



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 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.



**Pastor Klimpel will be on
VACATION June 3-12th!**

In case of emergency, call Pastor
Erick Swanson @ Fjeldberg
Lutheran (319) 850-3852 (cell).

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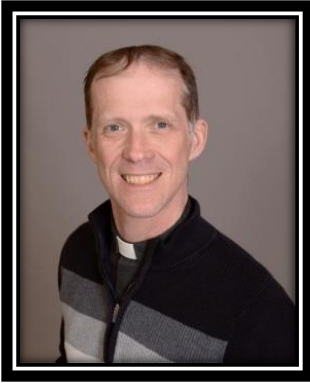
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A graphic with the text "Tithes & Offering" in a stylized font, set against a golden, sunburst-like background with a dark border.

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
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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.

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



Seeking the Kingdom first

-----With Pastor Eric

What does it mean to be successful both in life and ministry? I've been thinking about this question recently as I prepare for preaching at a Baccalaureate service this "post" pandemic year. I agree with Mother

Theresa that Jesus did not call us to be successful but rather to be faithful in love. However, I find the notion of success to be relevant toward motivation and encouragement along the way. I have done a bit of research into growing and resilient companies and how they have managed to thrive in these challenging times.

The most successful companies aren't successful because of charismatic leadership or because they found some "great idea" that no one else came up with. Instead, these highly successful companies share three distinct characteristics:

- First, the focus of each one had always been on a **set of core values** that never changed.
- Second, each company always had a **purpose that was higher** than just making a **profit**.
- Third, there was a **relentless drive to change and improve** everything in the company except their core values, which, for most, had been in place since the early years of the company's existence.

Jesus' church is grounded in the same principles. Our core values are summarized in these words, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you. In other words, put what God values, first in your life, and

the **success** that really matters, will be added to your life, after that.

Over the summer months we have an opportunity to consider our core values, or Kingdom values, as a church and as families. Bible study, devotions, Christian fellowship and worship (prayer) are the means by which we seek what God values, who God values and then consider how we might reflect those values in our own lives. What is our purpose beyond ourselves? What do we need to let go of, or change in order to better align with God's values and purpose?

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, who bids us in Christ Jesus to seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, help us to seek daily for your kingdom, so that we might live in its abundance and with great hope and joy each day. May we seen ways to live, serve and love that witness to your presence, in Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us on a journey to Mars and Beyond as we explore where God's power can take us!

Our mission will take place **June 13th-17th** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Palestine Lutheran Church.

➡ Here is the link for registration for 4-year old preschool - 5th grade (completed grades). <http://bit.ly/VBSfor2021>

➡ If you wish to sign up the old-fashioned way via a paper form, they are in fellowship hall.



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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *Don't Lose Heart!*

“So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NRSV)

Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *How has your faith grown in the last month?*

“[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” Mark 4:31-32 (NRSV)

Read Mark 4:26-34

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *Do we trust Jesus to calm our storms?*

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’” Mark 4:40 (NRSV)

Read Mark 4: 35-41

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *How does your faith propel you into action?*

“But overhearing what [the people] said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’” Mark 5:36 (NRSV)

Read Mark 5:21-43



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Bev Echtenkamp, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Ardell Lundgren, Merlin Lyon, Loree Ness, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller

Family & friends of: Angie Claude, Judy Smith, Sharon Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Ralph Kalsem, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Jimmy Young, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Harold Long, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Duane Taylor, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene



Griefshare Support Group Summer Session:

A support group for those who are wrestling with loss and grief which is Christian affirming and genuine. We will use a 13-week "drop in" curriculum to help guide our reflections together. Sign up on the Griefshare website @ www.griefshare.org for the Huxley site, or email Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com. The first session will begin on **June 1st with an orientation** to the group and to determine other dates and times to meet. **We will meet at 7pm in Palestine Lutheran Conference Room.**

GET INVOLVED – Continued . . .

New Member Orientation Meetings:

Every 2nd and 4th 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)

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. You are encouraged to bring a beverage and a snack to share with the group. First meeting to be determined at David and Valerie Eisenmann's homestead. Please watch announcements.

Thriving Beyond COVID: Let Go, Trust God, Rise Up!

Zoom Bible Study for June On Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

A Resource Designed to Utilize the Biblical Witness and Directed Conversation to Release Burdens, Promote Faith, and Empower Greater Kingdom Impact (*In four sessions*)

Created By: Pastor Jeff Linman, Franklin, NC /

www.ThrivingBeyondCovid.org

Look for attachment in June announcements with small group participants guide.





- 1 Karlee Emerson
- 2 Kaylee Van Pelt
- 3 Lyle Martin
- 4 Jennie Huxford
- 5 Ramsey Roelfs
- 6 Samuel Engler
Leona Larson (99th)
Kim Van Pelt
- 7 Elman Sheldahl
- 8 Shania Schmidt
- 9 Mindy DeVries
Madeline Schonhorst
- 11 Russ DeVries
- 12 Pastor Eric Klimpel
- 13 Ashley Klimpel
- 15 Nolan Schonhorst
Taylor Wuebker
- 17 Casondra DeHaven
- 18 Maddison Ewing
- 19 Janell Van Gorp
- 20 Mary Brendeland
Josephine Engler
- 22 Kasey Larson
Brooks Wuebker
- 24 Nathan Moore
Sandy Wirtz
- 25 Havanna Roelfs
- 26 Vincent Peterson
- 28 Sue Larson (70th)
Harriett Sheldahl (96th)
- 29 Ken Larson
- 30 Shirley Saveraid (91st)

- 1 Ron & Rosalie Locker
- 7 Cory & Amy Larson
- 8 Virgil & Diane Larson
Stacie & Aldo Medici
- 9 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt (20th)
- 12 Dave & Christy Mueller
Matt & Michelle Siepker
- 14 David & Jean Saveraid
- 15 Paris & Cody Hitchcock
- 16 Melanie Fausch &
Ryan Peterson (20th)
- 22 Mark & Robin Doty (30th)
- 23 Kari & Tom Sandquist
- 26 Ben & Candi Engler
- 29 Karina & Derrek Kelso

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:

Donna Millang and Helen Kepler

Communion Assistants:

June 13th – Doreen Blackmer & Jean Saveraid

June 27th – David & Vallery Eisenmann

USHERS: We want you back!

Sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall or email the Church office to sign up online.

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)

SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>30 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)</p>	<p>31 Memorial Day</p>
<p>6 <i>2nd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream); No communion 3 – 5 p.m. Ribbon cutting @ Bethany Life Pastor on vacation →</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>13 <i>3rd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion (Livestream) New Member Orientation in Conference room 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS</p>	<p>14 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS</p>
<p>20 <i>4th Sunday of Pentecost</i> Father's Day 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) Newsletter deadline for July</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>27 <i>5th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion (Livestream) New Member Orientation in Conference room 166TH ANNIVERSARY w/ photo & meal to follow</p>	<p>28</p>

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Griefshare meeting in conference room	2 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters	3 Pastor on vacation	4	5 9 a.m. Clean up day @ church – bring Pledge & rags! 9:30-11:30 a.m. Women of the ELCA bible study & conversation via zoom
8 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	9 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	10	11	12
15 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	16 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS	17 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS	18 10:30 a.m. Bethany Life Golf Outing (previous registration required)	19
22 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	23 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	24	25	26 1 p.m. Memorial Service for Linda Lanz @ Nord Kalsem Park
29 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	30 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	1	2	3



COUNCIL MINUTES

**Agenda - Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 @ 8:00 AM at Palestine Lutheran Church
Kristin Shelton, Jean Saveraid, Tim Wilson, Hailey Clark, Pastor
Klimpel, Deidre Qual, Kent Klingbeil, Brent Emerson, Chris
Richter, Candi Engler...**

A quorum was established.

Devotions: Jean Saveraid shared a piece on the daily struggles of law enforcement families.

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: Record attendance for Palm Sunday and Easter. The church is looking beautiful.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Chris Richter motion to approve, Tim Wilson second. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deidre read the written report. Tim Wilson motioned to approve. Kristin Shelton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General Fund: \$-2,791.11

Checking Balance Total: \$51,363.63

Pastor's Report: Pastor Klimpel — Attended two Luther Seminary Classes in March. Ministering to Grieving People and Creating Engaging and Storytelling workshop, and Decision Making at the Leadership Table. With second vaccine has started home visitations. Planning for Baccalaureate 2021 for May 19. Upcoming - Integrated

worship strategy and podcast, congregational discerning experiences for Reaching Out in Christian Love, celebrating 25 years of being ordained, Synod Chaplain Review and Orientation, Rumbaugh wedding, Memorial Day Service in Slater, and trip to Texas June 3 through 12.

New business:

Worship Committee recommending a late celebration of 165th Anniversary. Shooting for June 27th. Kristin to reach out to Tracy Sheldahl for meal, and Kim Van Pelt for photography.

Will be returning to our pre-pandemic communion the Sunday of June 12.

Choir Loft Update – Committee is still working through some thoughts and quotes. Still on pace to meet June timeline of recommendation.

Parsonage Repairs. Oven, dishwasher, washer, and dryer are not functioning properly in the parsonage. Areas in the carpet still consist of cat odor that cannot be solved. Some windows are also leaking. Motion Hailey Clark to get new oven, washer, dryer, and dishwasher, and replace 100% of flooring in the upstairs. Expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 coming from Parsonage account. Second Christ Richter. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Set Date to clean up and organize so we are ready for VBS by 6/13.

Dates as follow: 5/18 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

5/22 9:00 a.m. (Inside and Outside)

6/5 9:00 a.m. (If needed)

Motion to Adjourn & Adjourn with Lord’s Prayer: Kent Klingbeil motioned to adjourn. Chris Richter second. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: June 6th, 2021

Treats- Chris

Devotions- Kristin



The online directory will be discontinued as of June 30th. If you would like a downloadable directory before this date, please email the church.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Join us via Zoom for a Bible Study & Conversation

Saturday, June 5th

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Theme: Just Wisdom

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom”:
Proverbs 9:10

If you are interested in attending this study, the registration is in the office.



Join us **Friday, June 18** at the River Bend Golf Course in Story City to enjoy the camaraderie of the golf course, excellent food and great prizes – ALL TO BRING JOY to our Bethany Life family! Check in will begin at 10:30 a.m. Shotgun start and lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. 2-person best shot format with 18 holes of golf with cart.



This year your sponsorship to the Bethany Life Foundation Golf Classic will support our Capital Needs Fund. Your gift to the Capital Needs Fund will spruce up their spaces with new carpet, furniture, wall hangings, decorations and more. In lieu of a sponsorship, your donation of any size is needed and appreciated should you decide this is a better fit than a sponsorship.

If anyone at Palestine wishes to be a sponsor, **the registration is in the office with the birdie-level entry of \$250.00 due by June 4, 2021.**

Summersville Bus Ribbon Cutting

Sunday, June 6th 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
with program 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Your gift has given “wheels” to our residents, tenants and members. Let’s celebrate together! We will be giving bus tours from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and celebration cupcakes

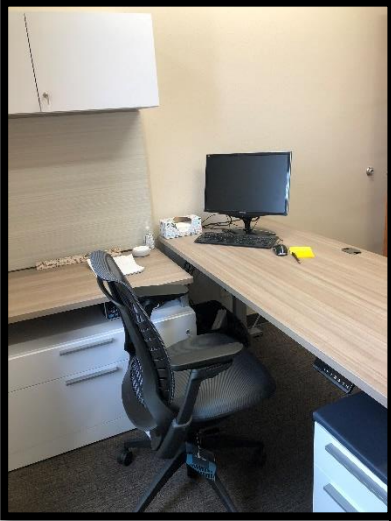


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NEW OFFICE FURNITURE ARRIVED!

Pastor's Office →



↑ Secretary's Office

Treasurer's Office →



Just need all our phone lines to be working so phones can go back on our desks!



Our 165th Anniversary was in 2020.

We are going to celebrate our 166th instead!



A congregational picture and meal will follow worship service. **All are invited!**

**RENOVATIONS ARE
COMPLETE FROM
THE DERECHO!**

*We are going to bless the Renovations
on this date as well.*



Will be available for
purchase from the R.O.C. K.
Group!



June 2021 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding Paradise

Perseverance is a familiar quality for Mon, who after spending decades living as a refugee from an early age was recently able to place roots in Iowa and succeed in building a life for his family.

After living in a Nepali refugee camp for almost 24 years, Mon's family was able to resettle in the U.S. When they arrived in Iowa, they moved directly into a tiny apartment. But the single room was not sufficient for their family – especially once their youngest daughter was born. They stayed in the apartment for four years, but Mon was determined to create a better home for his family.

Mon secured housing for his family through the Habitat for Humanity program, and through LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services, he was able to get on track and save and earn money towards his goal of homeownership. With guidance from staff in LSI's Match and Save financial program, he was able to open a savings account and develop a monthly savings plan.

Mon and his family moved into their new home last year, and he said LSI and Habitat for Humanity were critical steps in helping him learn about U.S. finances and savings – lessons that will pay off during his journey as a homeowner.

"I felt very sad when I left my country," Mon says. "I felt as if I lost my paradise. But when I got the key and when I entered my house, I felt that I regained my lost paradise. So that was the happiest moment in my life and right now, I, my family, and kids are super happy to live in this new house."

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