad (6:30am)
Dawn Dittmer (9:00am)
Dorcas Smith
- 27 Sue Raleigh
Donna Ploog

Counters

- 6 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 13 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 20 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
- 27 Lee/Jackie Holden
Doug/Aimee Egesdal

Nursery

- 6 Cheryl Lunardi
- 13 Sami Merten
- 20 NO NURSERY
- 27 Bethany Hoft