THE PRAISE PULSE

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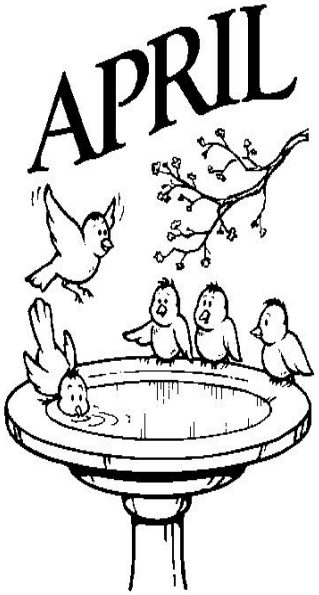


Pastor's COLUMN

April is a time of anticipation. We look ahead to warmer weather, lawns and flowers greening up again and all of nature coming back to life. As I sit at my desk and look across the property at trees with no leaves, I can understand the anticipation. The color of spring is refreshing.

We have just celebrated Easter and have been reminded once more of the great gift of salvation won for us by Jesus rising from the grave and defeating death and the devil for us. Reflecting on this fact again is refreshing for us as we are reminded of God's great love for us.

Refreshing like seeing the new greenery burst out for spring time.

John 3:16 "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

God is continuing to reach out and refresh Praise:

by extending a call to Pastor Seth Korte to be shepherd of Praise;
by showing His loving presence among the people of Praise;
by continuing to reveal His plan for Praise through these and many others means as He is: ***"helping us develop our future" (stake in the ground).***

Know this: God is in it to win it for us. He has good plans for us all; and they are *"… Plans with hope for the future …" Jeremiah 29:11*
Keep holding on to Him in all you do and "be refreshed!"

You are blessed
I am blessed
Pastor Randy

WELCOME New Member

Fred Schroeder
By Sandy Wright

Fred Schroeder recently became a member here at Praise. Let's get to know him. He was born on November 18, 1938 in Fort Wayne. He was raised in and around the Fort Wayne area. Right after high school he joined the National Guard and was a member for seven years.

Fred was employed with Northern Indiana Public Services Company (NIPSCO) for thirty six and one half years. Upon retiring, he went to work for Hall's Restaurant as a gardener. He really enjoyed that, and stayed with them for twelve years. Fred's hobbies are golf, playing cards and gardening. On March 23, 1957 he married Judith. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

About Praise, Fred says he really likes it here. He does have a little trouble following along with unfamiliar songs as there are no notes to tell him if he should go up or down.

We welcome you to Praise, Fred. May your time here bring you many blessings and may you always feel God's love from everyone you encounter.

Voter's Meeting Sunday April 17th

Become our friend on Facebook.

E-mail your articles for the May Pulse by **April 18th** to:
office@praiselutheran.org
or call Karen
in the church office.

April Birthdays

1-Chris Hufford
2-Kyle McLellan
5-Mallory Leeper
Sandy Wolff
8-Marlise Fletter
9-Kathy Mildred
10-James Prachar
13-Rachel Peterson
14-Sherry Hand
15-Susan Peterson
17-Joe Dager, Deborah Tannehill
19-Elena Marcom
20-Bill Wenk
23-Nick Johnson, 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 & Michele Gresham
Kevin & Amanda Hess
23-Dan & Maryanne Logan
29-Nick & Shannon Scheumann

I want to thank everyone for my birthday greetings, blessings, cards, telephone calls, altar flowers, many dinners and flowers sent to my home. God bless you all!

Hilda Stoppenhagen

From the Call Committee

A special Voters Meeting was held on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Presented to the congregation were three candidates to choose from and the choice made by the congregation was Rev. Seth Korte from Richmond, VA. The information has been sent to him and his wife Kara to study over and make the decision to accept the call. We have invited Rev. Korte and Kara to come and visit Praise and meet our congregation. A date will be announced later if he and his wife decide to come.

Please keep Rev. Korte and Kara in your prayers and also Praise Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ,

Cal Wolffe
Spiritual Care Chairman

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

With spring comes our annual Women's Luncheon. Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23rd. This will be the fifth luncheon, so we want to make it extra special. There will be food, fun, music, games and drawings for gifts. Doors will open at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon.

All women of Praise are invited to come. Bring your mothers, daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, aunts, cousins, sisters, sisters-in-law, and/or friends. Everyone is welcome.

Tickets are $10 and will go on sale the first Sunday after Easter. Please see Natalie Simmons or Sandy Wright for tickets or more information. We hope to see you there.

FOR MEN ONLY

We need a few good men on Saturday, April 23rd here at Praise. The annual Women's Luncheon is being held that day and help is needed to serve the food and for clean-up after the luncheon is over. Perhaps a couple of men could come about 11:45 A.M. to serve the food; then a couple more could come about 1:45 P.M. to help clean up. It would mean a lot, and much appreciation would be shown to these men (maybe even some hugs).

Please contact Natalie Simmons or Sandy Wright for more information or to volunteer your help. We look forward to hearing from you.

April, 2016

April 3, 2016 – John 20:19-31

"Twin Enemies of Easter"

by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

Has Christ truly risen? How can it be? No one comes back from death! What keeps you from believing in a Risen Lord?

April 10, 2016 – John 21:15-17

"Believing Christ's Word"

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

Jesus tells Peter, the denier of Jesus, that now he is called to care for Jesus' sheep. Our Lord has promised us in our trials that no matter what our eyes see, the words, promises and commands of the risen Christ remain sure and certain.

April 17, 2016 – John 10:22-30

"You're In Good Hands"

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

"You're in good hands." We remember those words from the iconic slogan for Allstate Insurance. We Christians are in the perfect hands of the risen Christ who assures us of safety from eternal loss and promises the gift of eternal life.

April 24, 2016 – John 16:12-22

"Spotlight on Joy"

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

The Holy Spirit shines the spotlight on Jesus. When you have Jesus, you possess a joy that no one can take away from you!

Sundays 6:30 AM WPTA, Channel 21
Sundays 8:00 AM Frontier 9, Digital 33.2 & Comcast 252
Sundays 11:30 AM TCT Network Channels, Direct TV 377
Sundays 4:00 PM & Mondays 10:00 AM Comcast 55 & Frontier 25

Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at **lcms.org/prayforus** or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

TEACHING THE FAITH — APRIL 1–15

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) believes education should address the whole person — body, mind and spirit — beginning in early childhood and continuing through adulthood. This month, the LCMS celebrates the many ways that God's children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

Remember how God works to grow the faith of His people as you pray:

1. *with thanksgiving for the gift of faith we received at Baptism.* Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith ð and the budding faith of our children ð until we depart this life and are united with the Lord in heaven.

2. *with thanksgiving for the Bible, the Book of Concord and the many teaching tools that God gives us,* that we might learn about Him and our life in Christ. Pray that God would instill in each of His followers a sincere desire and passion for seeking Him.

3. *for Christian families,* that the Lord would send them the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge ð big or small ð that might drive them apart.

4. *for strong Christian marriages,* that husbands and wives would cling to each other despite lifeôs challenges and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.

5. *for Christian parents,* that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Please pray that they would set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.

6. *that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience,* so that each member might be built up in the family of God.

7. *for our children and young people,* who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs. Ask that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while engaging others with the Gospel.

8. *for our churches,* that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life ð teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.

9. *that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.*

10. *that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation's educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, holiday events and groups for young families.*

11. *that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study so that they may grow in their faith every day.*

12. *with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Ps. 22:6).*

13. *for the Concordia University System and the Synod's two seminaries,* that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.

14. *for the Synod's directors of Family Life Ministry,* that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.

15. *that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.*

Love... in truth and action. 1 JOHN 3:18

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — APRIL 16–30

Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports more than 160 active, Reserve, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and continues to support them throughout their entire careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces as you pray:

16. *that God would bless and guide the work of Chaplain Craig Muehler, MAF director, and Chaplain Steven Hokana, MAF assistant director.*

17. *for Chaplain Mike Moreno, project manager of Operation Barnabas.* Ask God to guide his work to care for congregations, veterans and military families.

18. *for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.* All of our military chaplains are pastors endorsed by the LCMS to serve in the chaplain corps of our nation's armed forces.

19. *for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains,* especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments. Pray for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.

20. *for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.* Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.

21. *for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.*

22. *for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas,* that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.

23. *for Operation Barnabas,* which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.

24. *for all chaplains returning home,* that they would receive a hero's welcome for their sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

25. *for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members,* that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them. As it pleases You, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.

In His Service

26. *for all chaplains in harm's way,* that You would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.

27. *for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty,* that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.

28. *with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces.* Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.

29. *for all military chaplains upon their return,* that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to You, O Christ, as their rock and their redeemer.

30. *for those who minister to the armed forces,* that by Your gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

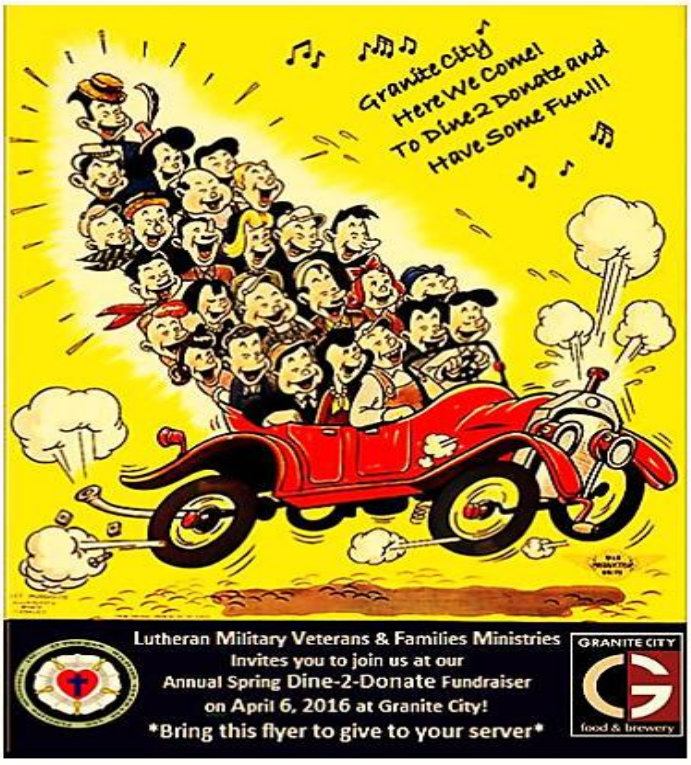
ñKeep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.ò
Ephesians 6:18 TLB

Volunteers are needed to help with sound and running power point during church on Sundays. All training will be provided. If we could get a few more volunteers, it could be just once a month you would be assisting. Flexible scheduling, any help is appreciated. Contact the church office.

On Monday, April 11th from 4-10 p.m. 10% of your entire food purchase at Teas Roadhouse will go back to Little Praisers. Flyers are available in the narthex, you will need to take one with you so Little Praisers will get the credit. This is for dine-in ONLY!

Outreach Ministry

Outreach will have a Community/Veterans Picnic meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone that would like to help with this event is welcome to attend, you donôt have to be a member of Outreach.



WHY SUPPORT LMVFM?

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM):

- provides ***free*** confidential counseling and programs to ***all*** military veterans, contractors, and their family members, regardless of their discharge status, time served, religious beliefs etc.;
- offers training programs and seminars for congregations, counselors/therapists, groups and those interested in learning more about the unique challenges faced by service members and their families;
- Is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit ministry; and

LMVFM *does not* accept or receive *any* form of government funding or resources. LMVFM is supported by members, individuals, congregations, mission societies and groups that support the programs and services LMVFM offers.

Granite City Restaurant is hosting LMVFM 's Annual Spring dine-to-donate and will donate **20%** of all food and beverage purchases made by our friends who present this invitation.

ALL-DAY
WEDNESDAY
6 APRIL, 2016

Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries
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Fort Wayne, IN 46815
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www.lmvfm.org

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3509 Coldwater Rd
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(Behind Glenbrook Square Mall)

April, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class	4 6:30 PM Child Care	5 12:30 PM Senior Clubhouse 6:30 PM Spiritual Care	6 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship	7 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class	11 7:00 PM Council	12 12:30 PM Senior Clubhouse 6:00 PM Outreach	13 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship	14 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	15	16
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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
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

Wednesdays
7:00 PM Worship Service

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