



## The Palestine Press

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**God's work. Our hands.**

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### Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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### Experiencing Joy and Life

.....With Pastor Eric

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10b*

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11*

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35*

There is no greater joy then watching people inject life into another person. I have experienced this joy time and time again and the fringe benefit is that I receive life as well. Let me share some examples with you of when I have experienced this "life giving" recently.



When our confirmation class took a trip to Chicago last month, we visited a ministry site called "The Children's Place." Three separate branches of this ministry exist throughout the city and each caters to low income families with at least one parent with a chronic illness. We went to the early development program site for children which receive children from all over the city. The day we arrived it was hot and humid so the staff decided that it was "water fun day" outside. We adapted to the schedule and played water games, planted flowers and read with the children. You could see the eyes of these children light up, especially the boys. They played around as only boys can. One of the teachers pulled me aside and said, "You could feel the joy in these young boys because they are around women and girls for most of their young

lives. The only males they know are most police and doctors. Many boys have fathers who are either too sick or are absent from their lives.” I believe that God brought light and life into both our youth and the children of Chicago.

Another example of injecting life into a person came from Vacation Bible School this year. I found great joy in the smiles of over 70 youth this June. The Riverside staff did a wonderful job bringing the proclamation of release to so many young lives. Of course, I am always impressed when churches come together for anything that puts Christ’s agenda first and there is life in that alone.

However, I spoke with a young person who was sad one morning because he felt excluded. We sat together and talked about how hard it can be to feel pushed aside. What he was really feeling had nothing to do with VBS but everything to do with new family dynamics. Just listening to him made him feel better and then some friends came to get him and encouraged him to play with them. I saw the life come into that young child and at least for the moment a sense of peace and renewed self. What ties these experiences together? I would say that opportunity to serve one another with the mind and heart of Jesus. These experiences are not without challenges and when God brings them to our attention they are “treasures in heaven.” Our confirmation students will share some of their experiences in Chicago at the service on July 17 along with some pictures from the trip. I hope that you will celebrate with us as those who help to make such opportunities possible.

***Let us pray. Gracious God, who brings life out of death in our Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing life into our experiences and showing us your heart and mind for service and love for our neighbor. May we support life and seek to inject life what we say and do in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

## **Palestine Lutheran Church**

### ***Worship & Study Opportunities-***

### ***July 2016***



Call in number to listen to worship services: 597-3994  
[Please be sure to put your phone on mute or sounds from your home will be carried to all phones that have dialed in for the service.]

#### Saturday, July 2

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

#### Sunday, July 3 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Pastor Ron Nelson, supply pastor

NO Adult Reflection Time

#### Wednesday, July 6

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

#### Thursday, July 7

8:30 pm (doors open 8:15) Riverside Public Mime

#### Saturday, July 9

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

#### Sunday, July 10 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship; Pastor Jen Andreas, supply pastor  
NO Adult Reflection Time

#### Monday, July 11

2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study

#### Wednesday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

#### Saturday, July 16

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

#### Sunday, July 17 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Confirmation trip presentation

10:45 a.m. Town Hall Meeting: Vision and Mission  
“moving forward in ministry” facilitated by Nels Dovre

#### Wednesday, July 20

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible study

#### Saturday, July 23

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

#### Sunday, July 24 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

#### Wednesday, July 27

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible study

#### Saturday, July 30

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

#### Sunday, July 31 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

## KICK upcoming event:



We will be helping package meals at Meals from the Heartland Wednesday July 13 from 6-7:30. Please rsvp to lori schonhorst at [ljshonhorst@gmail.com](mailto:ljshonhorst@gmail.com) if you wish to help! Wear your kick t-shirt or blue shirt. **Family members are welcome!!!**

## Town Hall Meeting

**Sunday, July 17  
after church**

Topic: Vision and Mission "moving forward in ministry"

Facilitator: Nels Dovre



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Palestine partnered with Fjeldberg Lutheran Church for a very successful Vacation Bible School week June 13-16. Staff from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp helped to mentor more than 50 youth during the week under the theme, **RELEASED** which comes out of Luke 4:18-19. Our day themes include "Life Released", "Good News for the Poor", "Captives Released", "Sight for the Blind", and "Church Released". On Thursday evening we had a closing program and celebration of the week where the students sang, danced and worshiped Jesus together! Thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing a meal that evening.

Special thank you to those helping during the week – youth, kitchen help and classroom chaperones. Thank you to Troy and Jody Calvert for opening their home as a host family for counselors during the week. Thank you to those bringing food, kids and decorations. Finally, thank you to everyone praying for the group during this week. This ministry is a great way to reach our young people with the positive influences of college kids.

Stay tuned for an official confirmation of the date and opportunities to help with coordinating the day camp week, as it will be back at Fjeldberg Lutheran Church next year.



## Riverside Public Mime

### Thursday, July 7

The Mime has been a long standing and unique part of Riverside's ministry for decades. Every week of the

summer, our staff perform this drama to help make the story of God and us come alive for the campers.

Generally, due to the ever-growing number of campers at Riverside, we have very little space available for guests, and sometimes we have to turn guests away because there is not enough space. So, if you have ever been interested in coming to see this unique performance, we encourage you to come to Riverside Thursday, July 7th, for a performance that is open to the public.

Doors will open at 8:15 pm and the performance will begin around 8:30 pm. Guests are welcome to stay afterwards for a brief message and a time worship. Also, this event is totally free!



Thank you for all the school supplies, personal care items and baby supplies that were donated to The Children's Place in Chicago. There were two tables full of items donated.

The confirmation kids enjoyed presenting the items to the daycare on their trip.

## Lutheran Campus Ministry



Lutheran Campus Ministry is here on the campus of Iowa State University because of the generosity of individuals like you, and congregations like yours. Your support and prayers for Lutheran Campus Ministry right now is crucial as we go about seeking greater funding. Thank you for being part of our mission to provide opportunities for young

adults to experience Jesus' love. God bless you!

-Pastor Jen Andreas

Pastor Jen will be serving as supply pastor on July 10<sup>th</sup> when Pastor Eric is on vacation. Be sure to come and learn more about Lutheran Campus Ministry. There will be a bulletin insert on that Sunday.

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### Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand June 19, 2016

Checking Account \$ 7,935.27

General Fund \$ 1,156.76

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Designated Funds

Benevolence 960.00

Improvement 2,937.49

Technology 2,401.50

Confirmation Class 394.52

Water to Thrive 35.50

Kitchen 50.00

**Next Council Meeting** – Sunday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.

**Volunteers are needed mowing** around the church & parsonage.

### Church Council 2016 Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Matt Williams Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt

Secretary: Jacob Huxford Treasurer: Deidre Qual

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council: Mark Doty

Nels Dovre

Jean Saveraid

Bruce Hartman

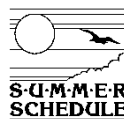
Kristin Shelton

Cynthia Johnson

Tim Wilson

Laura Kepler

Lora Young



Oriett's summer work schedule (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.



Pastor Eric will be on vacation July 1<sup>st</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Ron Nelson will lead worship. On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jen Andreas of Lord of Life Lutheran Church & Lutheran Campus Ministry in Ames will lead worship. During this time, please **contact Pastor Marcia Kisner at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cambridge if you need pastoral care** (w) 515-383-4328, (c) 515-257-0243.



Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
[not yet approved]

June 5, 2016-- Sunday – 8:00 AM

**In Attendance:** Pastor Eric Klimpel, Matt Williams, Dick Kepler, Laura Kepler, Bruce Hartman, , Jeff Van Pelt, Jacob Huxford, Mark Doty, Jean Saveraid, Lora Young, Nels Dovre, Cynthia Johnson. A quorum was established.

**Devotions** – Jake H.

Read Vision and Mission Statements

**Goals and Reflections -**

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

- Jean Saveraid moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Bruce Hartman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Brad (for Deidre)

PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 715.00
Building Improvement	2,732.49
Confirmation	884.52
General Fund Checking	1,151.06
Kitchen	50.00
Technology Fund	2,401.00
Water to Thrive	35.50
<b>Total PLC Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 7,969.57</b>

- Lora Young moved to approve treasurer's report, Cynthia Johnson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously

**Pastor's Report** -- Pastor Klimpel

- See his report
- Vacation: July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Special offering for SE Iowa Synod.
  - Campus ministry, supporting local college campus's ministry programs.
2. Video screens-Field trip to Sanctuary.
  - Installation of the screens are installed, the wiring will hopefully be completed on 6/6/2016.
3. Kitchen committee – Update

4. Sound mitigation for Fellowship hall/Basement-Nels

- Wool batting covered with fabric would be a DIY option to help mitigate the sound issues in the Fellowship hall.
- Hanging a few quilts on the walls in the basement will significantly help the problem.

5. Parsonage update/discussion – Tim W.

- Discussion about what to do with the parsonage, using for internship living, or a training area...
- Got a call from the pastor from Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada, they have an intern who is interested in using the parsonage. The internship would be for a year.
- This will introduce the idea of having an intern to our congregation.
- Nels Dovre moved that we should do whatever we can to have the parsonage committee talk with Memorial Lutheran in Nevada regarding letting them rent the parsonage for their intern, Mark Doty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

**New business:**

1. Approval of baptism on Aug. 7 - Maizy Kay DeVries
  - Jacob Huxford moved to approve the baptism of Maizy Kay DeVries, Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
2. Next town hall meeting date. Topic-Use Mission and Vision statements to help guide our decisions.
  - The next town hall meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
3. Need to look at getting some professional help trimming some of the larger trees on the church property. Mark Doty volunteered to look into it.

Jacob moved to adjourn meeting, Nels seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

**Next meeting – Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 6pm at Matt's house.** *Subject to change*

July Devotions – Tim Wilson

**Daily Discipleship** themes which will be used for Wed. morning Men's Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday).. They are available on the ELCA website—  
[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) → Resources → Downloadable  
 Resources→ Bible Studies

**July 3** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Stories of Discipleship:** *A Harvester's Story*

**July 10** 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Luke 10:25-37

**Stories of Discipleship:** *A Kind Man's Story*

**July 17** 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Luke 10:38-42

**Stories of Discipleship:** *A Distracted Woman's Story*

**July 24** 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Luke 11:1-13

**Stories of Discipleship:** *A Seeker's Story*

**July 31** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Luke 12:13-21

**Stories of Discipleship:** *A Rich Fool's Story*

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you each and every one for your thoughts, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. Also thanks for the very nice cards I received.

A special thank you to Pastor Eric for his prayers and for being with my family during my surgery. It was very much appreciated by us all.

God Bless you all,

Kathy Saveraid



## Madrid Home Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 31 from 1-3 p.m. at the Madrid Home

Ice Cream & homemade pie or cake will be served. A free will donation will be accepted with the proceeds going towards the 2106 Friends projects.

The **2016 FRIENDS Projects** are

**Madrid Home:** To expand the Music & Memory Program to include all residents of the Madrid Home. This involves the use of iPods and specific play lists for the residents.

**Cedars:** To enhance the Garden Room outdoor patio by adding a pergola, additional outdoor seating, raised garden beds and low maintenance landscaping.

**Ballard Creek:** To create a senior friendly fitness room for our residents and staff.

**All locations** would like to begin an **"Adopt a Garden"** program where families or civic groups adopt one of our flowerbeds and maintains it throughout the year.

**Skilled Rehab:** We want to challenge each member church to sponsor a rehab room renovation!



2016

## Volunteer schedule

### Greeters

7/3..... Diane & Virgil Larson

..... Jeannie Williams

7/10... Dick & Helen Kepler

..... Holly & Wade Twedt

7/17... Nancy Fausch

..... Doreen & Tracy Blackmer

7/24... Deb & Allan Kopaska

..... Justin & Jodie Sample

7/31... Laura Kepler

..... Leona Larson, Harriet Sheldahl

### Acolytes –

To be contacted

### Lectors -

7/3.....Merle Brendeland

7/10.....Leonard Larson

7/17.....Laura Kepler

7/24.....Lyle Martin

7/31.....Marge Sheldahl

### Ushers

Brent Emerson, captain

Jean Saveraid

Max Shelton

Tim Wilson

### Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

### Communion Assistants

7/3..... David & Vallery Eisenmann

7/17... Doreen Blackmer

### Offering Counters

Bob Snider, Holly Twedt

### Altar Ministry

Vivian & Del Lundgren, Nancy Fausch

### Mowing (church & parsonage grounds)

June 27-July 3

July 4-10 Tom Shelton

July 11-17

July 18-24

July 25-31

### Deliver Food Pantry donations for July

July is Snack Attacks month at the Food Pantry – please donate juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, cereal, pudding mix, jell-o, powdered drink mix".

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee

## July

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| 1 - Charlie Rhoads<br>Michelle Siepker<br>Marshal Sheldahl | 16 - Chelsea Fausch<br>Brent Larson<br>Donna Millang<br>Kari Sandquist |
| 2 - Julie Huxford<br>Emmett Johnson                        | 17 - Jenny Gallagher<br>Greg Hartsook                                  |
| 3 - Mitchell Peterson<br>Deidre Qual<br>Jean Saveraid      | 18 - Merle Brendeland<br>Roger Larson<br>Aldo Medici IV                |
| 4 - Dolores Hauge  | 20 - Brayden DeVries   |
| 6 - Melanie Fausch<br>Kevin Rahner                         | 21 - Paris Doty<br>Ordean Johnson                                      |
| 7 - Holly Larson   | 23 - Apollo McKenna  |
| 8 - Shane Harmon   | 24 - Ron Locker<br>Matt Siepker  |
| 9 - Annika Larson  | 25 - Deb Ness  |
| 10 - Lori Edwards<br>Amber McKenna                         | 26 - Lorraine Sorensen   |
| 12 - Clint Saveraid  | 27 - Scott Johnson<br>Shannon Wilson                                   |
| 13 - Sandy Harleen   | 29 - Josie Jensen<br>Teri Klimpel<br>Abbie Larson<br>Pat Martin        |
| 14 - Carla Kirkpatrick<br>Leslie Harris<br>Jamie Ness      | 31 - Taylor Sample   |
| 15 - Kiley Calvert   |  |

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

## Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

### July

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|---|--|
| 1 - Paul & Deb Ness                                     | 16 - Orville & Dolores Hauge                         |
| 3 - Charles & Sharon Bowers                             | 17 - Shane & Jennifer Harmon                         |
| 14 - Tracy & Doreen Blackmer<br>Kevin & Melissa Kopaska | Wade & Holly Twedt                                   |
| 20 - Tom & Kristin Shelton                              |  |
| 15 - Orville & Dolores Hauge                            | 25 - Dennis & Donna Millang<br>Justin & Heidi VanWyk |
| Doug & Lori Schonhorst                                  |  |
| Elman & Tamara Sheldahl                                 | 30 - Bob & Sheri Davis                               |

## Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during June: Anita Brendeland; Omar Brendeland; Alisha Cox; Ruth Hennick; Alvina Larson; Merlin Lyon; Deb Moore; Deidre Qual; Katherine Saveraid; Lorraine Sorensen; Bob Wetzler

- Krishna & his family of India, child sponsored by Palestine's Sunday School students.
- Those impacted by flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East, in Nigeria, Kenya, Bangladesh & the Philippines and also here at home – most recently in Orlando.
- Syrian refugees.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...  
...to family and friends of **Grace Johnson**

May the risen Lord give his strength & comfort to her family in their time of loss.

## PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

### Monday, July 11, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study.

In the July/August issue of the *Gather* magazine we continue a 3 session Bible study *The Heart of the Matter—Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliation* by Angela Shannon. Session 2 is **Seeking God**. The scope of this Bible study is broad. We are dealing with expansive topics such as love, forgiveness and reconciliation in light of the fact that we are earthen vessels or clay jars. In community we learn practical ways to live out our baptismal covenant to “live among God’s people.”

### Seeking God in conflict

For many of us, seeking God is not a new idea. We seek God each week in worship, in our Bible study circles, when we pray or in our own private devotional rituals. But how often do we seek God in conflict? We might pray to God for help to end a rough patch in our relationships, but do we seek God to help us learn from the conflict? In this session, we are encouraged to think about how conflict can be a place where we find God.

**A job for “Anybody”** The following cautionary tale teaches us in yet another way that we are to communicate, listen to each other and seek ways to engage one another. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized Everybody wouldn’t do it. So Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. We are the Anybodies who are the peace-makers. So what’s a body to do? Here are some ideas:

- Develop a habit of praying for your congregation along with the pastor(s) and the ministries of the church. Prayer affords us an opportunity to listen for the inner stirrings, or as some would say, “the voice of God.”
- Reread the “Practical tips for clay jars” from last month’s study (available online under Women of ELCA website). Ruminant on them. The best time to study reconciliation is when you are not in the middle of conflict.
- Accept that disagreement and conflict are a part of the human condition. They vary in intensity. They are not sinful in and of themselves. We can choose to respond in love. We respond in love by setting appropriate boundaries and regarding each other respectfully. In the parable of the sheep and the goats, the question is asked, “When did we see you, Lord?” When communicating with people in situations of conflict, prayer becomes, “Help me to see you, Lord.” As you find common ground, the only absolutes are “God is love.”

The theme for the July/August 2016 *Gather* magazine is **THE HEART OF THE MATTER**. Conflict is an opportunity to engage in the ministry of reconciliation and to become new creations in the process.



## Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items listed below. **Guidelines:** Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols; decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

- ☐ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ☐ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ One pencil sharpener
- ☐ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ One 2½" eraser
- ☐ One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks) – bags are available in the choir/confirmation room or Oriett has a pattern you can sew your own.

Please place items in marked boxes in the choir room. In July bags with a list will be available in the choir room for you to fill if you want.  
?s talk to Oriett



## God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! We give special thanks for the many congregations making LSI the focus of their "God's work. Our hands." projects.

Past "God's work. Our hands." projects have included donations of tools for dads enrolled in our early childhood programs, plus children's books, towel bundles, school supplies and backpacks. LSI has also been blessed to receive "noisy" offerings, special offerings and proceeds from yard work or luncheons. Some Sunday School classes and youth groups have also encouraged youth at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers through quilts and letters.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in ministering to those served by LSI and would like to know more about current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at

[deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org).

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa)

## Finding Help and Hope

Bernie's daughter-in-law walked into her house and set her new baby on the living room sofa. She told Bernie the baby was "a mistake" and that she couldn't parent him. She never returned. At age 50, Bernie became a mom to her 2-month-old grandson, Bryce. Bernie's son—the baby's biological father—had medical and mental health issues that left him unable to care for the child.

When Bryce was young, he was diagnosed with ADHD, ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder), fetal drug and alcohol syndrome, mental retardation, and partial bipolar disorder. As he grew older, Bryce began to develop anger issues. Bernie knew he was struggling, so she reached out to LSI.

Soon, Bryce began receiving regular home visits from a Behavioral Health Intervention Services worker, who coached Bryce on anger management. Bryce also began seeing an LSI therapist.

Today, Bryce is 15 years old. He attends special education classes, and is doing wonderfully. When he is upset, he reaches out to his LSI therapist for help. Bryce still struggles with anger, but Bernie and his LSI support team work together to meet Bryce where he is.

"I want to thank each and every one of our workers from LSI," Bernie says. "They are doing marvelous work with him."

And thanks to LSI donors, Bryce receives the help, hope, and support he needs.



"To Know Christ and to make Christ known to all."

Check out Riverside's Facebook page to keep up to date on what's happening at camp.

**Upcoming Events in 2016:** July 5-8 – Family Camp  
 Aug. 6 – Quilt Auction & 5K Aug. 12 – Last Day of Camp  
 Aug. 26 – Golf Outing  
 Aug. 27-28–Mother/Daughter Ride with the King  
 Sept. 17-18 – Women's Retreat  
 Oct. 1 – Ride with the King (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 Oct. 21-23 – Junior High Recharge  
 Oct. 14-16 – Juniors Recharge  
 Nov. 4-6 – Junior High Recharge  
 Nov. 18-20 – Senior High Recharge  
 Dec. 4 – Riverside Christmas Party



Palestine Piecemakers have contributed 7 quilts to the Riverside quilt auction. Following is the information from Riverside's website regarding the quilt auction.

#### QUILT AUCTION 2016

The Quilt Auction is Riverside's largest annual fund raiser and the donations are great gifts to the general ministry of Riverside! We thank the Lord and all of you who give so generously!

We are very thankful to be able to welcome ALL campers to Riverside regardless of their financial situations. The result is a great reminder of how gracious our God is and how faithful are His followers!

Please come and support the ministry of Riverside by purchasing a quilt! You take home a beautifully handmade quilt AND you will have given to God's work! We are so thankful to those of you who make quilts that abundantly bless Riverside and the campers!

The Quilt Auction is **Saturday, August 6, 2016!**

- 8:30 am – Riverside 5K
- 9:30 - 12:00 - New Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

The 2016 quilts will be available to view online as we get closer to the actual date of the quilt auction.

We hope to see you this year!



#### Vacations are great!



We look forward to them all year long. We plan for them, gathering maps, clothes, and camera. We pack, cancel the mail delivery, make sure our pets are cared for, secure our home and we're off!

But wait! There is something else to do...**Before you go...**Remember that our congregation's mission and ministries continue while you are away. The congregation's expenses go on as usual. So, before you pack up and head out for vacation, make your offering. You may either mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate before you go. Thank you! Have a great vacation!