



# THE PRAISE PULSE

A Publication of Praise Lutheran Church,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

May 2019

## Youth Lock-Outside-In—Friday, April 5—Saturday, April 6



# Easter Eggstravaganza

234 Registered

48 volunteers



# Easter Breakfast



thank you! to our youth for sponsoring the breakfast!



# Sunday Morning Sermon Series



In this sermon series we will explore the ways in which the Resurrection of Jesus Christ transformed the landscape of life and ministry not only for His first followers but for the Early Church as well. And more, we will see how the Resurrection still changes lives today as The Lord's Church faithfully lives out its calling to "Go and make disciples of all nations!"

# Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class



Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During those desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. And yet, this truth remains: God is closer than you could possibly imagine! Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in The Edge (near Door #4) as we learn about the gracious ways in which God provides for His people even during desert moments!

## Sunday Schoo,



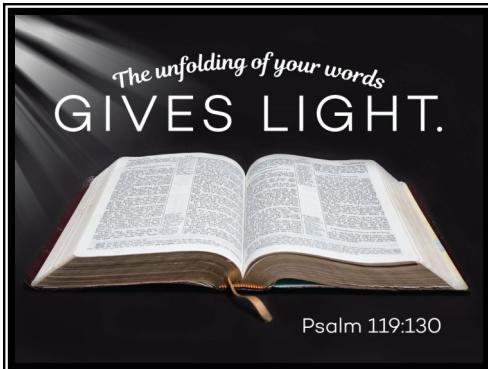
Our Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers welcome children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade. They meet on Sundays from 9-10am. Volunteers to help teach/lead may sign up near the restrooms.



Praise currently offers additional Christian education (Confirmation) for Youth grades 7-8 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](mailto:pastorseth@praiselutheran.org)

**Confirmation class meets in the Conference Room on Sundays at 11:45am.**



## Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 7pm

Women's Bible Study meets in the conference room at Praise. They will continue their study in the book entitled "Divine Design" by Sharla Fritz. All women (and their friends or relatives) are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Wright at 637-1132 with questions or concerns.



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](mailto:pastorseth@praiselutheran.org) or  
phone: 260-490-7729



Praise members may receive an email from time to time requesting their help in providing a meal for a fellow Praise member who may be recovering from a surgery, grieving over the loss of their loved one, bringing home a new baby, or going through a difficult time.

The email would contain a link to a website, [www.takethemeal.com](http://www.takethemeal.com). On this site, you can view days meals are needed, obtain particulars such as food allergies and delivery instructions, etc. and enter in the meal you would provide. If you're not a cook but are willing to help, you can purchase a restaurant gift card and just enter "gift card" as the meal for the day you want to cover.

*simplifying  
meal coordination  
so friends can show  
they care*

For those able to extend a helpful hand in time of need, your help is greatly appreciated. If you know someone who is struggling and could use some assistance, please email particulars to Tricia Niebuhr at [finance@praiselutheran.org](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org).

If anyone would like to join the Sunday morning Donut/Coffee set-up team, please contact Rhonda Rasdorf to get on the schedule. It would be great to get more people involved. You and a friend could do it together.

#### Praise Lutheran Church is in need of additional members in the following areas:

1. Spiritual Care Committee is in need of men who are willing and able to serve. God will provide. Simply step forward and obey His call by contacting Pastor Korte who will give you the necessary information and qualifications for this special calling. The early church, as recorded in the Book of Acts in chapter six, were in need of such men and seven were appointed to serve as deacons so that the apostles could spend more time with their specific callings by spending more time in the Word. Stephen was one of those men who became a dynamic leader in that early church. Just think, you could be one like them here at Praise.
2. Praise is also in need of more greeters to greet members and non-members who come or visit Praise for various worship services. There is nothing more inviting than being greeted by greeters with a very positive greeting. Just make your greeting wishes known to Pastor Korte or any one of the Spiritual Care members, especially Jim Skurzewski, who schedules greeters for the various worship services. What a neat and special service for the Lord and for Praise! Remember Jesus' words to His disciples in Biblical times and to His disciples today, "*I have come to serve and I ask you to do the same.*"

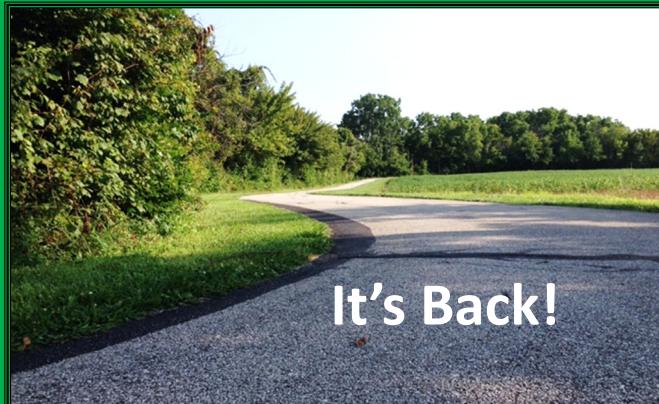
**Sanctuary Availability for Prayer**

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 Praisers (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.



**"Faith, Fitness, and Fellowship on the First"**  
**Beginning Saturday, May 4 at 9am. Meet at church (door #2) and venture out on the trail.**  
**(The first Saturday of each month)**

**Join along with your friends for a pleasant walk along the trail!**

## **Community Clubhouse**

**Meeting on  
May 7 and May 21**

**New start time: 11am!**

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



## YOUTH BOARD

**Prayerful Consideration Requested:** It is likely that in a little over a year I (Becca Souer) will be following Eric to wherever he will be serving as a vicar. In preparation for that, we would like to revitalize a youth board at Praise to continue serving our youth, planning events, and preparing them for a life of faith and service. We are looking to have our first youth board meeting by the end of the summer (2019) to have time to walk together and learn how best to serve with one another before my absence. Ideally, we are looking for youth, parents, and congregation members to be represented on the board. Together we will continue to strengthen our youth in the name of the Lord and provide a welcoming and safe space for our Youth to grow.

Please take time to consider how you might be involved with this new opportunity. Thank you.



**To all our volunteers who have helped with our many events!**

## 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 Josh Gumbert (email: [joshuagumbert@gmail.com](mailto:joshuagumbert@gmail.com), 260-494-6463). We hope to hear from you!



### Cross Connections Christian Counseling

"In order to provide Biblical counseling to as many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ as possible, Cross Connections, Inc. will be working with some insurance providers starting April 1, 2019. We are excited to be able to offer this service to our growing clientele and we pray this change lets the power of the Gospel impact even more people through the Biblical counseling ministry of Cross Connections. Please feel free to contact us at 260-373-0213 to inquire about the insurance carriers we are paneled with."

## 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.

# MOD SQUAD

We have started a small team of people who enjoy time visiting with each other every month while doing simple, but important tasks. Michele 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 interested in attending, please let me know. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

*Have a blessed day.*

Michele Prachar  
Stewardship Ministry

260-418-3634  
[mlprachar@hotmail.com](mailto:mlprachar@hotmail.com)



## THE GATHERING

Calling all Young Adults  
(college/post college age)

Tincaps Outing – May 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm  
**(Cinco de Mayo!)**

After joining together in worship on May 5th, we are heading to Parkview Field for a lovely Cinco de Mayo at the Tincaps! Tickets are \$10. Payment to Becca is due today!

[rsouer@praiselutheran.org](mailto:rsouer@praiselutheran.org).

See you on May 5th!



**Payment due April 28**



**Summer ‘Screen on the Green’ dates to remember:**

**June 7**

**July 12**

**August 2**

Dinner  
and  
A Movie



**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.

## Helping those in Need

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, Spiritual Care Chairman, [bultemeyer505@msn.com](mailto:bultemeyer505@msn.com)



Would you consider being the chairperson for our Garage Sale we are planning for June? Contact Mike Lehman if you are interested, or if you would be available to work it. The sale is held in our church.

Email: [mllehman0327@msc.com](mailto:mllehman0327@msc.com)

There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Area.

## Finance Secretary ... Trish Niebuhr

**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

**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](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org)

## Counting Ministry

We have instituted a new ministry, the Counting Ministry. These folks are in teams of two and will be counting the weekly offerings right after our church service. If you have offering envelopes, please use them as that reduces the documentation time involved in the counting effort. Thank you to all who have agreed to participate in this new ministry.

Contact Trish Niebuhr, our Financial Secretary: email: [finance@praiselutheran.org](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org) or cell: 260-446-8079 for more information.



### **Praise Team (Rehearsal Times)**

If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instrument with the Praise Team, regularly or occasionally, please contact Joyce Ehlerding by email [music@praiselutheran.org](mailto:music@praiselutheran.org) or (260) 637-6314. The Praise Team rehearses prior to Worship from 9-10am on Sunday mornings.

There is also an extra rehearsal the second Sunday of each month after worship. (There is no extra practice on Sunday, May 12).

### **Confirmation Celebration Breakfast 9-10am**

**Sunday, May 26**



Many gift cards are available.

Call Michele Prachar (260) 418-3634 or Tricia Niebuhr (260) 446-8079 or email [scrip@praiselutheran.org](mailto:scrip@praiselutheran.org) for questions or concerns.

Orders placed by:

- \* Monday, May 6 here by Friday, May 10
- \* Monday, May 20 here by Friday, May 24



### **Confirmation**



### **Martial Arts/Karate Classes**

Fortress Ministries is a 501C non-profit organization that is an umbrella for USA Martial Arts and Lamp Lighter Hockey. The President is Rev. J Brown; Board Members are Jason Hufford, Bill Stiles, Stephanie Alborn and Ilyd Perez. Mary Swinehart is the Head Administrative Assistant and handles most of the preliminary inquiries for potential students. She also handles financial aid. Her number is 260-557-9753.

The Martial Arts program does have a pre-karate program for ages 5-7. The main instructor is Anna Koralewski. It is part of the Concord School. They meet at Praise on Sundays from 4:45 to 5:30. Classes are \$25 per month. There are some start up fees. There may be financial aid. The Family class is for ages 8 through adult and meets on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 at Praise Lutheran and Tuesdays at Christ's Church on Maplecrest also from 6:00 to 7:30. Daniel Swinehart is the Lead Instructor for the entire school. Please contact Pastor J Brown for more information and registration forms.....  
[revjb@fortress-ministries.org](mailto:revjb@fortress-ministries.org) or 260-460-7725



### 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](http://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 I am going to find someone to submit the grant, I REALLY need 3 weeks (21 days) at minimum.

Michele Prachar: [mlprachar@hotmail.com](mailto:mlprachar@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org)

Michele: [mlprachar@hotmail.com](mailto:mlprachar@hotmail.com)

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? <b>What impact will this project have?</b> 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? <b>Appropriate uses:</b> Ingredients to prepare and serve a meal to the needy Create or print flyers or other project promotions Educational brochures or handouts Project supplies  <b>Inappropriate uses:</b> 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, <a href="mailto:mlprachar@hotmail.com">mlprachar@hotmail.com</a> or Trish Niebuhr, <a href="mailto:finance@praiselutheran.org">finance@praiselutheran.org</a>	



**YOUTH CORNER**  
**(where Youth  
and Christ meet)**

Grades 7-12

For details: Becca at [rsouer@praiselutheran.org](mailto:rsouer@praiselutheran.org)



**TNT (Tuesday Nights Together meets in the Edge)**

**(Grades 7-12) 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Each week in the Edge we will continue to engage in Bible study and talk about the history of the Bible and how it affects our faith. As 2019 gets under way we will be looking for more opportunities to serve our church and community as a group. We will also get to share in some time of fellowship as we play some games and eat snacks: WOOT WOOT!

Praise Junior and Senior high youth are invited, and please feel free to bring friends along too!

Join Becca and Eric at their abode. The night will be full of both board and video games alongside dinner and group devotions. If you have board games that you would like to bring or have controllers/multi-players games for an Xbox 360, Wii, GameCube, N64, or PS4, feel free to bring them along for all to enjoy. Extra snacks to share are also welcome! For the address, please see the directory or the posters within Praise Lutheran Church. If you have any other questions, contact Becca Souer ([rsouer@praiselutheran.org](mailto:rsouer@praiselutheran.org)).



..by..

Roxanne Gerardot  
Little Praisers Director  
[lpdirector@littlepraisers.org](mailto:lpdirector@littlepraisers.org)

Summer is just around the corner. We are excited to announce that we have filled every slot for Summer Camp! We have a lot of fun and educational field trips planned for the kids; it looks to be a great summer.

We have continued our efforts to create an amazing art room for our center, and we are pleased to say that things are coming along great. We have received positive feedback from families regarding the new menu, and the children have been loving the new foods!

#### Upcoming Events:

April 30	Picture Day
May 10	Muffins for Mom
May 30	Graduation 6:30pm at Church
Jun 14	Donuts for Dad

It is enrollment time! We are currently taking re-enrollment applications for 2019/2020. We have opened up our enrollment to new families on April 1st . With changes occurring daily, we are well on our way to being an exemplary facility.





## 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](mailto:loisigumbert@gmail.com)

"Keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 TLB



The Bulletin and the Announcements will have a new look.

The Praise Pulse is always available on our website:

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



## 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.



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| 5  | Victor Kolch     |
| 5  | Rachel Musgrave  |
| 8  | Donna Winters    |
| 8  | Grant Gumbert    |
| 8  | Traven Anderson  |
| 10 | Harold King      |
| 10 | Deb Kennedy      |
| 12 | Davina Mullet    |
| 16 | Davis Hess       |
| 16 | Rebecca Souer    |
| 19 | Nadine Putt      |
| 21 | David Moore      |
| 21 | Victoria Gumbert |
| 24 | Michael Koenig   |
| 25 | Katie Calkins    |
| 29 | Jackson Bennett  |



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| 10 | Tim and Tina McKeachie     |
| 19 | Jim and Kathy Skurzewski   |
| 20 | Bob and Diana Trimble      |
| 20 | Chris and Anna Stout       |
| 20 | Dave and Stacy Krueger     |
| 21 | Rebecca and Eric Souer     |
| 22 | Greg and Kay Sutter        |
| 24 | Mitch and Mindy Delagrange |
| 28 | Dan and Linda Stewart      |



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

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

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



Congregational Communications

If anyone has information for the bulletin or the Pulse, please make sure the information is sent to [office@praiselutheran.org](mailto:office@praiselutheran.org), or call the office at 260-490-7729.

Pulse items due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month  
Weekly bulletin items due by Monday

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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



Drawing of our  
planned  
Stained Glass  
Window

# May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am-Chapel	2 7pm-Womens Bible Study	3	4 Youth Group Game Night at Becca's 4pm Faith,Fitness Fellowship—9am
5 9am-Adult Bible Class 9am-Sunday School 9-10am-Praise Team 10:30-Worship 11:45-Confirmation Gathering—TinCaps	6 6pm—Child Care Board meeting	7 — 11am-Community Clubhouse at Sunrise Café 6:30—TNT	8 10am-Chapel	9 7pm-Womens Bible Study	10	11
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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

9:00am      Worship Team Practice  
(Sanctuary)  
  
Children/Youth Sunday School  
(Conference Room)  
  
Adult Bible Class  
  
10:00am      Fellowship Time  
(Fellowship Area)  
  
10:30am      Worship  
  
11:45am      Confirmation (7th-8th Grade)  
(Conference Room)

