



# THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

**January 2020 issue**

• NEW YEAR •

# PURPOSE

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*GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE*

# Introductions

## Meet our new Members:

Brought to you by Sandy Wright

Our New Member's Pictured from Left to Right –

**Front-** Bruce Zenner, Diana Wallace, Nona (Noni")

Zenner, Steve Pierzchala, Darla Pierzchala

**Back–** Pastor Seth Korte, Andy Carr, Cathy Carr,

Maggie Carr, Adam Carr, Madelyn Carr, Connor Carr



September 2019 class

Steve and Darla Pierzchala

Steve was born in South Bend, Indiana on October 5, 1957 and he was raised in Niles, Michigan. He loves reading and doing hospitality things for others. He is employed with SCAN (stop child abuse and neglect).

Darla was born on March 8, 1951 in Union City, Michigan, where she was also raised. She attended Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Michigan where she majored in Commercial Art. Her hobbies are art work (painting and drawing), gardening and baking. This past summer she worked for Little Praisers. She is employed with Huntertown Elementary School.

Steve and Darla were married in South Bend, Indiana on October 18, 1997. They have a son in Fort Wayne and a daughter in Petoskey, Michigan. They also have nine grandchildren.

Steve and Darla enjoy the friendliness at Praise and the many things there are to get involved in.

***Interested in becoming a member of Praise please contact Pastor Seth and he will guide you on the steps to welcome you to our church family***

## Sunday Morning at Praise

### Sunday Morning Sermon Series: "Ready or Not"



*Anticipation.* This time of year is filled with anticipation, isn't it? We anticipate spending time with those we love. We anticipate gatherings filled with laughter, peace, and refreshment. More, we anticipate our Lord's Promised Return! Holy Scriptures (from Old Testament to New Testament) challenge Christians everywhere to live with anticipation for the Coming Messiah. The question now is this: will Jesus' Church be ready for His Return? Will you?

### Adult Bible Study Sunday's @ 9am in the Conference Rm



## 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will gather in Gold Room in our Preschool wing, while our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorseth@praiselutheran.org)**





## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & OUT REACH

**YOUTH CORNER**  
(where Youth  
and Christ meet)

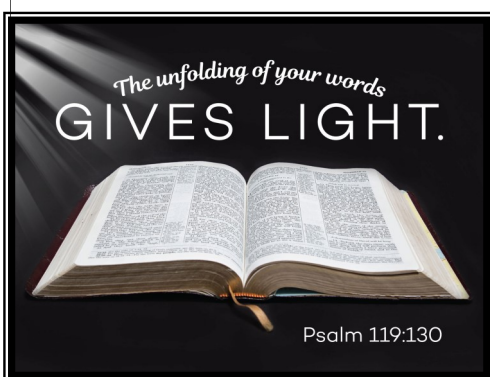
*WYN - Wednesday Youth Nights*  
*Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm*  
*Grades 6-12*



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](mailto:rsouer@praiselutheran.org)



## **Women's Bible Study**

**Thursday's at 7:00 P.M.**

Women's Bible Study will start back up after summer break. We meet in the conference room, which is to the right after coming through the main doors.

## **Worship 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](http://WorshipAnew.org) or call 888-286-8002.

## **EVENTS COMING UP THIS MONTH!**



Please keep the youth, & the group attending the Quake in your prayers for a safe and productive trip.

We are looking forward to our Youth Conference in Cincinnati, January 10-12<sup>th</sup>

## **State of the Congregation Report**

### **VOTER'S MEETING**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Immediately after Service**

### **Christmas Decoration**

### **Tear Down & Clean-up**

**January 11th @ 9am**

Thank you to all who decorated Praise & Made it so warm and beautiful this Season.

As we tear down, please make sure we are diligent about organizing the décor & labeling it all well, so, next years process of decorating will be smooth and problem free. Or as close to problem free as possible:)

## **Community Clubhouse**

**Meeting on  
Jan. 7th & 21st**

**@ 11am!**

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



## **NEWS & UPDATES**



We say good bye & blessing to Miss Crystal , our Head Cook. Crystal has been with Praise since 2002, we thank her for her years of service, hard work & dedication. We pray her new endeavor is a wonderful one! Praying and wishing her nothing but the best for the future! We will miss you, Crystal. God Bless!

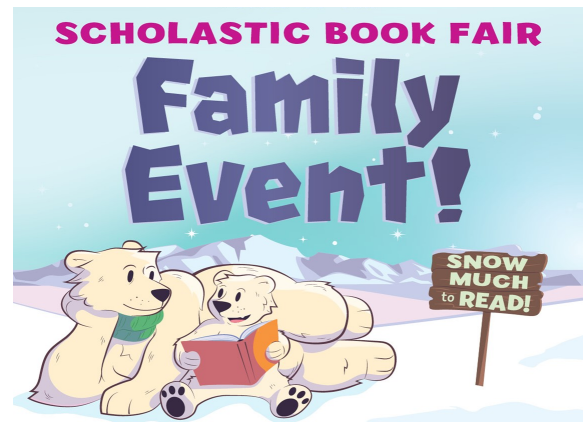
### **KITCHEN UPDATE**

Thanks so much to Dan Logan & Terry Huston, who have been hard at work on our kitchen. We are in the process of getting/need the lower cabinet frame boxes built, and then it will just be a matter of installing everything, which is not an extensive undergoing.

Please contact Dan or Terry if you can contribute to the building of the cabinet frame box.

That is the main thing we are waiting on and if someone in the church feels called to help in this area we all would be very glad for it.

Thanks so much to Dan & Terry again for donating their time, energy and resources. The church runs on God's servants doing The Lord's work. God Bless.



**The 2019 Little Praisers Book Fair ended on a high note!**

**We sold \$1,625 worth of books and that earned Little Praisers \$608 worth of books for our classrooms!**



# 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 [anniedavis-koenig@gmail.com](mailto:anniedavis-koenig@gmail.com)

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

See Trish Niebuhr - [finance@praiselutheran.org](mailto: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**
- **Audio-Video**
- **Treasurer (as of January 1, 2020)**
- **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](mailto: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.



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*Roxanne Gerardot*

*Little Praisers Director*

*lpdirector@littlepraisers.org*

***"This last month has been a busy one here at Little Praisers!"***

This month is shaping up to be quite a busy one! We have had many new employees begin their journey here with us at Praisers over the last month, we are very excited to have them here with us! We have National Lutheran Schools Week coming up from January 27-January 31. We will be having theme days that week, so if you stop by be sure to peek in the rooms to see the kids all dressed up! Please continue to pray for our center as we embark on this new year that we are sure will be full of new adventures!

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](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org), or call the office at 260-490-7729.

**Pulse items due by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

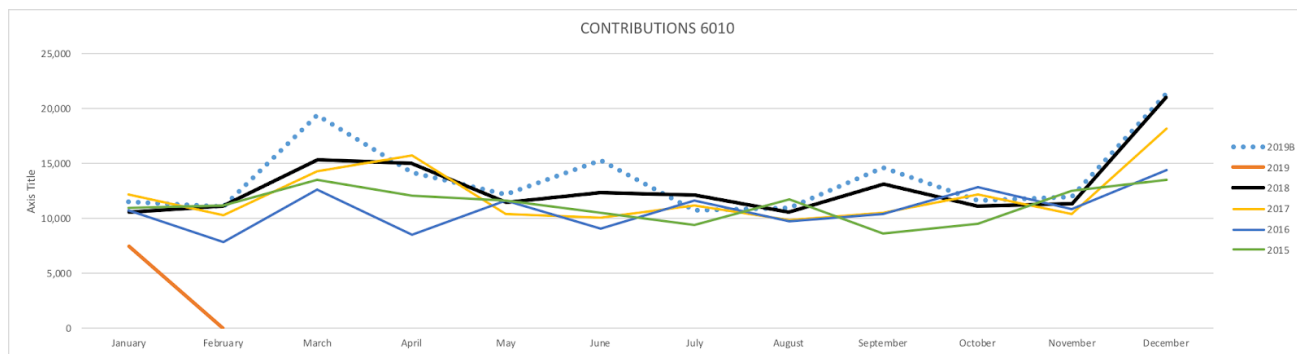
email:

[pastorseth@praiselutheran.org](mailto: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.



**2018 Contribution Statements** not picked up from the mailboxes were mailed week of January 20<sup>th</sup>. If there are any concerns, please contact [finance@praiselutheran.org](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org).

**2019 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](mailto: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 opera-

tions.

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
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The link to this tool is on our website <http://www.praiselutheran.org> along with a link to a complete step-by-step guide. Setting up your account is quick and easy!

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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?	
<b>Appropriate uses:</b>	
Ingredients to prepare and serve a meal to the needy	
Create or print flyers or other project promotions	
Educational brochures or handouts	
Project supplies	
<b>Inappropriate uses:</b>	
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, mprachar@hotmail.com or Tricia Niebuhr, finance@praiselutheran.org	

**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](http://www.thelutheranfoundation.org)

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

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

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 loisgumbert@gmail.com

"Keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 TLB



## ARE YOU A HANDY HELPER?

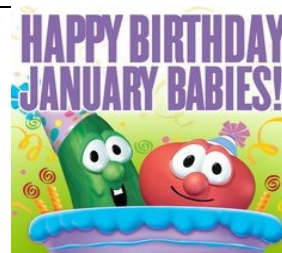
**Property  
Ministry**



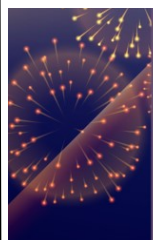
A big thank you to all those who have devoted their time to repair and correct things at Praise.

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

the Church Office  
260-490-9529



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| 3  | Craig Beaverson   |
| 7  | Diane Kolch       |
| 8  | Dan Stewart       |
| 9  | Andy Carr         |
| 9  | Hugh Gumbert      |
| 17 | Charlotte Gumbert |
| 19 | Greg Calkins      |
| 21 | Mae Koenig        |
| 23 | Mary Voorhees     |
| 25 | John Dykhuizen    |
| 25 | Thomas Foster     |
| 26 | Zachary Ng        |
| 27 | Tyson Bennett     |
| 28 | Miles Scherer     |



## January Anniversaries



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| 6 | Denny & Karen Hart |
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# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9am-Adult Bible Class 9am-Sunday School 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30-Worship 11:45-Confirmation	30 NEW YEARS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	31 NEW YEARS EVE OFFICE CLOSED	1 NEW YEARS DAY 2020!!! OFFICE CLOSED	2 7pm-Womens Bible Study Resumes	3 2:30 pm QUAKE-- CINCINNATI, OH	4 FAITH FITNESS & FELLOWSHIP
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## THE PRAISE PULSE

Praise Lutheran Church  
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**P**raising God in vibrant Worship  
**R**eaching out with Christ-centered witness  
**A**nchored in God's Word and Sacraments  
**I**nterceding for others  
**S**tewards of God's varied gifts for the  
building up of His Kingdom  
**E**quipping 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."

## PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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)**

