



THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

September 2018



*Commissioning and
Installation of
Rebecca Souer
as
Director of Christian
Education*



Sunday, August 12, we observed the Rite of Installation for Rebecca during the service.
A reception was held after worship.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT REBECCA SOUER, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(by . . . Sandy Wright)

On August 12, 2018, Becca Souer was installed at Praise as Director of Christian Education. Becca's parents, her husband Eric, and his parents were all here for this very special day. The service was followed by a wonderful potluck dinner held in honor of Becca.

Born on May 16, 1993 in Fargo, North Dakota, Becca was raised in Fargo, Minnesota. After high school, she lived in Mexico for a year as a rotary exchange student. She speaks fluent Spanish. She graduated from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska with a triple major: Christian Education Leadership, Theology and Church Music.

She loves to read, sew, embroider, eat food and play various games. Her volunteer work included VBS, YMCA, school programs and chaperoning youth trips. Before coming to Fort Wayne, Becca served an internship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Decatur, Illinois. Previous to that, she worked in a plant nursery, as a life guard and also at CVS.

Becca and Eric met at Concordia University where they became friends. They were married in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo, Minnesota on May 21, 2016.

Eric was born August 11, 1990 in Virginia Beach, Virginia and was raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. At Concordia University he majored in Theology and minored in Philosophy.

He enjoys video games, reading, cooking and watching sports, especially baseball. His volunteer work includes youth group and leading Bible Study. He was previously employed at the Power Company in Decatur, Illinois, and before that he worked for his father who is a professional voice actor. Eric will start his first year at Concordia Seminary on September 4. May God guide him in all he does.

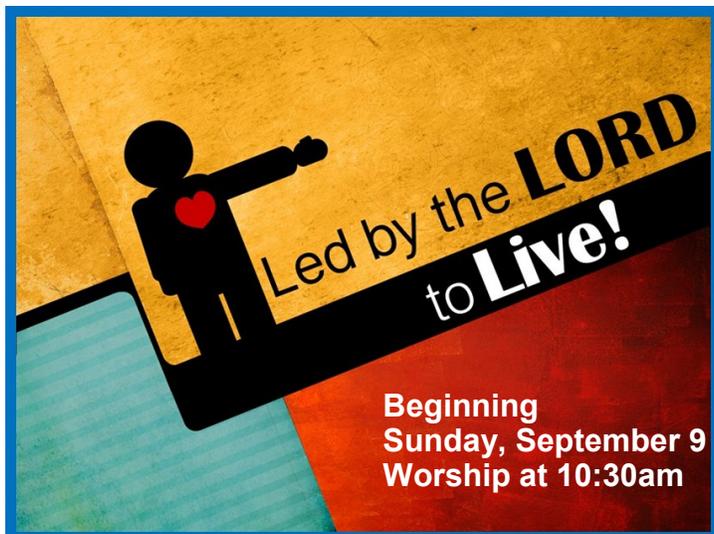
We are thrilled to have Becca serving Praise and we hope she and Eric will find many blessings here.



Fall Kick-Off at a Glance

Beginning Sunday, September 9

Sunday Morning Sermon Series: "Led by the Lord to Live"



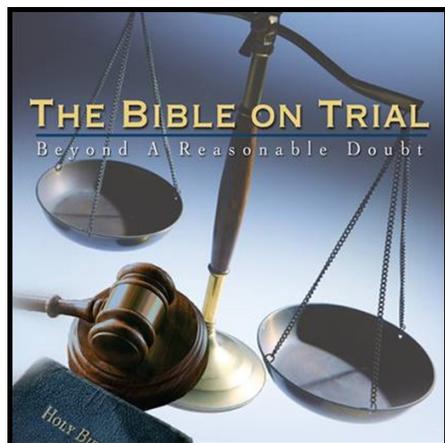
Joseph. David. Josiah. Joshua. Paul.

At a quick glance these names might solicit fond reflections of long-cherished Biblical stories.

During our sermon series *Led by the LORD to Live*, we will take a look at the lives of several Biblical figures who not only heard God's Call to follow...but to LIVE!

Where is God calling you currently to follow and to live?

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study The Bible on Trial: "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt"



Biblical criticism, ancient historical voices, the illumination of archaeology, the testimony of first-century followers of Jesus Christ -- all these come to bear on the examination of the reliability of the Scriptures in **The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt**.

"Is this book, the Bible, and its contents—reliable?"

**Beginning Sunday, September 9 at 9am
in the Edge, near Door #4**

COME JOIN US!

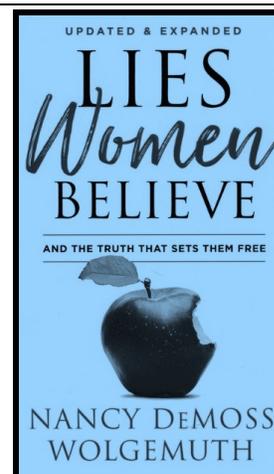
Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

Ladies: You're invited: This study will explore common deceptions believed by Christian women, including lies about God, sin, priorities, marriage, and family. We will look to how we can be delivered from bondage and set free to walk in God's grace, forgiveness and abundant life by using God's truth.

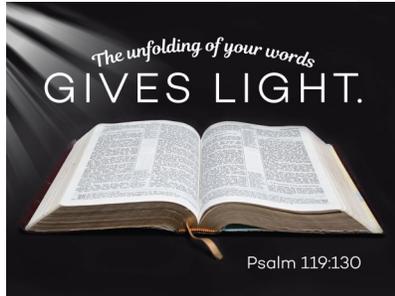
Please consider joining us as we look to build relationships and to build our trust in God. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship area if you wish to purchase a book (cost is \$10.00).

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Women's Bible Study



**Thursdays at 7pm
Beginning September 13th**

Women's Bible Study will resume Thursday, September 13th at 7:00pm in the conference room at Praise. We will continue our study in the book entitled "Divine Design" by Sharla Fritz. All women (and their friends or relatives) are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Wright at 637-1132 with questions or concerns.

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.

Confirmation Class resumes on September 9 and will meet in The Conference Room.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Where Love Wins Big!

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.

Sunday School resumes on September 9th. Thank you to all our Sunday School Teachers and Helpers!

Community Clubhouse

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The Clubhouse will not meet on Tuesday, September 4th

They will meet on Tuesday, September 18

Please join us for lunch, cards and games. Community Clubhouse meets at SunRise Café (10230 Coldwater Road) at **11:30am** 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.

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.

New Member Retreat
Interested in joining Praise Lutheran?

**New
Member
Class**

One day Retreat **Saturday, September 22nd**
9am-Noon
Free Breakfast and Lunch Provided
Contact Pastor Seth for more Information

Interested in Joining the Praise Lutheran Community?

If the answer is "YES!" then plan on attending our one-day membership retreat on **Saturday, September 22nd** from **9am to noon** to learn more about our congregational family and the Mission God is calling us to. Discover too the riches of God's Word that fuels this Mission and guides us as we daily seek to live as followers of Jesus Christ! **Breakfast and lunch items will be provided.** Please contact Pastor Seth Korte at pastorseth@praiselutheran.org to **RSVP** and to learn more information!

On **Sunday, September 23rd** Praise will be celebrating the reception of New Members during our Worship Service. After Worship we will have a potluck to welcome our new members! **Please sign-up on the clipboard in the back of the Fellowship Area to note your attendance and if you will be bringing a salad, vegetable or dessert.** We will set-up for the luncheon at 9:30 a.m. before worship; there is a volunteer sign-up sheet if you are able to help set up.

Please contact Rhonda Rasdorf (Praise Fellowship Chair), at email: rrasdorf4524@gmail.com to learn how you can help.





Friday, September 14

7-10pm

**(second Friday
of each month)**

Come and share your vocal and instrumental talents, or just relax and listen to the music.

Visit: www.praiselutheran.org

Update from the Finance Secretary

We are expanding the financial information reported in the weekly Praise bulletin to include more specifics regarding the status of our 2018 budget with regards to the weekly contributions.

Month	Date	General Fund (GF) Contributions Received	Budget Amount	Over / (Under) Budget
August	08/12/18	2,676.00	2,801.78	(125.78)

As of 8/12/18, our total weekly offerings are behind of plan by \$4,218. It is typical to see our contributions decline over the summer months and pick back up in September as our members return from the summer break, however, to make up for this shortfall, our weekly offerings going forward should average \$3,544 to meet our annual budget.

Annual Budget	Actual GF Contributions Collected to Date	Balance Still Needed to Meet Budget	# of Weeks Remaining	Avg Weekly Offerings Needed
\$ 165,195	\$ 94,318	\$ 70,877	20	\$ 3,544



Counting Ministry

We have also instituted a new ministry, the Counting Ministry. These folks are in teams of two and they 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: tricia.niebuhr@frontier.com or cell: 260-446-8079 for more information.

Screen on the Green/Dinner and a Movie

July 27 — Peter Rabbit

August 17— Zootopia



Many people from the community enjoyed great food, great movies, and the time to communicate with each other.



Praise Team Alters Their Rehearsal Time

The Praise Team currently rehearses from 9-10am prior to Worship on Sundays.

They will begin an additional time to practice on the second Sunday of the month, beginning Sunday, September 9 after the worship service.

Are you interested in singing or playing an instrument with the Praise Team, either regularly or occasionally? If your answer is yes, contact Joyce Ehlerding, our Worship Leader by phone (260-637-6314) or email: music@praiselutheran.org.

Hand Chimes



If you have an interest in playing hand chimes at Praise, please sign up in the Fellowship Area. Any ages are welcomed and no experience necessary. Any questions, please see or call Becky Stiefel at 416-9197.



Thank You!

To all who made this season of Screen on the Green a huge success!

Great meals, great family movies for all, along with the ability to connect with the community was shared by all.



Faith, Fitness, and Fellowship on the First



Beginning, Saturday, September 1, at 8:30am and continuing on the first Saturday of the month, Praise will begin a monthly time of gathering for “activity” on the trail that runs along Praise’s campus, Salomon Farm and the Parkview YMCA. Invite a family member, friend, classmate, co-worker, or neighbor to join in!

We will meet at Praise Saturday, September 1 at 8:30am and continue the first Saturday of each month at 8:30am.





We are so blessed to be able to talk about and show our love for Jesus every day. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped in the day care. We appreciate you!

The children and staff of Little Praisers are enjoying their new classrooms and teachers! We are so happy to have Rebecca Souer here!

We're still looking for part time teachers, if you know anyone who is interested. Please have them call us at 260-490-9529, or stop by the childcare office for an application.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year!
Looking Ahead -- Dates to Remember:

9/3/2018: Labor Day Holiday –
Little Praisers is closed

10/19/2018: Fall Festival

10/23/2018: Picture Day

In His service and yours,

Karen and Joyce

There are openings in the Tuesday and Thursday Preschool (8:45am – 11:45am) for children who are three years old and bathroom trained by August 1st.

For additional information, please call the Child Care office at 260.490.9529.

**New Rates for
Little Praisers Preschool
and
Child Care**

Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care Rates

If you are a member of Praise Lutheran Church, and would like to enroll your child (children) in our Child Care program, the following reduced rates apply:

<u>Reduced Rates:</u>		<u>Regular Rates:</u>
Baby Blue/Lavender (Infants)	\$158.00	\$205.00
Orange/Yellow (1 year olds)	\$147.00	\$190.00
Gold/Blue (2 year olds)	\$135.00	\$175.00
Green (3 year olds)	\$132.00	\$170.00
Purple (3's/4's)	\$128.00	\$165.00
Silver/Red (4/Pre-K)	\$120.00	\$155.00

There is no registration fee.



Child Care Ministry

The Child Care Ministry has supervision over our Preschool and Child Care, called "Little Praisers." There are 40 employees and 200 children to care for, making this the largest ministry of Praise. If you are interested in joining the Child Care Board, email:

Mike Lehman, the Coordinator of our Child Care program,

mllehman0327@msn.com.

Praise/Little Praisers Ministries' Technology Needs Discussion

Praise/Little Praiser Ministries are currently in the process of evaluating our technology needs as they relate to Worship, Audio/Video, day to day operations and Community Engagement efforts. If this is an area of interest for you,



or you would be willing to lend some insights, please consider joining the dialogue! For more information please contact Josh Gumbert, josh-uagumbert@gmail.com, or call/text at 260-494-6463.

Employee Needs at Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care

* Morning and afternoon assistants in the classrooms

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Little Praisers staff, please contact Karen Bilger or Joyce Wolfe at 260-490-9529.



Our Little Praisers enjoyed the outside warm weather walking to the YMCA to use their splash pad during the summer. (they always remembered to use sun screen!)



WANTED

Are you interested in
Ushering or
Greeting People on
Sunday Mornings?

We need help for
September and October!



Contact:
Jim Skurzewski,
jsonwis@gmail.com
or cell
260-402-4402.

Your help would be appreciated.
There is a sign-up sheet 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.

[We have heard from many members how welcomed they feel at our church.]

Thrivent Message

Another wonderful opportunity is being presented to Praise Lutheran through "Thrivent Action Team Grants." In an attempt to support congregations' 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 year's events in a timely fashion, (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 Praise's Secretary, Kathy Skurzewski, 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 Praise's upcoming events.
- Apply (**To apply**, go Thrivent's website (noted above) and scroll to the bottom of the page and locate "Thrivent Action Teams" under the heading "Making a Difference." 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! It was a blessing to be able to use an Action Team Grant for our Screen on the Green events this summer! For more information please contact Pastor Seth.



**Save the Date:
Friday, October 19**



Outreach continues to collect donations for Shepherd's House. Collection basket and list are in the narthex.



**Become our friend
on Facebook.**

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

Praise Lutheran Church is now enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you are a Kroger shopper you can help Praise earn rewards.



You will need to have a Kroger Plus card, if you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Once you have your Kroger Plus card you will need to register online.

If you already **have** an online account, go to krogercommunityrewards.com.

- Sign in with your username and password
- Click on Enroll under Community Rewards Program
- You will need to type your basic information in - Name, Address, etc.
- Find Your Organization by typing in Praise or our Organization Number 56315
- Then you will click on Praise Lutheran Church and click Enroll
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page

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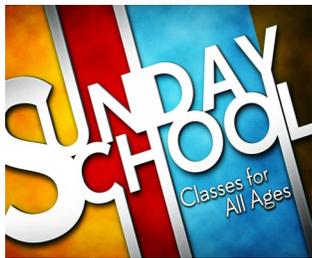
- Click on Create an Account
- Enter your zip code
- Click on favorite store
- Enter your email address and create a password
- Enter in your Kroger Plus card number
- Click on Create Account
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number
- Update or confirm your information
- Find your Organization by typing in Praise or our Organization Number 56315
- Then you will click on Praise Lutheran Church and click Enroll
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page

REMEMBER, your purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card. Also, you must use your Kroger Plus card or your Alternate phone number when checking out in order for Praise to earn rewards.



So many times folks are sick or in need of something yet they do not let their Christian brothers and sisters know.

Please call the office to let us know if you are ill, in hospital, need a ride etc. We will make every effort to help out.



**Sunday Mornings
9:00 a.m.**

Teachers and Classroom Helpers are still needed. Please take a moment to visit the Sunday School Announcement Board (near the restrooms) to learn how you can assist and/or teach. **Sunday School for children and youth will resume September 9th.**



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



- 1 Barb Bailey
- 2 Mary Clendenen
- 5 Bonnie Gordon
- 5 Susan Till
- 8 Mitch Delagrange
- 9 Art Putt
- 11 Susan Burnworth
- 12 Pastor Seth
- 13 Ruth Bultemeyer
- 14 Joyce Sedam
- 14 Rick Wright
- 15 Fred Rasdorf
- 15 Marilyn Renbarger
- 15 Gregory Sutter
- 17 Evelyn Rodriguez
- 22 Lois Gumbert
- 25 Natalie Simmons
- 28 Linda Stewart
- 29 Dee Scherer
- 30 Tucker Johnson
- 30 Luke Lehman



- 19 Ken and Susan Till
- 30 Dick and Ruth Bultemeyer

Dupont Road closure

- Marked detour
- Alternate detour



The Journal Gazette
April 26, 2018

RON SHAWGO | The Journal Gazette

Construction shuts down busy Dupont area

The closure is needed to construct a pedestrian/bicycle crossing under the road that will connect the Pufferbelly Trail from Salomon Farm Park to the existing trail north of Dupont Road, Public Works spokesman Frank Suarez said. "The area has experienced tremendous growth, and certainly the residents who live in that area where people who use that road as well as use businesses in the area know that the congestion has been pretty significant," he said. Work will expand the road to four lanes, add a sidewalk on the north side and a trail on the south side, according to a news release. That section of Dupont Road will be open only to people going to businesses or their homes.

Through traffic from Coldwater to Lima will detour to either Carroll or Wallen roads. Traffic delays are expected, and motorists should allow for additional travel time, the city said. Visitors to Salomon Farm and west of the closure will have access from Lima Road. Visitors to the Parkview YMCA and businesses east of the closure will have access from Coldwater Road. The project will take place over two construction seasons, with completion in 2019. Weekly updates can be found at www.cityoffortwayne.org/dupont. Suarez said the city has been meeting with residents about the construction for several years. About 200 people attended a meeting early this year, he said. "It is a major road," Suarez said, "but the construction will be well worth it when it's completed."



September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>August 26</i> 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	<i>August 27</i> Labor Day Holiday Offices closed	<i>August 28</i> No Summer Soccer No Clubhouse 6:30pm—Spiritual Care	<i>August 29</i> 10am Chapel	<i>August 30</i> 6 Womens Bible Study 7pm	<i>August 31</i> 7 Open Mic 7-10pm	<i>September 1</i> Faith, Fitness, and Fellowship on the First 8:30am meet at Praise No Soccer Game
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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
 (Sanctuary)

Children/Youth Sunday School
 (Daycare Classrooms)

Resumes September 9

Adult Bible Classes
Resume September 9

10:00am Fellowship Time
 (Fellowship Area)

10:30am Worship

11:45am Confirmation (6th-8th Grade)
 (Conference Room)

Resumes September 9

