

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 11
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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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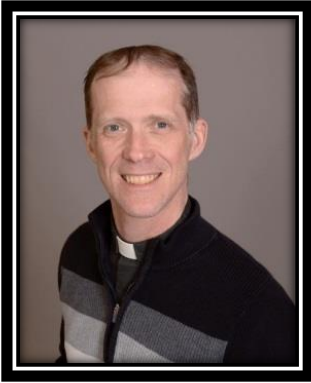
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A graphic with a golden sunburst background and the text "Tithes & Offering" in a stylized font.

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.



Embracing the Kingdom like a Child
..... With Pastor Eric

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. – Matthew 21:24

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." – Luke 10:25-28

I lived in a world in which children were seen and not heard. And for the most part, I was okay with that idea. We had a kid's table in the kitchen during Thanksgiving meals and generally, we ate first and then went off to play somewhere instead of waiting for the adults to finish their meals and hear their conversations. Along the same line of thinking, I grew up with another cliché that to this day still haunts me and it comes from one of my favorite presidents Abraham Lincoln, "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt." Sometimes it's associated with "foot in mouth disease" and "dumb questions." I hope that I'm not alone in my dislike of these notions.

Maybe it's fear that rules the day when children are dismissed because of their excessive inquisitiveness and wonder about the

world. Questions are not “stupid” or “smart”. They are simply questions which are meant to inform and help us learn about the deeper truths about ourselves and the world we inhabit. Jesus used questions all the time to teach and he did not ever turn down answering a question which someone posed to him. In fact, Jesus tended to answer questions with more questions! And yet it seems that we have little time or patience to even consider the conversations that questions generate.

When I think about the issues that we face in our world, like racism, gender discrimination, diversity challenges, divorce, and estrangement, I come back to the same basic communication problem. Our lack of wonder and inquisitiveness about our neighbors whether in our own home, next door, or in another country. Wouldn't it be great if someone would take the time and ask us questions about us! How we feel or what we think? Would it be great if someone listened to our answers? Maybe we could explain our world a bit and maybe ask questions of our own!? Have we lost our ability to wonder? To imagine? To reach out and learn? I hope not!

Let's start at home. Ask your child what they love? Ask your spouse what they think? And listen for the answers! Don't jump right in about you...focus on them only them. Believe it or not, God does the same with us in Christ Jesus! It's how we grow...

Let us pray. Gracious Father, who came to be with us in Jesus the Emmanuel, open our hearts and minds to be inquirers and wonder about you and this wonderful world, so that we might grow into the fullness of your love and wisdom and know our neighbors as we learn to know ourselves, in Jesus' name. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom - We are using short Bible study material from the Bible Project website and application. You can download the app for free, or go to the website at www.bibleproject.com . Browse through the site and check out the Bible Study section. First, watch the topic video and then answer the questions. When we gather, we will watch it again and then go through the questions and finish up with a prayer time. If you need help purchasing books, contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the north hall.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Typically Every 1st and 3rd Sunday 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)

Adult Catechism

Sundays after worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays beginning September 25th. You are invited into some catechism discussions based on Luther's Small Catechism. We will watch a short video, then read some scriptures and discuss the topic. What a wonderful way to get to know your faith and refresh those confirmation vibes. If you have a bible and a small catechism, then bring them along.

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.



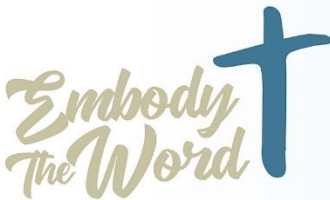
Join us Sunday, September 18th - 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. at the Fenceline Beer Lab, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*Drop in if you would like ☺*)

Youth Confirmation Ministry

Beginning Sunday, September 11th with installation of the confirmation class and children's church teachers. For youth in 7th and 8th grade – 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

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)



2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

For a recap of the first in-person assembly since the pandemic, click or go here [ELCA churchwide assembly 2022](#) .



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

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *What has it cost you to follow Jesus?*

“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:27 (NRSV)

Read Luke 14:25-33

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *What does joy feel like?*

“Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10 (NRSV)

Read Luke 15:1-10

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *How are you faithful in caring for what God has entrusted you?*

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.”

Luke 16:10 (NRSV)

Read Luke 16:1-13

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *How do we stay open to the message of Jesus?*

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:31 (NRSV)

Read Luke 16:19-31

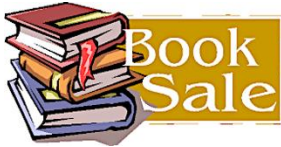
Graduation recognition

thank you

Palatine Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the gift that I was given at church on Sunday. I will forever be grateful for everything you guys have done for me and my family.

Josie Jensen



FALL BOOK BASH

We will be collecting books and puzzles for the Book Lover's Bash September 4th and 11th.

The Bash will be September 18th and 25th!



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Penelope Brown, Joan Carson, Matt Carver, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Arlyce Engles, Julie Gentry, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Alvina Larson, Roger Larson, Merlin Lyon, Lynzee Makowski, Thomas McBride, Matthew Moore, Loree Ness, Kathy Saveraid, Rachel Sinclair, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope

Family and Friends of: Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, 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



Let's shower some of our members with cards for their birthdays!

Sept. 5th Marge Sheldahl's 80th!

Sept. 7th Warren Johnson's 95th!

Sept. 15th Dick Kepler's 81st!

Sept. 18th Bev Echtenkamp's 90th!

Sept. 25th Charles Bowers' 82nd!

Sept. 30th Dave Prichard's 80th!



- 1 Kirsten Van Soelen
- 3 Teresa Rasmussen
- 4 Zoey Rahner
Amanda Richter
- 5 Scott Brendeland
Marge Sheldahl (80th)
- 6 Austin "AJ" Umland
- 7 Warren Johnson (95th)
- 8 Robin Doty
Darin Madson
- 9 Adam Wuebker
- 14 Hayley Gustafson
- 15 Dick Kepler (81st)
- 17 Jodie Sample
- 18 Bev Echtenkamp (90th)
Jodie Atkinson
- 19 DeAnn Baldwin
Donna Lisowski
Andrew Rasmussen
Ellie Twedt
- 20 Jeremy Edwards
Molly Wuebker
- 21 Abrielle Atkinson
Mack Umland
- 22 Dax Clark
Brynn Gallagher
- 24 Lydia Kelso
- 25 Charles Bowers (82nd)
- 27 Oriett Snider
- 28 Rex Clark
Max Shelton
- 30 Jacob Huxford
Dave Prichard (80th)

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- 1 Steve & Jodie Atkinson (10th)
- 4 David & Margret Anderson
Dick & Helen Kepler
- 7 Lucas & Courtney Williams
- 9 Jacob & Hannah Saltzman
- 10 Allen & Ruth Evans
- 11 Jeremy & Danielle Edwards
DeAnn & Stuart Baldwin
Bruce & Angela Hartman
- 14 Jon & Sarah Jensen (20th)
- 15 Randy & Lora Young
- 18 Greg & Christa Hartsook
- 20 Richard & Chris Nelson
Tony & Jamie Ness (25th)
- 21 Tim & Julie Huxford
Jacey & Cole Johnson
- 29 Adam & Amber McKenna (10th)
Kyle & Tracy Rhoads

If your birthday or anniversary was not included or is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update our records. Thank you!



ALTAR GUILD: Melanie Fausch & Nancy Fausch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
September 4th:

September 18st: Teri Klimpel

OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis; Matt Williams

GREETERS*, **:
September 4th: Mark & Robin Doty; Nancy Fausch
September 11th: Bruce & Angie Hartman; Cynthia Johnson
September 18th: Laura Kepler; Drew & Kris Polich
September 25th: Dennis & Donna Millang; Jeff & Kim Van Pelt

*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.

October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
28 12 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Community Worship Service @ Railroad Park	29	30 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
4 13 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion New Member Orientation	5 Labor Day	6 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
11 14 th Sunday of Pentecost; God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church begins; install Confirmation Class & Children's Church Teachers; Cookie Sunday 1:00 p.m. Gather @ Iowa Gardening for Good	12	13 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
18 15 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion New Member Orientation 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline Beer Lab 5:00 p.m. 4H	19	20 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
25 16 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Adult Catechism begins	26	27 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	1 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis	2	3
7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilting resumes! 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation Begins!	8	9	10
14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilting 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation	15	16	17
21 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilting 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation	22	23	24
28 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 1:00 p.m. Quilting	29	30	1



These minutes are not yet approved.

Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, August 14, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

Attendance: Deidre Qual, Pastor Eric Klimpel, Chris Richter, Hailey Clark, Deb Moore, Brad Lewis, David Eisenmann, Kristin Shelton

Absent: Jen Pote, Julie Emerson, Leonard Larson, Greg Saveraid, Candi Engler, Kent Klingbeil

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Chris Richter – Are we making an impact?

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: Making an impact ...

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kristin Shelton motioned to approve
- Second: Deb Moore seconded.
- A unanimous vote was taken and demanded by President Richter

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$21,395.93
- Total Checking: \$119,374.74
- Issues +/-: Need to move money into endowment, \$50,000 received for Youth uses
- Motion to Approve: Hailey motioned to approve the treasurer's report
- Second: Kristin seconded.
- All voted unanimously...

Pastor's Report:

See attached report. Food at First in Ames on 17th of July. Spencer's funeral, hard work begins now. Worship at Green Hills and Ballard Creek. The possibility of Ballard Creek closing was discussed. Teri and Pastor have been taking day trips. Prairie Fest worship on the 28th. Kick Group transition. Iowa Cubs went well. Blessing of the backpacks. Confirmation gets rolling.

New Business:

- Motion to move line item for Youth Experience Endowment
- Dave motioned to approve, Deb seconded. Passed unanimously
- Dividing Shade for the kitchen (Brad will look into)

Old Business:

- Deb gave a report on Fellowship committee
 - Food at first, I-cubs game
- Library Committee is moving forward with Fall Book Bash in September
- Property Committee – quote to tear down trees at \$4,000.
 - Kristin motioned to approve, Hailey seconded. Passed unanimously.

Closing Statements:

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn: David Eisenmann motioned to adjourn
Second: Kristin seconded. All voted in favor as we sprinted to church

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 09/11/22. Devotions – Brad Treats – Deb

New school year = LOTS OF THINGS RESUMING!



QUILTING GROUP IS RESUMING!

Wednesday, September 7th @ 1 p.m.

Every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m.



Installation of Confirmation Class Sunday, September 11th

Mid-week Classes begin **Wednesday, September 7th** 6:30 – 8 p.m.



Join us for Children's Church!

Beginning Sunday, September 11th!

After the children's message during worship, kids are dismissed to go to their classrooms.



Sr. Choir Practice

Beginning Sunday, September 11th

Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome!



The Altar Guild Committee is looking for additional members to join our team! This can be a very rewarding opportunity dealing mostly with serving Holy Communion.

If you would be interested in learning more about the responsibilities, feel free to contact Donna at donnamillang@gmail.com.

We can also have an instructional meeting to discuss the responsibilities and duties for anyone who might be interested. If we get enough people on our committee, it would be a one- or two-month commitment per year. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Altar Guild Committee

FOOD PANTRY - PLEASE HELP!



Donations Needed NOW

High Demand at Huxley Food Pantry

Recent months, sharp increase in need

Triple the number of visitors

Money & food supplies needed RIGHT AWAY

Please donate:

Direct to the Huxley Food Pantry

Give Fareway gift cards

Give at Fjeldberg Lutheran Church

Use Fjeldberg's on-line giving app

IOWA CUBS

FUN OUTING!

Friday, August 5th



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



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When: Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 9:30 am worship

Where: Palestine Lutheran Church

What: Servant Sunday at the Iowa Gardening for Good @ 1pm

Bring: Work Clothes, Tools for Outside Clean Up, Sunscreen, Soap to Donate!

SOAP Donation for the Huxley Food Pantry

Laundry, Hand Soap, Shower Soap, or Dish Soap

SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP @ LAKESIDE CAMP





Special Thank you to our K.I.C.K. leaders for over a decade of ministry and leadership from the Christmas Programs to group and church events along with great worship support!

Lesa Lewis, Jody Calvert, Lori Schonhorst are three wonderful ladies who have shepherded many elementary age children through the years in Sunday School, Children's Church, service projects and worship events. After many years and hours of dedicated ministry, these three ladies are stepping back from their current roles as K.I.C.K. coordinators to follow their children into ministry at other age levels.

We look forward to working with them in other areas, and we appreciate their time and efforts in setting the standard for children's ministry at Palestine while maintaining a tradition of gospel-centered excellence in sharing the Christmas story each year.

As we say thank you, we are looking forward to the new leaders whom God is raising up to continue the wonderful work that these three ladies provided.

I am encouraged and learned much from watching and supporting Lesa, Jody, and Lori over the last few years! On behalf of the congregation, Thank you!

Peace,

Pastor Eric Klimpel & The Congregation of Palestine Lutheran Church





September 2022 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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 LSI (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 LSIowa.org and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).

A New Home for D.

D. wanted to become more connected to her community, while still ensuring she could receive the care she needed on a daily basis. Through LSI, D. has been able to enroll in the Host Homes program, which provides 24/7 care for individuals with disabilities and mental illness who thrive in a one-on-one setting instead of a busier group home environment.

D. was able to move into a private family home with her Host Homes mentor, Anita, and they have built a friendship and a shared social life. Anita is there to support D. as she works on her personal goals, while D. is still able to get the care she needs.

Currently, one of D.'s goals is to exercise and become more active in the community, so the duo enjoys shopping and walking around the local mall to stay active. Back at home, the two can work on skills – like hygiene and cooking – that make D. feel more independent and confident.

“I like helping D. and seeing her progress and growth in her daily living,” Anita says. “When you and the person in your care begin living like a family, when they are able to trust you and open up, then you know you’re getting somewhere.”

**LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.*

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