

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.

Remember Your Leaders

Hebrews 13:7-8 says, *“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

This is a call to remember leaders who have died and now are with the Lord in heaven- all the Christian leaders who have spoken the Word of God to us. It might be a pastor, a Sunday School teacher, a youth leader, or an elder. Remembering is not just recalling with fondness someone’s personality, but to call to mind their faith and their way of life.

What do you remember about Pastor Bob’s preaching and Bible teaching? I remember him taking these tasks very seriously. He preached the Law with sternness- convicting us our sins. After hearing the thunder of God’s judgment we would wonder, “How could I ever be saved?” But then He would preach the Gospel with great sweetness. He pointed us to Jesus Christ who paid for every sin with His blood on the cross. He would always proclaim us to the risen Lord who won the victory over sin, death, and the devil. And after hearing that promise, we would conclude, “How could I not be saved with such a great Savior?!”

I also remember the many Bible studies, the new member classes, and confirmation classes that he taught. He would lead us deep into God’s Word. Why? Because he wanted us to be well fed and nourished by the truth, and to be equipped as disciples in a world full of lies.

I hope you will remember how Pastor Bob labored in the Word. Because it was all for you! Leaders in the church are often criticized and belittled today. But the Bible teaches us to listen to them. *“They are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account (Heb.13:7).”*

Why do we remember our leaders? Because they pointed us to Christ. Why do we imitate their faith? Because their faith rested in the Savior who does not change. This is our anchor. Leaders may come and go. Beloved pastors may retire, die, or go elsewhere to serve. But the Lord they served is not gone.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

Pastor Pete Hoft

(This is an excerpt from the sermon 8/31/25)

Points of Interest

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- * Fall Bible Studies
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- * Stewardship Corner
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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.

September

Sunday School Curriculum & Schedule



Preschool thru
8th Grade



ENDURING
FAITH^{CPH}

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

This Month's Lessons!

September 7th - RALLY DAY!!!

September 14th - A Mighty Wonder-Creation

September 21st - The Fall & a Promise - Fall into Sin

September 28th - A New Beginning - Noah

High School

High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmshaeuser

This Month's Lessons!

Topics from the Book of Acts

Rally Day 2025

Join us on September 7th
at 9:15am

for...


GAMES


RACES

PRIZES

AND MORE!!!



 Kim Cronkleton and Melissa Drummond are returning as our awesome Sunday School Superintendents this year!

 The LYTES will be helping with Sunday School openings!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

for

Pre-School through High School
begins September 14th at 9:15am!

Nursery is available!

Adult Bible Study returns on
September 14th at 9:15am too!



September

Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Will return September 14th
and resume studying



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will return September 11th
and resume studying

"Promised Hope"

By Michelle Diercks



Confirmation Schedule

September 3rd - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
September 7th - **Rally Day - First Day of Sunday School**
September 10th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
September 14th - 5:00-8:00pm - **Dine and Dash**
September 17th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)
September 24th - 6:00-7:00pm (Class)

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

Sept 3rd - LYTES Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sept 17th - LYTES Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



It's been a great first week back at preschool. The kids have loved getting to learn the routines of the classroom, meet new friends, and play, sing, and dance. We thank the Lord for a larger enrollment than it appeared we would have last spring. We want to thank those who took time from their busy schedules to help with some of the work on sprucing up our playground. We are looking forward to the rest of the playground improvements to be complete so we can get outside to play. We will again be doing prayer partners for our students this year. Please watch for a sign up coming soon. Please pray for growth and safety of all students everywhere this school year.

Blessings,
Jen Rathe, Director

A Day of Celebration!

Bethany Dorschner
was
commissioned
and installed,
as the
Director of
Christian Education
and Outreach, at
Park View Lutheran
Church
on August 24, 2025.



Pastor Hoft and Bethany are joined by Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich.



Bethany with her parents and brother Gabe.



***Congratulations
Bethany!***



Bethany with a quilt
presented to her by the
PVLC quilter group!



Back to the Basics: Wisdom for a New School Year



September always carries with it a unique sense of beginning. The long days of summer slowly give way to cooler mornings, sharpened pencils, new backpacks, and fresh notebooks waiting to be filled. For families, this season often means juggling school schedules, sports practices, church activities, and the return of everyday routines. For students, it brings a mixture of excitement and nerves—the wonder of new opportunities combined with the challenge of new responsibilities.

In the midst of this busyness, it is important to pause and remember that education is not only about academics. Wisdom and learning are not just confined to the pages of textbooks or the walls of a classroom—they are rooted in God Himself. Scripture tells us in Proverbs 1:7: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” This verse reminds us that true knowledge begins with a heart that reverences God. A new school year is not just about grades or achievements; it’s an opportunity to grow in character, in faith, and in wisdom that lasts far beyond graduation.

This truth applies to every season of life. For the little child taking their first steps into kindergarten, for the teenager navigating the challenges of high school, for the college student making life-shaping decisions, and even for parents who are balancing new routines—each of us is called to seek God’s wisdom first. When we do, our learning becomes more than information; it becomes transformation.

Deuteronomy 6 offers a timeless vision for how God’s Word should be woven into daily life: “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (v.7). In other words, faith is not meant to be a Sunday-only subject. It is designed to shape every part of our daily routines—morning car rides, family dinners, bedtime prayers, and even conversations while waiting in the school pick-up line. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and mentors all have a role in helping the next generation see how God’s truth speaks into every moment of life.

As we step into a new school year, perhaps God is inviting us to go “back to the basics.” Not just the basics of reading, writing, and math, but the basics of faith—prayer, Scripture, and worship. Building our lives on these foundations helps us to face the year ahead with strength and hope. Jesus Himself is our sure foundation, and when we place Him at the center of our learning, our decisions, and our relationships, He promises to guide our steps.

So, what might this look like in practical terms? It could mean setting aside a few minutes each morning to pray with your child before school. It might mean memorizing a verse together as a family each week. It might be as simple as speaking words of encouragement to a teacher, a bus driver, or a classmate who needs kindness. These small habits of faith have a way of shaping hearts for a lifetime.

This September, let’s pray not only for good grades, but for wisdom. Let’s ask God to fill our classrooms with respect, compassion, and joy. Let’s make our homes places of encouragement and prayer. And let’s support our teachers, students, and families with love and patience as they navigate the year ahead. Above all, may this school year be marked by the presence of Christ—the true Teacher—who leads us into knowledge, wisdom, and life that never fades.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of learning and for the new beginnings that this school year brings. Grant students a spirit of curiosity and diligence, teachers a heart of patience and wisdom, and parents the strength to guide with love and grace. Help us to keep Christ at the center of our homes, our classrooms, and our daily routines. May all we do bring honor to You, and may Your Word be the foundation on which we build. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



God’s Blessings,

Bethany Dorschner (DCE/O)

Our goal of 16 units of whole and 1 unit of double reds ended as a combination of goal not met and goal met. We collected 14 units of whole blood, 2 units of double reds and 1 unit of platelets from 20 donors making it possible to help 53 patients with life-saving blood products. Thank you to all 20 donors who gave their time and blood at Park View Lutheran's August Blood Drive.



Fall Worship Schedule

We begin September with worship changing to our fall schedule. Sunday September 7 services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.. Holy Communion will be at the early service. Rally Day will kick off our Sunday School/Bible Study hour at 9:15 a.m. with a carnival atmosphere.



ONLINE GENEROSITY

Online giving is a convenient way to support the ministry of PVLC. Our digital giving partner is Vanco. Vanco is a simple and secure service. Contributions can be made on a recurring or one-time basis from a checking or savings account. Donations may be designated toward the General Fund or to a specific ministry such as PVLC's Building Fund, or Missions Fund. To learn how to download the app, see the instruction page on our kiosk in the fellowship hall.

College Students

If you have a child away at college this fall, please notify the church office of their new address. Pastor Pete will be sending out "News from Home" letters throughout the year. A "Love Box" will also be sent to them.



We are in need of volunteers for communion washing especially for the 10:30 a.m. service and the nursery during the Sunday School/ Bible study hour (9:15 a.m.) for our volunteer Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in either of these ministries contact Joan in the church office or Kim Cronkleton or Melissa Drummond.

Members
Bring
Back
Their
Bulletins

Chuck Moeller, Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church, Kewanee, IL

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

Norma Hohensee, Family in Faith
Christian Church, Glendale
Heights, IL



A Huge Thank YOU for making this year possible.
LYTES fair booth at Mississippi Valley Fair 2025

Shift leaders

Kim Cronkleton, Melissa Drummond, Gene Horn, Andrew Claeys, Quintin Gerard, Tim & Sue Raleigh, Jill Grunwald

Set up / Tear down

Kyle Rehn, Dale Grunwald, Bethany Dorschner, Pastor Pete and others.

Clover Expert – Melissa Drummond

Kyle Rehn – Mr. Maintenance, offered chest freezer for sloppy's in trailer

Sue Klever – Money lady, start up cash each day

Gene Horn – Sausage man – donated and prepared all the sausage

Andrew Claeys – Worked a few back-to-back shifts

Jill & Dale Grunwald – Cargo trailer on site for overflow of inventory and freezer

All our cookie bakers/wrappers! Our customers can't get enough of them.

Thrivent Action card donation for purchase of food and supplies.

Bob & Barb Ferguson

Deanna Paulsen



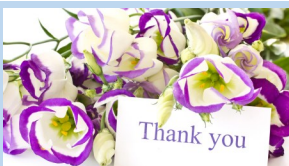
Dear PVLC Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful commissioning and installation service—it was such a meaningful and joy-filled way to begin my full-time ministry with you as your new DCE/O! I am truly humbled by your kindness, the thoughtful gifts, and the delicious brunch that so many of you prepared. (Seriously—I may need some of those recipes!) Your love, generosity, and the care that went into making the day so special for my family and me mean more than I could ever say- Thank you.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers, and I am filled with excitement and joy at the opportunity to continue to serve alongside you. I look forward to seeing how God will work in and through us together in the days ahead!

With love in Christ,

Bethany Dorschner (DCE/O Intern)



Thank you to all who helped with Bethany's Commissioning and Installation brunch on Sunday, August 24th. Whether you helped set up or take down tables and chairs, supplied decorations, provided a main dish, fruit, or sweets, served or washed dishes—it was all so appreciated! What a great celebration! Thanks again!

Sue Klever

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.



Birthdays

- 2 Henry Yaudas
- 4 Madison Grunwald
- 5 Maddox Drummond
- 6 Nancy Schmidt
Lowell Stuedemann
- 7 Jackie Holden
Madison Temperly
Del Traub
Teri Wuestenberg
- 8 Megan Smith
- 9 Ashley Carstens
- 10 Scott Campbell
Barb Colbert
Zoe Warm
- 13 Brynne Fenske
- 14 Caleb Claeys
- 15 Amanda Ahrens
- 16 Nichole Claeys
Ashton Oncken
- 17 Allyson Baetke
- 18 Jim Gruntorad
Tyler Plagge
- 19 Kay Hartwig
Kyle Rohlf
Luke Yaudas
- 21 Major Hill
- 22 Jasmine Bailey
- 24 John Pischke
- 26 Doug Egesdal
- 28 Joe Claeys
Morgan Marchant
Rachel Riedesel
- 30 Tracy Carstens
Amanda Miranda
Breanna Voelkers



Anniversaries

- 1 Dan & Bonita Howes (29)
- 2 Paul & Susan Kalainoff (53)
- 5 Luke & Kori Yaudas (22)
- 7 Russell & Sandy Soenksen (57)
- 8 Andy & Kim Cronkleton (18)
- 10 William & Marcia Perdieu (37)
- 11 Brian & Sue Klever (43)
- 16 Josh & Malia Carstens (8)
- 18 Randy & Kristy Warm (49)
- 20 Dean & Melissa Drummond (17)
- 23 William & Cheryl Kofron (36)
- 24 Ralph & Pam Schneklath (48)
- 25 John Flotterud & Ashley Carstens (4)
Al & JoLynn Pawloski (54)
- 27 Joe & Mary Moth (22)

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 Norm Seifert, for successful heart by-pass surgery.

For Randy Ridgeway, complete healing after knee surgery.

For Emery Cronkelton, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

For Norma Hohensee, undergoing heart procedure.

For Rick Grimes, Jr., various medical concerns.

For Jane Traub, cataract surgery.

For Jason Lydic, praise and thanks for great test results.

For Dan and Karen Bartel, the birth of a healthy baby girl, Violet.

For the Bartel Family - Elaine, Christine, Terri, Dan & Mike, for comfort and peace as they grieve the passing of husband and father, Pastor Bob.

For the PVLC faith family, as we grieve the death of our beloved Pastor Bob.

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

Overseas: Jadin Valesco; 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.

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, Norm Seifert, 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

	September 2025					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	3 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	4	5	6
7 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	8 6:30pm-Exec. Bd Mtg.	9 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	10 6:00pm-Confirmation	11 9:30am-Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am--Worship HC	15	16 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	17 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	18 9:30am-Women's Bible Study	19	20
21 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship	22	23 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	24 6:00pm-Confirmation	25 9:30am-Women's Bible Study	26	27
28 8:00am-Worship 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am--Worship HC	29 6:30pm-Elder Mtg	30 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting				

September Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 7 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron,
Gayle Rasmussen (10:30)
- 14 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten, (8:00)
Jerry Wuestenberg
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill,
Mark Hundley (10:30)
- 21 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub (8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller,
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron,
Gayle Rasmussen
- 28 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott (8:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill,
Mark Hundley (10:30)

Elders

- 7 Scott Campell/Brian Klever (C) (8:00)
Jim Gruntorad (10:30)
- 14 Kyle Rehn (8:00)
Tim Raleigh/Craig Tannahill (C) (10:30)
- 21 Quintin Gerard/Kyle Rehn (C) (8:00)
Tim Raleigh (10:30)
- 28 Jim Gruntorad (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Brian Klever (C) (10:30)

Acolytes

- 7 Maddox Grunwald (8:00)
Mason Rathe (10:30)
- 14 Oliver Mangan(8:00)
Michaela Goodwin (10:30)
- 21 Peyton Paxton (8:00)
Liam Deweerdt (10:30)
- 28 Kip VanWetzinga (8:00)
Mason Rathe (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 7 Jackie Holden
Trish Horn
- 14 Caralee Gruntorad
Jamie Looney
- 21 Marcia Perdieu
Kathy Anderson
- 28 Teri Wuestenberg
Dawn Dittmer

Counters

- 7 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens
- 14 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schnekloth
- 21 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andy Hartwig
- 28 Paul/Susan Kalainoff
Mary Fish