

THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

October 2019 issue

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 29TH



Praise welcomed our new members with a luncheon after worship.

Our New Member's Pictured : Above 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



Welcome to our church Family! We are so glad to have you as Member's of Praise Lutheran Church!!





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED
WITH THE NEW MEMBERS
WEEKEND.
WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO FOR
PRAISE!

We are very blessed with the amount of love in this church.
& SO Thankful we could share that Love with our newest members!
Again, Thank you & God Bless



The Congregation will be provided the budget on October 13th.



On **Saturday November 16, 2019** Praise will venture down to the greater Cincinnati Ohio area to explore the Creation Museum. This one day adventure will give God's people the opportunity to explore the riches of His good creation while learning how this applies to daily life, our faith in Jesus, and our Gospel witness.

Below are the group rates offered to us by the Creation Museum (please plan to add roughly \$40 per person to the rates below to help cover transportation costs with our chartered bus):

*Please let Pastor Seth know if costs are a concern. We want to make this opportunity available to as many as possible.

Adult (ages 18–59): \$32 Senior (age 60+): \$28 Youth (ages 11–17): \$25

Children (ages 5–10): \$15

Children (4 and under): Free

(Prices do not include 6% Kentucky sales tax.)



Contact the church office or sign up in the fellowship area with interest and who will be attending. Thank you!

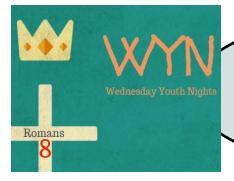
office@praiselutheran.org



YOUTH CORNER
(where Youth
and Christ meet)

Grades 6 -12

For details: Becca at rsouer@praiselutheran.org



WYN (Wednesday Nights Together)
Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Grades 6-12

WYN - Wednesday Youth Nights

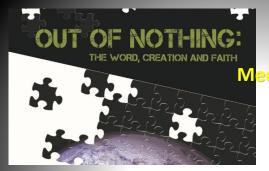
Midweek Youth Group! Join us each Wednesday @ 6:30-8:30pm, for a time of study and fellowship! We are excited to offer this opportunity throughout the year to grow in faith, engage in service, and gather together as the Body of Christ. We will be meeting in the office of DCE Becca Souer (enter door #1) and refreshments are provided. See you all there as we learn of and grow in the victory won for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Romans 8)! Becca Souer @ rsouer@praiselutheran.org or 260-490-7729

January 10-12th, 2020; Cincinnati, OH

The Youth of Praise Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Youth Quake Conference in Cincinnati, OH in YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL January of 2020. This is a great opportunity for them to grow in their faith through worship, song, different sessions, and more! It also serves as a wonderful time of connection to the Body of Christ here at Praise and elsewhere through

out the region. All 6-12th grade students are welcome as we learn what **more** God has done for us through His Son (Ephesians 3:20-21). The cost per participant is \$90 (to be made in two separate payments, first \$50 due October 20th). If you have any questions, please contact DCE Becca Souer (rsouer@praiselutheran.org).

ADULT BIBLE CLASS:



New Adult Bible Study eet in conference room Sunday's @9am

As Creator of the universe, God's

handiwork is everywhere. Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation and Faith is a Bible study that tackles questions about random chance, the veracity of Scripture, and evolutionary presuppositions. It shows how God's creation and man's salvation are fundamentally centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation

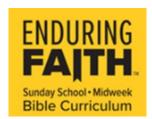
Praise currently offers additional Christian education (Confirmation) for Youth grades 6-8 as well as for those Junior/Senior High Youth who have not been confirmed in the Christian Faith.

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

pastorseth@praiselutheran.org



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 infor-

mation rsouer@praiselutheran.org

Friday, October 25 @ 6-8pm

Food & Drink, Games and activities, Face painting,

Candy jar
guessing contest,
Pumpkin and gourd painting,

—and more—



Please contact Elizabeth in the daycare office (260)490-9529 if you are able to help with the following: Setup, gather pumpkins prior, meal prep, games, crafts, take down, prepare welcome bags, etc...



October Youth Event: Indiana's Largest Corn Maze!

Praise Lutheran Church Presents Saturday, October 12th, 7:00-10:30pm

No Cost

Contact Becca Souer with any questions ~ rsouer@praiselutheran.org.



Nomen's Bible Study Thursday's

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.

We will be studying Philippians. The books are \$9.00 each, and can be paid for at our first study night.

If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, or if you have any questions, please contact Sandy Wright at 637-1132 or srwright68@yahoo.com before September 10.



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)

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.



"Faith, Fitness, and Fellowship on the First" Meet at church (door #2) and venture out on the trail.

November 2nd

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

Community Clubhouse Meeting on

Meeting on Oct. 15th

&

Nov. 2nd

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.





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.

Please take time to consider how you might be involved 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 Rhonda Rasdorf @ rrasdorf@gmail.com

We hope to hear from you!



Check out the church web site:

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 rrasdorf4524@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child

Giving the gift of the Gospel

Fill a box with toys, school supplies, and more! Give a gift to a child around the world and share with them the Good News of Christ!



Filled boxes due: November 8th
Who can fill more?
Little Praisers or Praise members?

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Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

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, bultemeyer505@msn.com

FORT WAYNE September 5, 2019

Praise Lutheran Church has been selected for the 2019 Best of Fort Wayne Award in the Church category by the Fort Wayne Award Program. Each year, the Fort Wayne Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Fort Wayne area a great place to live, work and play. Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2019 Fort Wayne Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Fort Wayne Award Program and data provided by third parties.





(Mailings and Other Documents)

We are hoping to start a small team of people who would enjoy time visiting with each other every month while doing simple, but important tasks. I 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 unable to attend this week, but would be interested in attending in the future, please let me know. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Annie Koenig 260-413-4747 anniedaviskoenig@gmail.com





Many gift cards are available.

Call The Church office or Tricia Niebuhr (260) 446-8079 or email scrip@praiselutheran.org for questions or concerns.





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VOLUNTEER

- <u>Ushers Ministry</u> (gentlemen, ladies and confirmed youth)
- <u>Greeters Ministry</u> (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

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

See Trish Niebuhr - finance@praiselutheran.org

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)



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.

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.

<u>Flower Donations Being Accepted</u> – 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:

http://www.praiselutheran.org along with a link to a complete step-by-step guide. Setting up your account is quick and easy!

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Questions? finance@praiselutheran.org



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.

THRIVENT

- * 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 we are going to find someone to submit the grant, we REALLY need 3 weeks (21 days) at minimum.

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

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Roxanne Gerardot
Little Praisers Director
lpdirector@littlepraisers.org

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

We are so glad that fall has arrived here at Little Praisers. We have many classrooms that have begun changing their room windows to really cute fall themes, stop by and see them sometime! Our Pre-K classrooms had a field trip to Cedar Creek Produce where they got to look around, do a corn maze, go through a pumpkin patch, and enjoy a pumpkin slushie!

We have continued to have new children enroll into our facility, which we are so grateful for. With all of the new children enrolling, we are in need of more teachers. We currently have a few openings, so please be in prayer that God leads us to some great candidates for the positions!

We look forward to having our Fall Harvest Parties in the classrooms this month, and hope that the children and staff have a great time with them.

As always, thank you for all of your support and prayers for Little Praisers.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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



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

the Church Office 260-490-9529



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Anniversaries October

Rick & Sandy Wright
 Terry & Kathy Huston
 Andrew & Cathy Carr



October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11am-Community Clubhouse at SunRise Café	2 10am-Chapel 6:30pm- WYN	3 7pm-Womens Bible Study	4	5 Faith, Fitness, and Fellowship on the First 8:30am meet at Praise
6 9am-Adult Bible Class 9am-Sunday School 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30-Worship 11:45-Confirmation	7 5pm Childcare Board Mtg	8 6:30pm- Budget mtg	9 10am-Chapel 6:30pm- WYN	10 7pm-Womens Bible Study	11	12
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THE PRAISE PULSE

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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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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)

