

# THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

July 2019

# Confirmation Sunday May 26, 2019



Congratulations to: Hope Elizabeth Delagrange and Rachel Patrice Musgrave



#### Meet Our New Confirmands ......



## Hope Delagrange

Hope Delagrange is the daughter of Mitch and Mindy Delagrange. She was born in Fort Wayne on June 30, 2004. She will be in 9th grade at Carroll High School. She enjoys playing music and soccer. Her favorite part of confirmation class was talking to the people.

Rachel Musgrave is the daughter **Rachel Musgrave** of John and Heidi Musgrave. She was born May 7, 2005 in Fort Wayne. She will attend Homestead High School as a 9th grader. Biking, swimming and dancing are enjoyable for her. At Woodside Middle School, she volunteered to help with school registration. Discussing everything was her favorite part of confirmation classes.



Praise rejoices in welcoming Hope and Rachel into membership. May they feel blessed each day that they step into the sanctuary.





#### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class 9am—Conference Room

-on summer break-



Praise currently offers additional Christian education (Confirmation) for Youth grades 7-8 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

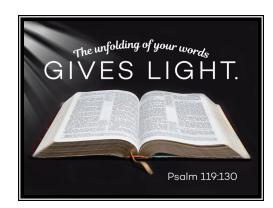
\*\*Confirmation Class is on summer break\*\*

## Sunday Schoo/



#### \*\*Sunday School is on summer break\*\*

Our Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers welcome children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade. They meet on Sundays from 9-10am. Volunteers to help teach/lead may sign up on near the restrooms.



## Nomen's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7pm

Women's Bible Study meets in the conference room at Praise. All women (and their friends or relatives) are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Wright with questions or concerns.

#### \*\*Bible Study is on summer break\*\*



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

#### 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 or call 888-286-8002.



#### 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)

7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm 7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm 7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm 7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm 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.



the trail.

Join along with your friends for a pleasant walk along the trail!

Community Clubhouse

#### Meeting on July 2 and July 16 August 6 and 20

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 <u>www.praiselutheran.org</u> or contact Becky Stiefel at (260) 416-9197.



#### YOUTH BOARD

**Prayerful Consideration Requested:** It is likely that in a little over a year I (Becca Souer) will be following Eric to wherever he will be serving as a vicar. In preparation for that, we would like to revitalize a youth board at Praise to continue serving our youth, planning events, and preparing them for a life of faith and service. We are looking to have our first youth board meeting by the end of the summer (2019) to have time to walk together and learn how best to serve with one another before my absence. Ideally, we are looking for youth, parents, and congregation members to be represented on the board. Together we will continue to strengthen our youth in the name of the Lord and provide a welcoming and safe space for our Youth to grow.

<u>Please take time to consider how you might be involved</u> with this new opportunity. Thank you.

## **Social Media**

#### An Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!

Praise is looking for individuals interested in being a part of the Social Media Ministry As Praise continues to grow, we are always looking to improve the way we are connecting with our community. A recent study shows that there are over 3 billion people globally who use social media. That's a big community! For more information, please reach out to Josh Gumbert

We hope to hear from you!





To all our volunteers who have helped with our many events!



#### Cross Connections Christian Counseling

"In order to provide Biblical counseling to as many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ as possible, Cross Connections, Inc. will be working with some insurance providers starting April 1, 2019. We are excited to be able to offer this service to our growing clientele and we pray this change lets the power of the Gospel impact even more people through the Biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections. Please feel free to contact us at 260-373-0213 to inquire about the insurance carriers we are paneled with. "

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#### "An 8-Second Decision"

Submitted by:

**Dick Bultemeyer** 

A new person (and some long-time attenders, too) makes a decision about our church in just 8 seconds. You have just 8 seconds to make a good first impression. The first 8 seconds is the appearance of the parking lot, lawn, front doors – everything outside is "judged" in just 8 seconds. There is another 8 seconds just inside the front doors – smells, greeters, welcoming feel – all determined in just 8 seconds. Another 8 seconds as the new attender enters the sanctuary – temperature, help in finding a seat, greeted by people sitting around them. We could also mention the first 8 seconds when a new family enters the nursery, children's department, or the teen enters the teen room or even the first 8 seconds in the bathrooms. We all make decision in just 8 seconds.

The bottom line is this – <u>if the new attender has just three 8-second negative first</u> <u>impressions</u>, it will make no difference how good the music is or how good the message, they will probably not make Praise their home church. <u>The three 8-second</u> <u>negative impressions</u> can be neutralized, if the people sitting around them in the sanctuary, greet them in just 30 seconds after the service is over. Often times, after the service, regular attenders go toward the people they already know and not toward the new people.

Notice, <u>we mention the greeting after the service</u>, only neutralizes the <u>three nega-</u> <u>tive 8-second experiences</u>. It does not turn the negatives into a positive. But, the new attender will possibly attend again to see if he next time there are more positives than negatives.

All of that is to say – <u>"thank you"</u> for greeting everyone you do not know. <u>Your smile,</u> <u>greeting, and welcome could change someone's eternity in just 8 seconds.</u>



# MOD SQUAD

We have started a small team of people who enjoy time visiting with each other every month while doing simple, but important tasks. Michele will provide some snacks, water and coffee. Transportation can also be provided, if needed.

Please consider this opportunity to make new friends and have some fellowship while helping the church. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. Feel free to contact me with any guestions or concerns.

Have a blessed day.

Michele Prachar Stewardship Ministry

260-418-3634 mlprachar@hotmail.com



# Screen on the Green

**Outdoor Community Fun** 

**Coming Soon!** 



for details!

www.praiselutheran.org

#### Do you enjoy reading to children?



Our Child Care Ministry is looking for volunteers to read to children in our classrooms. One day a week, each volunteer would read in one or two classrooms. The time commitment would be less than an hour. We are looking at Thursdays but other arrangements could be made.

Contact Michele Prachar at 260-419-3634 if you are interested.

# Helping those in Need

The Transportation Ministry has been approved by our Church Council and is accepting volunteers for its ministry. There is an interview process for such a position using an application form submitted by our insurance company to guide the interview. The reason for the interview is to make certain that we at Praise dot all of the i's and cross all of the t 's for the persons wishing to be a part of this special ministry and to make certain that all of the proper avenues are covered to prevent any logistical snafus for the volunteer and the person(s) being transported. There is a clipboard attached at the back of our Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for such an interview. We thank you in advance for volunteering your services.

Questions:

email: Dick Bultemeyer, Spiritual Care Chairman, bultemeyer505@msn.com



#### A Great Opportunity at Praise Lutheran Church

#### Volunteer Opportunities Exists

#### Volunteers are needed in Praise's "Greeters' Ministry"

Starting in July, 2019, Praise will be utilizing volunteers in its <u>"Greeters' Ministry' which is open to men, ladies, and youth (who have been confirmed).</u> This changes the responsibility from Spiritual Care to Greeters' Ministry beginning the first Sunday in July. Jim Skurzewski has been scheduling greeters until this time.
We will need someone to schedule the greeters. Any volunteers?

#### Volunteers are needed in Praise's "Ushers' Ministry"

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We will need someone to schedule the ushers. Any volunteers?

#### Volunteers are needed in Praise's "Counting Ministry"

Starting in July, 2019, we will need volunteers for Praise's <u>"Counting Ministry"</u> which is under the auspices of Trish Niebuhr who, incidentally, is in Kansas for three weeks out of every four weeks at the present time. <u>Volunteers should be ladies and gentlemen who are 25 years of</u> <u>age and older</u>. Volunteers can contact Trish at 260-446-8079 (cell) or <u>tniebuhr426@gmail.com</u>.

#### Volunteers are needed in Praise's "Spiritual Care Ministry"

Starting immediately Praise is in need of Spiritual Care ministers. There is a report of expectations for the volunteers so that they will know what is expected of them. <u>All Spiritual Care volunteers are required to meet with Pastor Korte who will clearly communicate the requirements that are expected of them according to those enumerated in the sixth chapter of the Book of Acts.</u> As always, God's Holy Spirit will lead these volunteers to meet with Pastor Korte as a prerequisite for this special ministry. Praise will be greatly blessed with these new volunteers. Volunteers can reach Pastor Korte at 260-490-7729. Ext. 303, or pastorseth@praiselutheran.org.



#### Finance Secretary ... Trish Niebuhr

#### Grants

- \*Outreach, Submitted \$8,900, Awarded \$4,000 w/exclusions
  - Approved to fund 50% of the total cost of each line item excluding funding for food, bever ages, catering, rentals, mosquito repellent and transportation.
- \* Audio Visual, Phase 1, Submitted \$10,000, Pending Award 9/1/19
- \*Stained Glass, Submitted \$ ?, Pending Award 9/1/19

**<u>Fellowship Fund</u>** – This is a free will offering collected during our coffee and donut meet and greet held each Sunday from 10-10:25 a.m. This fund helps to offset the cost of coffee, creamers, sugars, donuts, paper products, etc.

**Flower Donations Being Accepted** – Our altar flowers are purchased each week from Armstrong Flowers and the expense is sometimes offset through donations from our congregation. If you (or someone close to you) have a special event and you would like to recognize this special day during our weekly service, please consider donating \$16 towards our flower fund. There is a clipboard/sign up sheet located in the back of Fellowship Hall to note the specifics as well as envelopes you can put your check or cash in and put it with your offering. After the service, please take your flowers home with you and enjoy their beauty with your loved one.

Contribution deficit increased from \$2,437 in April to \$2,725 short of YTD budget forecast. Fellowship deficit increased from \$40 in April to \$112 short of YTD budget forecast. Flowers deficit raised from \$64 in April to \$147 short of YTD budget forecast.

**<u>On-line Giving</u>**: 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

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

Questions? finance@praiselutheran.org



#### **Counting Ministry**

We have instituted a new ministry, the Counting Ministry. These folks are in teams of two and thy will be counting the weekly offerings right after our church service. If you have offering envelopes, please use them as that reduces the documentation time involved in the counting effort. Thank you to all who have agreed to participate in this new ministry.

Contact Trish Niebuhr, our Financial Secretary: email: finance@praiselutheran.org

#### The Praise Pulse Page 12 ShopWithScrip\* Many gift cards are available. Call Michele Prachar (260) 418-3634 or Tricia Niebuhr (260) 446-8079 or email scrip@praiselutheran.org for questions or concerns. Praise Team (Rehearsal Times) If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instru-Orders placed by: ment with the Praise Team, regularly or occasionally, \* Monday, July 1 here by please contact Joyce Ehlerding by email Friday, July 5 music@praiselutheran.org or (260) 637-6314. \* Monday, July 15 here by The Praise Team rehearses prior to Worship from Friday, July 19 9-10am on Sunday mornings. There is also an extra rehearsal the second Sunday of each month after worship. (July 14)

#### Martial Arts/Karate Classes



Enjoy faith, fun, and fitness through Christian martial arts classes for those in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through adult. The class meets twice a week. Sundays are at Praise and Tuesdays at Christ's Church on Maplecrest. Classes both days are from 6:00-7:30pm (doors are open from 5:30 to 8pm). Although tuition is \$45.00 per month, there is financial aid available through this non-profit ministry. Classes are month to month with no contracts that obligate participants for a long period of time. Daniel Swinehart is the lead instructor and holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt in Issho-Ryu Karate. To schedule an appointment or to find out more, contact Pastor J. Brown at 260-460-7725 or <u>RevJB@Fortress-Ministries.org</u>

USA Martial Arts operates under the umbrella of Fortress Ministries, a 501(c)3 organization that exists to promote Biblical teachings through a holistic mind, body, and spiritual approach to Christian ministry. Fortress Ministries is the same organization that hosts Lamp Lighters Hockey Ministry. Board of Director members are: President, Reverend J. Brown; Vice President, Jason Hufford; Treasurer, Bill Stiles; Secretary, Stephanie Ahlborn; Member at Large, Lola Weaver. Explore our ministries at <u>www.Fortress-Ministries.org</u> or <u>www.UsaMartialArts.org</u>

#### 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.

#### **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.

- \* www.thrivent.com
- \* My Thrivent Tag
- \* Apply for a Thrivent Action Team

Please fill out the attached form for any grants your ministry needs. If you want to submit the grant, or can find someone to do it, that's fabulous. Trish Niebuhr keeps track of them, so just shoot her an email if you submit a grant.

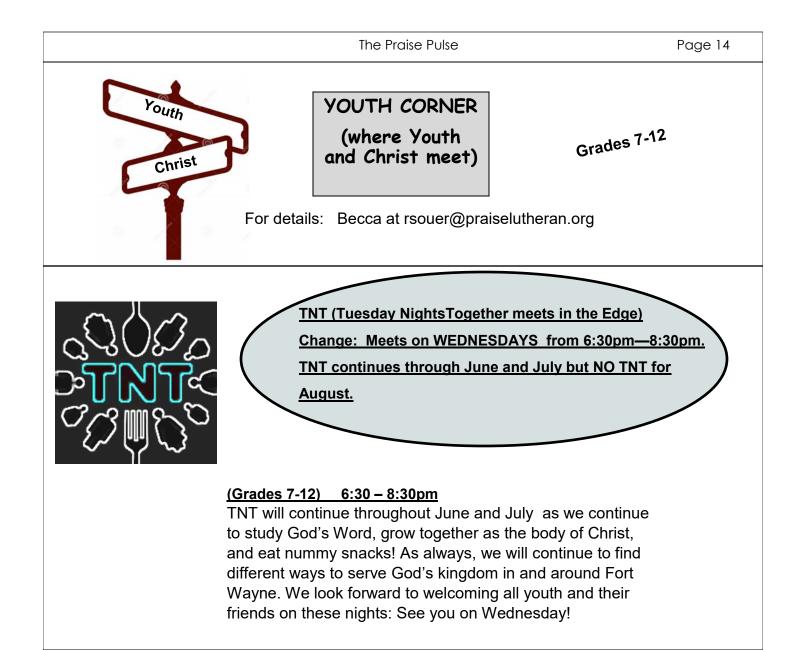
Grants MUST be submitted at least 17 days in advance. It takes time to find someone to do the grant and then get the information to them. If I am going to find someone to submit the grant, I REALLY need 3 weeks (21 days) <u>at minimum</u>.

Michele Prachar: mlprachar@hotmail.com

We praise God for these financial gifts that are being made available to us through our friends at Thrivent! It is a blessing to be able to use Action Team Grants for our events!

Questions? Trish: finance@praiselutheran.org Michele: mlprachar@hotmail.com

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#### YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT



July 18th, 2pm- July 20th, 12pm

This retreat will be a great opportunity for us to pull away from the business of everyday life and focus on God's word in our lives. As we look at what He tell us in Matthew 11:28 and Galatians 5:13-14, we will be learning to place that Word into action as we go out and serve around our community. As a team we will also be planning and leading the Community Service Day as the end to this intensive service experience. Youth and Parents, please keep an eye out for more information on this event and planning times for it.

#### Youth (continued)



#### July Service Retreat

**SAVE THE DATES!!!** July 18-20<sup>th</sup> the youth will be joining together for a retreat focused on our response to God's great gifts through service in His Kingdom. Throughout this retreat we will be actively serving while also joining together in studies on Scripture and preparing to lead a community service day hosted at/by Praise Lutheran on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Community Service Day for All – Saturday, July 20

The youth of Praise Lutheran Church will be hosting a Community Service Day on Saturday, July 20th, 8:30am-12pm. There will be an opportunity for different service teams to go out into our community and serve in various capacities. Members of Praise, the community, and Little Praisers are encouraged to join our youth as we learn about our Freedom in Christ to Serve and live out that freedom in the surrounding area. We will see you bright and early on July 20th! Becca: rsouer@praiselutheran.org

#### Please register your participation in the Fellowship Hall or online at praiselutheran.org

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## **Staffing Updates at Praise**

We are currently in the process of hiring for the part-time positions of:

> Administrative Assistant and Business Manager

Pastor Seth and Council Officers are currently vetting candidates and will provide updates as they come.



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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month Weekly bulletin items due by Monday

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

#### Installation of Officers, Ministry Chairs, and Spiritual Care Committee Members Sunday, June 23, 2019

	Current <u>Ministry Leade</u>	<u>rs</u>	Voter's Meeting Election Results
	President	Jim Skurzewski	David Hess
Those in bold print are	Treasurer	Andrea O'Day	Natalie Simmons until January 1, 2020 Duane Thieme as of January 1, 2020
newly elected	Financial Treasurer	Trish Niebuhr	Trish Niebuhr
	Child Care	Mike Lehman	Mike Lehman
	Fellowship	Rhonda Rasdorf	Michele Prachar
	Music	Joyce Ehlerding	Joyce Ehlerding
	Outreach	Lynette Lehman	'Vacant'
	Property	Susan Till	Susan Till
	Spiritual Care	Dick Bultemeyer	Dick Bultemeyer
	Stewardship	Michele Prachar	Mike and Annie Koenig
	Worship	Ruth Bultemeyer	Maryanne Logan
	Church Council Secretary	Mary Voorhees	Mary Voorhees
	Spiritual Care	Fred Rasdorf Bob Trimble Bob Stiefel	Fred Rasdorf Bob Trimble Bob Stiefel

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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 "Keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere." Ephesians 6:18 TLB



The Bulletin and the Announcements have a new look.

The Praise Pulse is always available on our website:

praiselutheran.org



#### **ARE YOU A HANDY HELPER?**



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 Susan Till, our Property Chairman, at 260-637-6618.



- 1 Ken Till
- 6 Stacey Gumbert
- 7 Diane Bricker
- 8 Dick Bultemeyer
- 9 Mason Bennett
- 11 Jim Skurzewski
- 12 Rich Rice
- 14 Dr. Jack Gumbert
- 17 Dan Logan
- 17 Chandler Ng
- 18 Delores Tye
- 21 Bob Kennedy
- 23 Shane Anderson
- 23 George Strasser
- 24 Brad Scherer
- 27 Dolores King
- 29 Dale Ehlerding



11 Don and Kate Hissong



# June 2019



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2 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30-Worship First Communion for Hope Delagrange and Rachel Musgrave	<i>3</i> 6pm—Child Care Board	<ul> <li>4 - 11am-Community</li> <li>Clubhouse at SunRise</li> <li>Café</li> <li>6:30pm-Spiritual Care</li> <li>6:30pm—TNT (Youth)</li> </ul>	5 10am-Chapel	Ŷ	7 Screen on the Green Movie: "Ralph Breaks The Internet" Dinner: 7:30pm Movie: 8:45pm	×
<ul> <li>9-9am-Adult Bible Class</li> <li>9-10am-Praise Team</li> <li>10:30-Worship</li> <li>11:45-Youth meet to plan for service retreat</li> <li>11:45-Praise Team</li> </ul>	10 6:30pm-Church Council	11 6:30pm—TNT	<i>12</i> 10am-Chapel	13	<i>14</i> Youth and Families TinCaps game 7pm	15
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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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Church Secretary office@praiselutheran.org

Roxanne Hudson-Gerardot, Little Praisers Director Ipdirector@praiselutheran.org

Lois Gumbert, Prayer Chain

### **OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:00am Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

Children/Youth Sunday School (Conference Room) \*\*on summer break\*\*

Adult Bible Class \*\*on summer break\*\*

10:00am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Area)

10:30am Worship

11:45am Confirmation (7th-8th Grade) (Conference Room) \*\*on summer break\*\*

