

# THE PRAISE PULSE

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## NOVEMBER



*Sunday, December 6, 2015*  
*5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner*  
*7:00 p.m. Choral Presentation*

You are cordially invited to attend Hope for the Holidays. 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. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the clipboard as soon as possible. Also, 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.

Choir practices are on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. New choir members are always welcomed!

Any questions, call George Strasser at 492-0002.



*Psalm 104:33 (NIV)*

*I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
 I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*



**Collection Deadline  
November 16, 2015**

Reminder boxes and information are in the narthex. **There is also a tote underneath the table that have Beanie Baby stuffed animals, if you would like to add one to your box(s), please take one.** The Beanie Baby stuffed animals were donated by a member. If you have any questions about the project see Mary Voorhees.



Wednesday,  
November 25th



**Fourth Friday \*Free\* Film Festival for Couples**

**November 20, 2015**

**“The Book Thief”**

Movie starts at 6 p.m. with discussion following  
Popcorn provided, bring your own soft drink

**Special Voter’s Assembly meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 immediately following the worship service. The call committee will present the name of the candidate they have selected to extend a call to for Senior Pastor. This meeting is very important and a quorum is needed to get approval by the congregation.**



Have you ever heard of the “Meal A Deal Winner” project? Probably not because I just thought of that.

***You are invited to help make this project “interesting.”***

This is not a joke, it is real. Only the names have been changed ... ok that’s not part of it.

But really, ask someone if they have heard of the “Meal A Deal Winner” project. Someone will know something. Happy hunting!

Your are blessed  
I am blessed

Pastor Randy



**Become our friend  
on Facebook.**



**P R A Y E R C H A I N**

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

öKeep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.ö  
Ephesians 6:18 TLB

## Giving Tree Information Needed

By Sandy Wright



It may seem somewhat early for this, but Christmas is coming up quickly. I do the Giving Tree, which helps people in need receive Christmas gifts. I am asking for your help with this project. If you or someone you know may need assistance this year, please contact me. Recipients do not have to be members of Praise; we help out anyone in need. Information is all kept confidential. I am the only one who knows the names of the individuals and everyone is assigned a code number. Each individual receives a total of three gifts. If clothing is on the wish list, sizes are needed. Toys, games, bedding, kitchen items, shoes, boots, diapers, gift cards, whatever someone could use, we at Praise will provide. Please give me your information by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015.**

This year, there will be a sign-up sheet for the Giving Tree. When you pull a tag (or tags) off the tree, please list your name, phone number and the tag number(s) you have pulled. As holiday time is so busy for everyone, it's very easy to take a tag home, or put it in your purse/wallet and then forget about it. Every year 4 - 5 gifts are not returned, which I am not aware of until I start separating them to take to their respective homes. Then I have to go on an emergency shopping trip. With having the sign-up sheet, I'll be able to place a reminder call to the person(s) with the missing tag(s). If you take a tag, then decide you cannot do the gift giving, PLEASE place the tag back on the tree BEFORE the designated deadline so someone else can take care of the gift.

If anyone would like to help me put up the Giving Tree, please let me know. Thanks to Natalie Simmons, we have a fine new tree that's very easy to put together; we just have to place the ornaments and tags on it and we're all done.

My contact information is **637-1132** or [srwright68@yahoo.com](mailto:srwright68@yahoo.com). Or you can speak with me at church. I look forward to hearing from many of you with information on those you want us to help. Have a very blessed month.



E-mail your articles for the December Pulse by November **16th** to: [praisoffice@gmail.com](mailto:praisoffice@gmail.com) or call Karen in the church office.



## November Birthdays



- 2-Peter Dager, Aaron Lehman,
- Kathy Skurzewski
- 8-Brenden Faux
- 9-Tyler Cherifi, Debbie Wenk
- 10-Tony Freiburger, Mary Whitehead
- 11-Max Fiedler
- 12-Joshua Firestine
- 16-Diann Cawvey
- 19-Mandy Cherifi
- 21-Steve Bennett
- 24-Becky Stiefel
- 28-Larry Coss
- 29-Rachel Flippo, Chris Klopfenstein

## November Anniversaries

- 1-Joe & Megan Degitz
- 6-Bob & Karen McLellan
- 7-James & Michele Pracher



## Outreach Ministry

On Saturday, Oct. 24th, Outreach talked to the football players and families on our field and handed out brochures on Praise.

We also provided hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and snacks, everyone was very appreciative.

It was a great day with many families and volunteers!

**A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped out on Saturday!**

# Pray For Us Calendar

**These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord’s mission.**

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at [lcms.org/prayforus](http://lcms.org/prayforus) or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.



## MERCY MINISTRIES — NOVEMBER 1–30

**This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) celebrates the mercy work that is being carried out by LCMS members at home and abroad. Thanks to the abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death and resurrection, we have been freed to love, serve and speak up for our neighbors who are hurting and in need. Please join the Synod in praying for the work of Life Ministry, Health Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Disaster Response, Gospel Seeds, Specialized Pastoral Ministry and Ministry to the Armed Forces.**

*Remember God’s work through the Synod’s mercy ministries as you pray:*

1. *for the unborn, the elderly and all those whom our sinful world considers “burdens.” Ask God to protect vulnerable people and give everyone an appreciation for life at all of its stages.*

2. *for upcoming Mercy Medical Teams that will travel to Madagascar, Tanzania and Kenya. Pray for the safety of team members, and ask that their efforts would be a blessing to the people they serve.*

3. *that God would soften hearts that are hard to the suffering of others. Ask Him to give all people compassion and a willingness to help and serve their neighbor.*

4. *that the Jan. 22 March for Life in Washington, D.C., and the Jan. 23 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco would be an encouragement to those who attend and a positive witness to those they encounter.*

5. *for Stephanie Neugebauer, the new director of LCMS Life and Health Ministries. Ask God to guide her words and actions as she serves the Synod in this role.*

6. *with thanksgiving for the Synod’s 1,000-plus parish nurses, who use their many skills to care for the health and well-being of LCMS members.*

7. *that God would call even more Lutheran registered nurses to serve their churches and communities as parish nurses.*

8. *with thanksgiving for the dedicated volunteers who join the Synod’s Mercy Medical Teams. A group from Iowa District West recently provided much-needed medical care to 2,231 Pokot people in western Kenya in just one week!*

9. *for God to provide even more-skilled volunteers for Mercy Medical Teams. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other types of medical professionals, as well as pastors and hard-working laity, are needed.*

10. *with thanksgiving for women around the world who heed the call to serve God’s Church as deaconesses. Pray that His kingdom would be served through their acts of mercy with the compassion and love of Jesus.*

11. *for safe travels for Deaconess Grace Rao, director of LCMS Deaconess Ministry, as she visits deaconess students around the world to provide training and encouragement.*

12. *with thanksgiving for Deaconess Carol Halter, who has served the Chinese people in Hong Kong since 1981. Please ask God to bless her efforts, especially her ministry to Hong Kong’s street sleepers+ the homeless and formerly homeless who now live in government housing.*

13. *that deaconesses would not grow weary or become indifferent to the suffering around them. Instead, ask that God would refresh them each day to love and serve others.*

14. *with thanksgiving for the seven new deaconesses who graduated in April from a special two-year training program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., assisted with the training by sending professors to provide intensive courses to the students.*

15. *for the deaconesses and deaconess students in the Dominican Republic, who go out into the community to love people and share the Word of God each week.*

16. *for the Synod's domestic disaster-response ministry.* Pray that the Lord would continue to use His people to reassure the suffering that He is present with them in their time of need.

17. *for the Synod's international disaster-response ministry.* Thank the Lord that He uses all things for good. Through disaster response, the LCMS and her partners have been able to share the Gospel with people around the world.

18. *with thanksgiving for the thousands of volunteers who have been trained to serve on Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT).* LCMS Disaster Response trains these LCMS members to respond to their communities with tangible acts of love and mercy following a disaster.

19. *that the Lord would raise up even more volunteers who are willing to serve their communities through LERT.*

20. *for the victims of recent tornadoes in the Midwest.* Pray that through LCMS districts, congregations and members, communities would be restored and transformed through acts of mercy and a bold witness to the Gospel.

21. *with thanksgiving for the rededication of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Ill., in August.* Recovery work is finally complete after a tornado caused extensive damage to the church in 2013.

22. *that no matter what comes our way — whether hurricane, tornado, fire or other tragedy — the Lord would comfort us with His promise to never leave us or forsake us.*

23. *for the "Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs" program,* that it would help LCMS congregations build closer relationships with their neighbors and make new disciples for Christ!

24. *that LCMS congregations would be wise, passionate and creative as they look for tangible ways to serve their communities — whether that's through a food pantry, an after-school program or another outreach program.*

25. *that LCMS members would take seriously God's call to love their neighbors in word and deed.* Ask the Holy Spirit to stir up zeal in their hearts to serve His Church with their time, talents and treasures.

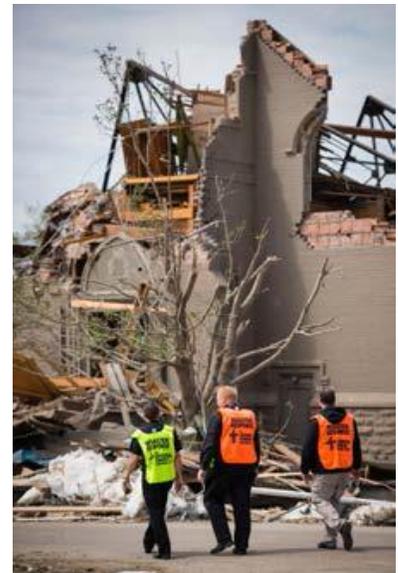
26. *with thanksgiving for the 562 ordained or commissioned ministers of the Gospel who serve in LCMS Specialized Pastoral Ministry.*

27. *for LCMS pastoral counselors, clinical pastoral educators and chaplains who provide care in hospitals, prisons, police and fire agencies, and other institutions.* Ask the Lord to give them strength as they serve people in the midst of some of life's most difficult moments.

28. *that military chaplains would continue to have the freedom to boldly share the Word of God with servicemen and women.*

29. *for the safety and well-being of the Synod's military chaplains, who eat, sleep, train, work and exercise with their flock, both in combat and in garrison, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to distressed service members.*

30. *for those who care for the spiritual and emotional needs of LCMS missionaries.* These people, based both on the international mission field and in the U.S., help missionaries deal with the ups and downs of life abroad.



*L-R) The Rev. Brian Bucklew, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Delmont, S.D.; the Rev. L. Scott Spiels, LCMS South Dakota District disaster response coordinator; and the Rev. Michael Meyer, manager of LCMS Disaster Response, walk next to Zion Lutheran Church. A May 2015 tornado destroyed the church and nearby buildings.*

## Property Ministry

Check out the new digs in the narthex.....so pretty! Thanks to Jean Hofacker's memorials these updates were able to happen. Also thanks to Elaine and others who helped (Maryanne, Susan & Chris) for opinions, choices and getting it put together....it is very comfortable and you should visit!!!



The landscaping has been spiffed up some.....two new trees will replace the two dead ones near the driveway. New concrete entry and resurfacing of the parking lot are needed and hopefully can be done in 2016 along with some newer carpet for parts of the educational wing.

Susan Till  
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## November, 2015

### November 1, 2015 – Matthew 5:1-12

#### **“Blessed in Hard Times”**

*by Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker of Lutheran Hour Ministries*

### November 8, 2015 – Hebrews 9:24-28

#### **“Once For All”**

*by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN*

### November 15, 2015 – Mark 13:1-13

#### **“Because of Jesus”**

*by Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN*

### November 22, 2015 – Mark 13:24-31

#### **“Christ’s Eternal Word”**

*by Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church~Decatur, IN*

### November 29, 2015 – Luke 21:34-36

#### **“Christmas Hope”**

*by Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN*

Sundays 6:30 AM WPTA, Channel 21

Sundays 8:00 AM Frontier 9, Digital 33.2 & Comcast 252

Sundays 11:30 AM TCT Network Channels, Direct TV 377

Sundays 4:00 PM & Mondays 10:00 AM Comcast 55 & Frontier 25



Help us decorate  
the church for  
Christmas  
Sunday,  
November 29th  
after worship

## Worship Ministry

This group of ladies take such good care of the altar area and all the communion ware. A personal donation of \$800 covered the new communion ware (two were worn out and donated and others are spares.)



# November, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Voter's Meeting 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class	2 6:30 PM Child Care Board	3 6:15 PM LP Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Spiritual Care 7:00 PM VIP	4 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship	5 7 PM Women's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class	9 7:00 PM Council	10 7:00 PM VIP	11 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship	12 7 PM Women's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship Special Voter's Assembly	16 Christmas Operation Child Collection Deadline	17 7:00 PM VIP	18 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Worship	19 7 PM Women's Bible Study	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class	23	24 LP Thanksgiving Feast 11am-1pm 7:00 PM VIP	25 10:00 AM Chapel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM <sup>Thanksgiving</sup> Service	26 Thanksgiving LP & Church Office Closed	27 LP Closed	28
29 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Bible Class & Confirmation Class Christmas Decorating After Worship	30					

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Praise Lutheran Church  
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**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



### 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

### Sundays

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

### Wednesdays

7:00 PM Worship Service

Holy Communion  
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday

