The Herald

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Giving Thanks by Giving to Others

As we enter the month of November and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given us. From our families and friends to the daily provisions we sometimes take for granted, we have so much for which to be thankful. But as Christians, our thankfulness is about more than simply recognizing our blessings. It is also about sharing God's love with those around us.

In Galatians 5:13, Paul reminds us, *"through love serve one another"* (ESV). Because we have received God's undeserved love and grace through Jesus Christ, we are free to love and serve our neighbors. Sometimes, that service looks like a large act of generosity, but often it is found in the small, everyday things: *checking in on someone who may be lonely, helping a neighbor with a task, offering encouragement to a friend, or supporting a family going through a difficult season.*

As you go through this month, consider how you might share the blessings God has given you with others. You do not need to have extra time, money, or special talents to make a difference. A simple act of kindness can remind someone that they are loved and cared for.

We give thanks because God has first loved us. May that thankfulness overflow into our words and actions, reflecting the love of Christ to our families, our congregation, and our community. This Thanksgiving season, may we not only count our blessings but also look for opportunities to be a blessing to others!

Your Friend in Christ,
Bethany Dorschner, *DCE/O*

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.

Points of Interest

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- Thanksgiving Worship
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- SS Christmas Program Rehearsal
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

November



ENDURING FAITH

Preschool Teachers - Jen Rathe & Courtney Sanders
Kindergarten -2nd Grade Teacher - Sharon Tannahill
3rd - 5th Grade Teacher - Kerri Rehn
6th - 8th Grade Teachers - Sue Raleigh & Bethany Dorschner

November 1 –A Living Truth – Jesus Rises
November 8 –A Revealing Truth – The Emmaus Rd
November 15 – An Ascending Truth – Jesus Ascends
November 22 – A Telling Truth – Pentecost
November 29 – Thanksgiving Group Activity

High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmshaeuser

This Month's Topic
The Book of James



Kids, we will be filling boxes for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD on November 8th!

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child ™

Please join us!

Parents & Grandparents are welcome!



Kindergarden - 2nd Grade

We need You!

There is an upcoming vacancy in the Sunday School Department.

The Kindergarten–2nd Grade class will need a new teacher.

If you can fill the need by becoming the teacher after the Christmas break, or before, please contact Melissa Drummond, Kim Cronkleton, Bethany Dorschner or Joan Serrano.

The kids in the class are an absolute joy!

November



Adult Bible Class

Join Pastor Kincaid in the All Purpose Room at 9:15 Sunday mornings!

Women's Bible Study

The ladies meet on Thursdays at 9:30 for Bible Study.
The study is led by Bethany Dorschner.

Men's Bible Study

The men meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 for Bible Study.
The study is led by Rod Kjersten.

LYTES

November 4 – Meeting 6–7pm
November 8 – Leaf Raking & Bowling
November 18 – Meeting 6–7pm

Confirmation Schedule

November 4 – Class (6–7pm)
November 11 – Class (6–7pm)
November 13– Bowling
November 18 – Class (6–7pm)
November 25 – No Class Thanksgiving

A Message from the Director:

SHARE & CARE
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
14 Grove Road (Park View) | Eldridge, IA 52748

We were certainly blessed to have had such a nice October and my brain has been tricked into thinking we are still closer to the end of summer rather than being immersed into fall and heading into the holiday season so soon with it now being November.

October was a great month in the preschool. We ended with our traditional pumpkin days where we play games and get to trick or treat with the teachers in the classroom. Our older class also got to carve a pumpkin while we learned the pumpkin prayer.

November will bring the start of practicing for our Christmas program and our weekly themes will be about forest animals, being thankful for our veterans, turkey troubles and counting our blessings. We will also have a patriotic dress up day.

Thanks to all those who donated baskets to our silent action and for bidding on the items. It's always a fun and blessed fundraiser for our preschool. Also, thank you to those who signed up to be prayer partners. You will find your assigned prayer partner sheet in your church mail box soon.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of Share and Care and we hope you find some time to reflect how God has provided for you this past year.

Blessings,
Jennifer Rathe, Director

November





Thursday Worship Service
November 27, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion Service





Advent Wednesday Schedule

December 2 & 9 & 16
Worship - 1:00pm
Advent Dinners - 5:30pm
Confirmation - 6:00pm
Worship - 7:00pm

Serving Wednesday Dinners

December 2
LYTES
December 9
7 & 8 grade Confirmands & Parents
December 16
5 & 6 grade Confirmands & Parents





We are seeking volunteers to help decorate the church inside and out on Saturday, November 28. 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.



Our next **Voters' Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. We will vote in new officers and approve a budget. Every communicant member 18 and over is encouraged to attend.



Practice Dates!

November 21st
December 5th
December 12th
9:00 - 10:15am

Christmas Program December 13th at 10:30 service



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 13. 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.

Members Bring Back Their Bulletins

Jerry & Teri Wuestenberg,
Walnut Community Bible Church

Elaine Bartel
First Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Cedarsburg, WI
and
Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Arlington, VA



Looking Forward: Apartment in a Suitcase

My G.E.A.R. Outreach (Give, Equip, Acceptance, Restore) is a local non-profit organization that assists children in the foster care system in 16 local counties. From November 29th- December 13th, we will have the opportunity to help kids that are aging out of the foster care system and beginning the next stage of life.

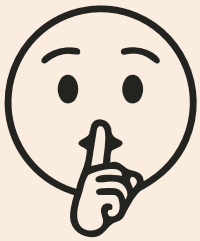
New items needed:

- Towels, washcloths
- Small single cup coffee maker
- Full size bed in a bag (black, blue, or gray)
- Lockbox for valuables (see me for information)
- Mini refrigerator/freezer
- 32" TV

Think of when you sent your child to college and how much they need to begin that part of life! These kids are reliant on others to help them get started. My GEAR assists them with purchasing beds and other necessities. Cash donations can be made as well to My GEAR Outreach to help these kids succeed in the next phase of life.

Contact Sue Klever (563-320-0402) with any questions.
Website: www.mygearoutreach.org

Thank you!





Silent Auction Benefit

We're excited to announce our fall silent auction to benefit our preschool program.

DATES TO REMEMBER!
Our gift baskets will be displayed Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, November 15
Viewing Times:

Sunday, Nov 1	9am - 12 noon
Monday, Nov 2 - Friday, Nov 6	11am - 12 noon
Wednesday, Nov 4	6pm - 7pm
Sunday, Nov 8	9am - 12 noon
Monday, Nov 9 - Friday, Nov 13	11am - 12 noon
Wednesday, Nov 11	6pm - 7pm
Sunday, Nov 15	9am - 12 noon

Sunday, November 15 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 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your participation and continued support of Share and Care Christian Preschool! Any questions, please contact the preschool at: shareandcarepreschool1977@gmail.com or shareandcare7111@gmail.com (285-7111) 14 Grove Road, Eldridge, IA (Park View)

Let's Celebrate

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
13 Brad Miller
14 Malakai Cole
Kade Tippet
15 Bekah Doering
16 Sue Thompson
17 Lucy Elmshaeuser
19 Sandy Ott
20 James Elmshaeuser
21 Kim Cronkleton
Cy Miller
22 Rowen Grimes
24 Pat Regan
25 Lawson Rehn
Luke Striegel
Jennifer Plagge
27 Steve Knorrek
Alissa Krambeck
Courtney Sanders
28 LuAnn Paxton
Mackenzie Sanders
30 Addilynn Ahresn
Kendal Mohr
Amy Oncken-Cameron

Anniversaries

4 Rick & Olivia Grimes (3)
Gary & Barb Huff (31)
11 Ryan & Amy Lage (21)
Don & Sue Petersen (54)
Robbie & Valerie Ray (20)
16 Dave & Lynn Curlott (36)
28 Lee & Jackie Holden (56)
Gene & Trish Horn (57)
Phillip & Jamie Looney (11)

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, Judy Mumm, Don Petersen, Grace Pfeiler, 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 Park View Lutheran, as we continue with the calling process.
For Rev. Paul Hammes and Grace Lutheran Church, Wayne, NE as he considers our call to PVLC.
For Connie Youngers, relief of nerve pain in her face.
For Caralee Gruntorad, knee surgery.
For Vera Elmshaeuser, recent hospitalization.
For Kyle and Cheyenne Rohlf, united in marriage October 17.
For Sue and Pat Regan, and Judy Mumm as they grieve the passing of daughter & niece, Tracy.

For those of our armed forces, especially those with ties to our faith family here at PVLC:
Michael Bartel, Tanner Carpenter, Caleb Claeys, Kasey Denison, Larry Goodwin, Isabella Richards, Brett Slaughter, Luke Striegel, Christopher Teuscher, Nate Thayer, Jadin Valesco.

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, Deb Serrano, Fred Smith, Karl Staerk and Rick Weiss 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

November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
1 8:00am Worship HC 9:15am SS/BS 10:30am Worship	**2** 6:30pm Education Mtg	**3** All Day Voting	**4** 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm LYTES	**5** 9:30am Women's Bible Study	**6**	**7**
8 8:00am Worship 9:15am SS/BS 10:30am Worship HC Leaf Raking & Bowling	**9** 6:30pm Executive Bd Mtg	**10** 9:00am Quilting	**11** 6:00pm Confirmation	**12** 9:30am Women's Bible Study	**13** Confirmation Bowling	**14**
15 8:00am Worship HC 9:15am SS/BS 10:30am Worship 11:30am Voters' Meeting	**16**	**17** 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	**18** 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm LYTES	**19** 9:30am Women's Bible Study	**20**	**21**- 9:00am SS Xmas Program Rehearsal
22 8:00am Worship 9:15am SS/BS 10:30am Worship HC	**23**	**24** 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	**25**- NO Confirmation	**26** 9:00am Worship HC Church Office Closed (Thanksgiving)	**27** Church Office Closed	**28** 9:00am Church Christmas Decorating
29 8:00am Worship HC 9:15am SS/BS 10:30am Worship HC	**30**					

November Serving Schedule

Ushers
1 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott (8:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
8 Dan Kilen, Andy Hartwig (8:00)
Andrew Claeys (10:30)
15 Lee Holden, Jerry Wuestenberg, (8:00)
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen
22 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub,(8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
29 Dan Kilen, Andy Hartwig (8:00)
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen

Nursery
1 Sami Merten
8 Cheryl Lunardi
15 Michelle Rohlf
22 Elaine Bartel
29 Dawn Dittmer

Elders
1 Kyle Rehn/Quintin Gerard (C) (8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
8 Andy Hartwig (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)
15 Scott Campbell/Andy Hartwig (C) (8:00)
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
22 Scott Campbell (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)
26 Tim Raleigh/Brian Klever (9:00) Thanksgiving
29 Quintin Gerard/Andy Hartwig (C) (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)

Communion Washers
1 Mary Lou Engler (8:00)
Barb Huff
8 Dawn Dittmer (10:30)
Jamie Looney
15 Cheryl Lunardi (8:00)
Julie Daniels
22 Mary Lou Kaney (10:30)
Teri Wuestenberg
29 Kathy Anderson (8:00)
Sandy Ott
Catherine Schaub (10:30)
Sue Raleigh

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

Acolytes
1 Bria Rehn (8:00)
Michaela Goodwin (10:30)
8 Jace Gronewold (8:00)
Deacon Hansen (10:30)
15 Makinley Grunwald (8:00)
Kip VanWetzinga (10:30)
22 Kyson Meyer (8:00)
Myla Chumbley (10:30)
26 Volunteer (9:00) Thanksgiving
29 Zane Ayers (8:00)
Mason Rathe (10:30)