

# THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

July 2018

# Screen on the Green

## A 'Dinner & Movie' Series

### Outdoor Community Fun



June 15  
July 6  
July 27  
August 17

Dinner at 7:30pm  
Movie at 8:45pm



# FREE:

(On Praise grounds)

Dinner  
Popcorn  
Feature Film  
Prize Drawings



Rain  
or  
Shine

This free, family-friendly ministry to our community, Little Praisers and congregational families is returning for another great season of outdoor fun!  
Bring a chair and a blanket.

Visit [praiselutheran.org](http://praiselutheran.org) for movie titles, dinner menus or to RSVP.

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Connections Golf Outing

### June 8, at Brookwood Golf Club



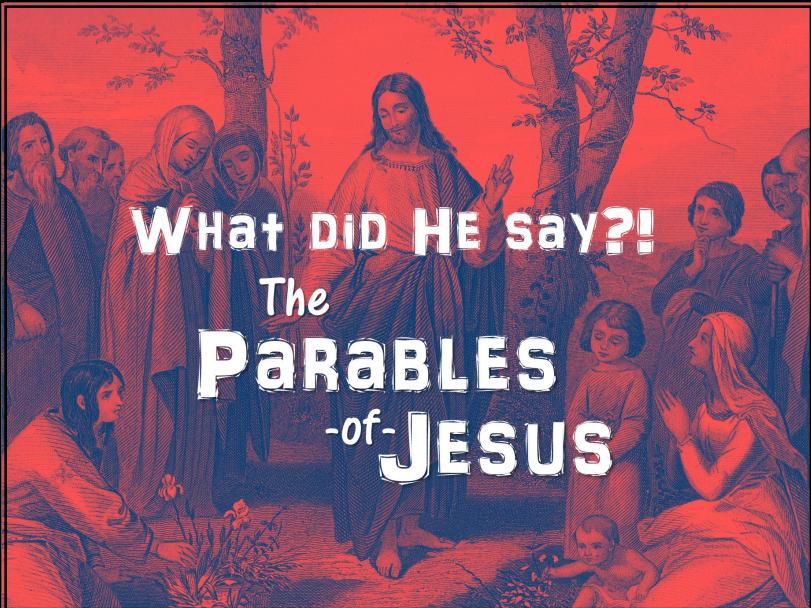
Becca is being considered for a potential staffing position at Praise/Little Praisers.

It was a delight to meet with Eric and Becca.

## Sunday, June 17

Question and answer period with Becca and Eric Souer after Worship.





## Sunday Morning Sermon Series and Adult Bible Study



### SUNDAY SCHOOL *Where Love Wins Big!*

Our Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers welcome children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade. They meet on Sundays from 9-10am. Volunteers to help teach/lead may sign up on near the restrooms.

Sunday School is taking a break and will resume in the Fall. Thank you to all our Sunday School Teachers and Helpers!



### 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.

Confirmation Class is taking a break, and will resume in September.

Sundays at 11:45 a.m.  
In The Edge  
(near Door #4)

### What did He say?! The Parables of Jesus

Oftentimes, Jesus used down to earth illustrations within teachings known as Parables to help communicate the reality of God's Kingdom, especially as it breaks its way into our daily life through the person and work of God's Son (Jesus Christ). *The Parable(s) of The Good Samaritan, The Sower, and The Prodigal Son* are just a few of the memorable Parables Jesus used. And yet, as memorable as they may be, perhaps we've found it difficult to see the connection between Jesus' teaching and our life today. Perhaps we've even begun to ask, "What did He say?" Our Sermon Series and Adult Bible Study aims to provide us with access to the riches of God's Word AND the ways in which Jesus' Parables STILL hold meaning and purpose for our lives and relationships, TODAY!



**Friday, July 13**

**7-10pm**

**(second Friday  
of each month)**

Come and share your vocal and instrumental talents, or just relax and listen to the music.

Visit: [www.praiselutheran.org](http://www.praiselutheran.org)

### Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will resume in September.

**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 call the church office at 490-7729 or email [office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org) if you are interested.

There are a few families in our church that would welcome a meal or two during the week. Let's get together and minister to one another!



*Helping Those In Need  
In Jesus Name*

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Area for those that are able to help. Contact our Fellowship Chairman, Rhonda Rasdorf, email: [frasdorf@onlyinternet.com](mailto:frasdorf@onlyinternet.com) to have your name put on the list.

**Community Clubhouse**

July 3 and July 17



Please join us for lunch, cards and games. Community Clubhouse meets at SunRise Café (10230 Coldwater Road) at 12 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you there! For more information you can visit our website at [www.praiselutheran.org](http://www.praiselutheran.org) or contact Becky Stiefel at (260) 416-9197.



Friday, June 22

Due to the weather, not many fans were in attendance.

We will try again with another date.

**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](http://WorshipAnew.org) or call 888-286-8002.



## Sunday, June 3, 2018



### "A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVE"

**The weather was great except for some wind -- so the 50+ folks who stayed after Services on Sunday June 3 enjoyed a nice light lunch thanks to Outreach ministry!**

Many volunteers helped create the gifts for the 10+ veterans who were here. This picnic was to honor the Veterans, First Responders, Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. After the prayer and National Anthem we ate and visited. Emery McClendon of ARMAD was the announcer and Praise hosted this event on the spacious lawn. Russ Jehl, Deputy District Director, brought a letter from Congressman Jim Banks in honor of the day. There were several others who spoke to the issue of veterans and shared their stories. LMVFM was also involved and Dr. Jim Dohrmann shared how the 10 year old non-profit ministry is helping our veterans with counseling and support along with educating the public about veterans concerns and needs. We have so much gratitude for our Veterans and First Responders and this is just one small contribution to that salute!



## Screen on the Green

### June 15—Dinner and a Movie



Great food, great movie,  
almost 90 people, and  
everyone enjoyed  
“a night to remember!”

# Don't Miss Screen on the Green

July 6

"The Batman Lego Movie"



Dinner at 7:30pm

Movie at 8:45pm



Praise Team  
Alters their  
Rehearsal  
Time

The Praise Team now rehearses from 9-10am prior to Worship on Sundays. Anyone interested, email Joyce at: [music@praiselutheran.org](mailto:music@praiselutheran.org)

## Praise/Little Praisers Ministries' Technology Needs Discussion



Praise/Little Praiser Ministries are currently in the process of evaluating our technology needs as they relate to Worship, Audio/Video, day to day operations and Community Engagement efforts. If this is an area of interest for you, or you would be willing to lend some insights, please consider joining the dialogue! For more information please contact Josh Gumbert, [joshuagumbert@gmail.com](mailto:joshuagumbert@gmail.com), or call/text at 260-494-6463.



Outreach continues to collect donations for Shepherd's House. Collection basket and list are in the narthex.



E-mail your articles for the August Pulse by **July 15th** to: [office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org)



If you have an interest in playing hand chimes at Praise, please sign up in the Fellowship Area. Any ages are welcomed and no experience necessary. Any questions, please see or call Becky Stiefel at 416-9197.



We are so blessed to be able to talk about and show our love for Jesus every day. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped in the day care. We appreciate you!

The children and staff of Little Praisers are enjoying the summer weather.

We are having lots of summer fun enjoying water days and playing outside.

Thanks to all the dads who came for Donuts with Dads. We had about 60 dads come and eat breakfast with their children.

We are looking forward to the Praise garage sale July 13th and 14th.

Wishing you summer blessings!

*If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care staff, please contact Karen Bilger or Joyce Wolfe at 260-490-9529.*



### Praise Team Alters their Rehearsal Time

The Praise Team now rehearses from 9-10am prior to Worship on Sundays. Anyone interested, email Joyce at: [music@praiselutheran.org](mailto:music@praiselutheran.org)



**The Installation of Officers, Ministry Chairs, and Spiritual Care Committee Members was held on July 1 during Worship.**

**Thank you to those who have served faithfully in the past.**

### Past Ministry Leaders

President	Jack Gumbert
Treasurer	Jackie Strasser
Financial	
Treasurer	Mitch Delagrange
Child Care	Mike Lehman
Fellowship	Barb Dyrucz
Music	Joyce Ehlerding
Outreach	Lynette Lehman
Property	Susan Till
Spiritual Care	Jim Skurzewski
Worship	Ruth Bultemeyer

**Ministry Leaders taking office as of July 1 are listed in bold print**

President	Jim Skurzewski
Treasurer	Andrea O'Day
Financial	
Treasurer	Trish Niebuhr
*Child Care	Mike Lehman
Fellowship	<b>Rhonda Rasdorf</b>
*Music	Joyce Ehlerding
*Outreach	Lynette Lehman
*Property	Susan Till
Spiritual Care	<b>Dan Logan</b>
Stewardship	<b>Michele Prachar</b>
*Worship	Ruth Bultemeyer

**Those with an (\*) remain in office.**

# Little Praisers Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

**Friday, July 13**

**12-6pm**

**Saturday, July 14**

**8am-3pm**

**At Praise in the Fellowship Area**

**Drop off your items Wednesday or Thursday, July 11 or 12**



**Become our friend on Facebook.**

## **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 Susan Till, our Property Chairman, at 260-637-6618.

**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](http://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](http://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.**



So many times folks are sick or in need of something yet they do not let their Christian brothers and sisters know.

Please call the office to let us know if you are ill, in hospital, need a ride etc. We will make every effort to help out.



**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. **Sunday School for children and youth is taking a break and will resume in the Fall.**



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](mailto:loisigumbert@gmail.com)

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



1	Ken Till
6	Stacey Gumbert
7	Chris McCrea
8	Dick Bultemeyer
9	Mason Bennett
11	Jim Skurzewski
12	Rich Rice
14	Jack Gumbert
17	Dan Logan
18	Delores Tye
21	Bob Kennedy
23	George Strasser
24	Brad Scherer
25	Cal Wolff
27	Dolores King
29	Dale Ehlerding



# **Little Praisers Graduation on May 30**



**35 pre-kindergarten students graduated  
from our Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care  
and will be attending kindergarten in August.**

## Graduation



'Our  
Little  
Angels'



### Employee Needs at Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care

- A receptionist for the morning hours
- Afternoon assistants in the classrooms

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Little Praisers staff, please contact Karen Bilger or Joyce Wolfe at 260-490-9529.

### Are you interested in Ushering or Greeting People on Sunday Mornings?



See  
Jim Skurzewski,  
[jsonwis@gmail.com](mailto:jsonwis@gmail.com)  
or cell 260-402-4402.

Your help would be appreciated.

*We have heard from many members how welcomed they feel at our church.*

### Thrivent Message

Another wonderful opportunity is being presented to Praise Lutheran through "Thrivent Action Team Grants." In an attempt to support congregations' community engagement efforts, **Thrivent is offering (1-2) \$250 Action Team Grants PER Thrivent Member per calendar year, based on participation (Benefit vs Associate membership).**

As Praise looks to expand its efforts with community engagement/outreach, youth ministries, and so forth, this will be a great way to secure financial support. **PLUS- it's FREE!** It costs Thrivent members nothing (this is different than Choice Dollars).

To ensure that we are able to line up an Action Team Grant with the year's events in a timely fashion, (Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival, etc.) please consider doing the following to help Praise in coordinating its efforts:

- Check your Thrivent Membership Status (Benefit vs Associate)
- Contact Praise's Secretary, Kathy Skurzewski, with the information for Coordination Purposes
- Look for an email/phone call from Pastor Seth and/or a Ministry Chairman to learn how you can direct this FREE Action Team Grant towards one of Praise's upcoming events.
- Apply (**To apply**, go Thrivent's website (noted above) and scroll to the bottom of the page and locate "Thrivent Action Teams" under the heading "Making a Difference." There you will be asked to fill out a short questionnaire as to what the funds will be used for.)

We praise God for these financial gifts that are being made available to us through our friends at Thrivent! It was a blessing to be able to use an Action Team Grant for our Easter Eggstravaganza! For more information please contact Pastor Seth.

## Dupont Road closure

Marked detour

Alternate detour



RON SHAWGO | The Journal Gazette

## Construction to shut busy Dupont area

Work is expected to take 4 months

A large section of Dupont Road, one of the busiest in the city, is about to close for four months. On Monday, barriers will go up between Salomon Farm and Dawsons Creek Boulevard, in effect closing Dupont to through traffic between Lima and Coldwater roads, Fort Wayne city officials announced Wednesday. About 25,000 vehicles use that stretch daily.

The closure is needed to construct a pedestrian/bicycle crossing under the road that will connect the Pufferbelly Trail from Salomon Farm Park to the existing trail north of Dupont Road, Public Works spokesman Frank Suarez said. "The area has experienced tremendous growth, and certainly the residents who live in that area where people who use that road as well as use businesses in the area know that the congestion has been pretty significant," he said. Work will expand the road to four lanes, add a sidewalk on the north side and a trail on the south side, according to a news release. That section of Dupont Road will be open only to people going to businesses or their homes.

Through traffic from Coldwater to Lima will detour to either Carroll or Wallen roads. Traffic delays are expected, and motorists should allow for additional travel time, the city said. Visitors to Salomon Farm and west of the closure will have access from Lima Road. Visitors to the Parkview YMCA and businesses east of the closure will have access from Coldwater Road. The project will take place over two construction seasons, with completion in 2019. Weekly updates can be found at [www.cityoffortwayne.org/dupont](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/dupont). Suarez said the city has been meeting with residents about the construction for several years. About 200 people attended a meeting early this year, he said. "It is a major road," Suarez said, "but the construction will be well worth it when it's completed."

# July 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship Installation of New Leaders during worship <i>Screen on Green and</i> <i>Orange Scale meeting</i>	<i>2</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship Leaders during worship <i>Screen on Green and</i> <i>Orange Scale meeting</i>	<i>3</i> 12pm-Clubhouse at Sunrise Café 6:30pm-Spiritual Care	<i>4</i> <b>HOLIDAY</b> Offices and Little Praisers <b>CLOSED</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Screen on the Green Movie "Batman Lego" Volunteers 6pm Dinner 7:30pm Movie 8:45pm	<i>7</i> No Soccer Game today
<i>8</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	<i>9</i> Child Care Board 5:30pm Church Council 7pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 10am-Chapel	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Garage Sale noon-6 7-10pm-Open Mic Night	<i>14</i> Garage Sale 8am-3 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			<b>YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)</b>		<i>20</i>	
<i>15</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 12pm-Clubhouse at Sunrise Café	<i>18</i> 10am-Chapel	<i>19</i>	<i>21</i> YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm	
			<b>YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)</b>			
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<i>29</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>August 1</i> 10am-Chapel	<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 3</i>	<i>August 4</i> YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			<b>YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)</b>			

## THE PRAISE PULSE

Praise Lutheran Church  
1115 West Dupont Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

**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."

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## OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:00am    Worship Team Practice  
(Sanctuary)  
  
Children/Youth Sunday School  
(Daycare Classrooms)  
**On break, and will resume  
In the Fall.**  
  
Adult Bible Class  
(The Edge-near Door #4)  
  
10:00am    Fellowship Time  
(Fellowship Area)  
  
10:30am    Worship  
  
11:45am\* Confirmation (6th-8th Grade)  
(The Edge-near Door #4)  
**\*Confirmation Class is on  
break and will resume in  
September\***

**COME  
WORSHIP  
with us!** 