



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.

Let the Little Ones Come

Every so often, in the middle of a prayer or during a quiet moment of the sermon, we hear it – a whisper, a giggle, the crinkle of paper, or even a baby’s cry. And sometimes, if we’re honest, we might think: “I wish it were quieter.” But what if that sound is actually something beautiful?

In Gospel of Mark, when the disciples tried to keep children from coming to Him, Jesus responded firmly: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:14) Jesus did not say, “Let them come once they can sit still.” He did not say, “Let them come once they understand everything.” He did not say, “Let them come once they are quiet.” He simply said, “Let them come.”

Children learn differently than adults. They learn through movement. Through whispering questions. Through coloring. Through play. What may look like distraction is often deep engagement. While their hands are busy, their ears are listening. While they wiggle, they are watching. While they ask questions, they are building faith.

A child in worship is not an interruption to ministry – they are the reason for it. A baby’s cry during the sermon is not a disruption. It is a reminder that our congregation is alive. A toddler’s fidgeting is not irreverence. It is growth in progress. Silence can mean many things. But the sound of children means life. When we welcome children fully into worship – not just tolerating them, but embracing them – we teach them something powerful: You belong here. God is for you. This church is your home.

And they are learning more than we realize. They are learning the rhythm of confession and forgiveness. They are learning the melodies of hymns. They are learning that this is where we gather when we are joyful, grieving, confused, or thankful. They are learning that faith is not something separate from life – it is life. We are not raising children who must first grow up before they can worship. We are raising disciples.

So the next time you hear a small voice or a little cry during the service, instead of frustration, let it be a quiet prayer of thanks: “Lord, thank You for growing Your Church.” Because a church without children is a church without a future. But a church that makes room for them reflects the very heart of Christ.

Let the little ones come.

Bethany Dorschner, DCE/DCO



Points of Interest

- ◆ Holy Week Services
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- ◆ Sign Up for the Lutheran Witness
- ◆ April Community/Church Blood Drive

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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.

APRIL

Sunday School Curriculum & Schedule

Sunday School Lessons Preschool - 8th Grade

April 5th - **EASTER SUNDAY** -
no Sunday School

April 12th - The Wine Sign - A Wedding in Cana

April 19th - Mountain Message -
Jesus Preaches on the Mount

April 26th - A Weather Wonder -
Jesus Calms the Storm

May 3rd - **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



No Sunday School
EASTER SUNDAY!
April 5th

Confirmation Sunday

May 3rd

10:30 Service

Reception between Services

Please contact Bethany, Joan or Sharon if you would like to help serve during the reception.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING 2026 DATES

April 5th - Easter Sunday

May 3rd - Confirmation Sunday

May 17th - Last Day of Sunday School

May 30th - Church Family Night

June 15th-19th - VBS!!!



JOIN US FOR

VBS

JUNE 15-19

9:00 TO 11:30

VOLUNTEERS

SIGN UP AT THE TABLE

KIDS

SIGN UP ONLINE

**USE THE
CODE**





Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Come join

Pastor Kincaid

Sunday mornings at 9:15

in the Sanctuary.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meeting Tuesday mornings at

8:30 downstairs in the

Sunday School Opening Area.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Thursday mornings at

9:30 in the Multi-Purpose
Room.

We will be studying
Pastor Kincaid's book,
"My Peace I Leave You; Christ's
Comfort in the Storms of Life".

April Confirmation Schedule

2nd - Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

3rd - Good Friday Service of Darkness 7pm

5th - Easter Sunday 6:30am and 9am

8th - 6-7pm (Class)

15th - 6-7pm (Class)

22nd - 6-7pm (Class)

29th - 6-7pm (Class)

MAY 3rd - Confirmation Sunday

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

April 1st - Pizza, salad & dessert - 5:30pm
followed by Good Friday Practice

April 3rd - 7pm Service of Darkness

April 5th - Serving Easter Breakfast between
services

April 15th - 6 to 7pm

April 29th - 6 to 7pm

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen! The children have done a wonderful job of telling the story of Jesus journey to the cross and proclaiming that Jesus lives as they have been practicing their songs for our Easter Devotions on April 1st and 2nd. As always, the congregation is welcome to attend this program, which will begin at 8:45. We will enjoy refreshments of muffins and juice afterwards. The children also received a fun little Easter gift from their teachers.

Also, be sure to check your mail boxes at church as we will all have received an Easter gift of a bookmark from all of us here at Share and Care. The heart in the middle is made from the children's fingerprints. We appreciate all the prayers and support from the congregation.

We also want to thank those who have supported our Month of Caring cause where we collected donations for Pregnancy Resources. We received a lot of wonderful donations to help serve women in need.

In April, we will be finishing up the alphabet and doing lots of review. We will have neon/tie days for dress up days. We also love having guest speakers these last couple months of school. If you or someone you know would like to speak about their job or something else interesting or fun, we welcome you to reach out to us to schedule something. Please email Rhonda at shareandcare7111@gmail.com if interested.

Hopefully we will all have some great spring weather to enjoy this month.

Blessings,

Jennifer Rathe, Director



SHARE & CARE
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



Keepers of the Kingdom VBS @ Park View Lutheran Church

June 15-19, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

VBS Info Sheet

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they're bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

With Keepers of the Kingdom, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and strong in today's battle for truth.

Cost: **FREE**

Preschool VBS: Children must have turned 3 by September 15, 2025, be potty trained, and have had prior preschool experience. This experience is best for older 3-, four- and five-year-olds who have not yet attended kindergarten or pre-kindergarten. **Registration for this age group is limited.**

VBS: For children who have **completed** Pre-K 5 *or* Kindergarten (Turned 5 by 9-15-25) through 6th grade.

Pick-up Procedure: Parents/Guardians are asked to come inside to pick up their children at the end of each day. When you drop off your child on the first day, you will be given a pick-up card, which will need to be presented by you or the person picking up your child, either in its original form or from a photograph of the card textured and displayed electronically. If no pick-up card is presented, the person picking up the child must show their driver's license and be listed as an authorized pick-up person for your child on the registration form. Children walking home without a guardian, will not be dismissed until all other children have been picked-up.

Daily Email: Please check your email daily during VBS week for notes about all the fun we are having as we learn about God's love for us, as well as special announcements or reminders.

Closing Program: June 19th 11:30-11:45, Church Sanctuary

Royal Fun "Faire": June 19th 11:45-12:15, Join us for treats and activities!

Registration ONLINE ONLY – Opens April 6th:

Registration Deadline: June 1st

- <https://parkviewlutheranvbs.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>
- Or Scan the following QR code:
- Questions: Call 563-285-9035



How can you help with VBS?

Thank You for Praying for VBS: 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.

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.

The 2nd Annual Park View Easter Egg Hunt
hosted by Park View Lutheran Church
was a **HUGE** success!!!!

A Big
**THANK
YOU!**

Your support allowed us to reach **over 200 kids** with the love of God and put the true story of Easter in their hands!

They come for the candy and the fun, but they leave with the reminder that Easter is so much more than the bunny and the eggs!

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and participation!

They were invaluable!



Special thanks to Teri & Jerry Wuestenberg, Jim and Caralee Gruntorad, Kim Cronkleton and Mary Fish for their donations!

Thank you to the LYTES and Board of Education members and their families for set up and clean up!

How do all the eggs get filled for the hunt?

It's done by our awesome LYTES and their wonderful leader Sue Raleigh!

Approximately 4800 eggs!!!



A BIG
THANK YOU
to
Kallen Rohlf
aka
Mr. Bunny!



2026 Park View Easter Egg Hunt



**THE ARMOR
OF GOD
ESCAPE ROOM
WAS PART OF A
FAMILY
"KNIGHT"
TO
REMEMBER!**

Join us
again on
May 30th
for more
fellowship &
fun!



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 \$23.50 you will receive The Lutheran Witness from August 2026 to June/July 2027 (11 issues). You may subscribe or re-subscribe by contacting the church office 285-9035 by Sunday, April 26. Please make checks payable to Park View Lutheran Church and place on the secretary's desk.



Confirmation

2025-2026 Confirmands

Maddox Drummond
 Alivia Hanson
 Brooklyn Hanson
 Liam Jones
 Oliver Mangan
 Peyton Paxton

Confirmation Service
 and Reception
 Sunday, May 3, 2026
 Service - 10:30 a.m. HC
 Reception - 9:15 a.m.



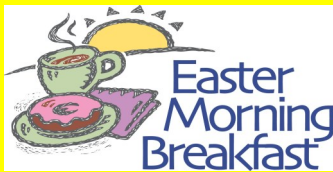
Maundy Thursday, April 2 - 7:00pm HC
 Good Friday, April 3 - 7:00pm
 SonRise Service April 5- 6:30am HC
 Easter Breakfast April 5- 7:30am
 Easter Service April 5 - 9:00am HC



The ImpactLife Blood Center will conduct our next Community/ Church Blood Drive from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 20 2026 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 February 24, 2026. Teens who are 16 years old must have a signed parental consent form.

Contact the church office to sign up; sign up online at bloodcenter.org or sign up on the table in the fellowship hall.



There will be NO Sunday school/Bible study Easter morning. The LYLES will serve Easter breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5, 2026 between the 6:30 a.m. Sonrise 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.



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
Zachary 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 Jameson Gerard
Daniel Rathe
- 22 Josie Mangan
Kale Rohlf
- 23 Denise Weiss
- 24 Michael Dopier
Frank England
Courtney Nelson
Logan Rubach
- 26 Kent Denison
Kristine Elmshaeuser
- 27 Ryker Alden
Jude Gerard
- 28 Rachel Eckert
Barb Ferguson
Lucas Fuhs-Fowler
Eric Paxton
- 29 Vivian George
- 30 Francis Kircher



Anniversaries

- 4 Kent & Julie Denison (39)
- 11 Javier & Amanda Miranda (5)
- 19 Dale & Jill Grunwald (46)
- 21 Zach & Amy Cameron (14)
- 24 Kevin & Robin Green (27)
- 29 Greg & Katie Daniels (7)

Please keep the following members in your prayers:



For those fighting/healed of cancer: Bonnie Amhof, Rich Atwood, 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, Del Traub, Connie Youngers, for strength and healing from our Great Physician.

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

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

For the Pam Pischke family, as they grieve the death of our brother in Christ, John.

For Rod Kjersten, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Caitlynn Peters, granddaughter of Rod and Denise Weiss, diagnosed with an auto immune disorder.

For Park View Lutheran, calling a pastor.

For our families returning from their winter homes, for safe travels.

For Pastor Kincaid and his family, as they grieve the death of Pastor's father-in-law, Larry.

For those of our armed forces, especially those with ties to our faith family here at

PVLC:

Overseas: Jadin Valesco; Lucas Miller; **Stateside:** Michael Bartel, Tanner Carpenter, Caleb Claeys, Kasey Denison, Larry Goodwin, Isabella Richards, Brett Slaughter, Luke Striegel, Christopher Teuscher, 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, Dawn Dorschner, Scott Horn, 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

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30pm-LYTES	2 7:00pm-Worship HC	3 7:00pm-Worship	4
5 6:30am-Worship HC 7:30am-Breakfast 9:00am-Worship HC	6 7:00pm-Education Mtg	7 8:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	8 6:00pm-Confirmation	9 9:30am-WBS	10	11
12 8:00am-Worship 9:15am - SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	13 6:30pm-Ex Bd Mtg	14 8:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	15 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	16 9:30am-WBS	17	18
19 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	20 3-6pm-Blood Drive	21 8:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	22 6:00pm-Confirmation	23 9:30am-WBS	24	25
26 8:00am-Worship 9:15am - SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	27	28 8:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	29 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	30 9:30am-WBS		

April Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 5 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)
Andy Hartwig
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley
- 12 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten (8:00)
Jerry Wuestenberg
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys (10:30)
- 19 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen
- 26 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott, (8:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley

Elders

- 2 Jim Gruntorad/Craig Tannahill (7:00pm)
- 3 Tim Raleigh (7:00pm)
- 5 Craig Tannahill/Jim Gruntorad (C)
(6:30am)
Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)
(9:00am)
- 12 Andy Hartwig (8:00)
Tim Raleigh/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)
- 19 Quintin Gerard/Scott Campbell (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 26 Kyle Rehn (8:00)
Jim Gruntorad/Tim Raleigh (C) (10:30)

Acolytes

- 2 Michaela Goodwin (7:00)
- 3 LYTES (7:00)
- 5 Ryker/Zane Ayers (6:30)
Peyton Paxton (9:00)
- 12 Deacon Hanson (8:00)
Corbin Cronkleton (10:30)
- 19 Maddox Grunwald (8:00)
Jacob Cronkleton (10:30)
- 26 Kyson Meyer (8:00)
Mason Rathe (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 5 Mary Lou Engler (6:30am)
Dawn Dittmer (9:00am)
Catherine Schaub (9:00am)
- 12 Teri Wuestenberg
Donna Ploog
- 19 Barb Huff
Sandy Ott
- 26 Dorcas Smith
Sue Raleigh

Counters

- 5 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schneklath
- 12 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 19 Paul/Susan Kalainoff
Mary Fish
- 26 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill

Nursery

- 5 NO NURSERY
- 12 Kris Elmshaeuser
- 19 Jennifer Rathe
- 26 Alissa Krambeck