THE PRAISE PULSE

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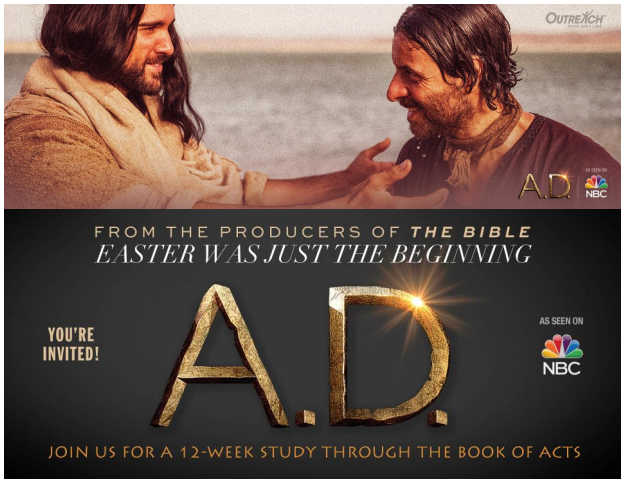
Please join us for Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 13th
(Communion)
7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, April 14th
7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 16th
with Voices in Praise
(Communion)
10:30 A.M.
***No Adult Bible Class**



New Sermon Series and Adult Bible Class

Join us, beginning Sunday April 23 as we explore *A.D.* a 12-Week Study through the New Testament Book of Acts. Witness the events that occurred on the heels of Jesusô Resurrection and discover how the Holy Spirit-led actions of the Apostles and Early Church changed the world!

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

By Sandy Wright

The annual spring luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 29th. Ladies, mark your calendars and start asking your relatives and/or friends to attend with you. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and we will eat at noon. Tickets will be available in April; the cost is $10.00. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

We will need some gentlemen to help us set up on Friday the 28th, and clean up help when the luncheon is over on the 29th. Talk to me at church if you are interested, or call me at 637-1132.

The Gathering
(Praise's Young Adult Ministry)

Shigs In Pit
Restaurant & Catering

On **Friday, April 28th at 6:30pm**, join other college/post-college aged young adults as we gather at **Shigs in Pit Barbeque** (2008 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 https://www.shigsinpit.com) for a time of food, fellowship, and community-building.

Plan to join in each month as we continue to 'tour the Fort' for other restaurants, activities/events, and hidden gems!

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Seth at pastorseth@praiselutheran.org or (402) 304-4183.

Voters' Meeting
Sunday
April 23, 2017

Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths are available in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or Glory to God. The cost is $6. Please give cash or check to Maryanne Logan.

Deadline is Sunday, April 2nd

Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00 AM—11:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt

Games and Activities

Prizes

Bounce Houses

We are looking for support for our next community free event: Easter Eggstravaganza.

Donations needed: candy, prizes, pop-tarts, granola bars, cookies, gift cards and monetary gifts. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

To learn more on how you can help, please see the sign-up in the back of the Fellowship Area.

For questions, please contact Lynette Lehman at (260) 338-0545.

Volunteers Arrival Time is 8:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets in the conference room on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Any questions, call Sandy Wright at (260) 637-1132 or email her at srwright68@yahoo.com.

The children and staff of Little Praisers are looking forward to Easter and spring. We are reading and talking about Jesusôlove for us and the importance of Easter. We are all excited for the Eggstravaganza coming up soon.

We are still looking for few good teachers. If you know someone PLEASE send them in to fill out an application.

Little Praisers are looking for volunteers to work in the classrooms. Volunteers will need to have finger-printing and a background check completed, which the cost will be reimbursed back to the volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Mike Lehman (260-385-8221) or Karen Bilger and Joyce Wolfe in the daycare office (260-490-9529).

Godôs blessings to you,
Karen Bilger & Joyce Wolfe
Co-Directors

Community Clubhouse

April 4th - SunRise Café

April 18th - Praise

No reservations needed, we hope to see you there! For more information you can check our website at www.praiselutheran.org or contact Becky Stiefel at (260) 489-7553 or (260) 416-9197.

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

ñKeep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.ò
Ephesians 6:18 TLB

Praise Team

If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instrument with the Praise Team, regularly or occasionally, please contact Joyce Ehlerding by email at music@praiselutheran.org or call 637-6314. Through Easter we will be practicing on Tuesday evenings after Voices in Praise at approximately 8:15 p.m. We'd love to have you join us!

If any of your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. Call Monday-Friday, 9-3 p.m. or email office@praiselutheran.org. Also if you would like to be added to our weekly email, please let us know your email address.

April Birthdays

1-Chris Hufford
2-Kyle McLellan
5-Mallory Leeper
Sandy Wolff
10-James Prachar
13-Rachel Peterson
14-Sherry Hand
15-Susan Peterson
17-Joe Dager
Debbie Tannehill
20-Bil Wenk
23-Lauren Prachar
25-Seth Lehman
Bob Stiefel
26-Maryanne Logan
29-Michele Prachar
Jackie Strasser
30-JoAnne Fox

April Anniversaries

4-Cal & Sandy Wolff
16-Matt & Leigh Meinerding
17-Larry & Diana Coss
18-Phillip & Michelle Gresham
23-Dan & Marianne Logan
29-Nick & Shannon Scheumann

Become our friend on Facebook.

E-mail your articles for the May Pulse by **April 17th** to:
office@praiselutheran.org
or call Karen
in the church office.

(www.thrivent.com)

Thrivent Action Team Grants

Another wonderful opportunity is being presented to Praise Lutheran through ñThrivent Action Team Grants.ò In an attempt to support congregationsô community engagement efforts, **Thrivent is offering (1-2) $250 Action Team Grants PER Thrivent Member per calendar year, based on participation (Benefit vs Associate membership).**

As Praise looks to expand its efforts with community engagement/outreach, youth ministries, and so forth, this will be a great way to secure financial support. **PLUS- it's FREE!** It costs Thrivent members nothing (this is different than Choice Dollars).

To ensure that we are able to line up an Action Team Grant with the yearôs events in a timely fashion, (Easter Eggstravaganza, Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival, etc.) please consider doing the following to help Praise in coordinating its efforts:

- Check your Thrivent Membership Status (Benefit vs Associate)
- Contact Praiseôs Secretary, Karen Patterson, with the information for Coordination Purposes
- Look for an email/phone call from Pastor Seth and/or a Ministry Chairman to learn how you can direct this FREE Action Team Grant towards one of Praiseôs upcoming events.
- Apply (**To apply**, go Thriventôs website (noted above) and scroll to the bottom of the page and locate ñThrivent Action Teamsò under the heading ñMaking a Difference.ò There you will be asked to fill out a short questionnaire as to what the funds will be used for.)

We praise God for these financial gifts that are being made available to us through our friends at Thrivent!

For more information please contact Pastor Seth.

2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars

In 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including Praise Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®. **Based on member recommendations, Praise Lutheran Church received $1,426 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.** The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

Donôt forget to direct your Choice Dollars® before they expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2017, to direct any remaining 2016 Choice Dollars. Go to there website to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say ñThrivent Choiceò after the prompt.

When directing Choice Dollars, search Praise Lutheran Church Fort Wayne.

April 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm: 130; **Epistle:** Romans 8:1-11; **Gospel:** John 11:17-27, 38-53

"The Death of a Friend" - Sermon Text: John 11:17-27, 38-53

by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN

The death of a loved one changes our world. Jesus had a friend who died and He felt great sorrow at the loss. The Good News is that Jesus has conquered death. As Jesus says, "He who believes in Me shall never die."

April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Psalm: Psalm 118:19-29; **Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11; **Gospel:** John 12:12-19

"Palm Sunday Exclamation" - Sermon Text: John 12:13b

by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Decatur, IN

On Palm Sunday the people shouted a profound exclamation: They were quoting from the Old Testament, they were labeling the work that Jesus was about to perform, and they were describing Christ's work among us now through Word and Sacrament: "Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

April 16, 2017 – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

Psalm: Psalm 118:15-29; **Epistle:** Acts 10:34-43; **Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

"This Is The Day!" - Sermon Text: Psalm 118:24

by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

Can you point to one day that changed the entire course of your life? Absolutely! Jesus' Easter Sunday victory over death has changed your eternity as well as how you face each day of your life. "THIS IS THE DAY that the Lord has made" is a hope-filled, joy-filled reality because Jesus Christ IS risen!

April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8; **Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:3-7; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

"In Trials, Rejoice!" - Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-7

by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

The apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice even in trials, and he tells us why we can do this. God has caused us to be born again to a living hope. Also, the genuineness of our faith is found through trials.

April 30, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-14; **Epistle:** 1 Peter 1:17-25; **Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

"Resurrected Redeemer" - Sermon Text: Luke 24:21

by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Decatur, IN

The Emmaus disciples had hoped that Jesus was the long awaited Redeemer. Alas, they thought He had failed, because He had been crucified. Amazingly this crucifixion is precisely the center of our redemption!

Sundays 6:30 a.m. WPTA, Channel 21
Sundays 11:30 AM TCT Network Channels, Direct TV 377
Sundays 4:00 PM & Mondays 10:00 AM Comcast 55 & FiOS 25

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship Packing Party After Worship	3 6:30 PM Child Care Board	4 12:00 PM Clubhouse at SunRise Café 6:00 PM Spiritual Care 7:00 PM VIP 8:15 PM Praise Team	5 10:00 AM Chapel 6:00 PM Lenten Dinner 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Lenten Service	6 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	7	8 8:00 AM Volunteer Arrival 9:00-11:30 AM Easter Eggstravaganza
9 **Palm Sunday** 9:00 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	10 7:00 PM Council	11 7:00 PM VIP 8:15 PM Praise Team	12 10:00 AM Chapel	13 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	14 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship	15
16 **Easter Sunday** *No Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	17	18 12:30 PM Clubhouse at Praise	19 10:00 AM Chapel	20 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	21 Save the Date! Jr. & Sr. High Youth Event	22
23 9:00 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship	24	25	26 10:00 AM Chapel	27 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	28 6:30 PM Young Adult Ministry at Shigs in Pit/2008 Fairfield Ave.	29
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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

Sundays
10:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class

Holy Communion
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday