

THE PRAISE PULSE

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*Sunday, December 10, 2017
5:00 p.m. Doors Open
5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner
7:00 p.m. Choral Presentation*

You are cordially invited to attend Hope for the Holidays. Hope for the Holidays is a community celebration of hope for those who are suffering loss, loneliness, loss or lack of spiritual faith and also celebrating with those who have found hope, faith and peace. If you have a friend or family member that would like to come and enjoy this faith filled holiday event, please invite them.

We are having a catered meal prior to the choir performance, this meal will be free of charge. Buffet will include roast beef, chicken breast, mash potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, Casa salad and assorted pies. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP online at praiselutheran.org or sign up on the clipboard in the back of the Fellowship Area.** Please indicate the total number of your family and friends attending too. It is very important for us to have this information so we can plan on the amount of food needed.



December Sermon Series

This series will note the ways in which St. Luke highlights various elements of HOPE within his Gospel account. Each Gospel reading portrays for us an element of hope meant not only for Luke's audience but for us today, particularly as they focus on the person and work of Jesus FOR US. Advent allows us to give pause to the busyness and stress of our schedules to acknowledge the first coming (advent) of Christ, while anticipating His Second Coming!

A/V Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help with sound and running the power point during worship on Sundays. Training will be provided. Please contact the church office at office@praiselutheran.org or call 490-7729 if you are interested.

Community Clubhouse

December 5th & 19th

Please join us for lunch, cards and games. **Community Clubhouse will now have all their fellowship gatherings at SunRise Cafe at 12:00 p.m. 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) 489-7553 or (260) 416-9197.

Open Mic Night



Friday, December 8th
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Snacks, beverages and prizes included

This is the 4th of 4 Open Mics in the season, with a grand prize at the end of the season.

RSVP online at www.praiselutheran.org
Contact Josh Gumbert for questions at (260) 494-6463 or joshuagumbert@gmail.com



Wednesday, Advent Service
December 6 — 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Advent Service
December 13 — 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Advent Service
December 20 — 7 p.m.

Sunday, Advent/Christmas Eve Service
December 24 — 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Christmas Day
December 25 — 10:30 a.m.

Advent Mid-Week Sermon Series



This series will help us in our Advent preparations as we await the return of our Heavenly King, Jesus. Through John 1:1-14 we see a divine plan set in motion for each one of us, who through grace, are brought into a life-saving, life-changing relationship with Jesus- the Word of God wrapped in flesh! We will also take a look at some of the themes that emerge from this passage- trust, the promise of a plan for each of us in Jesus, preparing for Jesus' appearance/return, the grace of God that would see God Himself being WITH us.



MEET MORE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

By Sandy Wright

Craig Beaverson

Craig was born on January 3, 1953 in Fort Wayne, where he was also raised. He majored in theater, radio and tv communications. He is employed with WFFT TV, channel 55 Fox station.

He's a member of the Elks, where he helps out. Craig likes to golf and he loves to read. On March 7, 1992 he married Mary in Fort Wayne.

From his first step in the door at Praise, he felt at home. He likes the people and the teaching and preaching.

Victoria Gumbert

Victoria was born in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne on May 21, 1994. She was also raised here. She attended Ravenscroft Beauty College in Fort Wayne. She's employed with Hair Gallery as a cosmetologist and hair stylist.

While residing in Pennsylvania, she volunteered at a soup kitchen. Victoria enjoys painting pictures and crafting. She married Josh (already a Praise member) on June 12, 2013 in Fort Wayne. They have two daughters.

She feels Praise is a really good church and it's going in the right direction. Everybody is so nice.

Tricia Niebuhr

Tricia was born in Lynnwood, California on April 26, 1961 and was raised in Lancaster, California. She studied at the University of California in Redlands where she majored in business administration. She is employed with Brunswick Corporation.

Years ago Tricia volunteered at a hospital. She enjoys boating, reading, playing cards and spending time with her family. She and Phil were married on September 5, 1992 in Ridgecrest, California. They have three children.

She said that Praise is a very friendly and welcoming christian church; it's great the way they treat people.

Angela Vasquez

Angela was born on October 8, 1978 in Oregon City, Oregon. She was raised in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and attended college at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. She majored in secondary education, english and instrumental music. She's employed at Concordia Lutheran High School where she teaches english.

Angela has done volunteer work at a former church. She likes to be outside and enjoys walking and hiking. She also likes reading, music and watching TV and movies with her husband. She married Michael June 6, 2001 in Klamath Falls.

When asked about Praise, she responded that she appreciates how welcoming and friendly everyone is.



Interested in Joining the Praise Lutheran Community?

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Seth Korte (pastorseth@praiselutheran.org) for more information on a one day member retreat after the holidays.



Please watch ABC (Channel 21), CBS (Channel 15) or NBC (Channel 33) for the latest closing information for Praise Lutheran Church FW in the event of inclement weather.



Giving Tree

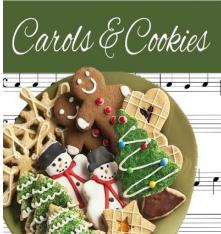
By Sandy Wright

We are in need of families or single people to put on the Giving Tree. If anyone knows of some people who could use help at Christmas time, please let me know by **Sunday, December 3**. If you or your own family could use some help, please get in touch with me. Everything is kept completely confidential; I am the only one who knows and I never share any information with anyone. Your names are never put on the tags; I use numbers to identify everyone. I am here to help anyone that needs it.

The Giving Tree will be put up the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Look through the tags on the tree and pick out something you would like to give. There will be a sign-up sheet by the tree. Please find the number on the tag and look for that number on the list. Next to it, write your name and also your phone number. Then you can have fun shopping.

Please gift wrap what you have purchased and lightly attach the tag to the outside of the package. Gift cards may be put in sealed envelopes or whatever you choose to put them in. Lightly attach the tag to your envelope. All gifts can be placed under the Giving Tree. The deadline for bringing in your gifts is **Sunday, December 17**. If you take a tag off the tree, then realize you will not be able to honor it, please put the tag back on the tree for someone else to take care of. We want to make sure all of our people receive the gifts that are intended for them.

Please don't hesitate to call me (637-1132). If I'm not available, leave a message with your phone number and I will get back to you.



On **Saturday December 9**, Praise Lutheran Jr. and Sr. High Youth will be venturing out to deliver cookies to several of the congregations members who are in assisted living situations. During our time with these members we will also share a few Christmas carols to further bless the visit! After the carols and cookies have been shared, our group will venture out for dinner.

*Please plan to arrive at Praise Lutheran at **1pm on Saturday, December 9** to help prepare the cookies for their delivery. For more information please contact Pastor Seth.

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

If you **do not have** an online account, go to krogercommunityrewards.com.

- 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.

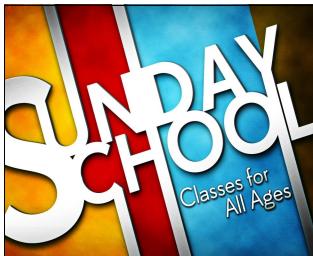


Our Prayer Chain will gladly offer prayers for you or a loved one who is suffering a crisis in their life.

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



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.

Beginning Sunday, December 3rd Worship for Shut-Ins the weekly televised worship service will have a new name. Same Program New Name!



December 3rd . First Sunday in Advent
Do We or Don't We? Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

December 10th . Second Sunday in Advent
The Trailblazer by Rev. James Elsner

December 17th . Third Sunday in Advent
Good News for a Change by Rev. William Mueller

December 24th . Fourth Sunday in Advent
A Great Announcement by Rev. Dr. Walter Maier, III

December 31st. First Sunday after Christmas
Mother and Son by Rev. Paul Shoemaker



December Birthdays

- 6 Terry Huston
- 9 Mary Rich
- 11 Annette Koenig
- 12 Perry Hart
- 13 Duane Thieme
- 18 Lois Buuck
- 22 Sandy Wright
- 23 Glenn Mullet
- 31 Stacy Krueger

December Anniversaries

- 19 Tim & JoAnne Fox
- 24 George & Jackie Strasser



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Our current study is "In His Eyes: Becoming the Woman God Made You to Be".

All women of Praise, friends of Praise and/or relatives are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Wright at 637-1132 for questions or more information.



Christmas decorating will be on **Saturday, December 2nd** at 9 a.m.

Please come and help, the more the merrier! Refreshments will be provided.



On Tuesday, November 21st we had our Thanksgiving Feast, we had record attendance and we enjoyed visiting with all the family members that were able to attend.

The Little Praisers children and staff are working on our songs for the Christmas program, Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm. We will have Happy Birthday Jesus treats after the program. We hope you all can come and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The students and staff enjoyed putting together the Operation Christmas child boxes. We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas!

Just a quick reminder Little Praisers will be closed December 25, 26, 29 and January 1 for the holidays.

God's blessings to you always.

Karen Bilger & Joyce Wolfe

Merry Christmas



**Operation
Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone that filled a box!

Praise members and Little Praisers families are a blessing to these children!

Also, thanks to Barb Bailey & Susan Burnworth for leading this mission for us.

Total count was 67 boxes!

Thank You!

Worship Ministry By Ruth Bultemeyer

The Worship Committee would appreciate if someone would be willing to purchase flowers for the altar. The cost is \$16.00 per bouquet.

Following the service these flowers can be given to someone who is unable to attend the worship service. If someone special comes to mind and you would be willing to take the flowers to her/him, that would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would be willing to take the flowers to your person of choice.

These flowers may be taken following the worship service. There are envelopes on the clipboard located on the wall in the Fellowship Area. The envelope can be placed into the collection plate.

The Worship Committee appreciates your willingness to help with this request.



E-mail your articles for the January Pulse by **December 15th** to: office@praiselutheran.org or call Karen in the church office.



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The Career Ministry offers spiritual support and job search coaching to the unemployed, under-employed and workers at risk. Founded on the building blocks of Partnership, Encouragement, Accountability, Community and Empowerment (PEACE), our job seekers are enabled to successfully find and secure a job. See bulletin for contact information. For more information please contact Molly Roman at mollyr@associatedchurches.org.

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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

- 9:00 Worship Team Practice
(Sanctuary)
- Children/Youth Sunday School
(Daycare Classrooms)
- Adult Bible Class
(The Edge- near Door #4)
- 10:00 Fellowship Time
(Fellowship Area)
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Confirmation (6th-8th Grade)
(The Edge- near Door #4)

**COME
WORSHIP
with us!**