



Reaching out in Christian love to all!

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Mission Statement:

“Palestine Lutheran Church exists to proclaim and live God’s Holy Word, to nurture and support our membership, and to enable us to live our faith in our daily lives. As we are nourished, we are called to reach out to our communities, our spheres of influence, and to the wider world through the church-at-large.”

Our Vision:

Palestine Lutheran Church will be a haven for all generations, a people worshipping and growing continually in relationship with Jesus, inspired by God’s Word; a living example of stewardship, a loving and caring fellowship that reaches out in Christ-centered faith and love to the world.



Pastor Eric will be doing limited visitation for members who would like to have one. Please contact Pastor Eric if you would like to have a visit. You do not have to wait for him to call.

Call 515-597-2620 or email ericklimpel@gmail.com

We would like to work out what is best and safest for the visit and distribution for each person.

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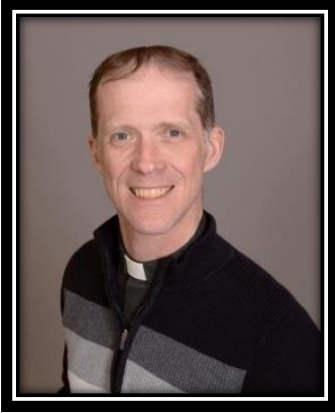
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Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**
Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



Always Trusting God! -----

----- With Pastor Eric

*Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious
right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

*With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth **in Christ**, ¹⁰as a **plan** for the fullness of time, to gather up all things **in him**, things in heaven and things on earth. Ephesians 1:9-10*

We used to have a saying in the military. **No matter how good the plan and how prepared you are... expect it to last 2 seconds when the battle starts.** When the bullets are flying and the dust is kicked up – your communications are down, and your senses are compromised – this saying is very true. Your fear kicks in, self-preservation and “fight or flight” compels; however, the army has a plan for everything which is referred to as the **“standard operating procedure” (s.o.p.)**. When in an open field as a nuclear device goes off in the distance, an S.O.P. kicks in and you cover yourself with a poncho, get low to the ground and face your helmet towards the blast. Every soldier listens for their squad leader to bark out the order, or whoever is left in charge to know what to do.

I think about such plans and procedures as necessary because it helps those in harm's way to manage their fear. To know the plan is to have some feeling of control over outcomes. This sounds good, doesn't it? When faced with daily life battles and struggles, like cancer, grief, divorce, economic trials, job loss, and such, we have an S.O.P. but it might not be what you expect. You see, we can trust in a plan, however no matter how good the plan – we can't control people, or many other external variables, and there are always elements of the plan that we do not or cannot know. We can be optimistic about a situation and put a responsive spin on it but that is not always possible or helpful to the reality of the situation, or others who do not perceive it that way.

For Christians, the S.O.P. is not about what we do, or plan, or how we respond to a situation. We are called to put our faith and hope into God. It's not the trust in the plan that matters, but the leader who moves with you through it and makes the decisions in the moment when plans must change. God tells us repeatedly not to fear because God is faithful and trustworthy, and God's got your back. Trust in God with everything and in everything. When God seems far off and aloof, trust more fiercely! If you believe that God will not understand, then remember that God came down as a baby and died on the cross...Yes, God has been in it with us, and God brings us through all of it. Trust God! Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the council room.

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm on ZOOM. We begin a four-week study on the theme of Advent with the resource, **"Be Born in Us Today"** in support of our worship theme in by the same name. A great way to prepare and learn more about the season in a time when it's not as hectic. You can pick up a book at the church in the fellowship hall.

Youth Confirmation Ministry

For youth in 7th and 8th grades – classes on the small catechism with the goal of confirmation at the end of a two-year ministry of service, discussion, and fun. Questions? Contact Pastor Eric Klimpel @ ericklimpel@gmail.com

R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group will meet the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Food Pantry Ministry

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. Volunteer at the pantry! Contact Jackie Rasmussen (catsrus@huxcomm.net)

Griefshare Support Group Fall Session

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the conference room. For people who have suffered significant loss due to death of a family member or friends and would like a support network to help work through their story. The group meets for 13 weeks on a “drop in” basis using materials from the Christian faith to help navigate the time together. Please consult e-news, bulletin, or the griefshare website for more date details. If interested, contact Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com or register on the website @ www.griefshare.org under locate a group.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Every 2nd and 4th Sundays after worship in the south conference room. Anyone who would like to inquire about Palestine Lutheran Church and find some insights into its history, people and ministry are welcome. For prospective members, new members and yes, even veteran members! All are welcome! Let the church office know if you are interested so that we can prepare materials (@ palestinelutheran@gmail.com)

Theology on Tap

Gathering for adults who want to fellowship, relax and solve the world’s problems together while creating some potential new ones. We will take time to fellowship around God’s Word and grow together as a community.



Join us for the next one November 13th from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up!* 😊)

Community Thanksgiving Worship & Pie/Ice-Cream Fellowship

Sponsored by the Ballard Ministerial Association on **Sunday, November 20th @ 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church in Huxley.** You are invited to bring your favorite holiday pie to share. Coffee and Hot Cocoa will be provided! Our offerings for this event will go to help support very needy local food pantries in Huxley, Cambridge, and Slater.



Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website www.elca.org
→Resources→ Downloadable Resources→ Bible studies

Pentecost Week 32

Focus: What will life be like after you are resurrected?

“Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.” Luke 20:36 (NRSV)

Read Luke 20:27-38

Pentecost Week 33

Focus: If the world would end tomorrow, would you be prepared?

And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.” Luke 21:8 (NRSV)

Read Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King

Focus: Christ the Ruler of All

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and indivisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.” (Colossians 1:15-16 NRSV)

Read Colossians 1:11-20

Advent Week 1

Focus: What are you watching and waiting for this Advent season?

“Be on guard, so that your hearts are not weighed down”
Luke 21:34 (NRSV)

Read Luke 21:25-36



THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

THANKS YOU

for your book and puzzle donations!

The Book Bash was a great success. Not only did people get some great books to read, but they received \$90 from Half Price Books for the leftovers. Within the next month we will go book shopping for the library and if anyone has a particular book or topic that they would like us to purchase to let a library member know, which includes: Teri Klimpel, Deb Moore, Doreen Blackmer, Laura Kepler or Shannon Wilson.



BLOOD DRIVE

October 11th Results

BLOOD DONOR. LIFE SAVER.

THANK YOU!

**29 registered to donate, 23 donors able to donate
(2 first time donors!), 25 units collected, 75 lives saved!!**

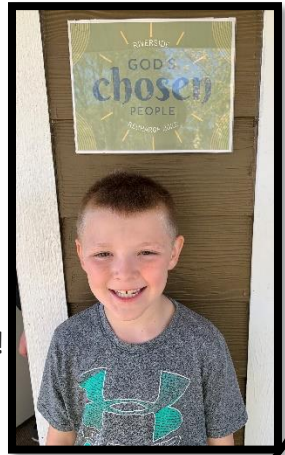
Thanks to Deb Moore for coordinating.

Senior Choir 9-25-22



Riverside

Benjamin Williams (3rd grader) went to the Fall Re-Charge at Riverside Bible Camp Oct 21st-23rd. His favorite things were free time in the rec hall and meeting new friends!



The Palestine Piecemakers

packaged up their labors of love to share!



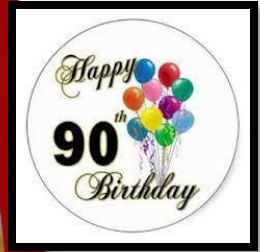
They sent **70** quilts (17 boxes) To Lutheran World Relief and **40** quilts to Project Linus.



*Thank you,
Quilters, for
your
dedication
and service!*



Nancy Fausch's birthday celebration October 23rd



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nov. 4 th | Vivian Lundgren (88 th) |
| Nov. 12 th | Phyllis Prichard (81 st) |
| Nov. 16 th | Helen Miller (94 th) |
| Nov. 27 th | Sandra Kalsem (80 th) |



November 2022

- 1 Christa Hartsook
Mike Larson
- 3 Ivy Sickels
- 4 Andrew Brokofsky
Brady Harmon
Vivian Lundgren (88)
- 7 Ellen Longnecker
- 8 Jim Gotta
Emma Hartman
- 10 Thomas Kochheiser (71)
Mark Pote
- 12 Jane Reinhart (71)
Phyllis Prichard (81)
- 13 Bruce Cox Jr
Elaine Mohr (78)
- 15 Doug Schonhorst
- 16 Elliott Johnson
Helen Miller (94)
- 17 Troy Calvert
Carter DeVries
Evelyn Kam
- 18 Caleb Hartsook
Roger Rittgers
- 19 McKenzie Bushaw
- 20 Lucas Schaudt
- 22 Blake Harmon
Wade Twedt
- 24 Kinsey Calvert
- 27 Sandra Kalsem (80)
Jenna Pilcher
Sarah Roelfs
- 28 Priya Roelfs

- 29 Danielle Edwards
Jeff Van Pelt
Holly Wise



- 5 Brent & Julie Emerson
- 11 Roger & Deb Moore
- 16 Thomas & Susan
Kochheiser (20th)
- 18 Wayne & Jane
Reinhart (50th)
Lyle & Pat Martin
- 27 Aaron & Nicole Larson
- 29 Brent & Missy Larson
(25th)

If there is a record of error or omission, please let us know at palestinelutehran@gmail.com or 515-597-2624.

November

ALTAR GUILD: Pat Martin & Donna Millang

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Nov. 6th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh

Nov. 20th: Tim Wilson

OFFERING COUNTERS: *Cindi Thomas & Holly Twedt*

Greeters* , **

Nov. 6th: Dick & Helen Kepler; Dave & Phyllis Prichard

Nov. 13th: David & Vallery Eisenmann; Quinn & Norma McBride

Nov. 20th: Ben & Candi Engler; Ethan O'Loughlin

Nov. 27th: Teri Klimpel; Marlys Hartman

*Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship

**All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

DECEMBER 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
30 <i>21st Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Reformation Music with Nels	31	1 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:00 a.m. Council meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels	7	8 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
13 <i>23rd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels New Member Orientation 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap	14	15 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
20 <i>Last Sunday of Pentecost/Christ the King Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Music with Nels 6:00 – 7:00 4H 6:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving 6 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. x-mas program rehearsal <i>Poinsettia order deadline</i>	21	22 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> No choir 9:30 a.m. Worship No children's church No music with Nels New Member Orientation 6 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. x-mas program rehearsal	28	29 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.	3 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	4	5
9 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	10 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	11 Veteran's Day	12 5 -7 p.m. KUMLA
16 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	17 6:30 p.m. Griefshare <i>Dec. Newsletter deadline</i>	18	19
23 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions No quilting No confirmation	24		25
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30 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. x-mas program rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	1 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	2	3



Mark your calendars!

Dec. 11th Christmas program

Dec. 17th Christmas Extravaganza (R.O.C.K.)

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve: 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. services



These minutes have not yet been approved.

**Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, October 2, 2022 @ 8 AM**

Attendance: Brad Lewis, Pastor Klimpel, Chris Richter, Dr. Eisenmann, Leonard Larson, Kristin Shelton, Kent Klingbeil, Deb Moore, Greg Saveraid

Absent: Julie Emerson, Jen Pote, Hailey Clark, Deidre Qual, Candi Engler

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Chris (Harvest Time)

Treats: Jen Pote dropped off treats early before the meeting.

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections:

- It ain't easy

Minutes of the previous meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kristin
- Second: Kent K.
- Unanimous vote of approval

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$13,467.23
- Total Checking: \$45,132.39
- Motion to approve: Greg
- Second: Kristin
- Unanimous vote of approval

Pastor's Report:

- Worship & Visitation at Green Hills
- Bev Echtenkamp funeral
- Youth Council meeting! Shelley, Erika, Courtney, Shannon KICK leaders
- Grief Share group for fall season

- Worship planned through Christmas
- Choir Began!!!
- God's Work Our Hands Event – 7000 pounds of melons in 2 hours!
- Children's church starts!
- Thanksgiving service planning with possible feeding event (Meals from Heartland?)
- Pastor trip to New York in October (7th – 12th) Pastor Erick Swanson covering
- Joint Youth/KICK serve on October 9th
- Blessing of Pets and 3rd Grade Bibles on October 16th
- Confirmation – 3 youth (October 30th)

New Business:

- Discussed the Basic or Premium Upgrade of Sound system by Nels. By November meeting. 2 quotes? Brent needs to discuss some upgrades for Live Stream? Get detail from Mindy, Nels and Brent. Add the why? To the list. Lead times?

Old Business:

- Finance topics – are we a service church or an admin church? Set up All Committee meeting.
- No Evangelism game night. Mission Outreach blood drive October 11th. Library book bash went fantastic.
- Kumla/Steak Fry Update. November 12th Kumla.
- Clothing Pantry has moved
- Projects update

Closing Statements:

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Greg
- Second: Kristin

Close with Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

- **Devotions:** Leonard
- **Treats:** David E.



Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during October:

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Penelope Brown, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Arlyce Engles, Julie Gentry, Jane Gordon, Dolores Hauge, Phyl Hughes, Sandra Kalsem, Roger Larson, Lynzee Makowski, Loree Ness, Henry Rumbaugh, Shirley Saveraid, Rachel Sinclair, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope

Family and friends of: Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Norma Dovre, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary Lou Hoover, Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Bruce Halverson, Kevin Klingbeil, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, and Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid



Friday, November 11, 2022

R.O.C.K. October Activities



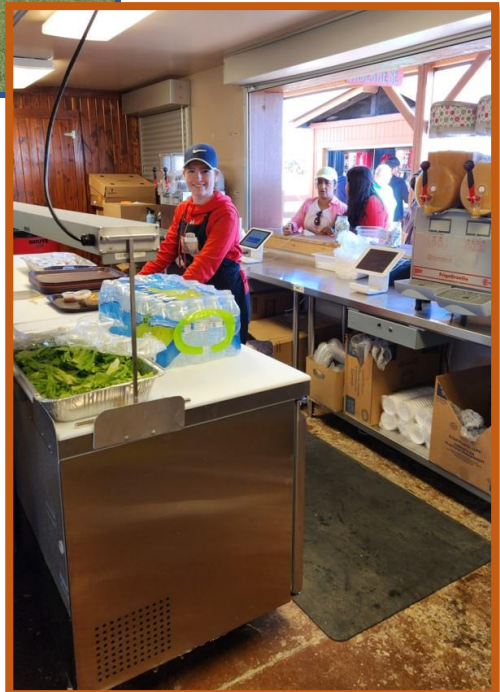
Fields of Faith @
Gilbert High
October 5th



Center Grove
Orchard workday
October 8th



Working or Enjoying?





Third Grade Bible Presentation

October 16th

*Placing the Word of God into your
child's hands . . .*



Congratulations on this milestone!

Holden Elliott, Carter DeVries, Hadlee Nobiling, Priya Roelfs,
Benjamin Williams, Brooks Wuebker (*not pictured*)

BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS

October 16th





Festival of All Saints Day November 6th

*Have a candle ready to light at home if you
are viewing via livestream*

We will be remembering the faithful who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant in the past 24 months. During the Prayers of Intercession Pastor will read from a shepherd's book names that been submitted. He has used this book on each All Saints' Sunday during his ministry.

If you have the name of a spiritual friend, mentor, family member or co-worker that you want to include in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, please email the name to palestinelutheran@gmail.com , or Pastor Eric at ericklimpel@gmail.com , or print the name in the book at church located in fellowship hall. We will include names in the bulletin of those members of Palestine who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday and also the newest saints in our church family who were baptized this past year.

**SIGN
UP
TODAY!**

IT'S ALMOST KUMLA TIME!

Jello salads, Desserts, and Volunteering in the kitchen are all requested. *See the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or watch the Wednesday email announcements to click on the sign-up link!*

Kumla is Saturday, November 12th 5- 7 p.m. @ Palestine.



We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Gary and Janet Thompson for their monetary donation.

The gift is to be used for Palestine Youth Ministry. This money is currently invested in and managed by our Memorial Fund.

We will update everyone on where the funds are used. Our first major matching fundraising amounts will likely be for the high school R.O.C.K. group mission trip to Costa Rica in 2023 through the Rice and Beans Group and Confirmation's bi-annual trip to Chicago to visit the ELCA headquarters and help at the Children's Place. Palestine has a long history of strong youth programs including service-oriented missions. Educational experiences have enhanced the understanding and needs of life outside of rural Iowa.

We are humbly thankful for this gift and look forward to continued youth program success at Palestine!



Poinsettias for Palestine

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our church for advent and Christmas. Please let us know if it is in honor or memory of someone. \$15 each.

Deadline to order is November 20th.

Call Blumsters @ 515-597-2200 or Tracy @ 515-450-1961 to place order.



Community Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 20th
@ Trinity Methodist in Huxley
6:30 p.m.

(Pie Social after worship)

- ❖ You are invited to bring your favorite holiday pie to share. Coffee and Hot Cocoa will be provided!
- ❖ Our offerings for this event will go to help support a very needy local food pantries in Huxley, Cambridge, and Slater.

Sponsored by the Ballard Ministerial Association.

A graphic for Advent and Christmas 2021. The background is split into a red and blue color scheme. On the left, a white star is above a box containing the text "BE BORN IN US Today". On the right, the text "BE BORN IN US" is in a small grey box above the word "Bringing" in a large, white, cursive font, with "Blessing" below it in the same font. At the bottom left, a yellow box contains the text "Advent & Christmas 2021 @ Palestine Lutheran Church". At the bottom right, a dark blue box contains the text "Grab or Download a Holiday Resource Handbook on the Usher Table or @ plchuxley.com".

Advent Begins November 28th

Holiday Resources @ Palestine Lutheran for Advent and Christmas Season will be available in fellowship hall to pick up soon!

You can explore as a family the meaning, activities and prayers for the seasons of the spirit and soul.



(3rd-6th grade group)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Saturday, November 12th:** Kumla serving
- ❖ **Christmas Program Sunday, December 11th**
Christmas Program Rehearsal schedule:
 - Sunday, Nov. 20th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, Nov. 27th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 30th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, Dec. 4th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 7th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, Dec. 11th final practice after worship

Contact any K.I.C.K. advisor with any questions:

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Christmas Extravaganza

The R.O.C.K. Group is hosting their annual Christmas Extravaganza!

Saturday, December 17th

9 a.m. – 12 noon

A sign up to donate goodies will be out soon!



College Scholarships

Treasurer, Deidre Qual, reminds college students desiring to receive a Palestine scholarship that they **must notify the church office by letter or e-mail** of their name, address and college or vocational school **by**

December 15th. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the Palestine Scholarship Fund. \$100 is given to each qualifying student in December. This fund was set up to help provide encouragement for any student member of Palestine during the first four years after graduation from high school in any year which he or she continues his or her education at an approved college or vocational school.

Email: palestinelutheran@gmail.com

Mailing address: 1375 HWY 210, Huxley, IA 50124



LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption services, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, healthy home.

LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment. But more work needs to be done. Thousands of children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care into a “forever family”.

To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Picture of Foster Care and Adoption

The goal of foster care is to reunite children with the parents when possible. The foster family can play an integral part in making that happen, often becoming mentors to the birth parents, helping them learn parenting skills they may not have had modeled to them.

An LSI provider told me about a picture she had recently received. Imagine, if you would, a photo of two women, one on each end of a bench, and four kids with them. All happy. All smiling. It looks like they were enjoying a beautiful day in the park.

On the left is the birth mother of those kids. She will be the first to admit, things haven't been easy – but she loves these kids.

The other woman is the foster mother. She loves these kids too. Two of the kids were adopted by the foster family, one lives with the birth mom, and the foster child on the mother's lap was soon to be reunited with the birth mom. They are celebrating Mother's Day together.

Foster families provide more than a safe place for children to land. This foster/adoptive parent is a wonderful mentor for this birth mom!

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Address service requested