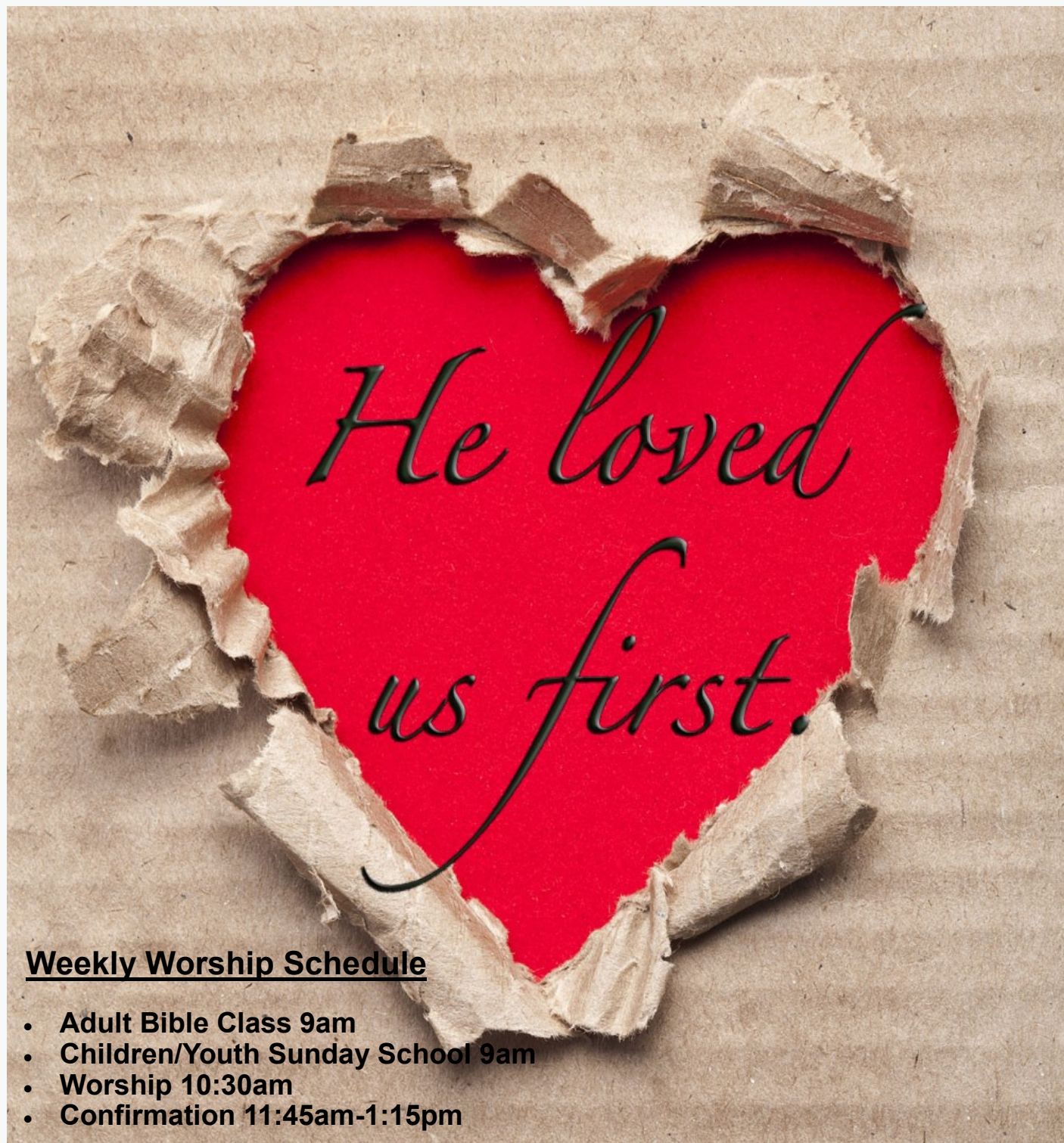




THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

February 2020 issue



Weekly Worship Schedule

- Adult Bible Class 9am
- Children/Youth Sunday School 9am
- Worship 10:30am
- Confirmation 11:45am-1:15pm



CD's of the Worship Service are available. Please stop by the AV Room and make your request.

If You Are Looking For A Church Home/Family, interested in learning more about who we are or would like to discuss any of the following, baptism, setting up a hospital or home visit, arranging a counseling session, planning a wedding, etc., please see Pastor Seth after worship. He would love to visit with you!



New Sermon Series & Adult Bible Study Topic



Sunday School

We are very excited to welcome new teachers, be in a new classroom, and learn new and amazing things about our God! Our PreK-5th grade students will gather in Gold Room in our Preschool wing, while our 6th-12th grade students join us in DCE Becca Souer's office. We look forward to seeing all of our children and families there! Contact Becca Souer for more information

9 AM Sunday Mornings
rsouer@praiselutheran.org



Confirmation

Confirmation 11:45am-1:15pm

Praise currently offers additional Christian education (Confirmation) for Youth grades 6-8 as well as for those Junior/Senior High Youth who have not been confirmed in the Christian Faith.

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Seth at:

pastorseth@praiselutheran.org



WEEKLY MINISTRIES & OUT REACH



YOUTH CORNER
(where Youth
and Christ meet)

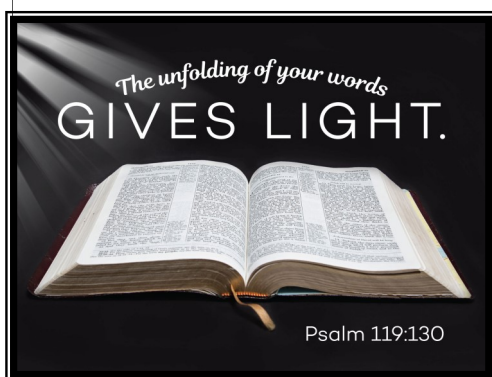


WYN - Wednesday Youth Nights
Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Grades 6-12

This has been a great opportunity to get to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ! Each Wednesday night we will continue to engage in God's Word and see how it still applies to our lives today. We will be focusing on the history within the Bible (Roman, Greek, and Hebrew) and how we see that history relating to our faith today!

As we continue to gather together, we will be looking for more opportunities to serve our church and community as a group. We will also be sharing in times of fellowship with one another and other believers in the Body of Christ. Reminder: All Praise Junior and Senior High youth are invited and are encouraged to bring friends along too!

For details - Becca at rsouer@praiselutheran.org



Women's Bible Study

Thursday's at 7:00 P.M.

Women's Bible Study will start a new topic in about 4 weeks. We will keep you posted

Anew

Hear God's Word for you through Worship Anew! Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30 minute broadcast service. Christ's love is shared through scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor's message that reveals God's grace and truth. To learn more, visit WorshipAnew.org or call 888-286-8002.



EVENTS COMING UP!

Mad Ants Faith & Family Night featuring Newsboys United and Mandisa

Sunday, March 8TH



**Mad Ants Faith & Family
Night featuring Newsboys
United and Mandisa
Sunday, March 8TH**

- 5pm - Mad Ants Vs. Grand Rapids Drive
- 7pm - Newsboys United w/Special Guest Mandisa



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Praise Lutheran has received a group price for tickets of \$15 each. Seats are limited and deadline for sign up is February 19th, 2020.

So, please see sign up sheet in the fellowship

area ASAP. Any questions contact Pastor

Seth by phone or email pastorseth@praiselutheran.org or the church office

260-490-7729



Youth:

February Service Project

February 15th, in the afternoon, our youth students will be serving our church by painting classrooms in Little Praisers. Parents and other experienced painters are welcome to join us as we work to paint two classrooms!

Community Clubhouse

**Meeting on
Feb. 4th & 18th**

@ 11am!

Please join us for lunch, cards and games. Community Clubhouse meets at SunRise Café (10230 Coldwater Road) at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there! For more information you can visit our website at www.praiselutheran.org or contact Becky Stiefel at (260) 416-9197.



Gratitude Page



Cincinnati Quake was a wonderful experience this year with our six youth and three chaperones! We had opportunities to engage in worship with students from several different states, attend workshops that challenged our way of thinking and helped us grow, and enjoy getting to know one another better within our own group. We are excited to be home and to continue our faith journey here!

Thanks to everyone who helped take the Christmas Décor down

Thank you to all who decorated Praise & Made it so warm and beautiful this Season. And Another thank you for tearing it down and organizing it so it will be nice and easy next season.



KITCHEN UPDATE

Nearly There!!

Thanks so much to Dan Logan, Terry Huston, & Dr. Gumbert, who have been hard at work putting our kitchen back together. Also, Mary Voorhees, Rhonda Rasdorf, and Maryanne Logan for making it sparkle like new! Thank you to others in the congregation who have pitched in as well. We thank you all for your time, energy, and resources. The church runs on God's servants doing The Lord's work. God Bless.



Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26, 7pm

With Holy Communion

And Imposition of Ashes



Wednesday, Feb. 26th 7pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 4 6pm Dinner (Sponsored by Youth) 7pm Worship

Wednesday, March 11 6pm Dinner (Sponsored by Childcare Board.) and 7pm Worship

Wednesday, March 18 6pm Dinner (Sponsored by Women's Bible Study) and 7pm Worship

Wednesday, March 25 6pm Dinner (Sponsored by Worship) and 7pm Worship

Wednesday, April 1 6pm Dinner (Sponsored by STILL AVAILABLE) and 7pm Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 9 7pm Worship with Communion

no dinner

Good Friday, April 10 7pm Worship – no dinner,
no Communion

April 12, Easter Sunday with Communion

Easter Breakfast before worship



VOLUNTEER

- **Ushers Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies and confirmed youth)
- **Greeters Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies, and confirmed youth)

Sign up sheets for Ushers & greeters in the Fellowship area or contact Annie Koenig to be included and niedaviskoenig@gmail.com

- **Counting Ministry** (gentlemen and ladies, 25 years and older)

See Trish Niebuhr - finance@praiselutheran.org

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)

Opportunities to Serve Alongside Praise/Little Praiser Leadership

Among the wonderful opportunities to serve within Praise/Little Praiser Ministries are those connected with Leadership, particularly Church Council, Spiritual Care, and the Childcare Board. The following positions and boards/groups are currently open:

- **President-Elect**
- **Fellowship**
- **Community Engagement/Outreach**
- **Childcare Board**
- **Property Ministries/Trustees**
- **Praise Team (Vocalist/ Instrumentalist/ Keyboard)**
- **Audio-Video**
- **Treasurer**
- **Spiritual Care Committee**

For questions regarding the responsibilities and duties of these positions please revisit Praise's Constitution and By-laws (available upon request). Please take some time to pray about and consider the ministry opportunities mentioned above. If you feel you or someone you know may be Biblically qualified and Holy Spirit-led to serve in a position, please pass this information along to Praise's Administrative Assistant, Randi Gross (office@praiselutheran.org) for the leadership's awareness and communication purposes, or contact Council President, Dave Hess, or a member of Spiritual Care for information.



..by..

Roxanne Gerardot

Little Praisers Director

lpdirector@littlepraisers.org

Last month was a busy one here at Little Praisers. Lutheran Schools Week 2020 was a success! The children and staff enjoyed celebrating with Spirit Week at the daycare. As always, please keep us in prayer for good health and more staff.

We have many spots open in our part time Pre-K program:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:45am-11:45am

Tuesday/Thursday 8:45am-11:45am.

260-490-9529



Congregational Communications

If anyone has information for the bulletin or the Pulse, please make sure the information is sent to office@praiselutheran.org, or call the office at 260-490-7729.

Pulse items due by the 15th of each month

Weekly bulletin items due by Monday

(Thanks in advance for your cooperation.)

Sanctuary Availability for Prayer

In an effort to support those seeking to use the Sanctuary space throughout the week for prayer and devotional time, the following schedule of availability has been created with the help of Little Praisers (during the current season):

(Times of Availability)

Monday	7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Tuesday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Wednesday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Thursday	7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Friday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm

Please contact the church office with any questions you might have (260-490-7729) and to discuss access options.

Check out the church web site:

praiselutheran.org

You will find the church's calendar, a chart for those helping on Sunday mornings, sermons, the Pulse, weekly announcements/meetings, information about Little Praisers, so much more.



Contact Rhonda Rasdorf, our webmaster for more information

ALSO* Be sure to**
Check out & Like our Facebook
page

Many gift cards are available.



Call Mary Voorhees or email scrip@praiselutheran.org for questions or concerns.



If you or someone you know would appreciate a time of prayer and scripture before/after a procedure or test, please contact Pastor Seth. He would be happy to visit with you at the hospital or office.

email:

pastorseth@praiselutheran.org

or phone: 260-490-7729

Finance Secretary Update

The chart below shows our 2019 budget and progress to date as well as the performance for prior years. The dotted line represents our 2019 budgeted forecast. January data reflects contributions received through 1/20/19.

Praise Lutheran Church
Worship is a Lifestyle, Not a Sunday Event!

Online Donation

Return to our Home Page

Donations
If you've already created a profile, please "Log In" on the right, otherwise continue.

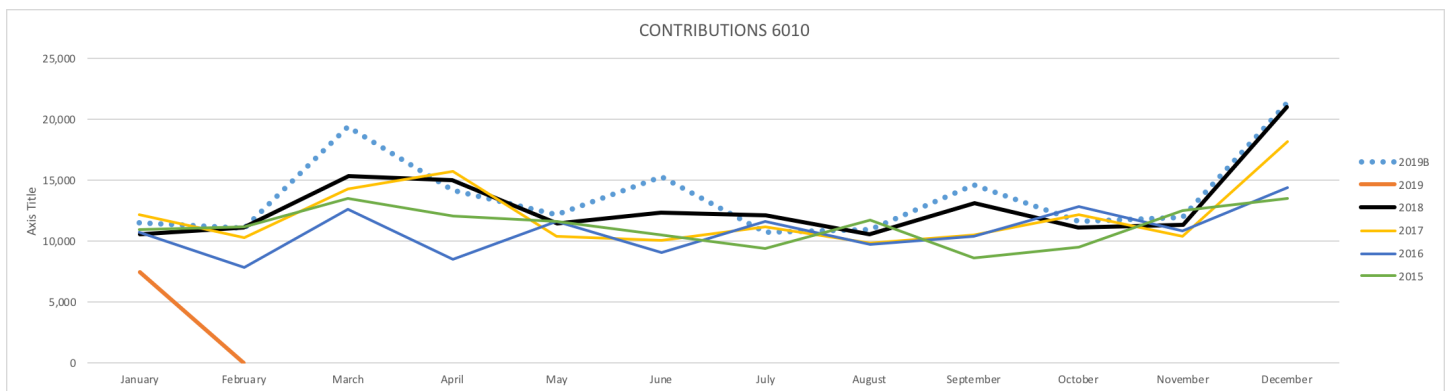
Church-6010: 0.00
Fellowship-6020: 0.00
Flowers-6040: 0.00
Total: \$0.00

Donation Frequency: Choose One (About recurring donations)
Donation Start Date: 11/02/18 mm/dd/yy
Donation End Date: (optional) mm/dd/yy

Continue

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Email Address:
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Forgot your Email Address or Password?

Create Your Online Profile
Create Profile



2019 Contribution Statements not picked up from the mailboxes were mailed week of January 20th. If there are any concerns, please contact finance@praiselutheran.org.

2020 Weekly Offering envelopes have been put in your mailboxes, if you did not receive a box, please contact Tricia Niebuhr 260.429.8079 or email finance@praiselutheran.org.

On-line Giving: Using on-line giving can benefit Praise as well as make giving easier for you. As you can see above, our church contributions fluctuate throughout the year which can create a challenge for our operations.

One way to reduce the “highs and lows” is to use on-line giving and set up automatic donations. This is perfect for those who:

- Travel extensively or work on Sundays
- Winter snowbird or summer lake home lifestyle
- Pay bills on-line normally



THRIVENT®
Be Wise With Money™

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may also have Choice Dollars available for donation. February is a great month to log in and donate your 2018-accrued Choice Dollars to Praise Lutheran Church! Based on the

Thrivent Choice FAQ, a member can only designate whether it is given to either our church or Little Praisers' organization (not to a specific project). Choice Dollars are a "use or lose" benefit with Thrivent and if the 2018 Choice Dollars are not donated by March 31, 2019, they will go back into Thrivent's account. So, don't lose out on this free benefit from Thrivent. Cindy Hoffman, Thrivent Rep, will host a lunch for the Praise members on January 20th following our service and you can learn more about the benefits of Thrivent (investment, insurance, Action Grants, Choice Dollars, etc.) at that time.

Thrivent Action Grants: If you have a policy or investment with Thrivent, there is a good chance you also are eligible to obtain up to two \$250 action grants per calendar year! This is "free" money available to help with a wide variety of projects Praise ministries undertake. They take about 10 minutes to complete on line and within a few days, if approved, a \$250 Visa card will be sent to help fund worthwhile projects. Every event, every dinner, every fundraiser, every ministry activity should be submitting grant requests. Below is a form that shows the information needed.

The Lutheran Foundation Scholarships: Do you know any students who plan to, or are, in a nursing or a healthcare program in Fort Wayne? They may be eligible for a scholarship from The Lutheran Foundation. To find out more information, visit www.thelutheranfoundation.org

<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/resources/faqs/scholarships-faqs-health-community/>

<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/impact/health-scholarships/>

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CENTER	
Complete this form if you have a project that you feel would qualify for a Thrivent Action Grant \$250.	
Requester Name:	Request Date:
Requester email:	Requester Telephone #:
Project Name:	Project Event Date:
Summarize your project (2-3 sentences):	
How would you describe this project to others?	
What will you do?	
What impact will this project have?	
How will your volunteer team be involved?	
Summarize your project (2-3 sentences):	
How will you use the seed money to kick-start your project?	
Appropriate uses:	
Ingredients to prepare and serve a meal to the needy	
Create or print flyers or other project promotions	
Educational brochures or handouts	
Project supplies	
Inappropriate uses:	
Directly giving seed money to the cause	
Purchase of items without a team activity	
Gift cards	
Social gatherings without service to others	
Are you a Thrivent Member?	YES / NO
Have you submitted a Thrivent Action Grant before?	YES / NO
Submit this form to Michele Prachar, mlprachar@hotmail.com or Tricia Niebuhr, finance@praiselutheran.org	

Our Prayer Chain will gladly offer prayers for you or a loved one who is suffering a crisis in their life.

Requests should be directed to:

Lois Gumbert at 637-3010
or loisigumbert@gmail.com

"Keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 TLB

February Birthday's



- 2 Steve Shoup
- 3 Karen Hart
- 6 Barbara Rasdorf
- 9 Marianne Krueger
- 11 Evan Korte
- 11 Andrea O'Day
- 13 Linda Arven
- 14 Jennifer Anderson
- 16 Mitchell Foster
- 16 Breaten McCrea
- 17 Shayna Anderson
- 18 Jeanenne Gallmeyer
- 18 Penny Gumbert
- 19 Elain Battenberg
- 19 Bob Zigler
- 22 Susie Dykhuizen
- 22 Debbie Stabler
- 22 Hilda Stoppenhagen
- 26 Bob Trimble
- 27 Diana Wallace

Happy Valentines Day



ARE YOU A HANDY HELPER?

Property
Ministry



A big thank you to all those who have devoted their time to repair and correct things at Praise.

If you have a skill that you are willing to share with property, please contact

the Church Office
260-490-9529




- 4 Robin & Richard Cooper
- 6 Bob & Deb Kennedy
- 18 John & Susie Dykhuizen
- 23 Richard & Marilyn Renbarger



February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FAITH FITNESS & FELLOWSHIP
2 9am-Adult Bible Class 9am- Sunday School 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30-Worship 11:45-Confirmation	3	4 11am- Community Clubhouse	5 10am-Chapel 6:30pm- WYN	6 7pm-Womens Bible Study Resumes	7	8
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1115 West Dupont Road
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Praising God in vibrant Worship
Reaching out with Christ-centered witness
Anchored in God's Word and Sacraments
Interceding for others
Stewards of God's varied gifts for the
building up of His Kingdom
Equipping the saints for works of service



PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

"Praise Lutheran Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a joyous body of Christ-followers, united by God's grace to P.R.A.I.S.E. Him; equipped to passionately serve and witness."

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Daycare Phone: (260) 490-9529

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Lois Gumbert, Prayer Chain
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00am Worship Team Practice

**Children/Youth Sunday
School**

Adult Bible Class

**10:00am Fellowship Time
(Fellowship Area)**

10:30am Worship

**11:45am Confirmation
(Conference Room)**

