

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.



A Few Tips for Daily Prayer

This month in confirmation class our 7th and 8th graders are learning about the Lord's Prayer. In all the years I've been teaching this prayer to my students, I still feel like I haven't mastered it. I go back to the Bible each year and find myself discovering new things about this worthy prayer that Jesus taught to His disciples. It's short, but dense! There is an introduction, seven petitions, and a conclusion. It takes less than 30 seconds to say, and yet it covers a wide range of important concerns: 1. God's name, 2. God's kingdom, 3. God will, 4. Our daily bread, 5. Our forgiveness from God, and for others, 6. Our temptations, and 7. the constant threat of evil around us.

Sadly, as important as this prayer is, my mind tends to wander off when I say it. The words roll off my tongue faster than my mind can follow. Perhaps you have this problem, too. It's hard to concentrate sometimes. There are so many distractions that clutter our brains. Perhaps, it would be helpful to slow down and just focus on one petition a day. Consider following this weekly schedule.

Sunday	Introduction and 1st Petition Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name
Monday	2nd Petition Thy kingdom come
Tuesday	3rd Petition Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Wednesday	4th Petition Give us this day our daily bread.
Thursday	5th Petition And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Friday	6th Petition And lead us not into temptation,
Saturday	7th Petition and Conclusion But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus also taught us to pray for one another. We call this "intercessory prayer." Again, it can be a struggle to set aside time to pray. How many times have we told someone that we will pray for him or her, but forget to do it? My wife and I have gotten into the habit lately of keeping a list of names of people who need prayer (family, church members, friends, government leaders, etc.). We keep it on the dinner table to remind ourselves to pray each night. We divide the list into two and take turns praying for each person.

These are just a couple of simple tips for daily prayer. If you would like to get some more ideas, you are invited to our "Faith in the Home Night" on **Sunday, February 23**. DCE/O Bethany and I will share suggestions for family devotions at home. We'd also like to hear what has worked for you and your family!

God's blessings!
Pastor Pete

Points of Interest

- * College Love Boxes
- * SS Curriculum Updates
- * Faith At Home Workshop
- * Easter Egg Hunt
- * Bible Study Opportunities
- * Share & Care Preschool Service Project
- * February Voters Meeting
- * A Word from our DCE/O Intern
- * Young At Heart Lunch & Games
- * 2025 Wednesday Lent Schedule

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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.

February 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

3rd - 5th Grade Teacher - Kerri Rehn

This Month's Lessons!

February 2 - A Roman Officer Demonstrates Faith

February 9 - God is Love

February 16 - Jesus Eases John's Doubt

February 23 - Parable of the Farmer and the Seed



May this Valentine's Day Be Filled With the Greatest Love Of All.....**Jesus**

Please join us
on February 23rd for a night for
the whole family!



Learn ways to strength your family's faith at home, with a workshop led by Pastor Pete and Bethany Dorschner.
Kids are encouraged to come.

A sloppy joe dinner will be served at 5:30pm, followed by the workshop.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Middle Schoolers 6th - 8th Grade



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

This Month's Lessons!

February 2 - What's the Evidence That the Bible is True?

February 9 - God is Love

February 16 - Why Doesn't God Make Things Fair for People?

February 23 - Do Pets Go to Heaven?

High School Youth



High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmsaeuser

This Month's Lessons!

February 2 - Jesus is Crucified

February 9 - Following Resurrected Jesus

February 16 - Pentecost

February 23- Peter and John Heal a Man

SAVE THE DATE
for April 12th
at 1:00pm



Park View Lutheran is hosting the
Park View Easter Egg Hunt at
Neil Armstrong Elementary School!
More details to come!



February

Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

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



Pastor is continuing the series on the Book of Genesis.

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. Bethany will lead us as we begin studying the Book of Jonah on February 6th.



Confirmation Schedule

Feb 5th - 6-7pm Class

Feb 12th - 6-7pm Class

Feb 19th - 6-7pm Class

Feb 21st - Roller Skating or Fun Station /TBA

Feb 26th - 6-7pm Class

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

LYTES will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



The month of January kept us inside most of the month with temperatures too cold to get outside to play. We still managed to have lots of fun inside, though. Especially on pajama day where we stayed warm and cozy all day. Each kid got to make a fleece scarf which they really loved! Nahant Marsh visited our classroom and taught us about owls. Spring semester assessments are also underway for both classes.

In February we look forward to Valentine's Day and spring parent-teacher conferences. It is also the month we will hold our yearly service project. This year we are collecting donations for Fostering Crossroads, a local organization started by a North Scott Teacher to help area Foster Families. Please see the flyer in this month's Herald as to how you can help us in this endeavor.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. If you know anyone who may have a three, four, or five-year-old 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



Love Box Donations

NO cough drops, **NO** large Kleenex boxes, **NO** liquids. **HOMEMADE ITEMS** will be **ACCEPTED**. WRO will soon begin collecting items to send to approximately 24 of our loved ones away at college. Items needed include: individual packs Kleenex, gum, cookies, pencils, sticky notes, candy, toothpaste, pens. Cash donations are greatly appreciated. Please look soon for the donation bags located in the fellowship hall.

We will pack the boxes on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

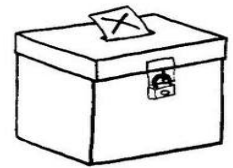


MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Lee & Jackie Holden,
Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Carbondale, IL

Tim Raleigh Family,
Grace Ev. Lutheran Church,
Augusta, WI

Rev. Peter Hoft,
Zion Lutheran Church,
Ft. Myers, FL



February Voters Meeting

Our February Voter's Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2025** beginning at **11:30am**. Communicant members of PVLC, 18 and older, are urged to attend.

Join us as we look to discuss and vote on our 2024 budget.

Tuesday, March 4, 2025



11:30 a.m. At
Park View
Lutheran



RSVP
285-9035
or sign
up sheet
on the
kiosk

Lent



Ash Wednesday

March 5 Services
1:00 & 7:00pm

Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm

Wednesday Lenten Services
March 12, 19, 26 &
April 2 & 9
1:00 & 7:00 pm

Lenten Dinner @ 5:30pm



Dear PVLC Family,

As we step into February, a month often filled with expressions of love and appreciation, I find myself reflecting on the incredible blessings of fellowship and growth. This past week, I had the privilege of traveling to St. Paul, MN, where I passed my certification interview—a milestone that fills me with gratitude and excitement for the work God is doing through all of us here at Park View.

While in St. Paul, I had the joy of reconnecting with my classmates, many of whom have walked alongside me throughout this journey of ministry preparation. We shared stories of our congregations, encouraged one another in our callings, and celebrated the unique ways God is working in our respective communities. These moments reminded me of the beauty of the Body of Christ, where each member contributes to the whole, bound together by God's love and purpose.

This month at Park View, we have several opportunities to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors. I'm particularly excited about the Valentine's Day Sunday school activity planned for our students. These young disciples will be crafting heartfelt cards for our shut-in members, reminding them they are cherished and remembered. It's a simple yet powerful way to live out Christ's command to love one another. We will also have a Family Night Education Workshop, where we will get to learn how to share the love of Christ in our homes!

I'm also looking forward to witnessing the many ways we can grow in faith and service together as a congregation. Whether it's through attending worship, participating in Bible studies, or finding a quiet moment to pray for one another, February offers countless opportunities to deepen our connection to God and each other.

Thank you, Park View family, for your prayers and support as I took this important step in my ministry journey. I am continually inspired by your faith and commitment to sharing God's love. Let's continue to walk together, encouraging one another as we serve our Savior.

With love and gratitude,

Bethany Dorschner

Director of Christian Education and Outreach Intern



FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT

Each year, Share and Care Christian Pre-school likes to pick an organization to have our families and staff donate to for a service project. This year, we chose FOSTERING CROSSROADS, a local non-profit organization. As stated on their website, "Officially established in 2023 by Elise Ward, a Scott County teacher and foster parent, Fostering Crossroads is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization providing resources and supporting foster and adoptive children in Scott County, Iowa. Fostering Crossroads was founded to provide resources, support, emergency placement bags and events for children currently in foster care in Scott County."

If you would like to participate and donate to this organization, our preschool would be happy to collect any items listed here. Please feel free to drop them off in the boxes in each entryway of the preschool in the month of February. On March 1, we will collect and deliver to this wonderful organization.

THANK YOU for your generosity! We love our families!

<https://www.fosteringcrossroads.com/>





- 1 Addie Akin
- 2 Marcia Perdieu
- 3 Dan Kilen
Pam Pischke
Jill Kull
Riley Toohey
Sharon Kavanaugh
- 5 Brenton Collins
Lu Foss
Judy Mumm
Valerie Ray
- 7 Bob Ferguson
Landry Goodwin
- 8 Michael Bartel
Amanda Dees
- 9 Jennifer Wilshusen
- 10 Wyatt Marchant
Debra Nelson
Michelle Rohlf
- 11 Wayne Ott
Jana Van Wetzinger
Jack T. Woodard
- 12 Doug Amhof
Daniel Chumbley
Cheryl Lunardi
Tatum Merten
- 13 Dorothy England
- 14 Sue Petersen
Jennifer Rathe
- 15 Donna Chumbley
- 16 Cathy Hoyer
- 18 Laura Flack
- 19 Rich Atwood
Jenna Gerard
- 20 Rod Weiss
- 21 Michael Nelson
- 22 Josh Carstens
Adaline Rubach
- 23 Blayne Goodwin
Ross Grunwald
Betty Lockhart
- 24 Cole Gerard
Amy Nelson
- 26 Sue Regan
Randy Warm



- 5 Rick & Mindy Schroeder (20)

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Dave Amhof, Rich Atwood, Pastor Bob Bartel, Andrew Claey's, 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 Amber Petersen and Samantha Kissel and their families, as they grieve the passing of their mother, Sandra Madison.

For Dave Amhof, who continues to receive treatment for cancer.

Kyle and Kerri Rehn and family, as they grieve the death of Kerri's Grandmother, Lillian.

For Pastor Bob Bartel, recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

For Brad Striegel, recovering from surgery.

For Robbie Ray, recovering from surgery.

For Grace Pfeiler, recovering from a leg infection after cancer 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 Claey's, 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, Scott Horn, Aaron Schmidt, 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 Uruguay Rev. James and Angie Sharp

MBS=Men's Bible	February 2025					WBS=Women's Bible
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	3	4 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	5 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-Package Love Boxes	6 9:30am-WBS	7	8
9 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	10 6:30pm-Ex. Bd. Mtg	11 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	12 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	13 9:30am-WBS	14	15
16 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	17	18 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	19 6:00pm-Confirmation	20 9:30am-WBS	21 Confirmation/Fun Station	22
23 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC Faith At Home Workshop	24 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	25 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	26 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	27 9:30am-WBS	28	

February Serving Schedule

Ushers

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

Elders

- 2 Scott Campbell/Kyle Rehn (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 9 Tim Raleigh (8:00)
Jim Gruntorad/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)
- 16 Kyle Rehn/Quintin Gerard (C)
(8:00)
Jim Gruntorad (10:30)
- 23 Quintin Gerard (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)

Acolytes

- 2 Kip VanWetzinga (8:00)
Liam Deweerdt (10:30)
- 9 Kenneth Chumbley (8:00)
Ryker VanWetzinga (10:30)
- 16 Mason Nemeth (8:00)
Oliver Mangan (10:30)
- 23 Peyton Paxton (8:00)
Alliana Ray (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 2 Jackie Holden
Connie Youngers
- 9 Caralee Gruntorad
Dorcas Smith
- 16 Mary Lou Engler
Cheryl Lunardi
- 23 Jamie Looney
Dawn Dittmer

Counters

- 2 Lee/Jackie Holden
Doug/Aimee Egesdal
- 9 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens
- 16 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schneklath
- 23 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig

Nursery

- 2 Bethany Hoft
- 9 Mary Lou Kaney
- 16 Cheryl Lunardi
- 23 Sami Merten