

# 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.*

## Ring in the New Year!



Psalm 150:1 says, “Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!” And then several musical instruments are mentioned: trumpet, lute, harp, tambourine, strings, pipe, and loud clashing cymbals. With a variety of joyful sounds, God is praised.

Park View Lutheran has recently acquired a set of handbells. They were donated by former members of Princeton Presbyterian Church in Princeton, Iowa which closed a year ago (after 180 years!). The set of bells (2 octaves) were purchased about 15 years ago and are in very good condition. We also received tables, music stands, gloves, and some sheet music. We would like to thank the people of Princeton for this generous gift! They were hoping to find a congregation that would put them to good use in praise to God.

Now, on to the next step: assembling a PVLC bell choir! Several members have expressed interest. If you are interested (or a little bit curious) in being part of this new music ministry, please let us know! Once we figure out our participants and leaders, we will dedicate the bells in worship, get together for some practices, and begin with some very simple arrangements.

The hymn “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (LSB 940), says, “Through the church the song goes on.” From one congregation to another, one generation to another, the song goes on. May these instruments be a blessing to all who gather to worship in Jesus’ name.

Let’s ring in the new year! To God be the glory!

Pastor Pete

## Points of Interest

- ◆ Christmas Decorations Removal
- ◆ Sunday School Happenings
- ◆ Bible Studies
- ◆ Confirmation Schedule
- ◆ LYLES Meetings
- ◆ Share & Care Preschool News
- ◆ WRO Post Holiday Dinner
- ◆ New Year, Same God
- ◆ Quilters 2024 Summary
- ◆ Love Box Donations
- ◆ Thank You

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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.



# JANUARY

## 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!

January 5 - A Miraculous Catch of Fish

January 12 - Wise and Foolish Builder

January 19 - Jesus Eats with Sinners at Matthew's House

January 26 - Jesus Heals a Lame Man by a Pool

We hope that you enjoyed  
the Winter Break!



Join us for  
**Sunday School**  
on January 5th!

Middle Schoolers  
6th - 8th Grade



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

### This Month's Lessons!

January 5 - How Important is it I Tell People about Jesus?

January 12 - If God is My Friend, What Does That Mean?

January 19 - Do Good People Go to Heaven Even if They Aren't Christians?

January 26 - What Does Jesus Want Me to do When My Family Drives Me Crazy?

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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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### What is "The Epiphany of Our Lord"?

The word "epiphany" (pronounced ee-PIF-uh-nee) comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." Jesus was made known to all people simply by being born. If we had been alive back then, we could have actually reached out and touched Jesus! He was real, and the evidence was in His birth!

### Why do we celebrate Epiphany?

Epiphany is the third part of the Christmas season. During this special season in the Church Year, we remember the visit of the Wise Men. Traditionally, this visit is celebrated on Jan. 6.



Epiphany also brings to mind many other important events in Jesus' life. For example, we remember Jesus' Baptism, the star that guided the Wise Men, and most importantly, His birth! Wow! There sure is a lot happening after Christmas!

**Parents:** "God in flesh made manifest" is a hard statement for children to understand. Be sure to remind them that Jesus is real, alive and once walked on the earth for all to see. When Holy Communion is offered, be sure to let your children attend with you. Instruct them that this is where Christ manifests and gives His true body and blood for us.



High School Youth



High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmshaeuser

### This Month's Lessons!

January 5 - Parable of the Great Feast

January 12 - Parable of the Bridesmaids

January 19 - Lazarus

January 26 - Jesus Washes the Disciple's Feet



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# JANUARY

## Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

### ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:15-10:15am



Pastor is continuing the series on the **Book of Genesis**.

Classes resume January 5th!

### 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 multi-purpose room for Bible study. We are studying the **Gospel of Mark**.



### Confirmation Schedule

Jan 1st - **No Class** (New Year's Day)

Jan 8th - 6-7pm Class

Jan 15th - 6-7pm Class

Jan 22nd - 6-7pm Class

Jan 29th - 6-7pm Class

Snow Tubing at Lost Oasis (TBA)

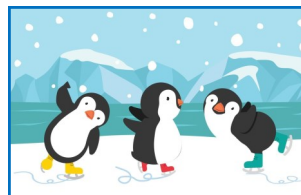
### LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

LYTES will meet the 3rd and 5th Wednesday of JANUARY

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



Wow! Somehow another New Year is here. The children's voices and laughter are filling up the classrooms again after our Christmas break. We want to thank those of you who came to watch our Christmas devotions and those who remembered your Prayer Partner with a special gift. This is not a requirement, but is enjoyed by the children.

We hope to have some snow to play in outside this month, but not too much. Winter fun this month will include pajama days, which is always fun and cozy for the teachers, too! The children will be making their own scarves that day as well.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year begins this month. 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.



### Removal of our Christmas Decorations

We will remove our Christmas decorations from inside church after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 5, 2025. If everyone helps it shouldn't take too long.

PVLC,

I would like to thank everyone for donating cookies to my mom's cookie ministry over the years. I have decided to end this ministry and join the quilters. December will be my last month. Thank you for helping me share the good news of Jesus.

Tracy Carstens



### MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Pastor Pete,  
Bethany, &  
Gretchen Hoff  
St. John's  
Lutheran Church,  
Seward NE



### A Belated Thank You to Leaf Rakers

Elaine and I would like to thank you to PVLC leaf-rakers who came to our home on Sunday, November 9, to help rake our front Lawn and sides of our home. Andy Claeys, Bethany Dorschner, Tim, Sue, and Aaron Raleigh, Gayle Rasmussen, and Brad Striegel. It was greatly appreciated.

In Christ, Bob and Elaine Bartel.

PVLC,

Thank you all for your generosity in donations for the East Side Mission's Shop & Wrap event. We are so grateful for each gift.

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you PVLC members and family and friends for the special birthday party, the cards, gifts and food for the food pantry. Most of all, thank you for your attendance and love.

Cy Miller

PVLC,

The staff at LSI, our Angel Tree coordinators, are VERY thankful to you, the gifters, who have been so generous in taking care of the kids under their care. Thank you for your kind heartedness toward the children. Please pray for your angel!

PVLC,

Thank you so much for attending Cy's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! He was so surprised, and he had a "super special" afternoon with his church family (His words).

Donna Davison and Michelle Rohlf



### Adult Ladies of PVLC You're Invited

Ladies 18 and older are invited to a light dinner of soup and salad at Jill Grunwald's home, 409 S Schultz Drive, Long Grove on Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 6 to 8pm. Please bring a dessert to share and your secret sister gifts.

# New Year, Same God.

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, it can be easy to get swept up in the excitement of resolutions, fresh starts, and hopeful ambitions. The world encourages us to set goals, make changes, and embrace the idea of “new year, new you.” While there’s nothing wrong with seeking growth and improvement, it’s comforting to remember one powerful truth: no matter how much changes around us, we serve a God who remains the same.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”* (Hebrews 13:8, ESV). What a reassuring promise as we step into the unknown of 2025!

The start of a new year can bring a mix of emotions. Some of us look ahead with excitement, while others may feel anxiety about the uncertainties that lie ahead. The good news is that God’s character and His promises do not shift with the seasons or the turning of the calendar page. He is steadfast, unchanging, and faithful. In a world that often feels chaotic and unreliable, God remains our anchor and our refuge. He does not change in His love, in His mercy, or in His care for His people.

When life feels unpredictable, we can cling to His Word:

- *“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”* (Malachi 3:6, ESV)
- *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* (Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV)

These verses remind us that even when our plans fail or circumstances shift, God’s love and faithfulness endure. He is a God who provides, who sustains, and who renews us daily through His Word and His Spirit.

In this new year, let’s hold tightly to our unchanging God. Let’s trust Him in our hopes, lean on Him in our struggles, and rely on His grace in all things. Whether your days ahead are full of joy or challenge, God is with you, and He is for you. His promises are sure, and His presence is constant.

As a church family, let’s encourage one another to remain rooted in Christ. Let’s lift one another up in prayer, speak words of encouragement, and remind each other of the unshakable hope we have in Jesus. Instead of only focusing on “new year, new me,” let’s proclaim, *“New year, same God!”* and find peace in His eternal, unchanging love.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful start to 2025,

Bethany Dorschner, DCE/O Intern

## PVLC'S Quilting Group

Sew Much Fun!

The clock was ticking and 2024 was about to end. The quilters were busy getting everything done. There was sewing, cutting, ironing, tying and more. Just how many quilts can we get out the door. 2023 was a busy successful year with 286 projects. Did we increase that number by the end of 2024? The answer is yes with 392 finished and delivered. So many people were blessed by what we created.

Nursing homes	150	Baptism	5
Habitat	12	Pregnancy Resources	28
Foster	117	PVLC Shut Ins	9
Preschool	17	Camp IODISECA	1
High School	7	Veterans	13
Sunday School Easter Bags	32		

Our group is small and we can always use more. Some of us work at home and others at church. We meet every Tuesday from 9:00am to 1:00, with lunch, prayers and devotion at noon. This is the schedule we keep September to May. During the summer we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday officially, but many choose to still come every week. If you have an interest to join us, and our mission outreach, please let JoLynn Pawloski or any member know. Don't let the word quilting scare you away, there are many things that can be done to help complete each quilt. If you want to learn more we are willing to teach you, too.

We rely on donations to complete our quilts. Thanks to all that provide memorials, Thrivent action cards, purchase items at our fundraisers, and other donations. Parkview Lutheran board provides financial support, too. This line item covers larger needs such as batting and machine quilting.

The quilters are working on 2025. Just imagine what we can accomplish with more people involved. Come check us out and join the fun and fellowship.

JoLynn Pawloski, Linda Johnston, Sandy Ott, LuAnn Paxton, Trish Horn, Dorcus Smith, Cheryl Lunardi, Abigail Hauser, Susan Kalainoff, Gayle Rasmussen, Petra Westphal, Kori Pollock and Denise Weiss at church. Mary Fahrenkrug, Linda Intveld, Kay Hartwig, Janice Thomsen, and Rod Weiss from home.



### January Birthdays

- 1 Craig Tannahill  
Janice Thomsen
- 4 Scott Daniels  
Jason Lydic  
Linda Trask
- 6 Alexandria Hauser
- 7 Leslie Immel  
Loren Ingwersen  
Raina Van Wetzinga
- 9 Kerrick Cameron  
Christine Fluegel  
Jeff Trask
- 11 Amanda Amhof  
Julianna Stuedemann
- 12 Jerry Wuestenberg
- 13 Wendy Martin  
Kallen Rohlf
- 14 Sharon Grimes  
Kara Rohlf  
Jerry Voelkers
- 16 Kyson Meyer  
Donovan Schachel  
Mitchell Temperly
- 17 Gretchen Hoft  
Sandra Soenksen
- 18 David Mirfield
- 19 Bonnie Amhof
- 20 Laura Irwin  
Teagan Merten  
Caitlynn Peters
- 21 Carol Mickelson  
Aaron Raleigh
- 21 Bethany Belz
- 23 Ronnie Johnston  
Julie Wolfe
- 24 Zachary Howes  
Keith Mohr
- 25 Matthew Claey's  
Julie Daniels
- 26 Shalee Sio
- 27 Jane Hull  
Carson Lage  
Jeff Thompson
- 28 Rily Grunwald  
Conner Kelly  
Kyle Ott
- 30 Lynn Curlott
- 31 Mark Claey's  
Collin Kull  
Conner Kull



### January Anniversaries

- 3 Lowell & Julianna Stuedemann (49)
- 10 Christopher & Jennifer Toohey (21)
- 17 Leen & Linda Intveld (10)
- 19 Tyler & Laura Irwin (6)
- 28 Jerry & Joan Serrano (47)

### 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 the Amhof family**, as they mourn the death of Duane Amhof, husband, father, son, and brother.

**For Jude Gerard**, grandson of Quintin and Sue, recovering from eye surgery.

**For Lu Foss**, recovering from a fall at home.

**For Grace Pfeiler**, recovering from cancer surgery.

**For Faith Amhof and Jesus Fuentes**, married at PVLC on December 29.

### 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 Study	January 2025					WBS=Women's Bible Study
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Confirmation  Church Office Closed	2 NO Women's Bible Study	3	4
5 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship 11:30am-Remove Decorations	6	7 6:30am-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-Executive Board Meeting	14 6:30am-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	21 6:30am-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 6:30pm-Elders Meeting	28 7:00am-SC Election 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	29 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	30 9:30am-WBS	31	

### January Serving Schedule

#### Ushers

- 5 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)  
Andy Hartwig, John Pischke  
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)  
Mark Hundley
- 12 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten, (8:00)  
Dave Amhof, Jerry Wuestenberg  
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys (10:30)  
Rich Atwood, Scot Schaar
- 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)  
Brian Klever, Doug Amhof  
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill, (10:30)  
Mark Hundley

#### Elders

- 5 Jim Gruntorad/Kyle Rehn (C)  
(8:00)  
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
- 12 Quintin Gerard (8:00)  
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C)  
(10:30)
- 19 Scott Campbell/Quintin Gerard (C)  
(8:00)  
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 26 Kyle Rehn (8:00)  
Jim Gruntorad/Tim Raleigh (C)  
(10:30)

#### Acolytes

- 5 Peyton Paxton (8:00)  
Oliver Mangan (10:30)
- 12 Mason Nemeth (8:00)  
Alliana Ray (10:30)
- 19 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)  
Michaela Goodwin (10:30)
- 26 Maddox Grunwald (8:00)  
Mason Rathe (10:30)

#### Communion Washers

- 5 Connie Youngers  
Julie Daniels
- 12 Jamie Looney  
Dorcas Smith
- 19 Caralee Gruntorad  
Barb Huff
- 26 Catherine Schaub  
Teri Wuestenberg

#### 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 Bethany Hoft
- 12 Cheryl Lunardi
- 19 Sami Merten
- 26 Mary Lou Kaney