



# THE PRAISE PULSE

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Fort Wayne, Indiana

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## Romans 1:20

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

### Weekly Worship Schedule

- **Worship 10:30am; doors open at 10:00am**
- **You can also join us online on our YouTube page**
- **Adult Bible Study at 9:30am**

## Worship Schedule

### What's inside:

- ~ Letter from Pastor Seth
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**Sunday, March 7** — 10:30am with Holy Communion

**Sunday, March 14** — 10:30am

**Sunday, March 21** — 10:30am with Holy Communion

**Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday** — 10:30am with Holy Communion

**Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday** — 7:00pm with Holy Communion

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday** — 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday** — 10:30am with Holy Communion

~We have moved into the season of Lent, please note that we will not be having Wednesday Services this year. Please continue to watch our website and Facebook for the latest information.

~If You Are Looking For A Church Home/Family, interested in learning more about who we are or would like to discuss any of the following, baptism, setting up a hospital or home visit, arranging a counseling session, planning a wedding, etc., please see Pastor Seth after worship. He would love to visit with you!

~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. To learn more, visit [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org) or call 888-286-8002.

## Sunday School

We are very excited to learn new and amazing things about our God! We look forward to seeing all of our children and families there! Contact the church office for more information .

**POSTPONED**  
**Sunday Mornings**

[office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org)



## Confirmation

Praise will offer 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](mailto:pastorseth@praiselutheran.org)**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

How would you answer the following questions as a follower of Jesus:

- ♦ *Are you moving forward or going backward?*
- ♦ *Are you a consumer or a contributor?*
- ♦ *Are you playing offense or defense?*
- ♦ *Are you known by others for what you are for or what you are against?*
- ♦ *Are you willing to follow Jesus as your Lord, anywhere and anytime?*

These are some of the questions we have been wading through on Sunday mornings through our current Adult Bible Study and Discussion (9:30am in the Fellowship Area)- *Reopening Christianity*. While these questions may not often come to mind for us during the course of the week, we no doubt are answering them with our behaviors at home, during work, while at school, and so on.



- ♦ How would your spouse answer the questions above for you? How would your kids answer them for you? And your Co-workers? Your Friends? Neighbors? Fellow Church Members?

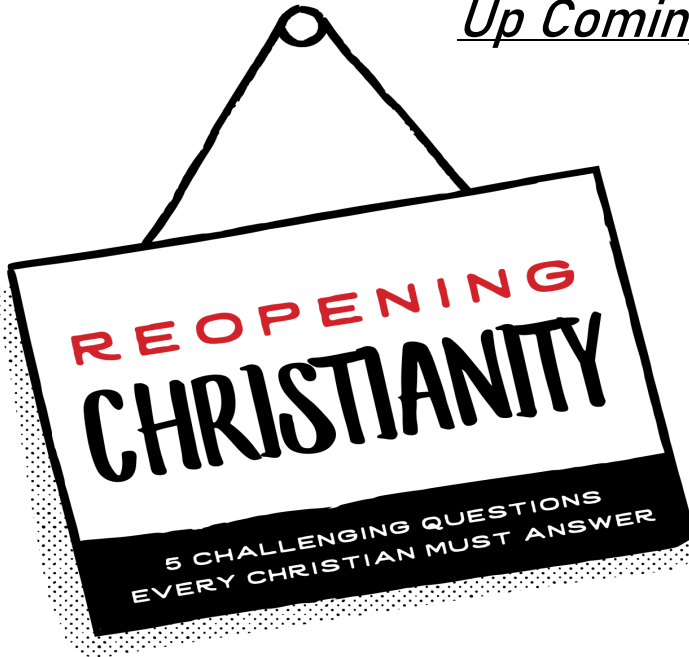
As we journey forward as followers of Jesus in 2021 and beyond, we do so with *life* in mind. And *life* has everything to do with a relationship in/with Christ, in/with the Church, and in/with those around us, in community. The questions/answers above, while far from being exhaustive, will certainly help us consider how we are approaching Christian life and whether or not it is time for a change.

The stage is set for us to follow our Lord Jesus and experience some wonderful Gospel ministry opportunities this year, both individually and together with others in our congregation/school. That said, may God guide you and bless you as you join others in faithfully engaging the Gospel work that was set apart for you well in advance! (Ephesians 2:10)

-Pastor Seth



## Up Coming Events



Adult Bible Study continues! We look forward to seeing everyone at our new series, Reopening Christianity, by Zach Zehnder. See below for more details on the series!

**Every Sunday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Area**

**\*Contact Pastor Seth if you would like to join virtually, and see our website for downloadable study guides.**

Please visit our website for more information on our current Adult Bible Study series.

## Eyes on Jesus Lenten Sermon Series

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

When folks looked at Jesus during the time leading up to, during, and after His Passion, what did they see? Who misunderstood Jesus? Who beheld Him as the true Son of God? *Eyes on Jesus* will focus our attention on Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Through our weekly Scripture texts and sermon themes we will “fix our eyes” on Jesus and what He has done to save us from our sins by His ultimate sacrifice. Through the justifying work of Jesus, we will also come to celebrate what God sees when He looks at us!

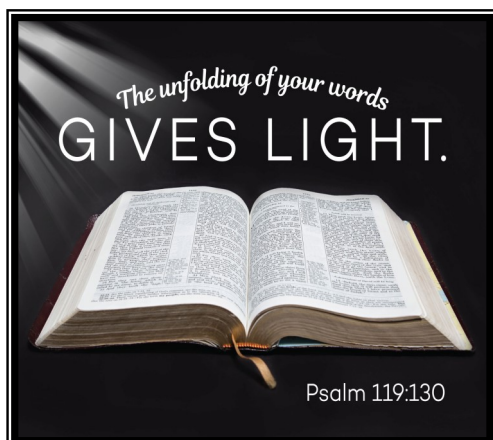


## WEEKLY MINISTRIES & OUT REACH

*Postponed  
Grades 6-12*

We are looking forward to the day that we can continue our youth ministry together. Continue to watch our church website and Pulse issues for the latest updates on upcoming events and reopening procedures for our ministries.

For details contact the church office



## Women's Bible Study

**Postponed**

Women's Bible Study will start a new topic soon. We will keep you posted when it is decided and all new ladies are welcome! Please continue to watch our website and further Pulse issues for more information.

# Community Clubhouse

**Postponed at this time for  
community health and safety.**

We normally meet for lunch, cards and games 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 soon once again! For more information you can visit our website at [www.praiselutheran.org](http://www.praiselutheran.org) or contact **Becky Stiefel** at (260) 416-9197.



## **Church Updates**

### **Palm Sunday March 28**

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday March 28. We will have our regularly scheduled service at 10:30am with Adult Bible Study before at 9:30am in the Fellowship area.

### **Lent and Holy Days**

As we look ahead into the season of Lent, please note the following dates: Palm Sunday March 28, Maundy Thursday April 1, Good Friday April 2, and Easter April 4. We will not be having Wednesday Lenten services, please join us on Sundays as we continue our Lenten Sermon Series "Eyes on Jesus", we look forward to seeing you.

### **Monthly Meetings**

Every month specific councils get together for meetings to discuss the past, present, and future of different spiritual needs within the church family. The first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm is the Spiritual Care Committee, first Thursday at 12:30pm is the Childcare Board, and the second Monday at 6:30pm is the Church Council.

### **Voter's Meeting**

Please note that the next regularly scheduled meeting for our members is Sunday, April 25. If you are interested in running, or have a good candidate in mind, you are encouraged to run nominations by Stewardship, Spiritual Care, and/or Pastor Seth.

### **Daylight Savings Time**

Do not forget to spring your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time. This year we will recognize this time change starting Sunday, March 14.

### **Stained Glass Window Update**

As you may know we received the granted funding for the stained glass window behind the altar. This has been a lengthy and heartfelt project which, with God's blessings and guidance, we should see beginning soon. Thank you to all who have contributed to this project through the years. More information will continue to be announced.

**~The Stained Glass Committee**

**~A Huge Thank you to, Mary Voorhees, for her leadership in getting this Grant from Lutheran Foundation approved so Praise can complete the Stained Glass Window Project behind the Altar! We all appreciate your hard work here so much!**

## **Personal Communion Options**

Are you recognizing quarantine and social distancing but would still like to receive communion? Please contact Pastor Seth to set up a private communion date and time. Or contact the church office via e-mail ([office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org)) or by phone (260-490-7729) with any questions.



**You will find a list of our ministries, online tithes and offerings, worship schedules, contact information, staff information, and much more!**

**Be sure to also Check out :**

**~Our Facebook**

**~Our Instagram**

**~Our YouTube**

Many gift cards are available.

Contact the church office with any questions or concerns.



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](mailto:pastorseth@praiselutheran.org)

Phone: 260-490-7729

## **Church Council**

Many of you may not be up to date on our church council and the members within our council. Please take some time to read over the members below, and feel free to check out our website for more information and pictures of all our staff.

### **Church Council President**

Jack Gumbert

### **Church Council Secretary**

Elain Foley

### **Church Council Financial Secretary**

Andy Carr

### **Worship Co-Chairs**

John and Susie Dykhuizen

### **Outreach Chair**

Tim McKeachie

### **Fellowship Co-Chairs**

Darla and Steve Pierzchala

### **Stewardship Co-Chairs**

Carl and Bev Moellering

### **Childcare Chair**

Mike Lehman

### **Spiritual Care Committee**

Steve Pierzchala, Greg Sutter



## *Meet the New Ministry Partners*

We welcome these new people at Praise; May their time here be a blessing to them and to all whom they get to know.

By: Sandy Wright



**Janelle Deal** is our Praise Team Leader. She plays the music and leads the singing for all our worship services. She does a fine job.

She was born in Fayetteville North Carolina on February 7, 1988 and was raised in North Carolina, Georgia and Washington. She received her Bachelor's of Music in Wheaton Illinois, and is working on her Masters in Church Music at Concordia University in Chicago, with the organ as her main instrument. She is currently looking for a job, in addition to here at Praise.

Janelle did volunteer work in high school and plays in a nursing home on Fridays.

Her hobbies are swing dance, painting and she loves to cook.

Tim is Janelle's husband. They met on E Harmony and were recently married on October 24, 2020 in Wheaton Illinois. (Janelle says she doesn't recommend having a wedding during a pandemic!)

He was born on November 11, 1983 in Oklahoma and raised in Indiana. At Taylor University he received his Bachelor's degree in media communications and his Masters in film studies.

His hobbies are board games, and co-authoring a podcast called "Derail Trains of Thought". Tim is employed with Kruse and Kruse law firm in Auburn.

**Nicole Welsh** is our Administrative Assistant. She works in the office and is one of the many people who will help keep Praise moving along smoothly.

She was born on January 25, 1987 in Fort Wayne, where she was also raised. She attended IPFW where she is now employed by Purdue within the Art Department. She got her Bachelor's degree in Visual Communication and Design in 2015, and is currently studying at Academy of Art University in California for her Master's in Photography. She also does freelance photography as a personal business/hobby.



Nicole has done volunteer work with "Save the Maumee" and with First Presbyterian Theater doing their photography and design.

Her hobbies include crocheting, reading, playing video games, and her own photographic work.

# VOLUNTEER

- **Ushers Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies and confirmed youth)
- **Greeters Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies, and confirmed youth) Sign up sheets for Ushers & greeters in the Fellowship area or contact the church office to be included.
- **Counting Ministry** (gentlemen and ladies, 25 years and older) See Andy Carr—or email him at [finance@praiselutheran.org](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org)

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)

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## Current Opportunities to Serve

Among the wonderful opportunities to serve within Praise/Little Praiser Ministries are those connected with Leadership, particularly Church Council, Spiritual Care, and the Childcare Board. The following positions and boards/groups are currently open:

- **Audio-Video**
- **Sunday Morning Worship ministry Preparations**

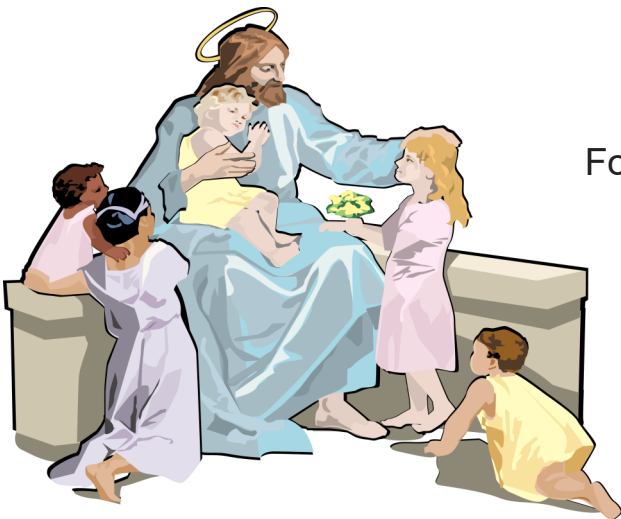
For questions regarding the responsibilities and duties of these positions please revisit Praise's Constitution and By-laws (available upon request). Please take some time to pray about and consider the ministry opportunities mentioned above. If you feel you or someone you know may be Biblically qualified and Holy Spirit-led to serve in a position, please pass this information along to Praise's Administrative Assistant, Nicole Welsh ([office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org)) or the leadership's awareness and communication purposes. You may also contact the Church Council President, Jack Gumbert, or a member of Spiritual Care for more information.



The year has started off rather busy for us here at Little Praisers! We have re-enrollment going on now through March 31st for our families that are currently enrolled with us. After that, open enrollment to the public begins the first of April.

We have been busy making improvements to the center over the last month, we send a big thank you to those that have helped us! We are getting the final touches done for our Summer Camp also. It is shaping up to be a great summer for the teachers and children in that class!

We currently have 171 children enrolled with us here at the center. We are very busy with re-enrollment for those children, and look forward to welcoming outside families into the Praisers' family!



For availability contact our Little Praisers  
Preschool and Day Care!

*Elizabeth Gustin*  
*Little Praisers Admin Assistant*

*littlepraisers@praiselutheran.org*  
*260-490-9529*



**THRIVENT®**  
Be Wise With Money™

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may also have Choice Dollars available for donation. 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, if they are not used they will go back into Thrivent's account. So, don't lose out on this free benefit from Thrivent. **Do not forget, March is the final month to claim these choice dollars!**

**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.

**Currently our Little Praisers are in need of help through these grants! Please contact Roxanne at [lpdirector@praiselutheran.org](mailto:lpdirector@praiselutheran.org) or call (260) 490-7729 for more information on how you can help our daycare and pre-school!**

### **The Lutheran Foundation**

#### **Scholarships:**

Do you know any students who plan to, or are, in a nursing or a healthcare program in Fort Wayne? They may be eligible for a scholarship from The Lutheran Foundation. To find out more information, visit [www.thelutheranfoundation.org](http://www.thelutheranfoundation.org)

<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/resources/faqs/scholarships-faqs-health-community/>




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THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CENTER	
Complete this form if you have a project that you feel would qualify for a Thrivent Action Grant \$250.	
Requester Name:	Request Date:
Requester email:	Requester Telephone #:
Project Name:	Project Event Date:
Summarize your project (2-3 sentences):	
How would you describe this project to others? What will you do? What impact will this project have? How will your volunteer team be involved?	
Summarize your project (2-3 sentences):	
How will you use the seed money to kick-start your project?	
Appropriate uses: Ingredients to prepare and serve a meal to the needy Create or print flyers or other project promotions Educational brochures or handouts Project supplies	
Inappropriate uses: Directly giving seed money to the cause Purchase of items without a team activity Gift cards Social gatherings without service to others	
Are you a Thrivent Member?	YES / NO
Have you submitted a Thrivent Action Grant before?	YES / NO
Submit this form to Michele Prachar, <a href="mailto:mprachar@hotmail.com">mprachar@hotmail.com</a> or Trida Niebuhr, <a href="mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org">finance@praiselutheran.org</a>	



# March 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Women's History Month	2 Spiritual Care Meeting 6:30pm	3	4 Childcare Board Meeting 12:30pm	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7  Adult Bible Study 9:30am  Service 10:30am	8 Council Meeting 6:30pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight- Saving Time Adult Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30am	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21  Adult Bible Study 9:30am  Service 10:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday  Adult Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30am	29	30	31		Indicates Communion Sunday 	



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 loisgumbert@gmail.com

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



## 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 the Church Office.



## Birthdays

- 5 Mike Lehman
- 5 Mason Longworth
- 7 Cris Stout
- 7 Gary Krueger
- 8 Darla Pierzchala
- 8 Kara Korte
- 10 Cathy Carr
- 13 Carl Norton
- 13 Darlene Moore
- 14 Lynette Lehman
- 17 Bruce Zenner
- 18 Joshua Gumbert
- 19 Brandon Rice
- 22 James Prachar Jr.
- 23 Myah Ferguson
- 23 Richard Renbarger
- 23 Vickie Springer
- 27 Emma Ng



## Anniversaries

- 5 Steven and Laura Bennett
- 11 Harold and Delores King
- 16 Carl and Bev Moellering
- 21 Dale and Joyce Ehlerding
- 27 Bruce and Noni Zenner
- 27 Mike and Lynette Lehman
- 28 Gene and Mae Koenig

## Congregational Communications

**P**raising God in vibrant  
Worship

**R**eaching out with Christ-  
centered witness

**A**nchored in God's Word  
and Sacraments

**I**nterceding for others

**S**tewards of God's varied  
gifts for the building up of  
His Kingdom

**E**quipping the saints for  
works of service

If anyone has information for the bulletin or the Pulse, please make sure the information is sent to [office@praiselutheran.org](mailto: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 every Tuesday**

(Thanks in advance for your cooperation.)

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#### 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."

## PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Worship 10:30am;
- You can also join us online on our YouTube page
- Adult Bible Study at 9:30am

