

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.

Should I Vote?

With the 2024 election approaching, many are asking "should I vote?" Unhappy with the choices before us on November 5, many have decided to skip the ballot box altogether. Perhaps this is a good time to review our Lutheran understanding of the "Two Kingdoms." As believers in Christ, we have our feet planted in two distinct kingdoms or realms- the church and the state.



The church is the spiritual realm where God works through pastors, missionaries, and other church workers as they proclaim the message of forgiveness in Christ to sinners. You became a citizen of this kingdom when you were baptized. The church is all about the salvation of souls for all eternity. **The state** is the temporal realm where God works through government leaders, judges, law enforcement, and law-abiding citizens. The purpose of this realm is to promote justice and morality for the common good. Order is maintained through the law. Bad actions are punished. Good actions are rewarded.

God is at work in both realms. He is directly involved in caring for His creation in two distinct ways. In the church He makes us right with Himself by grace through faith in Christ. In the state He enables us to live in right relationships with one another through justice and an orderly society.

Here's the thing. We have responsibilities in both kingdoms. In the church we participate in worship, share our faith, and we support the work of our congregation with our prayers and gifts. In the state we obey the laws of the land, pay our taxes, live as neighborly citizens, and vote. Americans have a unique responsibility as citizens in a democratic republic. When we vote for our leaders we become part of the government. Therefore, it is our God-given responsibility to pay attention to candidates, become informed of their principles, proposals and platforms, and to vote according to our conscience. Our Christian faith should inform every decision we make in this life, including our vote for President. We do everything with faith toward God and with fervent love toward our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable neighbor among us.

Followers of Christ are to live in this world, but not of this world (John 17:14-15). This is the tension we live in. It's not always easy. It's often quite messy. After sorting through all the election issues, and finally coming to a decision, we may not be completely satisfied with our choice. We simply ask God for wisdom as we enter the voting booth, and perhaps we'll want to ask for His forgiveness as we leave the voting booth.

Thankfully, whatever the result of this election may be, Jesus will still be Lord. No matter which direction our nation may turn, Jesus will still reign on His throne. We trust in Him alone. He is our King, and someday He will return to take us to our eternal home. To God alone be the glory.

Pastor Pete Hoft

Points of Interest

- ◆ Sunday School News & Updates
- ◆ Bible Study Opportunities
- ◆ Share & Care Preschool News
- ◆ College Students
- ◆ North Scott Singers
- ◆ Missionaries Visit PVLC
- ◆ Church Directory Update
- ◆ DCE/O Bethany Dorschner - Reformation Day
- ◆ Christmas Eve Choir
- ◆ Fall Festival

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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.

OCTOBER 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!

October 6 - Wise Men Worship King Jesus

October 13 - Jesus Speaks with the Religious Teachers

October 20 - John Baptizes Jesus

October 27 - Satan Tempts Jesus

Join Us for Fall Festival
October 6th from 2-4pm!

Middle Schoolers 6th - 8th Grade



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

This Month's Lessons!

October 6 - If God Loves the World, Why Does He Let
Bad Stuff Happen?

October 13 - How Did the World Come to Be?

October 20 - Does God Care About How I Use My Time?

October 27 - Is What the Bible Says About Me True?

High School Youth



High School Teachers - Angela & Joshua Elmsaeuser

This Month's Lessons!

October 6 - Joseph the Dream Interpreter

October 20 - Joseph Tests His Brothers

October 13 - Joseph's Own Dreams Come True

October 27 - The 10 Plagues

EXCITING NEWS!!

A new Board of Education
has been formed!

Members are:

Kim Cronkleton

Bethany Dorschner

Melissa Drummond

Sue Raleigh

Jennifer Rathe

Kerri Rehn

Sharon Tannahill - Chair
Pastor Hoft

GRACE ALONE

FAITH ALONE

SCRIPTURE ALONE



A great deal of thanks goes
to Joan Serrano!

She is always willing to
help in so many ways! Joan is celebrat-
ing her 24th year as secretary this
month! **Congratulations Joan!**

Thank you to all of the Sunday School
volunteers! Teachers, leaders and sub-
stitutes we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to the parents and grandpar-
ents who are so faithful to bring the
kids to learn more about God!

SMALL WAYS TO HELP!

1. Would you please consider saying a week-
ly prayer for our Sunday school teachers
and their classes?

2. Would you consider donating approxi-
mately four hours a year to attend the
quarterly voter's meetings? Important de-
cisions are made there, regarding where to
spend time and money and what to support
as a church. **You can make a difference!**

Kids! If you didn't receive a medal at
Rally Day, Bethany has one for
you!



Thank you for making Rally Day
a success!

OCTOBER Other Education & Bible Study Opportunities

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study



9:15-10:15am

Pastor will teach a series of lessons on the topic of **Worship** starting on Sept. 15. We will take a close look at each part of the liturgy, gaining a deeper understanding of God's work in the service and our response.



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 multipurpose room for Bible study. We began studying the **Gospel of Mark** on Sept. 12.



Confirmation Schedule

Oct 2nd - 6-7pm Class

Oct 6th - Fall Festival

Oct 9th - 6-7pm Class

Oct 11-12th - 7th & 8th Grade @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Oct 16th - 6-7pm Class

Oct 23rd - 6-7pm Class

Oct 30th - 6-7pm Class

LYTES

Lord's Youth Touching Everyone Spiritually

October 2nd	Meet from 6-7	Apples
October 16th	Meet from 6-7	Fall Leaves
October 30th	Meet from 6-7	Pumpkins

On the 5th Wednesday,
October 30th, we will be
carving pumpkins!



Share and Care

September was filled with getting to know our new friends in preschool and learning preschool routines and rules. Everyone smiled wonderfully for school pictures. Our older class really enjoyed getting to see and climb aboard a real school bus when we learned about the letter "B." Thanks to Rod Weiss for bringing his big yellow North School Bus for us to see. The children really enjoyed it. We also completed beginning of the year assessments so that we can track progress when we complete assessments later in the school year. Our licensing visit was also completed this month.

October will bring our Western Themed Dress-up Days and Pumpkin Days, which are always a fun treat. We'll talk about trick-or-treating safely and each child will get a little treat from their teachers. Planning for our annual silent auction will also be in full swing, so please be on the lookout for how to get involved in that.

Blessings,

Jennifer Rathe, Director



Pictorial Directory Update

The next phase has begun for the directory!

Thank you so much to all who participated!

We will be working hard to have them designed, proofed and printed as soon as possible.

Hopefully, they will be in your hands by the end of October!

Remember that a copy of the directory is free to those who submitted a photo. Watch for details on how to buy extra copies or purchase a directory, if you did not participate.

Sharon



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 letters throughout the school year sharing "NEWS FROM HOME." A love box full of goodies is also sent around Valentine's Day.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

October is clergy appreciation month! Encourage your pastor and his family by letting them know that you appreciate them and are praying for them. Prayer is crucial to the spiritual health of your pastor, his family, and the church.

THANK YOU

Dear PVLC,

Thank you for all your help moving refrigerators, clearing out and repairing the fair booth, cookie baking, providing workers during the fair and praying for the success of the fair booth.

The LYLES: Kallen, Annika, Chloe, Brylee, Raina, Emery, Abigail



MEMBERS BRING BACK THEIR BULLETINS

Pastor Pete, Bethany & Gretchen Hoft, Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN

Norma Hohensee, Family In Faith Christian Church, Glendale Heights, IL and Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca, MN

Jim & Caralee Gruntorad, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garner, IA



The North Scott High School Singers will perform at Park View Lutheran on Monday, October 21, 2024. More information will be shared closer to that date.



MISSIONARY VISITING PVLC NOV. 13 @ 6PM

Hello, my name is Nathan Federwitz. I and my wife Sarah are missionaries serving with Lutheran Bible Translators. We are excited to share with you how God is working around the world and how you and your congregation can partner with us on this amazing journey! The goal of Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is that all people would have access to God's Word in the language they understand best—their heart language. In order to reach this goal, LBT partners with churches and Bible society organizations around the world. It is our desire to support the work of Lutheran Bible Translators. We believe that God has called us to serve in this mission through mission aviation. He has prepared us for this service, and we are thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this important work. We both received theological training at Concordia University Wisconsin. I, Nathan, have also accomplished my commercial pilot training through the School of Missionary Aviation Technology in Michigan. Sarah received her Master's in Deaconess Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Before we can begin an overseas assignment, we will need to find individuals and churches who are willing to partner with us in this mission. We hope you will be willing to pray for us and consider how your congregation might be able to partner with us to serve God's mission of sharing the good news of His Word with all people!

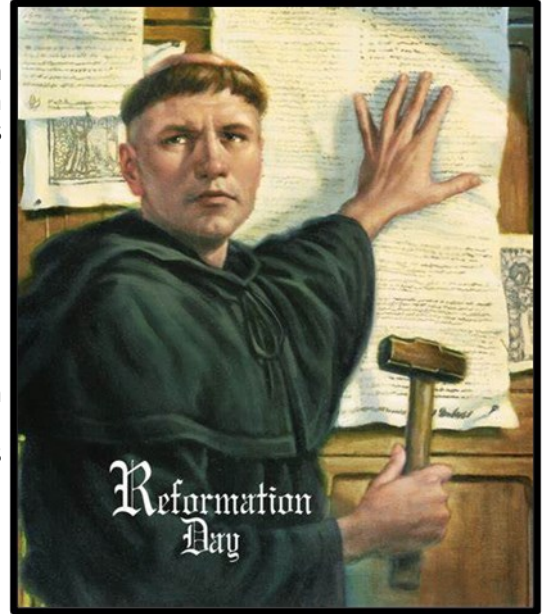
<https://lbt.org/missionary/nathan-and-sarah-federwitz>

Reformation Day: A Legacy of Faith and Renewal

Reformation Day, observed on October 31, marks the anniversary of Martin Luther's bold act of nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in 1517. This event not only sparked the Protestant Reformation but also reshaped the spiritual, cultural, and political landscapes of Europe. As we reflect on this significant day, it is essential to consider how Luther's teachings continue to inspire and challenge us in our faith journeys today.

The Call to Sola Scriptura

One of Luther's most profound contributions was his emphasis on sola Scriptura, the belief that Scripture alone is the ultimate authority in matters of faith and practice. In a time when church tradition often held equal or greater weight than the Bible, Luther's insistence on returning to the Word of God was revolutionary. Today, this principle challenges us to root our faith and decisions in the teachings of Scripture. It encourages us to study the Bible diligently, seeking to understand God's will for our lives, and to live out its truths with integrity.



Justification by Faith

Luther's teaching on justification by faith alone (*sola fide*) remains a cornerstone of Protestant theology. He rediscovered the biblical truth that salvation is a gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not something earned by human effort. This doctrine offers us deep comfort, reminding us that our relationship with God is not based on our achievements or failures but on Christ's completed work. It challenges us to live in the freedom of God's grace, rejecting the temptation to measure our worth by our performance, and instead embracing our identity as beloved children of God.

The Priesthood of All Believers

Luther's belief in the priesthood of all believers was a radical departure from the hierarchical structures of the medieval church. He argued that all Christians, not just clergy, have direct access to God and are called to serve Him in their daily lives. This teaching continues to inspire us to recognize our vocations as sacred, whether we are pastors, teachers, parents, or workers in any field. It challenges us to see our work as a form of worship and to use our unique gifts to serve others and glorify God.

Reforming the Church and Ourselves

Reformation Day also reminds us that the work of reformation is ongoing. The church is always in need of renewal, and we are called to be agents of that change. Luther's courage to challenge the status quo encourages us to examine our own lives and the practices of our communities of faith. Are we living out the gospel in ways that are true to Scripture? Are there traditions or habits that need to be reformed? Reformation Day challenges us to pursue continuous renewal in our spiritual lives, always seeking to grow closer to Christ and to reflect His love more fully in the world.

As we celebrate Reformation Day later this month, let us remember the enduring impact of Martin Luther's teachings. His call to return to Scripture, his emphasis on faith and grace, and his belief in the priesthood of all believers continue to inspire and challenge us today. May we be faithful stewards of this legacy, always seeking to reform our hearts and minds according to the Word of God, and to live out our faith with boldness and compassion in a world that is constantly in need of the gospel's transformative power.



JOIN US FOR OUR

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 6TH, FROM 2-4 PM | PARK VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Get ready for a fun-filled day at Park View Lutheran Church for our Fall Festival! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of autumn fun and community celebration.

- **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**
 - PUMPKIN PAINTING
 - TRUNK OR TREAT
 - DELICIOUS FOOD
 - FUN GAMES
 - BOUNCY HOUSE
 - FACE PAINTING
 - AND MORE!
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There's something for everyone to enjoy! It's a perfect way to celebrate the season, connect with others, and create lasting memories. Don't miss out on the festive fun!

We look forward to seeing you there!



With Love,
Park View Lutheran Church



October Birthdays

- 2 Brian Klever
Lauren Pawloski
Zaylee Thomsen
- 3 Mat Youngers
- 5 Mason Nemeth
Kristy Warm
- 6 David Amhof
- 7 Nadeen Morden
- 8 Kasey Denison
- 9 Alan Rubach
Jessica Stroupe
- 11 Henry Elmshaeuser
Kristen Lage
John Moenck
- 12 Kinsley Claeyes
Richard Grimes, Jr
Nancy Thomsen
Scott Thomsen
- 14 Shawn Gerard
Robin Green
Jason Pawloski
- 15 Koen Krambeck
Dave Kull
- 17 Zach Cameron
Victoria McKown
Jennifer Toohey
- 19 Dorothy Van Hoosier
- 20 Tony Danielsen
Sue Moenck
- 23 Waneita Watson
- 25 Kevin Petersen
- 26 Grace Pfeiler
Mason Rathe
McKinley Toohey
- 27 Leah Seifert
- 28 Cody Ashby
- 29 Jenna Davis
Ella Gerard



Anniversaries

- 7 Mat & Tara Youngers (29)
- 8 Jeff & Sue Thompson (41)
- 12 Michael & Debra Nelson (50)
- 13 Tom & Alexa Pearce (12)
- 16 Ronnie & Linda Johnston (25)
- 19 Kyle & Sami Merten (11)
Jason & Jennifer Pawloski (23)
- 20 Jim & Sue Payne (51)
- 22 Larry & Michelle Goodwin (13)
- 23 Rich & Gina Atwood (31)
- 25 Rick & Cheryl Lunardi (28)



Please keep the following members in your prayers:

For those fighting/healed of cancer: Rich Atwood, Pastor Bob Bartel, Andrew Claeyes, Mike Cornett, Gene Horn, Cheryl Kofron, Jim McKinney, Marcia McKinney, Cy Miller, Jo Miller, Chuck Moeller, Connie Morse, Judy Mumm, Don Petersen, 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 Pastor Bob Bartel, strength and healing after being diagnosed with a respiratory illness.

For Julie Wolfe, for strength and healing.

For Jo Lynn Pawloski, recovering from back surgery.

For Gene Horn, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

For Denise Weiss, recovering from a medical procedure.

For Jace Tippet, recovering from a broken ankle.

For Matt Claeyes, recovering from shoulder surgery.

For the Amhof family, for strength and healing.

For the Family of Austin Plagge, as they grieve his death.

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 Claeyes, 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, and Scott Horn as they face 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

Christmas Eve Adult Choir

Have you ever been told you have a nice singing voice?

Are you able to sing notes accurately?

Are you able to blend your voice with others?

Do you have in your heart to sing and make melody to the Lord? (Eph 5:19)



If you answer "yes" to any one of these questions, then please **contact Lynn Curlott at 563-320-4031** (and sooner rather than later, please!).

Lynn is coordinating the formation of an adult choir to perform at a Christmas eve service.

Plans are to rehearse once weekly in the evening for one hour beginning the first full week of November (excluding Thanksgiving week). Thank you!

MBS = Men's Bible Study		October 2024					WBS = Women's Bible Study
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	2 6:00pm-Confirmation 6:00pm-LYTES	3 9:30am-WBS	4	5	
6 8:00am-Worship HC 9:15am-SS/BS 10:30am-Worship 2:00pm-Fall Festival	7	8 6:30am-MBS 9:00am-Quilting	9 6:00pm-Confirmation	10 9:30am-WBS	11 Confirmation Retreat	12 Confirmation Retreat	
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October Serving Schedule

Ushers

- 6 Lee Holden, Rod Kjersten, (8:00)
Dave Amhof, Jerry Wuestenberg
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen
- 13 Tim Raleigh, Del Traub, (8:00)
Shawn Gerard, Chuck Moeller
John Schaub, Craig Tannahill (10:30)
Mark Hundley
- 20 Jeff Pearce, Wayne Ott, (8:00)
Gene Horn, Brian Klever
Andrew Claeys, Joe Claeys, (10:30)
Rich Atwood
- 27 Dan Kilen, Jerry Hartwig, (8:00)
Andrew Hartwig, John Pischke
Rob Martin, Zach Cameron (10:30)
Gayle Rasmussen

Elders

- 6 Scott Campbell/Jim Gruntorad (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill(10:30)
- 13 Kyle Rehn (8:00)
Tim Raleigh/Brian Klever (C)
(10:30)
- 20 Quintin Gerard/Scott Campbell (C)
(8:00)
Craig Tannahill (10:30)
- 27 Kyle Rehn (8:00)
Craig Tannahill/Tim Raleigh (C)
(10:30)

Acolytes

- 6 Kenneth Chumbley (8:00)
Maddox Drummond (10:30)
- 13 Mallory Grunwald (8:00)
Mason Nemeth (10:30)
- 20 Peyton Paxton (8:00)
Alliana Ray (10:30)
- 27 Oliver Mangan (8:00)
Ryker VanWetzinga (10:30)

Communion Washers

- 6 Mary Lou Engler
Julie Daniels
- 13 Sue Raleigh
Dorcas Smith
- 20 Linda Schroeder
Trish Horn
- 27 Catherine Schaub
Teri Wuestenberg

Counters

- 6 Randy Ridgeway
Tracy Carstens
- 13 Connie Youngers
Ralph/Pam Schnekloth
- 20 Jerry/Kay Hartwig
Andrew Hartwig
- 27 Susan/Paul Kalainoff
Mary Fish

Nursery

- 6 Mary Lou Kaney
- 13 Linda Schroeder
- 20 Bethany Hoft
- 27 Cheryl Lunardi