



THE PRAISE PULSE

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Fort Wayne, Indiana

April 2021 Issue



Psalm 42:11

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.”

Weekly Worship Schedule

- **Worship 10:30am**
- **Adult Bible Study at 9:30am**
- **You can also join us online on our YouTube page**

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Worship Schedule

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday — 7:00pm with Holy Communion

Friday, April 2 Good Friday— 7:00pm

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday — 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 11 — 10:30am

Sunday, April 18 — 10:30am with Holy Communion

Sunday, April 25 — 10:30am

~We have moved into the season of Lent, please note that we will not be having Wednesday Services this year. Please continue to watch our website and Facebook for the latest information.

~If You Are Looking For A Church Home/Family, interested in learning more about who we are or would like to discuss any of the following, baptism, setting up a hospital or home visit, arranging a counseling session, planning a wedding, etc., please see Pastor Seth after worship. He would love to visit with you!

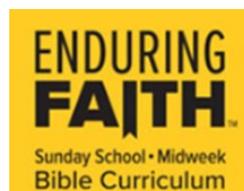
~Hear God's Word for you through **Worship Anew!** Worship Anew celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a weekly 30 minute broadcast service. To learn more, visit WorshipAnew.org or call 888-286-8002.

Sunday School

We are very excited to learn new and amazing things about our God! We look forward to seeing all of our children and families there! Contact the church office for more information .

POSTPONED
Sunday Mornings

office@praiselutheran.org



Confirmation

Praise will offer 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.

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Seth at:

pastorseth@praiselutheran.org



New Sermon Series



Join us for our new Sermon Series Christ, Community, and Culture!

On the heels of Jesus' death and resurrection, His followers were able to look out over the landscape of life with fresh eyes. Beginning in their own backyard of Jerusalem, the Early Church embraced The Great Commission of Jesus Christ and experienced a community unlike any other. As a result, the culture(s) around them experienced the life-saving work of Jesus! Today, Jesus is still calling folks to experience the transformative power of The Gospel through His Church, where authentic community takes place, grace and forgiveness are offered freely, and purpose for life is modeled. What would it look like for you to participate in this type of community? Come and find out!

Join us every Sunday at 10:30am in person, or online at our YouTube page, as we take a new look at how Christ calls each of us, and His church, to do his work.

Up Coming Events



Adult Bible Study continues! We began our look at our series Right in Their Eyes — A Study on the Book of Judges on March 14. We look forward to seeing everyone!

The Book of *Judges* cracks the door and provides us with a glimpse into a murky period of time following Israel's conquest of the Promised Land. *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit* (Judges 21:25). While it is known as a time of heroes and heroines, *Judges* is also known as a period of disobedience and rebellion, of attachment to idols and broken, would-be saviors. As Israel searched for security and hope amidst the depths of sin and oppression, God consistently showed Himself as The Faithful One Who does the saving.

Every Sunday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Area

***Contact Pastor Seth if you would like to join virtually, and see our website for downloadable study guides.**

Monthly Meetings

Every month specific councils get together for meetings to discuss the past, present, and future of different spiritual needs within the church family. The first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm is the Spiritual Care Committee, first Thursday at 12:30pm is the Childcare Board, and the second Monday at 6:30pm is the Church Council.

Voter's Meeting

Please note that the next regularly scheduled meeting for our members is Sunday, April 25. If you are interested in running, or have a good candidate in mind, you are encouraged to run nominations by Stewardship, Spiritual Care, and/or Pastor Seth.

Call Committee Information

Since we are beginning our calling for more discipleship, it is important to keep everyone well informed as information becomes available. Continue to watch the bulletin and the Pulse for updated information as this ministry continues!

WEEKLY MINISTRIES & OUT REACH

*Postponed
Grades 6-12*

We are looking forward to the day that we can continue our youth ministry together. Continue to watch our church website and Pulse issues for the latest updates on upcoming events and reopening procedures for our ministries.

For details contact the church office



Women's Bible Study

Postponed

Women's Bible Study will start a new topic soon. We will keep you posted when it is decided and all new ladies are welcome! Please continue to watch our website and further Pulse issues for more information.

Community Clubhouse

Postponed at this time for community health and safety.

We normally meet for lunch, cards and games at SunRise Café (10230 Coldwater Road) at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We hope to see you soon once again! For more information you can visit our website at www.praiselutheran.org or contact **Becky Stiefel** at (260) 416-9197.



Church Updates

Audio/Video Platform Updates

Please note that through YouTube you can access both our current and past Worship Services. Please be sure to click the red "Subscribe" button! You can also follow us on both Facebook and Instagram! All of our social media will have the most up to date information on our church's events!

Praise Lutheran Website

<https://www.praiselutheran.org/>

Praise Lutheran Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNiuzgoq2-qoj1YBnMjgQUQ>

Praise Lutheran Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/praise_lutheran_church/

Praise Lutheran Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/praiselutheranchurchFW>



A Special Thank you from Hilda Stoppenhagen

Hilda would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in recognizing her 100th Birthday on February 22. She felt so blessed when receiving all the cards, gifts, and greetings that were sent to her around this very special occasion. All of your thoughtfulness, love, and caring did not go unnoticed and made the day even more special for her.

Our outreach ministry would also like to thank you for taking part in this special occasion as well. We are blessed with our senior saints and we would also like to thank everyone for making this a special event for Hilda.

Personal Communion Options

Are you recognizing quarantine and social distancing but would still like to receive communion? Please contact Pastor Seth to set up a private communion date and time. Or contact the church office via e-mail (office@praiselutheran.org) or by phone (260-490-7729) with any questions.



Check out the church web site:

praiselutheran.org

You will find a list of our ministries, online tithes and offerings, worship schedules, contact information, staff information, and much more!

Be sure to also Check out :

~Our Facebook

~Our Instagram

~Our YouTube

Many gift cards are available.

Contact the church office with any 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

Phone: 260-490-7729

Our New Stained Glass Window

As you may know work started on the installation of the stained glass window on March 2, 2021. We were blessed to complete this gathering of funds with all of your help! William Lupklin Designs, here in Fort Wayne, not only helped design our new stained glass window, but were also a huge blessing with the installation. With the project completed on March 8, 2021 we would like to share not only a thank you to everyone, but also some images of the window before and after the installation of the stained glass. Our new window is a representation of the Trinity; with the hand of God coming into the center, flanked on each side by the dove (Holy Spirit) and the lamb (Son of God). You may also note the yellow triangle connecting the Trinity as well as the Bible at the bottom. If you have not had the chance to attend church and see this wonderful project in person, we look forward to seeing you soon!



Church Council

Many of you may not be up to date on our church council and the members within our council. Please take some time to read over the members below, and feel free to check out our website for more information and pictures of all our staff.

Church Council President

Jack Gumbert

Church Council Secretary

Elain Foley

Church Council Treasurer

Nick Longworth

Church Council Financial Secretary

Andy Carr

Worship Co-Chairs

John and Susie Dykhuizen

Outreach Chair

Tim McKeachie

Fellowship Co-Chairs

Darla and Steve Pierzchala

Stewardship Co-Chairs

Carl and Bev Moellering

Spiritual Care Committee

Steve Pierzchala, Greg Sutter, Craig Beaverson

VOLUNTEER

- **Ushers Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies and confirmed youth)
- **Greeters Ministry** (gentlemen, ladies, and confirmed youth) Sign up sheets for Ushers & greeters in the Fellowship area or contact the church office to be included.
- **Counting Ministry** (gentlemen and ladies, 25 years and older) See Andy Carr—or email him at finance@praiselutheran.org

(Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Area)

Ministry Needs

At the present time, Praise is in need of member assistance in two areas:

- ◆ *Sunday Audio/Video*
- ◆ *Sunday morning Worship Ministry preparations* (chancel parament updates and Holy Communion set up).

Please contact the church office for information on how to assist with Worship Audio/Video needs.

Please contact John and Susie Dykhuizen for information on how to assist with Worship Ministry preparations prior to Worship. Your help in these areas will ensure that our ministries maintain precious Gospel momentum at this time. Thank you!

We recognize that folks may not feel comfortable coming onsite when groups are gathering, due to social distancing and health concerns. With this in mind, we would like to ask for your consideration in coming onsite prior to the day of Worship. This will not only help ensure that you are able to socially distance, it will also help ensure that precious ministries continue moving forward. Arrangements for set up prior to group gatherings can be comfortably arranged.

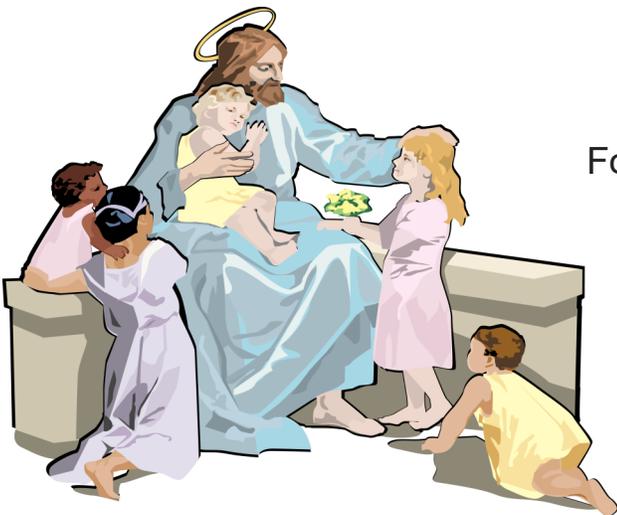


R-enrollment has been keeping the center busy over the last month or so! We received re-enrollment from about 97% percent of our families, so we only have a few more to receive back.

Open enrollment that will be open to the public begins April 5th. We are looking forward to the potential families that we may be able to serve.

We have also finalized all plans for this year's summer camp, and it is going to be a blast!

Penny wars benefitting 2 families experiencing the burdens of cancer is still going on until April 29th, and so far all the classes have really been doing well for it!



For availability contact our Little Praisers Preschool and Day Care!

Elizabeth Gustin
Little Praisers Admin Assistant

littlepraisers@praiselutheran.org
260-490-9529



Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have a policy with Thrivent, you may also have Choice Dollars available for donation. 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 , if they are not used 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.

Continue to remember our Little Praisers! Please contact Roxanne at lpdirector@praiselutheran.org or call (260) 490-7729 for more information on how you can help our daycare and pre-school!

The Lutheran Foundation

Scholarships:

Do you know any students who plan to, or are, in a nursing or a healthcare program in Fort Wayne? They may be eligible for a scholarship from The Lutheran Foundation. To find out more information, visit www.thelutheranfoundation.org

<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/resources/faqs/scholarships-faqs-health-community/>

<https://thelutheranfoundation.org/impact/health-scholarships/>

| THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CENTER | |
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| 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? What impact will this project have? 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? | |
| Appropriate uses: Ingredients to prepare and serve a meal to the needy Create or print flyers or other project promotions Educational brochures or handouts Project supplies | |
| Inappropriate uses: 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, mprachar@hotmail.com or Trida Niebuhr, finance@praiselutheran.org | |

April 2021



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Maundy Thursday Childcare Board Meeting 12:30pm | 2 Good Friday | 3 |
| 4  Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am | 5 Council Meeting 6:30pm | 6 Spiritual Care Meeting 6:30pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Service 10:30 am | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  Service 10:30 am | 19 | 20 | 21 Administrative Professionals Day | 22 Earth Day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Service 10:30 am | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Indicates Communion Sunday  |

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 loisgumbert@gmail.com

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



Birthdays

- 1 Chris Hufford
- 10 James Prachar
- 13 Joyce Ehlerding
- 17 Laurie Burns
- 19 Bev Moellering
- 25 Bob Stiefel
- 25 Seth Lehman
- 26 Maryanne Logan
- 26 Tricia Niebuhr
- 27 Adam Carr
- 27 Spencer Foster
- 29 Jackie Strasser
- 29 Michele Prachar



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 the Church Office.



Anniversaries

- 23 Dan and Maryanne Logan
- 30 Shane and Jennifer Anderson

Congregational Communications

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

~Pulse items due by the 15th of each month
~Weekly bulletin items due by Wednesday

(Thanks in advance for your cooperation.)

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

THE PRAISE PULSE

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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

- Worship 10:30am
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**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!

