

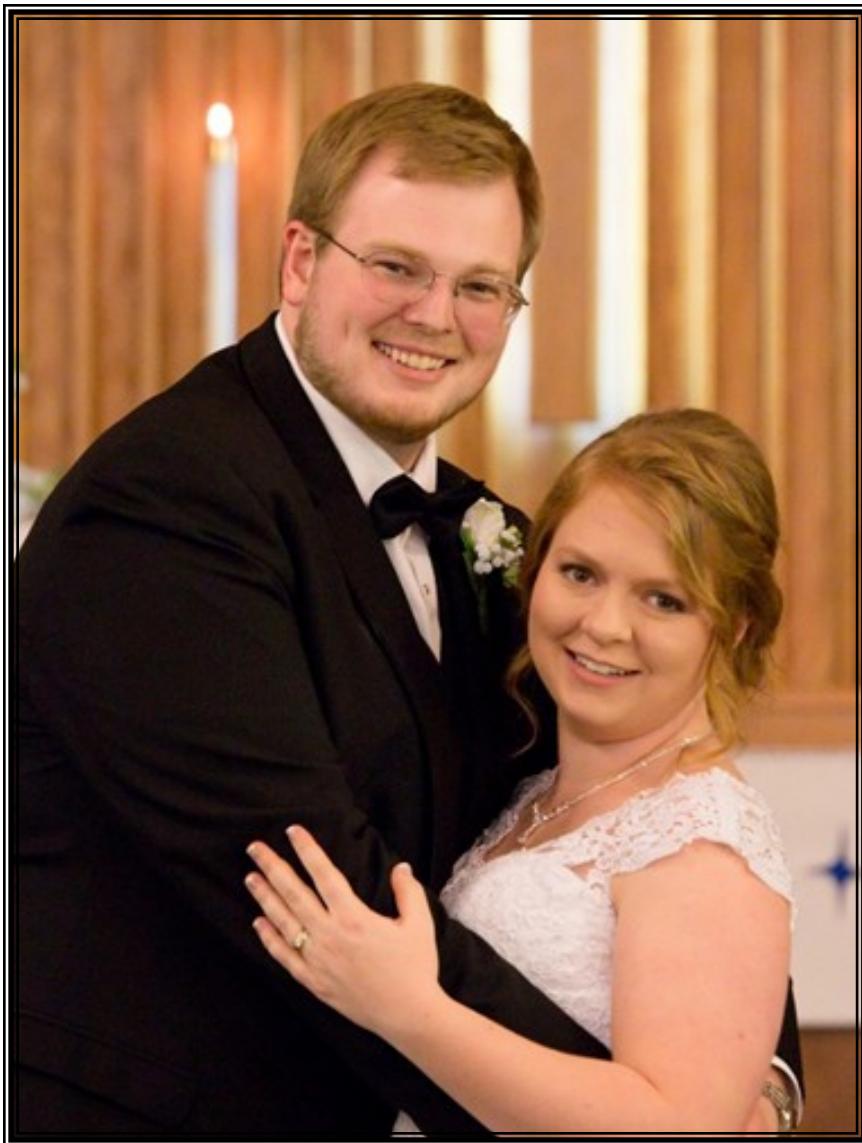


THE PRAISE PULSE

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Fort Wayne, Indiana

August 2018

Eric and Becca Souer



During the week of July 22, Rebecca expressed her sincere interest and intent to join our congregation and receive a Call to serve as our Director of Christian Education!

With this in mind, please bless Eric and Rebecca in their transition to Fort Wayne and welcome them both. Sunday, August 12, we will observe the Rite of Installation for Rebecca during the service. (read more on Eric and Rebecca on page 2)

Rebecca Souer Bio

Hello! My name is Becca Souer and my husband and I are VERY excited to get to serve alongside you all at Praise! Before we get there we wanted to let you know a little bit about who we are and where we've come from.

I grew up in Moorhead, MN. Moorhead hugs the border of North Dakota right alongside Fargo, which is where my home congregation, Immanuel Lutheran, is located. I lived there for the first 18 years of my life and during that time was heavily involved in the life of my church. Through many discussions with my Director of Christian Education and Pastor and the joy that I found in serving my congregation, God led me toward the path of DCE (instead of medicine or engineering, which is what I was going to be otherwise).

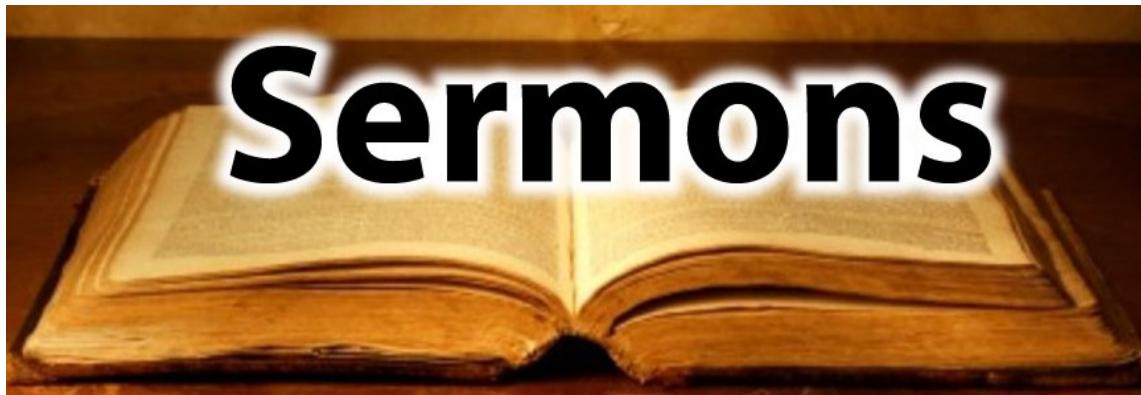
After Graduation at 18 and before heading off to college, I took a year to live as an exchange student in Mexico. I still do not know how or why, but I am convinced that it was God that led me to do this. It was an amazing experience: they say that during one year of exchange you live a lifetime, and that felt true for me. I came back fluent in Spanish and ready to tell a lot of great stories!

When I returned to the U.S. I began my studies at Concordia University in Seward, NE. Along with my desire to be a DCE I also knew that I wanted to work with Music. My Pastor had encouraged me to look into the Director of Parish Music program as well as the DCE program. When I arrived at Seward I decided that doing both programs was what was going to be best for me. Between the two programs I have been a student at Concordia for six years and am ready to put all that I have learned into regular practice!

Another wonderful thing about attending Concordia is that is where I met my husband, Eric. Eric moved around a lot as he was growing up, but he claims Pittsburgh, PA as his home. He is two years and nine months older than me: twelve days older than my only sibling. He will be starting at the Fort Wayne Seminary in September and is very excited to begin his studies! Before attending Concordia University, he worked as a professional audio editor to his father who is a professional voice actor. Eric has three other siblings: make sure to ask him about them when we arrive at Praise!

Eric and I both enjoy board and video games, reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, singing and making music, taking walks, golfing, playing frisbee, and making and eating good food. I do not like pickles or beans, but he loves them and likes to tease me about it. ☐

I think that's all for now, folks!
With much love and excitement,
Becca and Eric Souer



August 5	Ephesians 4:1-16	Together for a Purpose. His.
August 12	1 Kings 19:1-8	When Life Has You on the Run
August 19	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	In Pressing On
August 26	Mark 7:1-13	Hollow

Sunday Morning Sermon Themes For August



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)

Adult Bible Class



**Adult Bible Class is on break
and will resume in September.**

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study will resume in September.

Special VOTERS' MEETING



Sunday, August 5, after worship

We will vote to formally extend a Call to Becca Souer to serve as our new Director of Christian Education.

Sunday, August 12, Becca will be recognized during the service as our new Director of Christian Education.

We will be celebrating after worship with a Welcome Celebration meal.

Community Clubhouse

August 7 and August 21



Please join us for lunch, cards and games. Community Clubhouse meets at SunRise Café (10230 Coldwater Road) at 12 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) 416-9197.



Friday, August 10

7-10pm

**(second Friday
of each month)**

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

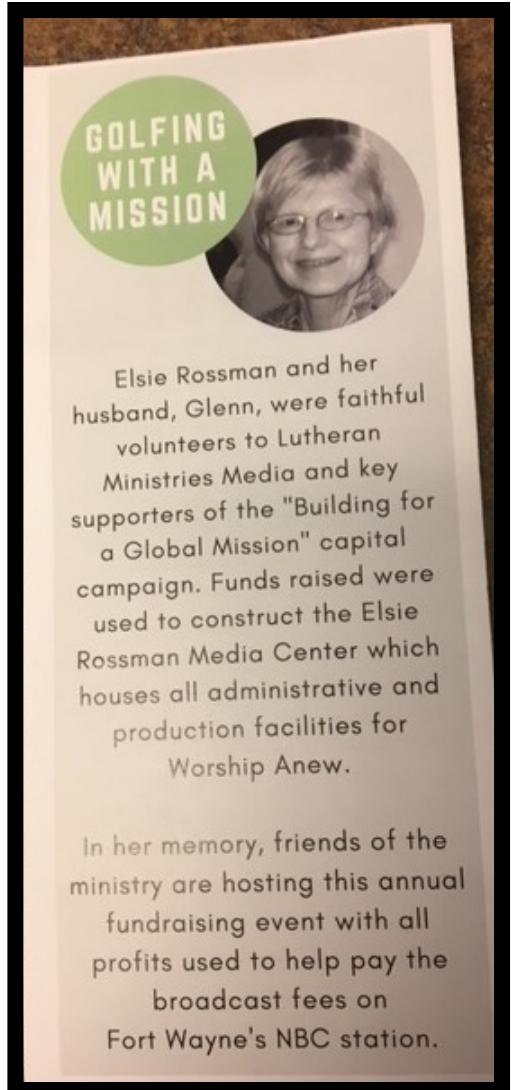
Visit: www.praiselutheran.org

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.



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**Supporting the
Broadcast Ministry of:**



This is a great day of fellowship and golf, complete with a generous meal and fun on a great golf course.

Proceeds from this event will be applied to the cost for broadcasting Worship Anew on Fort Wayne's NBC station. Broadcasting costs for the year are \$17,160.

Visit: worshipanew.org/golf for more information, or contact Cheryl Gilliom – (260) 471-5683 or cheryl@lmminc.org.

Cost: \$75.00 per player



Another successful
'Screen on the Green'
(close to 80 people)

Screen on the Green

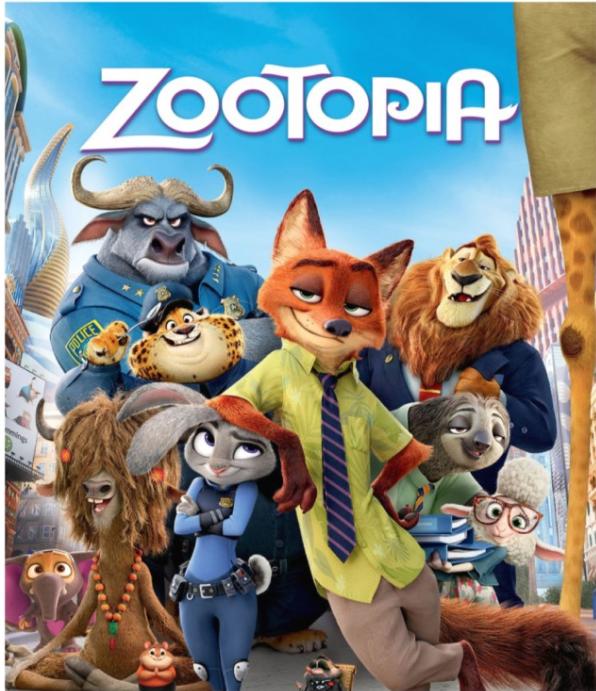
July 6—Dinner and a Movie

'The Batman Lego Movie'



Don't Miss Screen on the Green

August 17



Dinner at 7:30pm

Movie at 8:45pm

This will be the
last movie for the
summer



Praise Team Alters Their Rehearsal Time

The Praise Team now rehearses from 9-10am prior to Worship on Sundays.

Sunday, August 19, practice will also be one hour after the worship service.

Thereafter, the additional time to practice will be the second Sunday of the month, beginning Sunday, September 9.

Interested? email Joyce at: 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, 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
September Pulse by
August 15th to:
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.



Little Praisers News

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 in full summer fun mode. We have been having a splashing good time with water day. We had Auntie Ann's Pretzels come and show us how to make Pretzels. We had fun eating them too. We have been learning about Joseph in Chapel and had popsicles by the big wooden cross outside. We are enjoying the Screen on the Green movies, and are looking forward to the new school year starting the week of August 13th.

Wishing you summer blessings!

In His service and yours,

Karen and Joyce

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.

**New Rates for
Little Praisers Preschool
and
Child Care**

Little Praisers Preschool and Child Care Rates

If you are a member of Praise Lutheran Church, and would like to enroll your child (children) in our Child Care program, the following reduced rates apply:

<u>Reduced Rates:</u>	<u>Regular Rates:</u>
Baby Blue/Lavender (Infants)	\$158.00
Orange/Yellow (1 year olds)	\$147.00
Gold/Blue (2 year olds)	\$135.00
Green (3 year olds)	\$132.00
Purple (3's/4's)	\$128.00
Silver/Red (4/Pre-K)	\$120.00
	\$205.00
	\$190.00
	\$175.00
	\$170.00
	\$165.00
	\$155.00

There is no registration fee.

WANTED

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

We need help for
September and October!



Your help would be appreciated.
There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship area.

Contact:
Jim Skurzewski,
jsonwis@gmail.com
or cell
260-402-4402.



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.

[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.

Little Praisers Garage Sale FUNDRAISER

**was held on
Friday, July 13 and
Saturday, July 14**

**\$1,406.60 was raised and will be used
toward improving our Educational Wing.**



**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.

- 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.



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

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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Tyler Delagrange |
| 6 | Mindy Delagrange |
| 7 | Connie Lehman |
| 10 | Gunnar Mullet |
| 13 | Robin Cooper |
| 13 | Esther Fritz |
| 17 | Linda Shoup |
| 19 | Denny Hart |
| 19 | Jackie Schibley |
| 20 | Jacob Stiefel |
| 22 | Jadah Shroads |
| 25 | Marie Zigler |
| 26 | Kristen Saurer |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Art and Nadine Putt |
| 4 | Greg and Katie Calkins |
| 10 | Bob and Becky Stiefel |
| 11 | Gary and Marianne Krueger |
| 28 | Grant and Stacey Gumbert |
| 28 | Steve and Linda Shoup |
| 31 | Michael and Annette Koenig |

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. 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."

August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>July 30</i> 9am-Adult Bible Class 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	<i>July 31</i>	1 10am Chapel	2	3	4 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)			
5	6 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship Special Voters Mtg. after worship (Becca Souer)	7 12pm—Clubhouse at SunRise Café 6pm—Spiritual Care	8 10am-Chapel	9	10 7-10pm-Open Mic Night	11 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)			
12	13 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship Luncheon for Becca and Eric Souer after worship	14 Child Care Board Mtg. 5:30pm Church Council 7pm	15 10am-Chapel	16	17 Screen on Green “Zootopia” Dinner 7:30 Movie 8:45	18 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)			
19	20 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship 11:30-12:30-Praise Team	21 12pm-Clubhouse at Sunrise Café	22 10am-Chapel	23	24	25 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)			
26	27 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30am-Worship	28	29 10am-Chapel	30	31	September 1 YMCA Soccer Games 8am-2pm
			YMCA Summer Soccer (Monday—Thursday 6-8pm)			

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Praise Lutheran Church
1115 West Dupont Road
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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

- 9:00am Worship Team Practice
(Sanctuary)

Children/Youth Sunday School
(Daycare Classrooms)
**On break, and will resume
In the Fall.**

Adult Bible Class (on break)
(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***

