

# 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.*

## Why the Nicene Creed Still Matters



In A.D. 325, the Roman Emperor Constantine called church leaders from across the empire to gather in the city of Nicaea (modern-day Turkey). Christianity had just emerged from brutal persecution under earlier emperors, and now, as the faith grew rapidly, so did the theological disputes—especially one sparked by a presbyter named Arius. He claimed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was not truly divine, but a created being. This challenged the heart of the Christian faith.

To defend the truth handed down from the apostles, over 300 bishops from Africa, Asia, and Europe met in Nicaea to confess what Scripture teaches: that Jesus is not a mere creature but *of the same essence* as the Father—fully God and fully man. From their work came the Nicene Creed, a bold and beautiful summary of the Christian faith, crafted to unify the Church and preserve the truth of the Gospel.

But the Council didn't end the controversy. Arianism continued to trouble the Church for decades. One bishop in particular, Athanasius of Alexandria, became the leading defender of the Nicene faith. He was exiled five times for his unwavering stance that Jesus Christ is true God, equal to the Father. His perseverance helped preserve the biblical doctrine of the Trinity for generations to come.

Why do we still confess this creed today, 1,700 years later?

- **To praise and acknowledge God**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **To pledge our loyalty to Him** in a world filled with false gods and shifting truths.
- **To declare the faith once delivered to the saints**, joining our voices with Christians throughout the centuries.

**To find comfort**—because we are not alone. We are part of a global and historic Church that stands firm on Christ the cornerstone.

When we confess the creeds, we are not simply reciting words—we are making a joyful and courageous stand in the truth. And that's worth doing every week.

Pastor Pete Hoft

## Points of Interest

- ◇ *LYTES Summer Schedule*
- ◇ *Wonder Junction VBS Needs Volunteers and Donations*
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- ◇ *Summer Bible Study Opportunities*
- ◇ *Peace in the Midst of Chaos*
- ◇ *Share & Care Preschool News*
- ◇ *2025 High School Graduates*
- ◇ *Online Sign Up for the LYTES Fair Booth*

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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.

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Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:00 a.m.

# June Summer Education News



## What You'll Learn at VBS

### Day 1 - The WONDER of Jesus' Birth

The baby King's birth was a **wonder**. What amazing happenings surrounded it?

### Day 2 - The WONDER of Jesus' Childhood

The young King's childhood was a **wonder**. What was He like as a child and teen?

### Day 3 - The WONDER of His Ministry Years

The adult King's ministry years were a **wonder**. What astonishing things occurred?

### Day 4 - The WONDER of His Death & Resurrection

The risen King's death and resurrection were a **wonder**. How were they like no other?

### Day 5 - The WONDER of His Return

The return of the King of kings will be a **wonder**. What should we be doing in the meantime?

## VOLUNTEER



### VBS NEEDS

HELPERS

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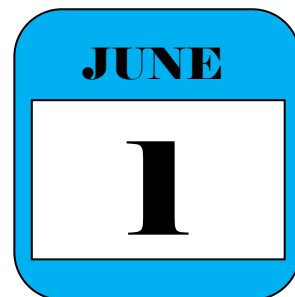
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EVERYONE, PLEASE SIGN UP AT VBS TABLE!

### LYTES FAIR BOOTH

Sign up to help!

Many spots are available!



Means There Are Only

**98** DAYS til

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**RALLY DAY!**

Join us September 7th!

# June Summer Education News

## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:15am

We will have a guest pastor, Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen lead our Bible Study on June 1st.

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

## 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

The Women's study is breaking for the Summer. Bethany and Pastor will continue leading the study "Promised Hope" by Michelle Diercks in the Fall.

## LYTES

Lord's Youth  
Touching Everyone  
Spiritually

June 4th - 6 to 7:30pm

### MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA AND TIE-DYE NIGHT!

While the pizzas are baking, we will prepare our LYTES t-shirts to tie-dye. **8th Graders please bring your shirt given to you at Confirmation.**

June 11th - 5:30 to 8:30pm

### FIRST EVER LYTES ROAD RALLY!

Following a pasta dinner, we'll load up in vehicles for the road rally...similar to an escape room on wheels! **Sign up at the kiosk!**



**SHARE & CARE**

CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Wow, what a wild ride for my first year as director! That's an inside joke that will only make sense if you attended our year-end recognition programs as we ended our year on the ranch, a.k.a, preschool, with our 'Wanted by God' western theme. (Ironically VBS is also a western theme for this year and will be a rootin' tootin' good time.) We have left our western themed décor up in the preschool, as the preschool rooms will house the preschool students for the VBS this year, which is something I look forward to each year.

It was indeed a great year. June is also the one year mark that I stepped into this position. I want to thank the congregation for all their support and prayer throughout the year. Thank you for the ways you help our preschool through donations and allowing us to offer our prayer partner program. Please watch for sign ups in the fall again. It was a joy to see all the smiles on the kids' faces and see them learn and grow over the year. We are excited for next year and preparations are already under way for our 'God's All Stars' sports theme. At this time, we are only having one class each day due to lower enrollment. Please continue to keep the preschool in your prayers as we continue this mission in our community.

Jennifer Rathe, Director



Hey church family!

The **Mississippi Valley Fair** is just around the corner, and that means it's time for our awesome **LYTESHouse Fair Booth** to shine again! This is one of our favorite ways to connect with the community, support our high school youth group, and share the Gospel message — and we need your help to make it happen.

**Want to join the fun? Sign up for a shift!**

Grab your family, or a friend, and be part of this high-energy, faith-filled outreach.

**Sign up options:**

- **On the board** under the TV in the fellowship hall
- **Or right here:**  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JbXohgFKiEzye-mItbNBjt0M5lybBx64vcvLf8K2Q/edit?usp=sharing>

Whether you're a seasoned booth pro or brand new to the fair scene, we'd love to have you on board. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community — and for making LYTEHouse such a bright spot at the fair!

See you there!

# Peace Peace Peace

Summer is often painted as a season of rest and relaxation—but if you’ve ever tried juggling family vacations, summer sports, wedding season, lawn care, graduation parties, and yes... planning for VBS, you know the truth: summer can be downright *chaotic*.

The days get longer, the to-do lists grow fuller, and the calendar quickly fills with activities—many of them good and joy-filled, but still demanding. Life doesn’t slow down just because the calendar says it’s June. In fact, sometimes it feels like it speeds up. And in the midst of that whirlwind, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed, exhausted, or stretched thin.

But here’s the good news: our God is not just present in the quiet. He’s present in the chaos too.

In John 14:27, Jesus says, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* This peace isn’t dependent on our schedules being empty or our homes being perfectly calm. It’s a peace that comes from knowing we’re held by a God who never changes—even when everything around us does. It’s the kind of peace that reminds us we’re not carrying everything on our own.

God’s peace meets us in the carpool line, at the crowded family barbecue, during last minute VBS prep, and even when we’re wondering how we’re going to fit it all in. It’s not a peace that asks us to be perfect. It’s a peace that invites us to be present—with Him, and with one another.

As we head into a busy season filled with good (but sometimes hectic) things—like Vacation Bible School, sports, and summer travel—let’s pause to remember that peace isn’t something we have to earn. It’s something we receive. It’s a gift that flows from the heart of a Savior who walks with us in every season.

Let this be a summer where, even in the busyness, we take time to breathe, pray, and rest in the presence of the One who says, *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10). May you find little moments of stillness, unexpected laughter, and gentle reminders that God is with you in it all. Whether you’re knee-deep in craft supplies, stuck in traffic, or just trying to make it through the day, **His peace is for you.**

Peace to you,  
Bethany Dorschner  
(DCE/O Intern)



Park View Lutheran  
2024 - 2025  
High School Graduates

Addison Ahrens

Catrina Blazier

Carson Lage

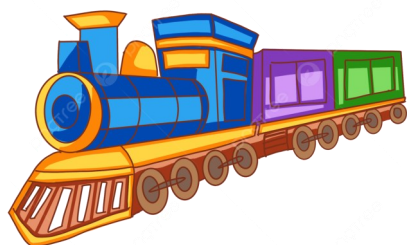
Nathaniel Martin

Courtney Nelson

Ashton Oncken

Lauren Pawloski

Jace Tippet



**VBS Donations Needed**

Can you help us load the train with needed supplies for this year's Wonder Junction VBS crafts and games? On the VBS board are post it notes with the items needed. Please take a post it note then write your name and item you took on the form located on the VBS table in the fellowship hall. When you return the item please put the return date on the form as well.

Future Plans of our High School  
Graduates

**Carson Lage:** PVLC has been a place of faith. Love, and encouragement throughout my life. Here I have found guidance, friendships, and a better understanding of what I am and what Jesus means to me. I am thankful for the support of PVLC and the ways it has shaped me and my faith in God. Being a part of LYLES means so much to me. Even though I haven't made it to many events, I know that the LYLES are always there for me - offering encouragement, friendship, and faith. The LYLES remind me that no matter where I am, I'm never alone. I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the fall to play football and study engineering.

**Courtney Nelson:** PVLC is my "home" church or this is where I was baptized and said my final goodbyes to grandpa and great grandma. I've attended other churches and children's programs in MN and IA but PVLC is where I may worship the risen Lord with the encouragement of family and PVLC members to guide me. I will be attending Iowa State University majoring in Business.

**Nate Martin:** Park View Lutheran has meant so much to me. From the support my family received after the accident to all the fond memories of my childhood that I will remember for a long time. I am forever grateful. I will be attending college at Iowa State University majoring in Business.

**Ashton Oncken:** Park View Lutheran has meant memories and love. Everyone I've spoken to has shown kindness and love towards me and was very welcoming. I made a lot of good memories when I could make it. (work stole a lot of my time) Missed a lot of LYLES due to work but when I was able to make it to help out with events I had a lot of fun and would gladly help out anytime. I will be entering the United States Marine Corps on August 21.

**Jace Tippet:** Park View Lutheran has been a place where I know there are people that care about me and where I have continuously been able to learn and grow my faith. Being a member of LYLES has been a chance for me to volunteer and help others as well as grow in my faith with my peers. I will be attending Central College to play football and working on my degree in Business-Finance.

VBS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION NIGHT

**Sunday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM**

All Wonder Junction VBS volunteers are encouraged to attend our **Volunteer Orientation Night** on **Sunday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM**. This important meeting will include training and a day-by-day overview of the week.

**Please note:** This year's orientation **replaces** the daily morning meetings during VBS—so your attendance is especially important! Come ready to prepare, connect, and get excited for a great week of sharing God's love with our kids!

Members

Bring

Back

Their

Bulletins

Jim & Caralee Gruntorad, St. Silas  
Lutheran Church, North Liberty,  
IA

Hoff Family, St. John Lutheran Church,  
Seward, NE

Gene & Trish Horn, Peace Valley  
Lutheran Church, Monticello, WI

Judy Mumm, St. Paul Lutheran  
Church, Davenport, IA



### **Birthdays**

2	Kurt Krambeck
3	Esther Harrison
4	Christopher Tague Nathan Tague
5	Nora Bomia Trisha Horn
6	Tammy Gustafson Matthew Klever Jim Payne Brylee Rathe
7	Alayna Krambeck
8	Carol Hauser Sally Oberlander Jace Tippet
9	Russell Soenksen
11	Hadley Thompson
13	Alex Yaudas
14	Pastor Pete Hoft
15	Patrick Looney
17	Angela Elmshaeuser Michaela Goodwin
19	Bethany Hoft Jo Miller Devin Sanders
22	Tyler Kull Caleb Wilshusen
23	Dale Grunwald Sarah Blazier
25	Ikyah Hill
26	Deborah Brown
28	Ben Fish Peyton Paxton Zach Warm
29	Gemma Bomia Ken Thomsen
30	Mallory Grunwald



### **Anniversaries**

1	Christine & Jeffrey Fluegel (23)
8	Sue & Quintin Gerard (40) Lydia & Nathan Hoft (1)
10	Jackie & Tom Knapper (21)
11	Addie & Mark Akin (14)
12	Amanda & Adam Ahrens (21)
19	Sue & Tim Raleigh (32)
20	Becky & Steve Knorrek (27)
22	Betty & Francis Kircher (29)
27	Pam & John Pischke (55)
28	Marcia & James McKinney (50)

### 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, 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 strength and healing.

**For our members** who suffer silently from chronic life threatening illness, for comfort and strength.

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

**For Joan Serrano**, recovering from cataract surgery.

**For Jerry Hartwig**, recovering from a recent hospitalization.

**For Pastor Bob**, as he continues to fight his battle with blood and skin cancer.

**For Dan and Kathy Kilen and family**, as they grieve the death of Kathy's 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, Nate Thayer and Jadin Velasco.

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

### Friends and Relatives of Members to keep in our prayers:

Rev. Brad Birtell, Tammy Cheek, Bob Conner, 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

June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00am– Worship HC 10:15am-Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	<b>4</b> 6:00pm-LYTES	<b>5</b> 7:00pm-Worship HC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00am-Worship HC	<b>9</b> 6:30pm-Ex Bd Mtg	<b>10</b> 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	<b>11</b> 6:00pm-LYTES	<b>12</b> 7:00pm-Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 9:00am-Worship HC	<b>23</b> 9:00am-VBS	<b>24</b> 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-VBS	<b>25</b> 9:00am-VBS 6:00pm-LYTES	<b>26</b> 9:00am-VBS 7:00pm-Worship	<b>27</b> 9:00am-VBS 11:30am-VBS Closing	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00am-Worship HC	<b>30</b> 6:30pm-Elder Mtg					

### June Serving Schedule

#### Ushers

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

#### Elders

- 1 Kyle Rehn/Craig Tannahill (C) (9:00)  
5 Jim Gruntorad (C) (7:00)  
8 Scott Campbell/Brian Klever (C) (9:00)  
12 Tim Raleigh (7:00)  
15 Jim Gruntorad/Kyle Rehn (C) (9:00)  
19 Scott Campbell (C) (7:00)  
22 Quintin Gerard/Tim Raleigh (C) (9:00)  
26 Brian Klever (7:00pm)  
29 Craig Tannahill/Quintin Gerard (C)  
(9:00)

#### Acolytes

- 1 Maddox Drummond (9:00)  
5 Kip VanWetzinga (7:00)  
8 Peyton Paxton (9:00)  
12 Michaela Goodwin (7:00)  
15 Oliver Mangan (9:00)  
19 Mason Rathe (7:00)  
22 Liam Deweerdt (9:00)  
26 Maddox Grunwald (7:00)  
29 Maddox Drummond (9:00)

#### Communion Washers

- 1 Connie Youngers  
Barb Huff  
5 Dorcas Smith  
8 Trish Horn  
Catherine Schaub  
15 Kathy Anderson  
Caralee Gruntorad  
19 Julie Daniels  
22 Linda Schroeder  
Donna Ploog  
29 Mary Lou Engler  
Jackie Holden

#### Counters

- 1 Mary Lou Engler  
Sharon Tannahill  
8 Lee/Jackie Holden  
Doug/Aimee Egesdal  
15 Randy Ridgeway  
Tracy Carstens  
22 Jerry/Kay Hartwig  
Andy Hartwig  
29 Paul/Susan Kalainoff  
Mary Fish