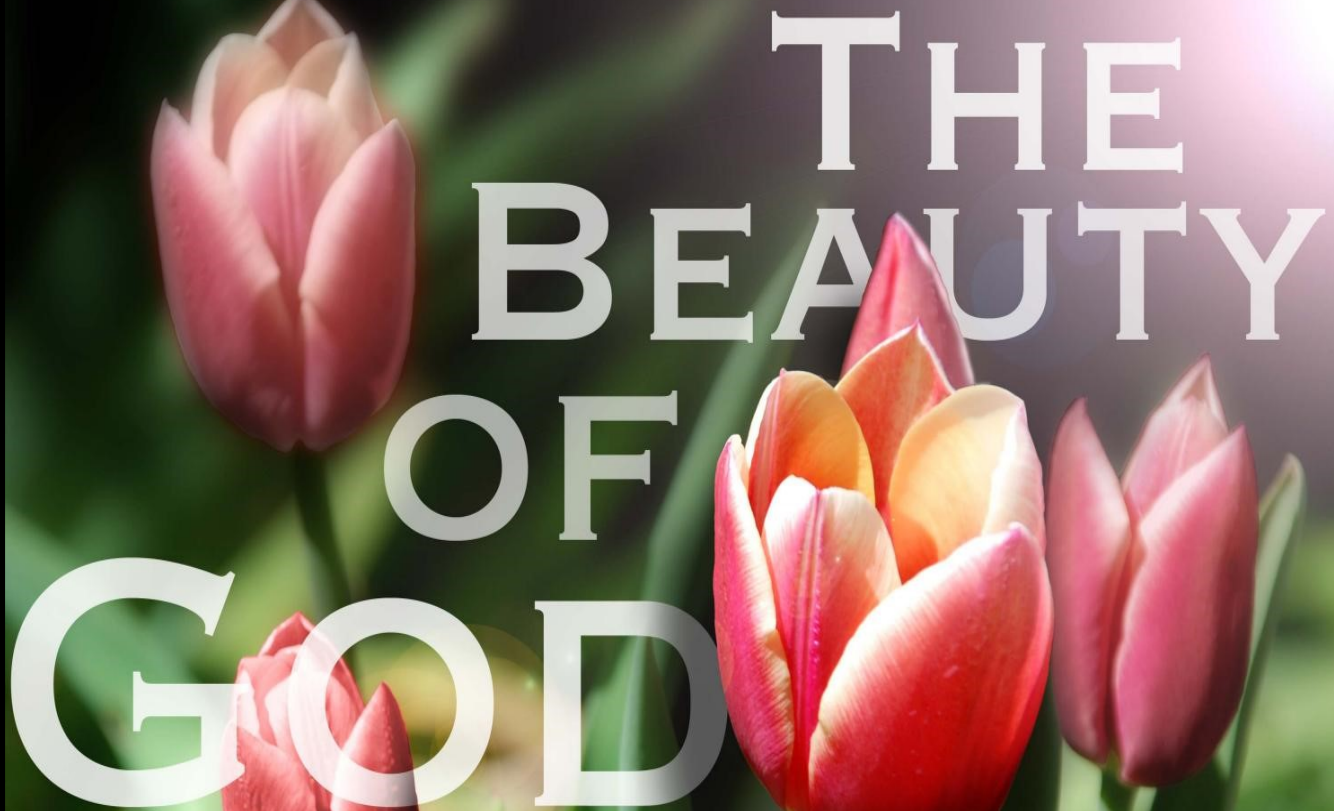




THE PRAISE PULSE

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THE BEAUTY OF GOD

Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

Weekly Worship Schedule

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

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 2 — 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday, May 9 — 10:30am

Sunday, May 16 — 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday, May 23 — 10:30am

Sunday, May 30 — 10:30am with Holy Communion

~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 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



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



Current Church Series



Adult Bible Study continues! We began our look at our series Right in Their Eyes — A Study on the Book of Judges on March 14. We look forward to seeing everyone!

The Book of *Judges* cracks the door and provides us with a glimpse into a murky period of time following Israel's conquest of the Promised Land. *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit* (Judges 21:25). While it is known as a time of heroes and heroines, *Judges* is also known as a period of disobedience and rebellion, of attachment to idols and broken, would-be saviors. As Israel searched for security and hope amidst the depths of sin and oppression, God consistently showed Himself as The Faithful One Who does the saving.

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.**



On the heels of Jesus' death and resurrection, His followers were able to look out over the landscape of life with fresh eyes. Beginning in their own backyard of Jerusalem, the Early Church embraced The Great Commission of Jesus Christ and experienced a community unlike any other. As a result, the culture(s) around them experienced the life-saving work of Jesus! Today, Jesus is still calling folks to experience the transformative power of The Gospel through His Church, where authentic community takes place, grace and forgiveness are offered freely, and purpose for life is modeled. What would it look like for you to participate in this type of community? Come and find out!

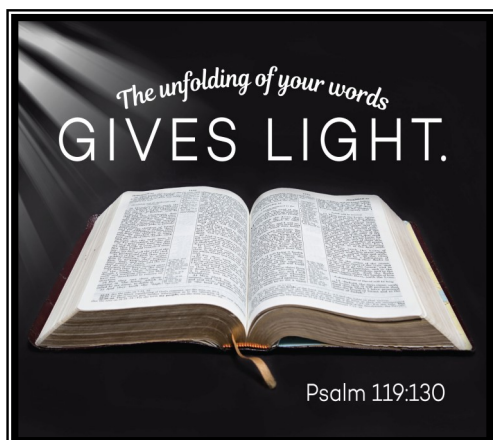
Join us every Sunday at 10:30am in person, or online at our YouTube page, as we take a new look at how Christ calls each of us, and His church, to do his work.

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 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you soon once again! For more information you can visit our website at www.praiselutheran.org or contact **Becky Stiefel** at (260) 416-9197.



Church Updates

Stained Glass Window

William Lupklin Designs not only helped design our new stained glass window, but were also a huge blessing with the installation. Our new window is a representation of the Trinity; with the hand of God coming into the center, flanked on each side by the dove (Holy Spirit) and the lamb (Son of God). You may also note the yellow triangle connecting the Trinity as well as the Bible at the bottom. If you have not had the chance to attend church and see this wonderful project in person, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Call Committee Information

The Call Committee for our Voter-approved Director of Discipleship position met for the first time during the week of April 11. At that time, Committee members met with Dr. Kevin Brockberg of the Indiana District (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) to develop an understanding of initial steps, timeframe development, and expectations. The Call Committee is excited to provide the congregation with more updates as they come.

Director of Discipleship Call Committee: Greg Sutter (Spiritual Care), Craig Beaverson (Spiritual Care), Steve Pierzchala (Spiritual Care), Bev Moellering (Stewardship), Carl Moellering (Stewardship), Dave Hess (Youth Ministry Support), Teresa Hess (Youth Ministry Support), and Pastor Seth.

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 Updates

We have updated our church leadership roles, specifically who is serving in what capacity within the church currently. Please see page 9 for an updated list of leadership and remember that we will be installing our new leaders into their positions in June.

Continue to watch our website, Facebook, Instagram, and the bulletins for updated details.

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) or by phone (260-490-7729) with any questions.



Check out the church web site:

praiselutheran.org

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!
We have restarted selling scrip on Sundays as well! Come see us at the welcome desk!



Contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

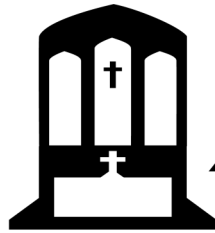


If you or someone you know would appreciate a time of prayer and scripture before/after a procedure or test, please contact Pastor Seth. He would be happy to visit with you at the hospital or office.

Email: pastorseth@praiselutheran.org

Phone: 260-490-7729

Come and Celebrate With Us



Church 25 year Anniversary

As many know, our new stained glass window is complete (see page 6 for details). We would like to invite everyone to join us for the dedication of the stained glass window. On that same day we will also be celebrating Praise Lutheran Church's 25 year anniversary. We will be having food, drinks, and fellowship to celebrate these momentous occasions!

Please join us on **May 16th**, after our worship service for a pot-luck lunch, fellowship, and the dedication of our new stained glass window.



There are sign up sheets available on the board at the back of the sanctuary. Please note that there are two sign up sheets; there is one for attendance and one for if you would like to bring a dish for the pot-luck meal. A meat dish will be provided, so please consider bringing a side dish for this event!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this event!



Church Council Updates

Church Council President

Carl Moellering (Interim)

Church Council Secretary

Elain Foley

Church Council Treasurer

Nick Longworth

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

Spiritual Care Committee

Steve Pierzchala, Greg Sutter, Craig Beaverson

Childcare Board Chair

Bev Moellering

Childcare Board Members

Mary Wilson, Lauryn Longworth, Kay Sutter, Greg Sutter (Spiritual Care liaison)

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

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)

Ministry Needs

At the present time, Praise is in need of member assistance in two areas:

- ◆ *Sunday Audio/Video*
- ◆ *Sunday morning Worship Ministry preparations* (chancel parament updates and Holy Communion set up).

Please contact the church office for information on how to assist with Worship Audio/Video needs.

Please contact John and Susie Dykhuizen for information on how to assist with Worship Ministry preparations prior to Worship. Your help in these areas will ensure that our ministries maintain precious Gospel momentum at this time. Thank you!

We recognize that folks may not feel comfortable coming onsite when groups are gathering, due to social distancing and health concerns. With this in mind, we would like to ask for your consideration in coming onsite prior to the day of Worship. This will not only help ensure that you are able to socially distance, it will also help ensure that precious ministries continue moving forward. Arrangements for set up prior to group gatherings can be comfortably arranged.



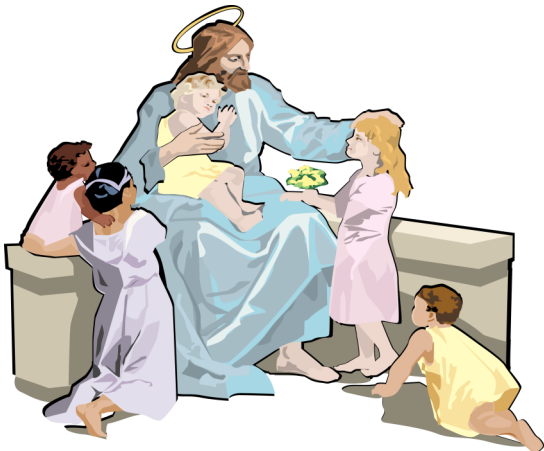
Happy May!

This month will be a busy one here for us at Little Praisers. We have Muffins for Mom on the 7th. Things will be a little different this year as we will make a muffin to go bag for each mother in order to comply as much as possible with COVID precautions.

We also have summer camp that we are gearing up for! We are almost full for the enrollment for this program, and the kids are getting excited. Miss Catharine, the teacher, has many fun activities planned this summer, so it should be a great time!

If you have not already, feel free to look us up on Facebook! We keep families updated there with FYI's, announcements, and we also post photos of classrooms whenever something comes up.

Please keep us in your prayers in hopes that we come across more qualifying candidates that we can hire to be substitute teachers. We are always in need, especially with the summer season coming up and teachers wanting to take advantage of vacation time.



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.

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.

Continue to remember our Little Praisers! Please contact Roxanne at lpdirector@praiselutheran.org or call (260) 490-9529 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

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





<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/impact/health-scholarships/>

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, mprachar@hotmail.com or Trida Niebuhr, finance@praiselutheran.org	

May

2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 2 Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30 am	3	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30 am Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Ascension Day	14	15 Armed Forces Day
 16 Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30 am	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30 am	24 Victoria Day (Canada)	25	26	27	28	29
 30 Bible Study 9:30am Service 10:30 am Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day					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 Rachel Musgrave
- 5 Victor Kolch
- 8 Grant Gumbert
- 8 Traven Ferguson
- 10 Deb Kennedy
- 10 Harold King
- 12 Davina Mullet
- 14 David Hess
- 19 Nadine Putt
- 21 David Moore
- 21 Victoria Gumbert
- 24 Michael Koenig
- 26 Margaret Carr
- 29 Jackson Bennett
- 31 Lauryn Longworth



Anniversaries

- 10 Tim and Tina McKeachie
- 20 Bob and Diana Trimble
- 20 Chris and Anna Stout
- 20 Nick and Lauryn Longworth
- 22 Gregory and Kay Sutter
- 24 Mitch and Mindy Delagrange

Congregational Communications

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

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 Wednesday

(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."

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