

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.

Twenty-Five Years of Change—and the Same Faithful God

This year marks my 25th year in pastoral ministry, and I've been thinking about how much the world has changed since I was ordained back on July 2, 2000. Life and ministry look very different now. Yet through it all, one thing hasn't changed: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Technology

I got my first cell phone in 2002, mainly so I could be reached in case of an emergency, since my wife and I were expecting our first child. It was definitely *not* a smartphone! I had no idea how much those little devices would reshape our lives.

Now we carry the internet in our pockets. We text, take pictures, and scroll through news and social media all day long. We're more informed than ever, but also more distracted, anxious, and often more isolated. Everyone's looking down at their phones, and face-to-face connection is harder to find.

As a pastor, I see how hungry people are for *real* connection—for being seen, heard, and loved. That's something no app can provide. The ministry of presence, simply being with people in Christ's name, is more important now than ever.

Cultural Shifts

The culture around us has changed profoundly. Topics like sexuality, gender, race, and social justice have moved from the margins to the center of public conversation. When I was in seminary, it didn't occur to me that I would need to address these difficult issues someday from the pulpit.

The church, which once held a kind of default moral authority, is now just one voice among many. It saddens me to see how trust in clergy has diminished and how often life's major moments, such as marriage and death, now unfold without a pastor's presence or spiritual care. Family life looks different too. Cohabitation is more common, and birth rates have sharply declined. The busy schedules of weekly life don't always make space for worship.

All of this means ministry today feels less like tending a familiar flock and more like mission work in our own backyard. Yet it's also an opportunity. People are searching for truth and identity like never before—and we have a message that doesn't change with the times: every person is created, loved, and redeemed by God.

Crisis Fatigue

The last 25 years have brought enormous global challenges. I still remember where I was on September 11, 2001, and the anxious days that followed. Then

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Points of Interest

- New Sunday Bible Study
- Operation Christmas Child
- Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsals
- Preschool Silent Auction
- Reformation Day 2025
- Honoring Those Who Serve With Grateful Hearts
- Fall Festival 2025
- Thanksgiving Service
- Advent Service Schedule
- Let's Decorate for Christmas
- Angel Tree
- Nursing Home Gifts

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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.

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came Hurricane Katrina, the war in Iraq, the financial crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and heart-breaking mass shootings close to home.

We are more globally aware than ever, and that can be both a blessing and a burden. We see so much suffering that it's easy to feel weary and helpless. The constant stream of bad news can make it seem like the world is falling apart.

But the good news is that it's not *our* job to hold the world together. That job already belongs to God. Part of ministry today is helping people lift their eyes from fear and fatigue to the firm hope that our Lord reigns.

Through All the Change

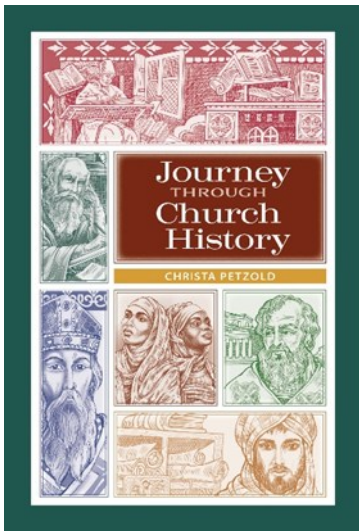
Yes, the world has changed. Even the way people think and relate has changed. But the heart of ministry hasn't: proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, shepherding God's people, seeking the lost, and holding out hope in a restless world.

As I look back on 25 years, I'm deeply grateful for every person I've served, every baptism and funeral, every confirmation class, every wedding, every visit and prayer. Most of all, I'm thankful for God's faithfulness. The Word still works. The Spirit still calls and gathers. And the love of Christ still binds His people together.

Thanks be to God, who never changes, even when everything else does.

Pastor Pete Hoft

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 9



Journey Through Church History will be the topic of Pastor's Sunday morning Bible class starting November 9. If you would like to purchase the student book for \$17, please contact the church office. We will look at monumental figures and events in the church from its beginning to the present day. We will discover our family tree rooted in Christ, made up of martyrs, historians, apologists, theologians, translators, and more.

November

Sunday School Curriculum & Schedule



Preschool thru
8th Grade



ENDURING
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Preschool & Kindergarten Teacher - Sharon Tannahill

1st & 2nd Grade Teacher - Jean Hanson

3rd - 5th Grade Teacher - Kerri Rehn

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

November 2nd - Fiery Directions *Moses*

November 9th - Operation Christmas Child/
The Egypt Exit *Exodus*

November 16th- A Loving Law *10 Commandments*

November 23rd - The Land at Last *Joshua*

November 30th - A Judge Leads *Gideon*

High School

High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmsphaeuser

This Month's Lessons!

Topics from the Book of Acts

Kids we will be
filling boxes for

OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
on November 9th!



Please join us!

Parents & Grandparents are welcome!



Children's
Christmas
Program

PRACTICE DATES!

November 22nd

December 6th

December 13th

9:00 - 10:15am

Christmas Program
December 14th at 10:30 service



HAPPY 25th
ANNIVERSARY
of MINISTRY
PASTOR PETE!

Sunday School Celebrates



Reformation Sunday



Passports were stamped for visiting different stations.



Activities included

Mighty Fortress Building

Printing

Jesus the Light of the World

Coloring The Five Solas

Nailing the 95 Theses to the Door

Snacking on a "Diet of Worms".



Sola Gratia

Sola Fide

Sola Scriptura



Solus Christus



Soli Deo Gloria!

November

Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets Sunday mornings at 9:15
in the Multi Purpose Room.

Starting November 9th

**JOURNEY THROUGH
CHURCH HISTORY**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets Tuesday mornings at
6:30 in the Multi Purpose
Room.

Currently studying the
Nicene Creed

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Thursday mornings at
9:30 in the Multi Purpose
Room.

"Promised Hope"

By Michelle Diercks



Confirmation Schedule

November 5th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
November 9th - Leaf Raking (Servant Event - TBA)
November 12th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
November 14th - Bowling in DeWitt (TBA)
November 19th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
November 26th - NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

Nov 5th - LYTES Meeting 6:00 - 7:00pm
Nov 19th - LYTES Meeting 6:00 - 7:00pm



SHARE & CARE

As we enter November, I hope and pray each one of you are finding reasons to be thankful and have seen the blessings God has bestowed on us so far in 2025, especially as we approach Thanksgiving and the start of the Holiday season, and as we look forward to another new year.

We are truly seeing God's blessings here at Share & Care. We see His blessings each day on the kids and teachers smiling faces, we see it in the growth that is already happening in the classroom as the students are now in an established routine, and we thank Him for the fun experiences so far this year.

In October, all students got to visit the bookmobile here at school and sing songs, listen to stories, and check out a book. We also had a visit from the Long Grove Fire Department and our older class got started with visits from Ag in the Classroom. We also celebrated Pumpkin Days where each child got to learn about Trick or Treat safety on knock on the teachers office door to practice and receive a treat from us. The Lion's club also came to do vision screening for our children.

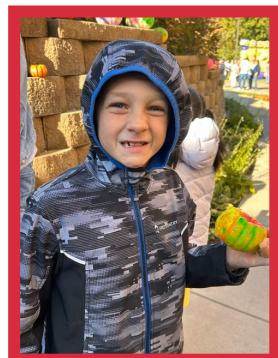
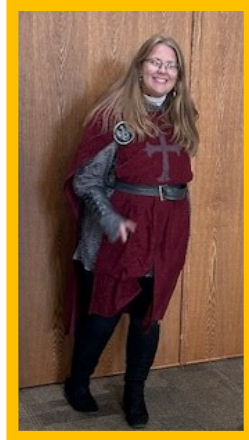
November will have us learning and already preparing songs to sing for our parents at our Christmas Devotions. We will also hold fall parent-teacher conferences.

Our Annual Silent Auction is also being held this month to help support our program funds. The last day to bid on baskets will be November 16th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. As always, we thank the congregation for their continued support through prayer, financial support, and encouragement to us all. We are truly blessed to be a part of this mission in our community.

Blessings,

Jennifer Rathe, Director





Veterans Day: Honoring Those Who Serve with Grateful Hearts



Each year on November 11, our nation pauses to honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. From distant battlefields to missions of peace, from times of war to times of quiet readiness, these individuals have stepped forward with courage and conviction to protect our freedom and serve their neighbors. We give thanks to God for their dedication, bravery, and sacrifice.

As Christians, we know that true service is rooted in love. Jesus Himself said, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). The service of our veterans reflects this kind of love—a love that puts the needs of others above one’s own, that values duty and honor, and that seeks peace even in the midst of conflict. While only Christ’s sacrifice on the cross brings salvation, the devotion and courage shown by our veterans offer a powerful reminder of what it means to live selflessly.

On this Veterans Day, we give heartfelt thanks for all who have served—and continue to serve—our country. We especially want to extend our gratitude to the veterans within our own congregation and community. Your faithfulness, integrity, and willingness to serve are an inspiration to us all. You have carried heavy responsibilities on behalf of others, and we do not take that for granted. We are deeply thankful for the freedoms we enjoy because of your sacrifices.

As we reflect on your service, may we also be moved to follow your example of commitment and compassion. Service takes many forms—defending a nation, caring for a neighbor, mentoring youth, teaching, volunteering, or simply showing kindness in everyday life. In all these ways, we answer God’s call to “serve one another humbly in love” (Galatians 5:13).

This month, take time to thank the veterans around you. Write a note, make a phone call, or share a word of appreciation. If you know a veteran in our church or community, remind them that their service is seen and valued—not only by their country, but by their brothers and sisters in Christ. And let us lift them in prayer: for peace in their hearts, for healing where there are wounds, and for strength in every season of life.

May God bless our veterans and their families, and may He bless our nation with peace. And may we, as the people of God, continue to live with gratitude, courage, and faith—serving others as Christ has so lovingly served us.

With Love,

Bethany Dorschner (DCE/O)



In honor of my dad, Ronald Dorschner
U.S. Army National Guard – Desert Storm Veteran
Active Service: 1983–1995

ADVENT SCHEDULE



Advent Wednesday Schedule December 3 & 10 & 17

Worship - 1:00pm
Advent Dinners - 5:30pm
Confirmation - 6:00pm
Worship - 7:00pm

Serving Wednesday Dinners December 3 LYTES

December 10
7 & 8 grade Confirmands & Parents

December 17
5 & 6 grade Confirmands & Parents

Let's Decorate



We are seeking volunteers to help decorate the church inside and out on Saturday, November 29. At 9:00 a.m. we will meet to set up the outdoor nativity scene and set up the Advent wreath, banners and decorations inside.

DAVENPORT LUTHERAN HOME

Every year at this time we ask for donations of items to be used to put together holiday gift bags for the residents of our Lutheran Home. Every year our Church Families respond very generously and each and every resident receives a nice gift. This year we put together two lists; one for Art supplies and one for Activities supplies. Activities supplies: lotion, Kleenex, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, aftershave, nail polish, polish remover, chapstick, cotton balls, combs, brushes, headbands, sugar free candy and jewelry(necklaces). Art Supplies: Crayola crayons, glitter, glue gun, glue sticks, Batteries: C, AAA. We ask that gifts not be wrapped so that we can be sure to give the most appropriate gifts to each resident. **Please bring donations to the Lutheran Home prior to December 9.** They can be left at the front desk. Thank you all for donating these much needed items and for contributing to this years joyful Christmas celebration at the Lutheran Home!

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday

November 27, 2025

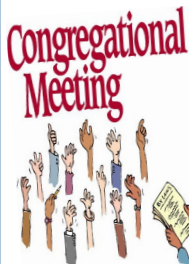
9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service



November's Voter's Meeting

Our next Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. We will vote in new officers. Every communicant member 18 and over is encouraged to attend.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) are required from tax-advantaged retirement account(s) when a person reaches a specific age (depending on birth year). RMDs are taxed at the ordinary income tax rate. If money from the RMD is not needed to supplement retirement income, then income taxation of the RMD can be avoided by directly donating all or part of the RMD to Park View Lutheran Church. If this strategy of giving to Park View Lutheran Church piques your interest, please contact your tax advisor.

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Weekly Offering For My Church	
Amount \$ _____	
Name _____	
<small>*Open the first day of the month for every year of grace for the first 10 years, as God best provides for it. (1 Cor. 16:2)</small>	



SHARE & CARE
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT

This is a fundraiser we are hosting to raise money for program funds.

This fall, Share and Care Christian Preschool will be hosting a silent auction to benefit our preschool program. We are asking our preschool families, church members, and the community to consider donating a gift basket to be included in our silent auction (gift baskets can be themed such as movie night, ice cream, fun in the sun, fall items, bath items, books, etc.). We will also accept gift cards, experiences, or monetary donations. If you or someone you know own a business and would like to make a contribution, we will share your contact/website information on our social media posts on Facebook to promote your business.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 – Please have your donation/contribution to the preschool or Park View Lutheran Church by this date.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – Gift baskets will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall of Park View Lutheran Church. Times available for viewing and entering bids:

Sun., 11/2	9 am – 12 noon
Mon., 11/3 – Friday, 11/7	11 am – 12 noon
Wed., 11/5	6 – 7 pm
Sun., 11/9	9 am – 12 noon
Mon., 11/10 – Friday, 11/14	11 am – 12 noon
Wed., 11/12	6 – 7 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 at 12 Noon – BIDDING CLOSES! We would prefer you be in attendance that day to pick up your basket if you are lucky enough to be a winner! Those not attending will be called the following week to arrange pickup.

Thank you for your participation and continued support of our preschool!

Any questions, please contact the preschool at

Shareandcarepreschool1977@gmail.com or shareandcare7111@gmail.com

Share and Care Christian Preschool, 14 Grove Rd., Eldridge, IA (Park View)



November Birthdays

- 1 Emery Cronkleton
Sue Raleigh
- 2 Melissa Alden
Katie Grunwald
Maddox Grunwald
- 3 Robbie Ray
- 8 Kevin Tippet
Lauryn Youngers
- 9 Caralee Gruntorad
Nancy Polinchock
Bentley Quested
- 10 Mary Lou Engler
Andrew Klever
- 12 Jackie Knapper
Brad Miller
- 14 Malakai Cole
Kade Tippet
- 15 Rebekah Doering
- 16 Sue Thompson
Jaden Wilshusen
- 17 Lucy Elmsaeuser
Dan Howes
- 19 Sandy Ott
- 20 James Elmsaeuser
- 21 Kimberly Cronkleton
Cy Miller
- 24 Pat Regan
- 25 Lawson Rehn
- 26 Georgene Myers
Jennifer Plagge Phelps
Kelly Rohlf
- 27 Steve Knorrek
Alissa Krambeck
Courtney Sanders
- 28 LuAnn Paxton
Mackenzie Sanders
- 29 Donna Ploog
- 30 Addilynn Ahrens
Kendal Mohr
Amy Oncken-Cameron



November Anniversaries

- 1 John & Donna Ploog (61)
- 4 Ricky & Olivia Grimes (2)
Gary & Barb Huff (30)
- 11 Ryan & Amy Lage (20)
Don & Sue Petersen (53)
Robbie & Valerie Ray (19)
- 16 Dave & Lynn Curlott (35)
- 28 Lee & Jackie Holden (55)
Gene & Trish Horn (56)
Phillip & Jamie Looney (10)

Please keep the following members in your prayers:



For those fighting/healed of cancer: 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.

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 Norma Hohensee, undergoing heart procedures.

For Kathy Kilen, recovering from back surgery.

For Connor Harrington and Naomi Birtell, married October 19.

For Cory and Leesha Denison, birth of healthy baby girl, Maisie Lou.

For Lu Foss, strength and healing after a recent hospitalization.

For Andrew Claeys, recovering from vocal chord surgery.

For Mary Fahrenkrug and family, as they grieve the death of Mary's daughter, Cheryl.

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

Overseas: Jadin Valesco; Lucas Miller; **Stateside:** Addison Ahrens, Michael Bartel, Tanner Carpenter, Caleb Claeys, Kasey Denison, Larry Goodwin, Isabella Richards, Alan Rubach, Brett Slaughter, Christopher Teuscker, 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

Keep Watch for Lutheran Social Services Angel Tree

Park View Lutheran will again bless young members of our community with an Angel Tree. Please select an angel from the tree. On the angel will be the name, age and some gift ideas. Please return your gifts to church by **Sunday, December 14**. Please don't put the name of the church or your last name on the package. These gifts are given under the supervising care of Lutheran Social Services.



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Yard Clean Up Day
2 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:15am-Worship	3	4 Voting @ PVLC	5 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES 7:15pm-Bell Choir	6 9:30am-WBS	7	8
9 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC Leaf Raking	10 6:30pm-Ex Bd Mtg	11 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	12 6:00pm-Confirmation 7:15pm-Bell Choir	13 9:30am-WBS	14 Confirmation Bowling	15
16 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship 11:30am-Voters Mtg	17	18 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	19 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES 7:15pm-Bell Choir	20 9:30am-WBS	21	22 SS Xmas Prog Prac-9am
23 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC	24 6:30pm-Elders Mtg	25 6:30am-MBS	26 7:15pm-Bell Choir	27 9:00am-Worship HC	28	29
30 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship HC						

November Serving Schedule

30 Jim Gruntorad/Kyle Rehn (C) (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)

Ushers

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

Acolytes

2 Ryker Ayers (8:00)
Alivia Hanson (10:30)
9 Marissa Grunwald (8:00)
Corbin Cronkleton (10:30)
16 Zane Ayers (8:00)
Brooklyn Hanson (10:30)
23 Kyson Meyer (8:00)
Jacob Cronkleton (10:30)
27 Volunteer (9:00am)
30 Oliver Mangan (8:00)
Deacon Hanson (10:30)

Counters

2 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
9 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish
16 Mary Lou Engler
Sharon Tannahill
23 Lee/Jackie Holden
Doug/Aimee Egesdal
30 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens

Elders

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

Communion Washers

2 Connie Youngers
Trish Horn
9 Jamie Looney
Teri Wuestenberg
16 Marcia Perdieu
Kathy Anderson
23 Mary Lou Kaney
Dawn Dittmer
27 Cheryl Lunardi (9:00am)
30 Julie Daniels (8:00)
Mary Lou Engler
Sue Raleigh
Caralee Gruntorad

Nursery

2 Michelle Rohlf
9 Bethany Hoft
16 Sami Merten
23 Cheryl Lunardi
30 Michelle Rohlf