



THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

December 2019 issue



ADVENT

PREPARE for CHRIST

Holiday Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services

- Wednesday, December 4 -- 7pm
- Wednesday, December 11 – 7pm
- Wednesday, December 18 – 7pm

- Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service,
7pm

- Wednesday, December 25,
Christmas Day Service W/Holy
Communion , 10:30am



Scrapbook Memories 11/23/19

Of the

Youth's 1920's Murder Mystery

Dinner Party.

It was a big hit! Great job everyone for pulling off a fabulous evening you will remember for years to come.



Meet our new Members:

(Stay tuned for additional bio's in upcoming issues)

Brought to you by Sandy Wright

Our New Member's Pictured from Left to Right –

Front- Bruce Zenner, Diana Wallace, Nona (Noni")

Zenner, Steve Pierzchala, Darla Pierzchala

Back– Pastor Seth Korte, Andy Carr, Cathy Carr,

Maggie Carr, Adam Carr, Madelyn Carr, Connor Carr



September 2019 class

Andrew and Catherine Carr

On January 9, 1973 Andrew (Andy) was born in Fort Wayne, where he was also raised. He received his Bachelors degree at Purdue Fort Wayne and his Masters at Wesleyan. He majored in Business Administration. He enjoys golfing, biking and spending time at the lake. He is employed with G.F. Piping Systems, based in California.

Catherine was born and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan and her birthdate is March 10, 1971. She received her Associate degree in Human Services at Purdue Fort Wayne. She enjoys reading and having time and doing activities with the kids. She is employed as a Teacher's Aid at Carroll High School.

Andy and Catherine were married in Battle Creek, Michigan on October 19, 1996. They have four children:

Margaret is 13 and in Middle School at Maple Creek. She enjoys golfing and skate boarding.

Adam is 15 and a freshman at Carrol. He enjoys diving and gaming online.

Madelyn is 18 and is majoring in nursing at IU Fort Wayne. She likes singing and also being in a boat at the lake.

Connor is 19 and is studying finance at Purdue Fort Wayne. He likes disc golfing and playing soccer.

When asked about Praise, Andy said it has a great environment and everyone is so friendly; they are very happy here.

Sunday Morning Sermon Series: "Ready or Not"



Anticipation. This time of year is filled with anticipation, isn't it? We anticipate spending time with those we love. We anticipate gatherings filled with laughter, peace, and refreshment. More, we anticipate our Lord's Promised Return! Holy Scriptures (from Old Testament to New Testament) challenge Christians everywhere to live with anticipation for the Coming Messiah. The question now is this: will Jesus' Church be ready for His Return? Will you?

December Fundraiser, Service, and Fiesta

All youth are welcome to join us on Saturday, December 7th! We will serve together during our Flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's in the morning (8am-10am), with the proceeds benefiting our youth group as we prepare for more youth events and conferences.

We will then join one another at the church to bake some cookies in preparation for visiting our shut-in members with carols on our lips and cookies in our hands! After an afternoon of bringing Christmas joy to our members, we will gather back at the church to enjoy our own festivities: games, present swaps, food, and more! Let let Becca Souer know rsouer@praiselutheran.org know if you are planning on attending!



SHORT STACKS FOR A TALL CAUSE

You're Invited to an Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Event to support

Praise Lutheran Church Youth Group

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 Tickets: \$8.00 Date: 12/07/19 Time: 8am - 10am

Help our Youth Group as we prepare to head to Cincinnati for the Youth Quake! Our Group will be able to keep a minimum of 50% of the profits!

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PRAISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND FIESTA

December 7th,
 starting after the Flapjack Fudraiser,
 around 10:30am



- Christmas Baking
- Community Caroling
- Fellowship Fun

Any questions or to purchase tickets please contact Becca Souer rsouer@praiselutheran.org

or phone: 260-490-7729



... by . . Sandy Wright

The Giving Tree will be put up Saturday, November 30. So far I have received a only a few names of people who will be needing help.

Please, if you know someone, even if it is yourself, that could use some help for this Christmas, let me know so I can get them put on the Giving Tree. I want us to bless whoever needs help. For each person, please give 3 items he or she can use. If it is clothes, I will need the items and exact sizes, and if they are for a man or woman. If it is for children, give the age and size needed and tell me if it is for a boy or girl. If the person could use gas or groceries, please list this so they can receive gift cards for these items. We want to help people with whatever their needs are for this Christmas.

When you take a tag off the tree, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the stand by the tree. List your name, phone number (in case I need to get ahold of you for an important reason) and also the tag number on the back side of the tag. These things all help me get the right gifts to the people that need them.

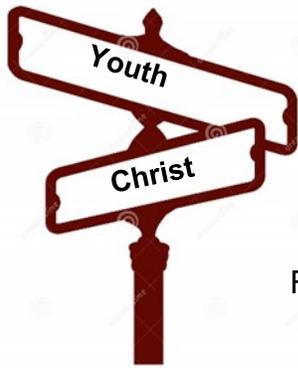
When you purchase a gift for someone, please wrap it and attach the gift tag to it, bring it to church and place it under the Giving Tree. If you buy gift cards, put each one in an envelope or a gift tag box and attach the gift tag to it. There is a gift-wrapped shoe box under the tree that you can place the envelopes in.

I look forward to doing this and helping all that we can. Remember--this is all very confidential!!! Thank you ahead of time. Sandy Wright 260-637-1132 swright68@yahoo.com



Creation Museum Memories 11/16/19

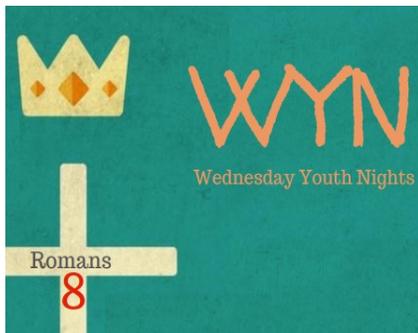




YOUTH CORNER
(where Youth
and Christ meet)

Grades 6 -12

For details: Becca at rsouer@praiselutheran.org



WYN (Wednesday Nights Together)
Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Grades 6-12

WYN - Wednesday Youth Nights

Note that there will be no Youth Group on December 25th, nor January 1st. In addition to that, our December youth group will be meeting a little earlier, starting between 6 and 6:15pm. This will allow us time to have a short Advent devotion together and some time of fellowship before joining each other for worship at 7pm. We look for-

We are looking forward to our Youth Conference in Cincinnati, January 10-12th. In preparation for it, those who are planning to attend and their families are asked to participate in a short informational meeting on December 15th between the service and confirmation class. If you have any questions ahead of time, please ask Becca (rsouer@praiselutheran.org).

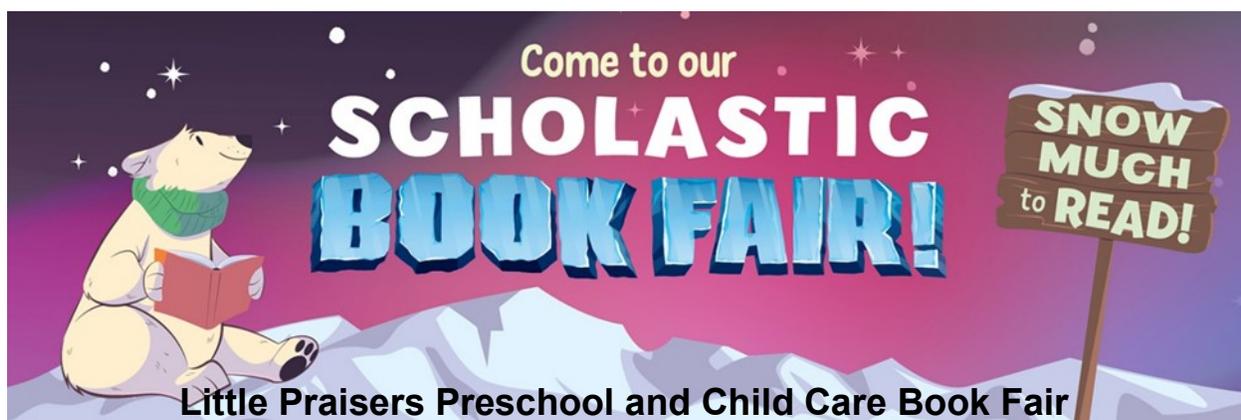
Little Praisers Christmas Program

Thursday, December 12th, 6:30 pm, our Little Praiser children will be blessing their parents and us with the telling of the Christmas story through songs and readings. Your presence at this event would be a great support to our Preschool and the families that attend there! We are also asking for donations of cookies (without sprinkles) that we may serve that evening after the program. If you are willing to donate cookies, please bring them to Becca before December 11th. Thank you.

Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care Family Event will be on December 12th 2019

The book fair will be open before and after the Christmas Program.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m.



Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care Book Fair

December 9-13, 2019 3p.m.– 5p.m.

MOD SQUAD

(Mailings and Other Documents)

We are hoping to start a small team of people who would enjoy time visiting with each other every month while doing simple, but important tasks. I will provide some snacks, water and coffee. Transportation can also be provided, if needed.

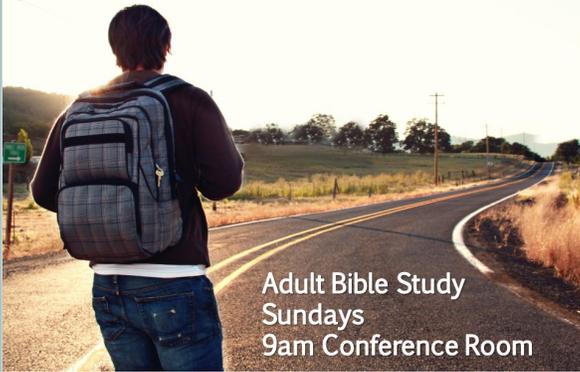
Please consider this opportunity to make new friends and have some fellowship while helping the church. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested. If you are unable to attend this week, but would be interested in attending in the future, please let me know. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Annie Koenig 260-413-4747

anniedaviskoenig@gmail.com



Watching | Waiting | Walking



Adult Bible Study
Sundays
9am Conference Room

Adult Bible Study Sunday's @ 9am in the Conference Rm

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 at:

pastorseth@praiselutheran.org



Sunday School



We are very excited to welcome new teachers, be in a new classroom, and learn new and amazing things about our God! Our PreK-5th grade students will gather in Gold Room in our Preschool wing, while our 6th-12th grade students join us in DCE Becca Souer's office. We look forward to seeing all of our children and families there! Contact Becca Souer for more information

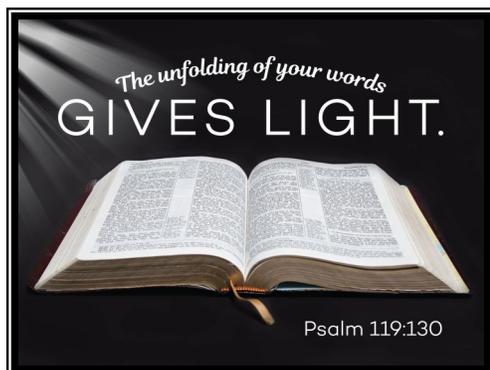
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Merry Christmas

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Women's Bible Study Thursday's



Thursday's at 7:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study will start back up after summer break. We meet in the conference room, which is to the right after coming through the main doors.

We will be studying Philipians. The books are \$9.00 each, and can be paid for at our first study night.

If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, or if you have any questions, please contact Sandy Wright at 637-1132 or srwright68@yahoo.com before September 10.



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

or phone: 260-490-7729

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.



Sanctuary Availability for Prayer

In an effort to support those seeking to use the Sanctuary space throughout the week for prayer and devotional time, the following schedule of availability has been created with the help of Little Prayers (during the current season):

(Times of Availability)

Monday	7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Tuesday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Wednesday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Thursday	7-8am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm
Friday	7-9am, 12:30-3pm, 4:30-6pm

Please contact the church office with any questions you might have (260-490-7729) and to discuss access options.

Community Clubhouse

Meeting on
Dec. 5th & 19th

@ 11am!

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



KITCHEN UPDATE

Dave Hess & Pastor Seth met with Springfield & they have finished up the remediation and we are now going to move forward with phase 2.

If anyone has any experience in construction and would like to volunteer to help, please contact our office. office@praiselutheran.org

(260)490-7729



..by..

Roxanne Gerardot

Little Praisers Director

lpdirector@littlepraisers.org

"This last month has been a busy one here at Little Praisers!"

December is shaping up to be a busy month! Our Christmas Program will be on December 12th at 6:30pm. The children have been working very hard to learn the songs and readings that they will be doing. We will be having some of our school age children helping out this year, they are very excited! The classroom birthday celebrations for Jesus will be on Friday, December 21st. The office area is all decorated for the season also, the classes are all excited to get their ornaments put on the tree.

We have many spots open in our part time Pre-K program:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:45am-11:45am
Tuesday/Thursday 8:45am-11:45am.

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.)

Do you enjoy reading to children?



Our Child Care Ministry is looking for volunteers to read to children in our classrooms. One day a week, each volunteer would read in one or two classrooms. The time commitment would be less than an hour. We are looking at Thursdays but other arrangements could be made.

Contact Michele Prachar at 260-419-3634 if you are interested.



The Transportation Ministry has been approved by our Church Council and is accepting volunteers for its ministry. There is an interview process for such a position using an application form submitted by our insurance company to guide the interview. The reason for the interview is to make certain that we at Praise dot all of the i's and cross all of the t's for the persons wishing to be a part of this special ministry and to make certain that all of the proper avenues are covered to prevent any logistical snafus for the volunteer and the person(s) being transported. There is a clipboard attached at the back of our Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for such an interview. We thank you in advance for volunteering your services.

Questions:

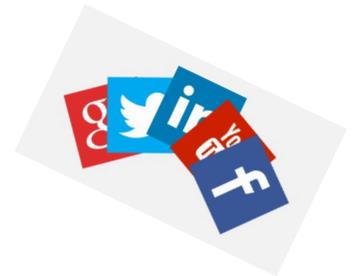
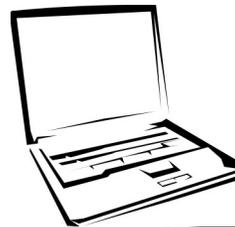
email: Dick Bultemeyer, bultemeyer505@msn.com

Social Media

An Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!

Praise is looking for individuals interested in being a part of the Social Media Ministry. As Praise continues to grow, we are always looking to improve the way we are connecting with our community. A recent study shows that there are over 3 billion people globally who use social media. That's a big community! For more information, please reach out to Rhonda Rasdorf @ rrasdorf@gmail.com

We hope to hear



Check out the church web site:

You will find the church's calendar, a chart for those helping on Sunday mornings, sermons, the Pulse, weekly announcements/meetings, information about Little Praisers, so much more.

Contact Rhonda Rasdorf, our webmaster for more information
rrasdorf4524@gmail.com

Many gift cards are available.



Call Mary Voorhees or email scrip@praiselutheran.org for questions or concerns.



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 Annie Koenig to be included anniedavis-koenig@gmail.com

- **Counting Ministry** (gentlemen and ladies, 25 years and older)

See Trish Niebuhr - finance@praiselutheran.org

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)

Opportunities to Serve Alongside Praise/Little Praiser Leadership

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:

- **President-Elect**
- **Fellowship**
- **Community Engagement/Outreach**
- **Childcare Board**
- **Property Ministries/Trustees**
- **Praise Team**
- **Audio-Video**
- **Treasurer (as of January 1, 2020)**
- **Spiritual Care Committee**

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, Randi Gross (office@praiselutheran.org) for the leadership's awareness and communication purposes, or contact Council President, Dave Hess, or a member of Spiritual Care for information.

Finance Secretary ... Trish Niebuhr

Grants

- *Outreach, Submitted \$8,900, Awarded \$4,000 w/exclusions
Approved to fund 50% of the total cost of each line item excluding funding for food, beverages, catering, rentals, mosquito repellent and transportation.
- * Audio Visual, Phase 1, Submitted \$10,000, Pending Award 9/1/19
- *Stained Glass, Submitted \$?, Pending Award 9/1/19

Fellowship Fund – This is a free will offering collected during our coffee and donut meet and greet held each Sunday from 10-10:25 a.m. This fund helps to offset the cost of coffee, creamers, sugars, donuts, paper products, etc.

Flower Donations Being Accepted – Our altar flowers are purchased each week from Armstrong Flowers and the expense is sometimes offset through donations from our congregation. If you (or someone close to you) have a special event and you would like to recognize this special day during our weekly service, please consider donating \$16 towards our flower fund. There is a clipboard/sign up sheet located in the back of Fellowship Hall to note the specifics as well as envelopes you can put your check or cash in and put it with your offering. After the service, please take your flowers home with you and enjoy their beauty with your loved one.

Contribution deficit increased from \$2,437 in April to \$2,725 short of YTD budget forecast.
Fellowship deficit increased from \$40 in April to \$112 short of YTD budget forecast..
Flowers deficit raised from \$64 in April to \$147 short of YTD budget forecast.

On-line Giving: Using on-line giving can benefit Praise as well as make giving easier for you. As you can see above, our church contributions fluctuate throughout the year which can create a challenge for our operations.

One way to reduce the “highs and lows” is to use on-line giving and set up automatic donations. This is perfect for those who:

- * Travel extensively or work on Sundays
- * Winter snowbird or summer lake home lifestyle
- * Pay bills on-line normally

The link to this tool is on our website:

<http://www.praiselutheran.org> along with a link to a complete step-by-step guide. Setting up your account is quick and easy!

Questions? finance@praiselutheran.org

Praise Lutheran Church
Worship is a Lifestyle, Not a Sunday Event

Online Donation [Return to our Home Page](#)

Donations
If you've already created a profile, please "Log In" on the right, otherwise continue.

Church-6010:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Fellowship-6020:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Flowers-6040:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Total:	\$0.00

Donation Frequency: Choose One (About recurring donations)

Donation Start Date: 1/02/18

Donation End Date: (optional)

Log In

Email Address:

Password:

[Forgot your Email Address or Password?](#)

Create Your Online Profile

Thrivent Choice Dollars:

If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may also have Choice Dollars available for donation. February is a great month to log in and donate your 2018-accrued Choice Dollars to Praise Lutheran Church! 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 and if the 2018 Choice Dollars are not donated by March 31, 2019, 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.

- * www.thrivent.com
- * My Thrivent Tag
- * Apply for a Thrivent Action Team



Please fill out the attached form for any grants your ministry needs. If you want to submit the grant, or can find someone to do it, that's fabulous. Trish Niebuhr keeps track of them, so just shoot her an email if you submit a grant.

Grants MUST be submitted at least 17 days in advance. It takes time to find someone to do the grant and then get the information to them. If we are going to find someone to submit the grant, we REALLY need 3 weeks (21 days) at minimum.

We praise God for these financial gifts that are being made available to us through our friends at Thrivent! It is a blessing to be able to use Action Team Grants for our events!

Questions?
Trish: finance@praiselutheran.org

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 Tricia Niebuhr, finance@praiselutheran.org		

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



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The Bulletin and the Announcements have a new look.

The Praise Pulse is always available on our website: praiselutheran.org



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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
260-490-9529

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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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Lois Gumbert, Prayer Chain
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00am Worship Team Practice

**Children/Youth Sunday
School**

Adult Bible Class

10:00am Fellowship Time
(Fellowship Area)

10:30am Worship

11:45am Confirmation
(Conference Room)

