

THE PRAISE PULSE

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OCTOBER

**New Saturday
Worship Service!
See Page 11!**

ISLAM? WE NEED THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE REFORMATION NOW MORE THAN EVER!

The Festival of the Reformation is one of my favorite celebrations of the Church Year! It takes us back 493 years to that October Day when Dr. Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was requesting a public debate over a laundry list of issues that he had with the current church, including the latest 'stewardship' campaign of Pope Leo X. Leo ran out of money to complete the magnificent St Peter's Cathedral in Rome, so he decided to sell Indulgences to fund the rest of the structure! That started out as a payment for years off of the mythical "Purgatory" punishment, and evolved into documents purchased in one's own name or that of a deceased relative, claiming to be payment for sins committed, future or past, authorized by the church! How blasphemous that the precious blood of Jesus was not seen as the total, once-for-all removal of sin from a repentant heart, but that one might try to purchase forgiveness with cold, hard cash!

Although costs for the completion of our two-fold building project at Praise are going to run-over our budget by well over \$100,000, we would never pretend to sell forgiveness to pay off the balance! -Or sell specially-"blessed" cloths guaranteed to heal you, as some charlatan TV preachers do. -Or make promises that the 'seed money' you send to Praise will come back to you 100-fold in a wind-fall jackpot! -Or claim that a 75-foot tall 'Jesus' appeared threatening for money to complete a hospital, as Oral Roberts once claimed! Or any number of schemes that churches use to squeeze money out of unsuspecting people! God's people at Praise have faithfully been giving firstfruits out of their faith, and out of the joy and goodness of redeemed hearts! God provides so much for us, that we have much to share! We have God's grace, faith and His Word to direct us.

The 3 'solas' (Latin for 'alone') of the 1517 Reformation were the foundation of biblical truth. We are saved by God's **GRACE** alone, through **FAITH** in Christ alone, as found in **HOLY SCRIPTURES** alone. The current attack by Islam on the world and America lies empty of truth in all three areas. The false god Allah of the Muslims is a very weak god, who cannot fight for himself or do anything without the swords and weapons of the Muslim followers! When copies of the Qur'an were about to be burned in Florida, Muslims around the world would need to personally attack infidels (non-Muslims) because Allah could not! But when people burn the Holy Bible do Christians start to kill others? There's no need; someone has trampled **God's** Word; "Revenge is Mine," says the Lord, "I will repay"! The Triune God doesn't need us to defend Him or His Word; He merely calls us to proclaim the truth of His Word and His Holy Spirit does the working of both conviction and faith in our hearts! Instead of burning a Qur'an

we need to READ what's in it to understand how much Islam is dedicated to annihilating Christians and our Christian Nation!

GRACE ALONE? Islam offers no real grace or forgiveness from Allah. Muhammad's Qur'an makes demands which no one can ever fulfill, so in desperation followers resort to blowing themselves up to try to earn his favor! Allah is called 'The Merciful,' but only to those who obey and fight and die and pay the full obligatory alms to him! Islam has no love, only fear. There is no peace, only fighting and war to the death against all who are not Muslim.

FAITH ALONE? The response of many Muslims to the threats and false promises of Islam is a sincere dedication, strong enough to commit suicide in the name of Allah! There is no lack of dedication...but dedication to *what*? In a twisted way, they are required to be 'pure' in thought, word and deed, but according to a man-made standard that forbids any alcohol consumption- yet allows a husband to beat or kill his own wife or children if he is not pleased with them! (Sura 4:38) A Muslim must pay his 'legal alms' to be saved...and to fund the vast war chest of Islam! "Happy is he who is purified by Islam!" (Sura 87:14) A system of total righteousness makes them think they can work hard enough and be sincere enough to become pure! But putting one's faith in an empty lie is worthless!

SCRIPTURE ALONE? The Qur'an is a series of 114 rants of a mad-man, full of hate and anger! They were written by Muhammad and others, but exhibit enormous contradictions from the first suras to the ending ones. Muhammad actually accepted the Old and New Testaments as true, but his later followers did not. The law of "abrogation" in Islam means that the later chapters (suras) over-rule any of the earlier ones if they are contradictory! When a Muslim points to an early verse that speaks of 'peace' he is intentionally deceiving his listener, because the later chapters call all faithful Muslims to "kill, maim and make war upon" every infidel (you and me!) who does not follow Allah.

The Qur'an speaks of Jesus as "the son of the virgin", but does not call Jesus divine in any way! They do not see Jesus as God's Son; "warn those who say God hath begotten a Son!"..."and if you believe it not, slay yourself!" (Sura 18) They don't see Christ Jesus as Savior or Redeemer. "Infidels are they now who say, 'Verily God is the Messiah, Ibn Maryam (son of Mary!)" (Sura 5:19) Make no mistake, Allah is not

just another name for the true God! Their concept of Allah is opposed the Triune God who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. "The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary is only an apostle of God, and his Word which he conveyed unto Mary, and a Spirit proceeding from himself. Believe therefore in God and his apostles, and say not "three" (that there is a Trinity.) - Forebear, it will be better for you. God is only one God! Far be it from his glory that he should have a son!" (Sura 4:169)

Luther condemned the beliefs of the "Turks" 500 years ago, who are the Muslims of today. It's been said that the only reason that Charles V and the Pope did not find and kill Luther, declared a heretic by the Roman church and an outlaw by the state, was that they were too busy fighting off the entire Ottoman empire (Islam!)

Why would the Triune God allow Islam to flourish and make such attacks in our day? Some say that this is God's punishment on the lewd, shameless immorality of 21st century America! As a nation we promote greed, abortion, pornography and hedonism (living only for pleasure.) As the Lord used the Assyrians, Babylonians and others to punish and correct Israel and Judah in the Old Testament, He may be using the Muslims to bring us to repentance today! May the grace and forgiveness of Christ, and His shed blood, draw us closer to Him in repentance. May the Triune God protect us from all evil of body and soul! "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (Rev 4:4)

Pastor Paul Dancy

FROM THE
*Senior
Pastor*

<http://barenakedislam.wordpress.com/2008/09/21/fitna-the-film-islam-doesnt-want-you-to-see/>



Sunday, October 10th

*Take time to let our
Pastors know you
appreciate them and
what they mean to you!*



By Brian Sickafoose

It is now September as I write this and it is very easy to visualize what the end product is going to look like. As everyone is well aware by now, the target date to have the youth room completed by September 10th, as published in last month's Pulse, was obviously missed. For those that may not know, Pulse articles must be submitted by the 15th of the previous month in order to be reviewed, edited and formatted in time for publication on the first of the following month. So, as in this case, sometimes the construction schedule changes in the two weeks between submission and actual publication. Nevertheless, I will continue to try and make you all aware of what the intended schedule is as of the time I write the articles and hope you all understand when schedules actually differ. The revised schedule as of this writing is for completion of the youth room in early October at which time the construction crew will begin to punch through the North end of the Fellowship hall. The target for having the worship space completed is still slated to be October 5th. So, there is a lot of activity currently underway to remove items from the fellowship hall in anticipation of this and even more is to come. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Susan Till and her group of volunteers that have been working tirelessly to sort through, rid out and relocate all the items that have been stored in every nook and cranny of the Fellowship space.

This past month, the Building Committee has also been hard at work trying to finalize minute details that are so important to the overall successful outcome of the new building. Decisions on angles of walls, where to put electrical outlets, how to position lights, color and style of flooring, location of the Alter, Baptismal Font and lectern are but some of the decisions that are all at critical stages in the project. Todd Klopfenstein has been working relentlessly with the Architect, General Construction Manager and Building Committee members to keep things as close as possible to on target. In addition, Todd has pinpointed and defined means to correct aspects of the construction that for one reason or another were not included or properly specified in the original build design. In total, there have been some 27 changes, a number of which are con-

struction oriented. Some of these changes have already been approved, but a number of others are pending review due to the additional cost and determination of true need. Without Todd's attention to detail, professional insight and knowledge of the construction business, these issues may have gone unnoticed for quite sometime but eventually would have resulted in significant cost to resolve. So if you see Todd, tell him thanks for the super job he is doing in managing the construction project and let him know his efforts are truly appreciated.

So as not to mislead anyone, all changes typically have additional cost to resolve. In fact, based on current estimates, the total project costs including all the currently known changes, is projected to exceed the original construction/refinance budget estimated to be approximately \$700,000. Be assured the committee is exploring every opportunity to stay in line with the original budget and minimize any overrun that may result.

Bottom line, the project to provide the congregation at Praise with a finished worship space everyone has talked about, planned for and donated so much of their hard earned dollars to support is within sight. Wouldn't it be a real shame to have to purposely stop short due to the lack of a few thousand dollars. So please, if you can, keep those donations coming in any way possible and help drive this project home. You can still make a huge difference. Donations are very much encouraged and can be made to the Building Fund or by donating to purchase an item from the sound system "Wish List" or by any other means you prefer.

Yours in Christ, *Brian*



By Todd Klopfenstein

It is official Sunday, October 3rd will be the last Sunday we will hold services in our Sanctuary. On Sunday following the services we will need to move what remains in the Sanctuary to the NEW Youth Room where services will be held until the completion of the Sanctuary. Elaine Battenberg will be working prior to that Sunday on storing items & moving what can be moved, and she may be calling on members for their help.

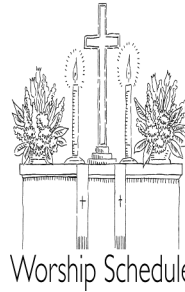
Justice Bread available at Praise

JUSTICE BREAD is baked the old fashioned way as a round loaf of either wheat, white or a monthly specialty bread. It is available once a month at 18 participating Lutheran Congregations and Concordia Theological Seminary.

Justice Bread monies go to help the poor and working poor through LSSI's Emergency Assistance Program.

Next Sale:
October 10th, 2010

All loaves: \$3.00



Sundays
8:00 & 10:45 AM
Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Mondays
6:00 PM
Holy Communion:
Mondays following the 1st & 3rd Sundays



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
lgumbertlig@yahoo.com

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



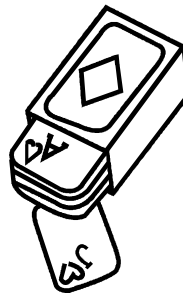
You can reach the church office
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday through Friday
unless the office and daycare are
closed due to a holiday.
490-7729
office@praiselc.org

CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE THESE MEMBERS?

We have no known addresses or contact information for the following members of Praise. We would like to find them, either to draw them back into the fellowship of Praise congregation or to transfer them to a church near where they might now live. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of any of these individuals, please contact Pastor Dancy immediately. According to Praise's Constitution, Art. 6.4.1, par 4, "Whereabouts Unknown" is cause for eventual removal from the membership of the congregation. Thank you!



- 1- Debra Aldrich
- 2- Greg Casey
- 3- Aaron Watkins
- 4- Satorius: Douglas, Melinda



Euchre Night

Saturday, October 16th
6-8 p.m.
Bring a snack to share.



LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?
WANTING TO REVIEW SOME
BASIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE?
DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE
WHO DOESN'T HAVE A CHURCH
OR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE
ABOUT CHRISTIANITY?

Pastor Dancy started an Adult Instruction Class entitled, "Bible Discovery" in September, on Monday evenings from 7 - 9 pm. The eight-week class examines the main teachings of the Scriptures and covers dozens of contemporary topics that affect our lives every day. If interested, please call him (494.9970) or the church, or complete one of the forms, which will be in the Sunday bulletins. Invite a friend to join you!

Delegate Change

Priscilla Kreamelmeyer (Krummy) has stepped down as Church Delegate to Lutheran Life Villages. God's blessings to Carrie Forth who has consented to carry on in this capacity. Thank You, Carrie.

SNAPSHOTS

By Pastor Brown



The excitement also builds as we construct our new youth room and dedicated worship space at Praise. To get a better look at just how far we've come, go to our website at www.PraiseLC.org and check out the "Our Building Project" page.

There you can see a glimpse of the building journey through both still shots and videos.

While you're at it, also take a peek at the "Photo Gallery" page. There you'll find all sorts of new pictures from our worship services, youth events, VBS, concerts, and much more. Thank you to TriPillarPublishing.com for all their hard work in volunteering to maintain our website.

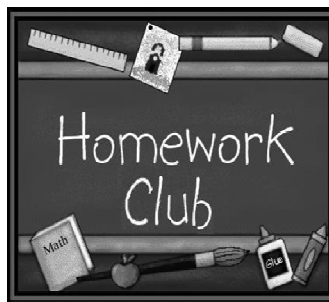
LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE TINCAPS

By Pastor Brown

Thank you to all who joined us this summer for our annual tailgate party and baseball game at Parkview Stadium. Everyone brought their favorite dishes to share and their own meat to throw on the grill. The fellowship and fun lasted throughout the night – even right up to the amazing fireworks display after the game.



The youth group is planning on hosting a Christian music concert here at Praise in 2011. The band we are bringing in is the Apologetix. We are in need of someone to help coordinate the ticket sales and do some of the marketing for the event. If there is a volunteer that could assist a couple others in this endeavor, please see Pastor Brown.



Thursdays

October

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

4:30pm-7:30pm

YOUTH ROOM

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 30th!



November Newsletter Deadline October 15th!

E-mail your articles to:

Jennifer Engelsrud

engelsrud@frontier.com

NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Or call 490-8047

Y-O-U-T-H

SCHEDULE

YOUTH GROUP

By Pastor Brown

Beginning in October our youth group meetings will now take place inside the new youth room at Praise. The schedule is as follows:

325ers – 1st Wednesday of the month.

Jr. High – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:30pm.

Sr. High – Every Wednesday night at 7pm.

YOUTH GROUPS PLAN AHEAD

By Pastor Brown



October 29th – Fall Festival at Praise (Youth encouraged to volunteer)

October 23rd – Haunted house trip (Sr. High)

November 12th – IDYG Youth Gathering (Sr. High)

November 19th – Lock-in! (Sr. High only)

April 3rd – Ski & Snowboarding trip (2011 Sr. Trip)

MORE DETAILS FOR OUR 2011 YOUTH TRIP

By Pastor Brown



For those youth who are at least in the 9th grade during the 2010/2011 school year, we are excited to tell you about a great adventure that is being made available to you very soon. On Sunday, April 3rd we will leave Praise after the 2nd worship service and make our way to Colorado to swoosh down the slopes.

After working out the details with our former Field Worker, Vicar Chad Potts, we now know that we'll be hosted by members of the church he is serving in Colorado. This will bring the cost of the trip down significantly. Our estimate for this week long trip is only \$660.00 per person (includes meals, lodging, ski rental, lift tickets, and transportation to and from Colorado). This is less than half of the cost we incurred on our 2010 trip to New Orleans. Breckenridge here we come!

SENIOR HIGH INDIANA DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

By Pastor Brown

This Indianapolis event is an annual trip for our Senior High at Praise and has always proved to be a fun filled time of growth (socially with each other, but more so growth in our faith). The theme this year is "Committed." Now I'm not sure if they're referring to being "committed" to our faith or if they mean that most youth workers are on their way to being "committed" to mental rehab institutions. Most likely they're talking about commitment in the spiritual sense (especially since the accompanying Bible verse is 1 John 4:19), but I'll have to let you know at the end of the trip. The speaker is a nationally touring comedian, Wes Halula. I've seen him perform in California and was very impressed. The band, Lightswitch will be leading us all three days and even wrapping up our worship service on Sunday. Please plan on joining us Friday, November 12 through Sunday, November 14th. Registration forms and pricing information will be made available to Sr. High students soon. We currently know the price of the event. However, we are currently checking on financial aid and scholarship opportunities for our youth. Therefore, we don't want to give you a final price at the date of writing this newsletter article. What we do know is that registration is due on October 17th (unless we want to pay late registration charges). Look for forms in your mailboxes soon and let Pastor Brown know if you don't receive one by October 3rd.



YOUTH SERVICE

By Pastor Brown



Youth Worship Service

Another fifth Sunday of the month is soon upon us. October 31, which is also Reformation Day, is the fifth Sunday in October. We will once again continue our tradition of providing a youth led service for Praise. However, this time, we are inviting youth of all ages to participate in the service. Please plan on staying after the

Fall Festival (Friday, October 29th at 7pm) to meet and work on the message for the services. Please sign up on the clipboard near Pastor Brown's office door by October 17th if you are able to help. Pastor Brown will get with you and provide you more details about your participation. Also, know that there is a music practice for the youth service at 7pm on Tuesday, October 26th with Kristen Saurer. Please see her if you have any questions about helping with music.

MOVIE TIME FOR THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

By Pastor Brown



We finished "Life's Big Questions – God's Big Answers" in September. So now what? To do something a little different than focusing on chapters of a book for our devotions, we will be discussing segments

of the movie, "The Perfect Stranger." Beginning October 6th and running through at least the remainder of October, we'll be reflecting on this faith inspiring movie that asks the question, "what if you were to meet Jesus Christ in person today?"

YOUTH CAMPING & CANOE TRIP

By Pastor Brown



This is our "breakout" event for all youth group ages in October. Come with us to enjoy the changing of the leaves and view spectacular fall foliage while we do a little camping and take a canoe trip across several miles of winding rivers. This adventure will lead you through some of nature's finest areas. All youth groups (3-5th grades are asked to be accompanied by parents or guardian) are invited to join us Friday and Saturday, October 15th and 16th. Departure time from Praise on Friday will be approximately 5pm, but may vary depending on the individual schedule and preferences of all those attending. We will return Saturday evening immediately following the end of the canoe trip. Cost is as follows: \$27 per canoe with 2 people and \$32 for 3 people in a canoe. Canoe trip will last approximately 3 hours. Camping fee is \$5.00 per person. All money will be collected the day of event. Please sign up by October 10th with Pastor Brown. More information can be found at www.pigeonrivercanoeandcamp.com The campground and canoe sight is approximately 40 minutes from Praise Lutheran Church.

Meal details are:

Dinner Friday – hotdogs around campfire. Friday food will be provided by Praise youth ministry.

Breakfast Saturday – bring your own.

Lunch Saturday – pack a lunch. We will stop & eat during the canoe trip.

Dinner Saturday – We may stop at a restaurant (depending on timing) for dinner on way home.

Sunday School NEWS

This Month in Sunday School:

Parents -- talk to your children about their weekly Sunday School lessons. An excellent way to reinforce the importance of God's Word to the children is to ask them what they learned in class. Ask to see your child's lesson leaflet from their class – it usually has a beautiful artwork print depicting of a famous Bible story along with amplifying information.

October 3, 2010: Floods and rainbows bring messages. As our children study the Bible story about Noah and the great flood (Genesis 6–9:17) in Sunday School on this day, they will consider God's messages given through the flood and the rainbow: He hates and punishes sin; He promises no more global floods. God also promised to provide a Savior to overcome sin and take its punishment for us.

October 10, 2010: On this day our children will study the story of Abram (Genesis 12:1–20), who was called by God to move his family to a land far away from his birthplace. God's promise to Abram was that He would make Abram's family a great nation that would bring blessing to many people. In your family's devotion time for this week, compare your own blessings to those that God gave Abram.

October 17, 2010: People need to be rescued from all sorts of predicaments. In Sunday School on this day, our children will see how Abram, by God's grace and strength, rescued Lot (Genesis 14), a story that is an Old Testament picture of how God rescued all of us from sin's condemnation. In family devotions for this week, talk about Bible stories that picture God rescuing someone; and thank God that He has rescued you from sin through His Son, Jesus so that you may grow in Christ.

October 24, 2010: Have you ever been promised something and then doubted that the promise would ever be kept? In this Sunday School lesson, our children will see Abram having doubts (Genesis 15–17). God, however, keeps His promises, as He did for Abram and as He has done for us in giving His own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. We should especially thank God for keeping His promise of a Savior because, through Him, our sins are forgiven.

October 31, 2010: Had any visitors lately? In this Sunday School lesson, the story of Abraham receiving visitors (Genesis 18:1–19) is the topic. While Abraham received his visitors graciously, they brought more grace to him than he and Sarah could imagine. That's true for us too; through Jesus, God brings us more grace than we can imagine or expect, for He bestows on us forgiveness of sin and a restored life with God.

Sunday School Times:

9:10 to 9:25 Opening for pre-kindergarten through 5th graders in Sanctuary. Afterward, children are escorted to classes

9:30 to 10:30 All classes meet

Locations:

Preschool (Ages 3+) - Teal Room Rm. #8
 Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Purple Room Rm. #5
 2nd and 3rd Grade - Blue Room Rm. #4
 4th and 5th Grade - Red Room Rm. #2
 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation - Gold Room Rm. #3
 8th grade Confirmation - Silver Room Rm. #1 (starts at 9:20)
 Senior High Youth - Youth Room
 Adult class - Sanctuary



The Sunday School children will sing in church on Sunday, October 31st. This is a Youth Led Service. We look forward to having many voices help praise the Lord with Song that day...Please join us!



**Love to Sing?
 Play an Instrument?
 Have a heart for
 children?**

Prayerfully consider helping with our Sunday School Opening. We'd love to have your help (and your voice) teaching songs to our Sunday School children. This would not have to be a weekly commitment, just let us know when you are able to help! Contact the Browns at 637-6546 or the Engelsruds at 490-8047 for more information.

Sunday School Advent/Christmas Program Help Needed!



We'd love for someone to plan and organize this year's Christmas Program for the Sunday School children at Praise. It can include learning songs and/or presenting a drama. Be creative, or use our suggestions.

Time flies, so if you feel led to help our church in this capacity, get in touch soon. We need YOU!

Contact the Browns at 637-6546 or the Engelsruds at 490-8047 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

- 1 - Linda Sample
- 2 - Jeff Tannehill
- 3 - Darlene Blaising
Joan Hartwig
Brian Tannehill
- 4 - Kirsten Fletter
- 6 - Mary Fisher
Jarrod Hufford
Jason Hufford
- 7 - Kathy Huston
- 8 - Pat Huesman
Rafael Marcom
- 9 - Danielle Degitz
- 11 - Miranda Bush
- 12 - Paige Brindle
Jean Milledge
Nicholas Parker
Diana Trimble
- 13 - Adam Freiburger
Kathy Neuenschwander
- 16 - Clay Neuenschwander
- 18 - Melita Brown
- 20 - Sharon Adams
Sara Peterson
- 21 - Ben Saurer
Andi Wilder
- 22 - Dale Scheumann
- 25 - Ray Voorhees
- 26 - Abigail Hoepfner
Sandra Stewart
- 29 - Erin Stewart



October Anniversaries

- 6 - Rick & Sandy Wright
- 8 - Kurt & Tracie Luley
Michael & Kristen Roberts
- 13 - Ben & Kristen Saurer
- 19 - Terry & Kathy Huston
- 21 - Daniel & Colleen Marshall
- 26 - Brant & Stacie Brown
- 27 - Jim & Diann Cawvey
- 30 - Gabriel & Lisa Brindle



HGTV Praise Lutheran Youth Ministry Edition:



Do you find yourself watching HGTV programs, wishing you could have a say in what the homeowners were doing? You often find yourself talking out loud to the family dog... "What were they thinking?" We've all visited a friend's church and seen the typical Youth setting. You sat

down on one of several third-hand couches with rips and tears. The couch swallows you whole, until the groaning springs hold you inches from the ground. The walls were decorated with posters and cutouts of slightly less-than-current Christian music groups. And slumped in the corner there was a broken TV tethered to an Xbox. Here's an opportunity to have a voice in the creative process and help the Youth Ministry at the same time. With the addition of the new Youth wing, the space will need to be furnished. Your input will greatly enhance how the wing can be maximized for space, flow, furniture, and creativity. A Furnishing Committee has been formed by Stacie Brown, Ben Saurer and Pastor Brown. The New Testament describes the body of Christ as a family. We're brothers and sisters in a deeper, truer family than our own family of origin. The place where our Youth ministry family meets should feel like home. A real home confirms, over and over, that you are an integral part of a loving community. Cushy rugs, coffee tables, comfy couches, a coffee maker, or other items can give the space that 'home' feeling. A family gathers to debrief their lives in a place that reflects their lives. Kids are looking for a place where they can relax, be themselves, unburden their hearts, and fill their thirsty hearts. Your tips or recommendations for what kinds of items to be placed in the space is encouraged. We are simply in the brainstorming process. If you have a background in interior design or have the God-given gift of sitting in the middle of a room and just 'know' how it should look, send an e-mail to bsaurer@hotmail.com or drop a note in Ben Saurer's mailbox in the lobby. Be on the lookout for an upcoming date in the bulletin for time to gather and discuss. We look forward to your suggestions!



Becky Matson's new Phone Number: 206-478-4359

BREAKING BARRIERS

MINISTRY UPDATE

During the month of September, Pastor Brown had the opportunity to share the Breaking Barriers ministry with several more churches. A presentation was held at **Love Church in Fort Wayne** on September 2nd, where an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the show. On September 18th, Pastor Brown had the pleasure of bringing the presentation across the border into Ohio, to **Peace Lutheran Church in Defiance**. Word continues to spread about Breaking Barriers, and the presentations Pastor Brown gave at the National Youth Gathering in July have helped create even more of a growing interest from churches and schools across the country. We give thanks and praise to God for using this ministry - and all of the dedicated volunteers that participate in it - to spread the Gospel message to so many who need to hear it.

BREAKING BARRIERS - BY THE NUMBERS

The Breaking Barriers Christian Martial Arts Ministry celebrated its 3rd anniversary in September 2010. To date, Pastor Brown has given 85 Breaking Barriers shows in 12 different states and Canada. Here are some additional facts and figures:

13,000+ – estimated number of people (children and adults) who have watched a live Breaking Barriers presentation to date

11,307 – Number of hits to our ministry website, www.sinbusting.com, since September 2007

246 – Total number of wooden boards that Pastor Brown has broken during his presentations

92 – Number of times that Pastor has been hit with the sledgehammer while balanced in the split position

85 – Total number of Breaking Barriers presentations given to date

34 – Number of presentations given at churches and schools in California

15 – Number of presentations given in the city of Fort Wayne and within a 20-mile radius

Immeasurable – The powerful spiritual impact that Breaking Barriers has had on so many people for the Kingdom of God; and the number of souls who have been reached, touched, and greatly strengthened through all aspects of this ministry (presentations, word of mouth, DVD, books, etc.) **PRAISE GOD!**

Submitted By:

Josephine Dibble, Tri-Pillar Publishing
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College Students

If your child is a college student and his or her name and address haven't been turned in to the church office yet, please do so now.

Please email or telephone with the following information.

- Name
- College
- Full Address
- Year (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.)

Young Adult Sunday Bible Study Group



Are you a high school graduate looking for a Bible Study group on Sunday mornings?

We'd like to find out if there is an interest at Praise for a group of this nature.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, or at least like to give a try on a Sunday morning, let us know!

Sign up on the clipboard outside Pastor Brown's office and watch future newsletters and bulletins for updates and information.



Fall is approaching, as evidenced by the shortening days and cooler temperatures which I love! That means it is almost time for our third annual Fall Festival at Little Praisers. We are excited that this year, the Outreach Board at Praise will be working with us to plan an event that the families from our church, child care, and community can enjoy together. Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 29, from 5:00 to 6:30pm. The Fall Festival will again include a "Trunk or Treat", games, and food. We hope you can join us!

Here are some ways you can help with the Fall Festival:

- Pray for a successful outreach event.
- Decorate your car and pass out treats at the "trunk or treat".
- Volunteer to help in the kitchen.
- Volunteer to run a game.
- Bring your kids or grandkids for a fun night out!
- Invite your friends and neighbors to come.
- Donate candy, food, or prizes.

Soon you will find posted a sign-up sheet and list of items that can be donated. If you want to help with the planning of this event, please call me at 490-9529 or email me at littlepraisers@praiselc.org.

Little Praisers recently had another inspection by the Bureau of Child Care from the State of Indiana. We are pleased to report that we did very well! Kudos to the teachers here who work so hard to ensure that their classrooms are safe learning environments, and to Susan Till and all those who help with Physical Properties at Praise. We are blessed to have many hands who help keep our busy facilities in good shape.

Enjoy the fall weather, and I hope to see you all at the Fall Festival!

In His service and yours,

Alicia



SEW?

Our Little Praisers Childcare is looking for someone who likes to sew and would be willing to do some sewing for the childcare.

Also, the childcare is in need of two gliders (like a rocking chair, but no rockers).

Call the Childcare office at 490-9529 if you can help! Thanks!

Praise Starts Saturday Worship Service



Beginning Saturday, October 16, Praise is adding a 5 pm Saturday evening service to our regular Sunday 8 and 10:45 am and Monday 6 pm schedule. This will help overcrowding at the Sunday 10:45 service in the Youth Room while the sanctuary is being refurbished. This service will be identical to the Sunday and Monday services. If you know of someone who would appreciate attending a Saturday service, please invite them!

ISRAEL ITINERARY

By Pastor Brown

Deposits are due next month so you can join your friends from Praise in the Holy Land next summer. Only \$150.00 is due by November 1st. However, don't wait until then to make the arrangements. Passports need to be in hand by the time deposits are paid. Any questions should be addressed to Pastor Brown. More information can be found at <http://www.alpha2omegatravel.org/pastoribrown/index.html>

As the trip gets closer, we are working hard to get more details and specifics in place. The flight information is:

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The itinerary is also shaping up quite nicely. For the price, we certainly are able to pack in quite a few exciting stops. See below:

Day 1, Saturday, July 9

Depart U.S. for flight to Israel. Arrive next day.

Day 2, Sunday, July 10

Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport. We will meet our guide and head to our hotel by deluxe motorcoach. We will have a brief orientation meeting, enjoy a meal, and acclimate to our new surroundings. Stay in Tiberias

Day 3, Monday, July 11

Mt. Tabor, Megiddo - the New Testament's Armageddon (Rev. 16:16); Mount Carmel and visit the traditional site commemorating Elijah's burning of the sacrifice and defeat of the Baal prophets, and the Bahai Garden. Stay in Tiberias

Day 4, Tuesday, July 12

Sea of Galilee, including: the Mount of Beatitudes; Tabgha, the place of Jesus' miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves; Church of the Primacy of Peter - site of the miraculous catch of fish (John 21:6), where Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection (John 21:7); Capernaum: known as "Jesus' home town"; Kibbutz Ginosar: a magnificent display of the wooden Galilee Boat, We will also take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. dating from the time of Jesus. Cana - the village where Jesus performed the first Miracle, Nazareth - childhood town of Jesus. Stay in Tiberias

Day 5, Wednesday, July 13

Yardenit/Jordan River, Beit Shean: the ancient biblical city, which the Greeks and Romans knew as Scythopolis, Enjoy a relaxing float in the Dead Sea. Stay in En Bokek.

Day 6, Thursday, July 14

Take the cable-car to the top of Masada - the scene of the epic stand by the Jewish Rebels at the end of the Great Revolt against Rome nearly 2,000 years ago; Qumran - ruins of the ancient Essene settlement in whose nearby caves the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered; Jericho to visit the Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted by the devil. Stay in Jerusalem.

Day 7, Friday, July 15

Take the "Palm Sunday Walk" down the Mount of Olives in the footsteps of Jesus; Ascension Church, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemene, Mount Zion, where we will visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu - with its beautiful mosaics and bronze statuary, built over the ruins of the house of Caiphas (Matt. 26:57), the stone pit where tradition says Jesus was held, Tomb of David, Upper Room, Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field. Stay in Jerusalem.

Day 8, Saturday, July 16

Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, St. Anne's and Bethesda Pool, Way of the Cross/Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, which tradition says Jesus went with the cross to Calvary. Today, it passes through the colorful Old City markets to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. At last, Garden tomb. Stay in Jerusalem.

Day 9, Sunday, July 17

Western Wall, Ophel Archaeological Garden, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Ein Karem - birthplace of John the Baptist. Depart for U.S.

Day 10, Monday, July 18

Arrive back to the U.S. with wonderful memories of your experience in Israel.

Pastor Brown's trip is neither endorsed nor supported by Praise Lutheran Church.





Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16b

This month we take a look at our Stephen Ministry program at Praise. These figures are up-to-date as of August 31, 2010

Year congregation enrolled in the Stephen Series system through St. Louis – 2005

Stephen Ministry - All of the caregiving and leadership that the Stephen Series brings about in a congregation is often referred to as Stephen Ministry. The one-to-one caregiving that Stephen Ministers provide is also known as Stephen Ministry

First class of Stephen Minister commissioned on 4/9/2006

Number of trained Stephen Leaders – 7

Stephen Leader - Pastor or lay leader who has completed a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and directs Stephen Ministry in his or her congregation. Typically a congregation will have two or more Stephen Leaders who work together as a team, each overseeing different aspects of Stephen Ministry.

Number of active Stephen Leaders – 4

Number of trained Stephen Ministers – 20

Stephen Minister- A congregation member who is recruited, selected, trained, commissioned, and supervised by Stephen Leaders to provide one-to-one Christian care to persons in need on behalf of the congregation. Stephen Ministers typically are assigned one care receiver at a time and meet with that person for about one hour each week. Stephen Ministers usually serve for two years, which includes an initial 50 hours of training followed by twice-monthly supervision and continuing education sessions.

Number of active Stephen Ministers – 10 (4 of these are also Leaders)

Total number of care receivers served to date – 26

Date of last training class for Stephen Ministers – October 2009 to March 2010

Date of next training class for Stephen Ministers – TBD

Dates and times for upcoming continuing education and supervision sessions –

Stephen Ministry meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month for Continuing Education and small group peer supervision. During the Small Group Peer Supervision, Stephen Ministers provide support, encouragement, and accountability to one another in their ministry. Supervision ensures that Stephen Ministers provide the best care possible, yet is done in a way that keeps the identity of the care receiver and the details of his or her situation confidential.

Current Leaders and dates of training –

Bob Milledge	Jean Milledge	Chris Klopfenstein	Elaine Battenberg
August 2006	August 2006	April 2005	January 2009
749-0547	749-0547	637-6307 or 490-7729	409-6395


Our current Stephen Ministers are here to care for you! We are here to walk along side and listen, not to solve but to listen for as long as you need. If you are in need of confidential, one-to-one Christian care – or if you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who might benefit from this kind of care – talk to one of the Stephen Leaders or call the church office.

Christ Caring for People through People.

Take a look at the Bible Study Opportunities at Praise!

Day/ Location	Audience	Start Date	Description	Contact Info
Sunday 9:30- 10:30am: Youth Room	Senior High Youth	Sept 5th	"Demolishing Strongholds" -- Shot live before 300 teens and embellished with a cutting-edge comic book style, Demolishing Strongholds' topics include developing a biblical worldview, tips on how to engage and reach friends for Christ, confidence boosting ideas on how to confront our evolutionized culture, and examples of "cultural brainwashing."	Stacie Brown 482-2010 Stacie.Brown@ fwcs.k12.in.us
Sunday 9:30- 10:30am: Sanctuary	All Adults	Sept 5th	Adult Bible Class -- Genesis! Everything begins 'in the beginning' of the world and human time. Each Sunday we'll be walking through about a chapter or so of the Bible. Bible history is 'His Story,' and God's Word tells us about the origin of all things. Come, bring your Bible...and a friend.	Pastor Dancy 494-9970 pastord@ praiselc.org
Sunday 9:30- 10:30am: Yellow Room	Women	Sept 26th	"Coffee with the Savior" -- Women spending time with those they love and those they want to get to know better. They drink coffee with them, share stories, and study God's Word together. And God invites us to do the same with Him. So grab your latte, your friends, and your Bible and spend time with your Savior. Sound interesting? Please join us!	Chris Klopfenstein 637-6307 caklopfenstein@ comcast.net
Sunday 9:30- 10:30am: Orange Room	Men	Sept 26th	"Men's Fraternity" -- The Quest for Authentic Manhood class focuses on a man's core identity. It will help men by looking back at past issues that may have distorted their idea of biblical masculinity. Throughout the study, men will learn how to clearly define manhood and will finally be able to give a answer to the questions, "What is a man?" and "What am I living to be?"	Barry Brown 637-6546 thebrownclan@ frontier.com
Monday 7:00- 9:00pm: Youth Room	All Adults	Sept 13th	Bible Discovery Class -- Looking for a church? Have questions about Christian doctrine, the Bible and it's relevance for today's world? If you have friends whom you would like to lead to Christ, invite them to this class and bring them. Topics are seen in the light of Gods Word, the one Authority of truth, that reveals God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. This 8-week class is an introduction for non-Lutherans to join Praise's congregation.	Pastor Dancy 494-9970 pastord@ praiselc.org
Thursday 10-11:30am Youth Room	All Adults	Sept 9th	THUMBS (THursday Morning Bible Study) -- Don't be 'all thumbs' around your Bible! We're beginning with a study of the New Testament and the book of Matthew. No tests or pressure, just good fellowship and lots of fruitful digging in God's Word!	Pastor Dancy 494-9970 pastord@ praiselc.org
Thursday 7:00-8:30pm: Silver Room	Women	Sept 9th	"Worry: God, Why am I so Worried?" -- Everybody worries about something. How do we cope with things we don't understand or don't have time to process? What is worry? How does it affect us? These questions, and more, will be addressed. If you ever worry, this might be the study for you. All women are invited, including non-members.	Sandy Wright 637-1132 srwright68@ yahoo.com
Monthly	Young Couples	Sept 12th	The Young Couples Bible Study meets monthly at the homes of members. We will be deciding on a new topic at our next meeting which is September 12th @ 4:30pm at the home of Chris & Alicia Levitt. Usually the lesson lasts around 1 hour; we do not bring our children. Any couple who considers themselves 'young' is welcome!	Jason & Jill Hoepfner 627-8943 jhoepfner@ msn.com

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9AM-1PM YMCA Flag Football
3 Worship 8 & 10:45 AM (Holy Communion) 9:10 Sunday School 6-7:30PM Martial Arts	4 6PM Worship Service 7PM Bible Discovery Class	5 6PM Stephen Ministry Supervision Group 6:15PM Little Praisers Staff Mtg. 7PM Praise Team	6 10AM Chapel 5:30PM 325 Youth 7PM Sr. High Youth	7 10AM THUMBS 4:30-7:30PM HW Club 6-7:30PM Martial Arts 7PM Women's Study	8	9 9AM-1PM YMCA Flag Football 9AM Worship Ministry
10"Justice Breath" Worship 8 & 10:45 AM 9:10 Sunday School 6-7:30PM Martial Arts	11 6PM Worship Service 7PM Bible Discovery Class 7PM Church Council	12 9AM-12PM Little Praisers (Youth Room) 7PM Praise Team 7PM Outreach Mtg.	13 10AM Chapel 5:30PM Jr. High Youth 7PM Sr. High Youth 7PM Constitution Mtg.	14 10AM THUMBS 4:30-7:30PM HW Club 6-7:30PM Martial Arts 7PM Women's Study	15 Youth Camping	16 9AM-1PM YMCA Flag Football Youth Camping 5PM Worship (Yth Rm) 6-8PM Euchre
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:45 AM Worship
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MONDAYS

6:00 PM
(Communion 1st & 3rd Mondays)

