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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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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.



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."

Sing a New Song “Psalm” this Lent -----With Pastor Eric

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive
it? Isaiah 43*

*O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Psalm 96:1*

Music is the heart and soul of worship. Music stays with us when we leave the worship space on Sunday, or as we leave our vehicle on our way to work in the office. We use God's gift of music to remember with our minds and emotions the gift of life from the past to the present.

I had a friend in school who would study to music, so that when he had a test he would hum the tune in order to help him recall the material. He did well in school!

In the military we use cadences, or melodic chants, to keep pace together and give ourselves more endurance and stamina for long runs, or marches.

When I was in rural Macedonia in Eastern Europe, we attended a local Islamic mosque in the mountains in which we heard young girls singing portions of the Koran. Women are not allowed to read so they learn their scriptures by singing them. This method of learning holy things is still used today in Sunday Schools and in churches where liturgy and hymns are sung every time a gathering occurs.

This Lent in churches around our synod we are going to worship with a focus on the oldest songs in our tradition, the Book of Psalms. These ancient verses were worship aids for Israel from which they learned their history, traditions and their relationship to God.

There are psalms for corporate worship and for traveling. Psalms communicate universal and daily themes of life like songs of sadness and grief, or suffering and betrayal, or joy and trust. Psalms are early forms of prayer from which our music and dialog with God are both reflected and felt.

This year our synod will be electing a new bishop at our May synod assembly. As we prepare ourselves for the change in staff and leadership, we have an opportunity to pray corporately and discern what God is up to in our synod and in our community.

While we immerse ourselves in the tradition of psalmody, we are invited to ask how these prayers might be speaking to us today. God is about to do a new thing, or is doing it right now! Instead of bringing a physical token of our worship to the synod assembly this year our delegates will bring a “new song” about what God is calling us to be and do right now.

The dreams, vision and ideas of Palestine Lutheran will be our song, or psalm which will help shape and inform the newly elected leaders and staff this year, as well as transform our own journey with God.

Each week, a new bulletin insert will have the featured psalm for the next week along with a series of questions. The first four questions are for personal reflection to help prepare for the last two questions which will be considered at Lenten worship together.

Personal reflection (each week)

1. *What do you notice in this Psalm?*
2. *What do you wonder about this Psalm?*
3. *How is God calling you to sing a new song?*

Congregational reflection (each week at worship)

4. What new songs can you hear God singing in your congregation?
5. How is God calling your congregation to sing a new song?

From our Lenten worship, we will gather the prayers and thoughts into a corporate “song” to God from which inspiration and encouragement might spring forth.



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

First Sunday in Lent

Focus: *From Sin to Life*

“Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.” (Romans 5:18 NRSV)

Read Romans 5:12-19

Second Sunday in Lent

Focus: *Faith Like Abraham*

“For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.” (Romans 5:13 NRSV)

Read Romans 4:1-5. 13-17

Third Sunday in Lent

Focus: *Reconciled to God*

“For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” (Romans 5:10-11 NRSV)

Read Romans 5:1-11

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Focus: *Live as Children of Light*

“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light...” (Ephesians 5:8 NRSV)

Read Ephesians 5:8-14

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Focus: *Set your mind on Christ*

“To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6 NRSV)

Read Romans 8:6-11

PALESTINE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship & Study Opportunities – March 2020

Sunday, March 1 (1st Sunday in Lent)

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion; Children's Church

Wednesday, March 4

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30-7 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Mid-week Lent Service

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8 (2nd Sunday in Lent)

9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church

Wednesday, March 11

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30-7 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Mid-week Lent Service

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 18

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

7 p.m. Mid-week Lent Service

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22 (4th Sunday in Lent)

9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church

Wednesday, March 25

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30-7 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Mid-week Lent Service

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29 (5th Sunday in Lent)

9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church





March Birthdays

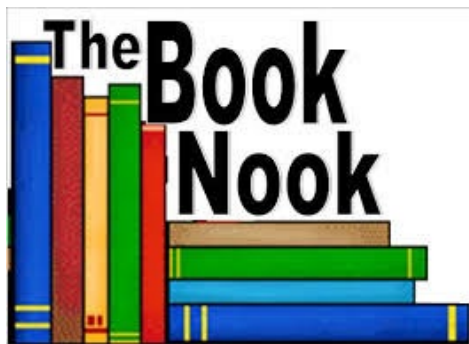
March Anniversaries

1	Kaedence DeVries
	Julianne Schaudt
	Jeannie Williams
4	Benjamin Ewing
5	Dave Mueller
7	Mark Doty
	Andrew Larson
	Aiden Lewis
10	Brad Lewis
11	Joyce Carlson
	Marvin Edwards
	Lucas Hartsook
13	Madeline Sheldahl
17	Rebecca Snider
18	Ty Siepker
19	Hannah Saltzman
	Addy Siepker
20	Brittany Young
21	Blake Edwards
	Patti Rowedder
22	Kevin Kopaska
	Chris Nelson
	Mike Rasmussen
23	Doreen Blackmer
24	Nic Schonhorst
25	Jessica Blackmer
28	Erika Williams
29	Brent Emerson
	Helen Kepler
	Rick Sheldahl
	Mae Wilson
31	Dane Tatarniuk

19th – Marvin & Lori Edwards



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



**New from the
Church library:**

When Life Gives
You Pears, by
Jeannie Gaffigan

What do you do when you have five kids, a famous comedian (Jim Gaffigan) for a husband who is on the road a lot, and you find out you have a pear-shaped brain tumor?

For Jeannie Gaffigan it was research, research, research until she was sure it was life threatening and that surgery was the only option. Then she went with it, and began a journey that lasted well over a year.

The surgery went well, but the complication of pneumonia afterwards made recovery especially difficult. It took her months to re-learn swallowing, walking and doing pretty much anything.

From shifts of family and friends that stayed with her in the hospital, to the difficulty of needing a feeding tube and not being able to truly eat for months, Gaffigan shares her journey with humor, grace and faith.

At the end of the book, she shares a To Do list for her readers:

- Spend more quality time with your children
- Spread goodness
- Execute number 1 and 2 without getting a brain tumor

This was not a happy-go-lucky book to read, but it was remarkable to follow her struggles and be able to experience it all with her. She is candid about the difficult times, but also shows an incredible amount of joy and hope throughout.

Try it. You'll like it!

(submitted by Deb Moore)

ANNUAL MEETING



MINUTES

Palestine Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 26, 2020

Call to OrderKristin Shelton President

A quorum was established by Mark Pote

DevotionsNels Dovre
Love

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Secretary's Minutes 1-27-19Ellen Longnecker, Secretary
Julie Huxford motioned to approve the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. Brad Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Congregational Meeting

Leonard Larson motioned to approve the Congregational Meeting Minutes. Matt Williams Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Pastors Report.....Pastor Eric Klimpel
Refer to Pastor's Report

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Elections

Officers and Members

Bruce Hartman motioned to approve the Council officers and members Jean Saveraid seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee

McKenzie Schaffer motioned to approve Committee members. Valerie Eisenmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegates

Mark Pote motioned to approve the Delegates. Doreen Blackmer seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Jeans Saveraid motioned to approve the nominating committee members. Jen Pote seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report.....Deidre Qual, Treasurer

Brad motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Laura Kepler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Audit Committee Report – Mike Thomas and Brad Lewis

Budget – Brad Lewis, Finance Committee

Matt Williams motioned to approve the 2020 budget. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

New Business

- Property Committee Vision

Brad Lewis motioned to approve that the congregation gives the authority to the property committee make a list of maintenance updates that are needed for the church and the parsonage. Dick Cast seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Continued

Old Business

- Technology Update

Brent Emerson and Joe Russell gave a brief description of the updates that are in the works as well as how our congregation will benefit.

Big thank you to Joe for all his work as well as Brent!

Adjourn/Closing Prayer – Kristin Shelton, President

Mark Pote motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kristin Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

Pastor Eric Klimpel

PRESIDENT:	Kristin Shelton	<u>COUNCIL:</u>	Candi Engler
VICE PRES.:	Tim Wilson	Haylie Clark	Ellen Longnecker
SECRETARY:	Brad Lewis	Nels Dovre	Jennifer Pote
TREASURER:	Deidre Qual	David Eisenmann	Chris Richter
FINANCIAL		Brent Emerson	Jean Saveraid
SECRETARY:	Cynthia Johnson		



Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during January: Laura Aust, Dianne Blackmer, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson,

Alisha Cox, Bev Echtenkamp, Lowell Elliott, Jackie Greene, Alice Kahler, Ralph Kalsem, Eric Klimpel, Kevin Klingbeil, Rob Larson, Merlin Lyon, Roger Moore, Loree Ness, Chuck Ostermeier, Deidre Qual, Jody Schuman, Shannon Tope, Marissa Vermeer, Nova Lynn Walte, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller,

Family & friends of: Valerie Brendeland, Angie Claude, Bonny Erickson, Harold Hall, Wanda Halverson, Sue Ihle, Donna Keiser, Sharon Mortenson, Judy Smith, Don Trautner, Arlene Wee



Hank Delateur & Family Silent Auction
Sunday, March 1st, 2020

12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Nite Hawk Bar & Grill

105 Greene St., Slater, IA

Hank's Heroes are currently collecting donations for the silent auction to help Hank DeLateur and his family out after a devastating accident that happened several weeks ago. Hank sustained many injuries and is unable to work at this time. They currently reside in Sheldahl and his children attend Ballard Schools. Hank's Heroes has an account at Fidelity Bank in Huxley, Iowa if you are able to donate or call Nicky @ 515-371-1217.



K.I.C.K. will be hosting LUNCH and BINGO
Sunday, March 29 *after worship service*

This is K.I.C.K.'s only fundraiser of the year. Donations help provide funding towards:

- Riverside Bible Camps Fall and Spring Recharges
- Donation to Meals From the Heartland when we package meals in the summer
- Music accompanying services for Christmas program.

Free-will offering for lunch. Please come and have fun!



3001 Riverside Rd, Story City, IA
50248
1-800-373-7748
rlbc@riverside.org
www.RiversideLBC.org

“To Know Christ and make Christ known to all.”

Online registration is now open for Summer Camp 2020! Check out what dates work best for your summer schedule, and get signed up today! A copy of the summer 2020 master calendar is available online.

The theme for Summer 2020 is “Brand New” with our theme verse coming from Romans 6:4. We pray that every camper who comes to Riverside this summer will come to know the great love of Jesus and what it means to press on after God and His Kingdom, His way in every aspect of our lives. Our desire is for those who already know Jesus to grow in their faith and see more of God’s Kingdom around them and for those who have never heard the good news of the Gospel to begin a lifelong journey of walking with Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

April 4 Riverside Gala
April 4 Spring Blast
April 18 Spring Work Day
April 24-26 Men’s Retreat

SNOW REMOVAL – Volunteers needed

1. Parking lots & drives
2. Sidewalks



Sign up sheets in Fellowship hall. If you have questions, check with Mike Larson. Special thanks to all that help out!



Second Annual Palestine Piecemaker Outing

June 4th

All are welcome to join us!

We are planning an outing to the Amana Colonies Thursday, June 4th.

Enjoy a fun day spending time together. The morning will be spent shopping and enjoying a traditional Amish lunch. The afternoon we will enjoy the play *Steel Magnolias* at the old Creamery Theater.



You do NOT have to be a quilter to join us. All are welcome! Contact Cynthia Johnson (515-229-7434) or Louise Larson (515-231-5648) with questions and information.



Thrivent Members,

There is no longer a March deadline to apply and forward your Thrivent Choice Dollars. This can be done any time you want to apply.

There will be Thrivent information and business cards on the counter in fellowship hall. You can either follow the directions on the card or you can contact one of the financial associates to assist you.

Cynthia Johnson, Palestine Thrivent Representative

March 2020

Greeters:

3/1 Deidre Qual; Jean Saveraid
 3/8 Greg & Christa Hartsook,
 Caleb, Lucas, Noelle; Wade
 & Holly Twedt, Ellie, Grant
 3/15 Mark & Jen Pote, Troy &
 Jody Calvert, Colby, Kiley,
 Kinsey
 3/22 Matt & Erika Williams,
 Owen, Ben; Joyce Carlson
 3/29 Brent & Julie Emerson;
 Nancy Fausch

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve
 beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants:

3/1 Kristin Shelton and
 Kim Van Pelt
 3/15 Lora Young

Altar Guild:

Helen Kepler and Jennifer Pote

Offering Counters:

Bob Snider, Holly Twedt

SUNDAY	MONDAY
1 1 st Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Children's church 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. First Communion Class	2
8 2 nd Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Sr. choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. worship; Children's church 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. First Communion Class	9
15 3 rd Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 5-6 p.m. 4-H meets @ church	16
22 4 th Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Newsletter deadline	23
29 5 th Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 – 11:30 First Communion Class BINGO/Lunch provided by KICK 4 p.m. Piano recital	30

APRIL 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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		

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March 2020

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4 7 a.m. Men's Bible study 1 p.m. Palestine Piecemakers 5:30 Light dinner 6:30 p.m.-7 Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Worship	5	6	7 7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
10	11 7 a.m. Men's Bible study 1 p.m. Palestine Piecemakers 5:30 Light dinner 6:30 p.m.-7 Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Worship	12	13	14 7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
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24	25 7 a.m. Men's Bible study 1 p.m. Palestine Piecemakers 5:30 Light dinner 6:30 p.m.-7 Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Worship	26	27	28 7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
31	Looking Ahead: Holy Week Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5 th – 9:30 a.m. Worship Gethsemane Prayer Service Wed., April 8 th -7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 9 th 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 10 th Movie "The Passion of Christ" 2 p.m. Stations of the Cross 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship 7 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 11 th Easter Prayer Vigil 2-5 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 12 th Sunrise Worship 7 a.m. Festival Worship 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast @ 8 a.m. & Egg Hunt @ 9 a.m.			



Council Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2020

Meeting Called To Order

President Kristin Shelton called the meeting to order on Sunday, February 9, 2020 @ 8:04 a.m.

In Attendance

Brad Lewis , Kristin Shelton, Pastor Klimpel, Candi Engler, Chris Richter, Cynthia Johnson, Tim Wilson, Deidre Qual, Nels Dovre, David Eisenmann, Brent Emerson

A quorum was established.

Devotions —

Nels had us practice meditation and focus. Pastor said most don't focus on sermon. The bird chirping outside focused our minds on where God wants us to be.

Read Vision & Mission Statements

Read chorally by all who were present.

Goals and reflections

Kristin said it was easy to fill spots on Council. Excited that Technology has a plan.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2020-continued

Minutes have been provided in the newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 5th, 2020 meeting made by Cynthia Johnson. Seconded by David Eisenmann. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Deidre Qual. Deidre reported verbally the information. The general fund has \$3944.07, Improvement \$2116.29. Overall Checking account of \$23,961.89.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the treasury report as motioned by Brent Emerson with a second by Candi Engler.

Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report

Pastor handed out his hard copy report. Topics were: Turning Point meeting rescheduled. Good Congregational Meeting, Directory is done. Planning for Lent and Easter. Lent offerings will go to World Hunger. March is the Clothes Pantry for Palestine month. Not planning services with any other congregations this Lent. Lesa needs to underperform to get the secretary search started again. Carpets look amazing! Meal needs to be planned for Ash Wednesday. Council Retreat March 28th.

Old Business

1. Update on Technology. We are ready to go. Waiting for approval from Memorial Committee on funds.
2. Parsonage-Candi gave a detailed update with several options. Long-term visioning is key to the discussion.

Council Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2020-continued

New Business

1. Set church council retreat and date for March 28th, 2020. 10:00-2:00. Tim looking into Snus Hill.

Next Meeting

March 28th, 2020 @ 10.00 AM.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn the meeting by Nels Dovre with a second by David Eisenmann.

Motion carries unanimously.

Next Devotions -> Brad. Treats — Tim Wilson and Cynthia Johnson
The council recited the Lord's Prayer in unison.



World Day of Prayer 2020 **“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”**

Written by the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe
The Salem United Church of Christ in Alleman is
hosting the World Day of Prayer on **Friday,**
March 6th at 2 p.m. The women of your church
are invited to join us.

Please make your reservations by calling Verda Alleman at
515-635-0352 by March 2nd.

Hope to see you then!

An Evening for Hope

An Evening for Hope—March 12

A fundraiser to support Hope Ministries' life-saving, life-changing programs for homeless and hurting men, women and children

Thursday, March 12, 2020

6:30 to 9 p.m.

Sheraton Hotel

West Des Moines

Featured Entertainer: [John Branyan](#)

Christian comedian, speaker and author



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Register online at:

<https://www.hopeiowa.org/get-involved/eveningforhope/>



March 2020 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Workers Month

March is National Professional Social Workers Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

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.





March 2020 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story – continued

Caring for Christopher

When Christopher struggled with crippling anxiety at a young age, his mom, Cheyenne, didn't know where to turn. Even going on a simple trip to the grocery store was almost impossible. She knew something needed to change.

That change came in the form of LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services. Each week, Christopher's BHIS worker, Jose, visited the family in their home or met with them at the local library. He brought activities to engage Christopher and help him develop the coping skills he needed to feel better when he left the house. And at the same time, he provided words of encouragement and helpful parenting tips Cheyenne could use to help her child.

Christopher recently celebrated his seventh birthday, and his confidence continues to grow. He feels more comfortable going out in public. He has graduated out of LSI services, and he recently made a new friend all on his own.

Cheyenne feels confident that even on the tough days, she has the knowledge she needs to help her child thrive, thanks to Jose.

"LSI gave us the tools we needed to help him succeed, and the reassurance that we were doing the right thing, even when it was hard," she says.

VBS 2020

Join us on a journey to Mars and Beyond as we explore where God's power can take us! Our mission takes place **June 21st-25th** from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Palestine.



Registration details will be provided in Spring 2020.

Seeking volunteers. Contact Candi Engler volley_602@hotmail.com if you are ready to accept this mission.



Ballard Clothing Pantry

March is Palestine's month to staff the Clothing Pantry at Ballard Creek in Huxley.

Open:

Sundays 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays 4-6 p.m., Saturdays 10-noon

When you sign up, include your phone number in addition to your name, and check to see who has the shift before and after yours. If the previous person hasn't arranged to give you the key, call him/her. Likewise, when you are done with your shift, arrange to pass the key to the next person. The Clothing Pantry is a valuable service for many people in our community. It stays open only because of generous volunteers.

Please consider this important opportunity to serve our community. See Deb Moore for more information. (515-460-1037)

The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.
Please consider staffing at least one shift.



Thank you!

Thank you again so much for all your help with the blood drive! Looking at the numbers, we had a great blood drive. This was the BIGGEST blood drive Huxley has ever had!! Thank you so much for spreading the word, and encouraging everyone to come out and donate!

Here are the official results of the blood drive:

- 42 people on the schedule going into the drive
- 39 registered to donate
- 3 first time donors!!
- 37 were able to donate
- 42 units of blood collected!!!
- **Up to 126 lives saved or sustained!!!!**

If anyone has questions as to how to use their points earned from donating have them visit the [online store](#) or give us a call ([800-287-4903](tel:800-287-4903)).

I have the next drive scheduled for October 27th, and I will reach back out again as we get a little closer to the drive date.

Thank you again for all your help!

Carrie Johnson
LifeServe Blood Center O+

Palestine's Lenten Monetary Donations and Food collections will be given to:

- 1) World Hunger with our special Lenten worship giving (mid-week & family jars)
- 2) Backpack Buddy Plus collection for our local community



*We invite you to **study, pray and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope — hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times. This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow supporters to study, pray and give during ELCA World Hunger's **40 Days of Giving**. Accompany us as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed.

BACKPACK BUDDY PLUS —2020

Beginning Ash Wednesday, we will gather food items and supplies for the local backpack buddies program which put items in kids backpacks at schools who need them. We provide additional items for their families as well who have special need. Right now, our school district (area) assists 71 families of varying sizes. We will collect these items to be brought forward on fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29th. They will be distributed through our local schools.

We will have an offering brought forward March 29th

The Backpack Buddy logo features a blue backpack with a green apple on the front. Above the backpack, the words "Backpack Buddy" are written in a red, cursive font. The letters "BB" are on a small red tag attached to the backpack.

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Examples of items needed:

Granola Bars

Puddings

Snackables

Mac & Cheese

Detergent

Cleaning supplies

Dish soap

Toilet Paper

Paper towels

Goldfish

Breakfast drinks-

Special K

Journey Into Lent & Holy Week **2020 Worship and Ministry Guide @ Palestine Lutheran Church**



An Invitation

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Lenten Packets are available in Fellowship Hall!



CROSS PURPOSES—PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

(Sun, April 05 at 9:30am)

We enter Jerusalem with Jesus to shouts of Hosanna! He knows the suffering that awaits him there, yet he does not turn back.—

Blessing of the Quilts, Passion Prayer Observance, Passion Reading according to Matthew



Cross Purposes—Gethsemane Service (Wed, April 08 @ 7:00 pm)

Jesus struggles in prayer with God—seeking strength and help for what he must do. We accompany him while asking the same of our Heavenly Father in the silence of the Mount of Olives.—Candlelight prayer

Cross Purposes “Crosshairs”—Maundy Thursday

(April 09 @ 7:00 pm)

Our Lord eats the Passover one last time with his followers. He institutes a holy act in the Supper for forgiveness of sin and washing of feet for a servant's heart. We will strip the altar as the darkness grows around the life of Jesus and his followers. First Communion will be celebrated & washing of feet (observance)



CROSS PURPOSES “CROSSFIRE!”—GOOD FRIDAY

(April 10 @ 7:00 pm)

When Jesus is on the cross, he accepts the power of death upon himself and does not turn away from it. We, too, must face death when it comes and not turn away from it, knowing that his salvation awaits us on the other side.

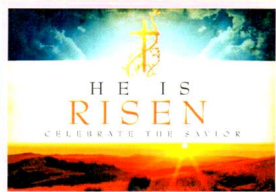
The Passion of the Christ (Movie) - begin our journey at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Stations of the Cross will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Worship Experience will begin at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL “THE SILENT TOMB” (April 11 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

From the silence of the tomb comes a voice of hope, a promise of life in the midst of death—something is happening! Silent Prayer Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY!

(April 12 @ 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.)

The Tomb is empty! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Time to Celebrate!

Easter Breakfast @ 8:00 am & Egg Hunt @ 9:00 am

EARLY SERVICE (YOUTH-LED)



Lent Midweek Worship @ Palestine 2020

Simple Meal – 5:30 pm Worship – 7:00 pm

(Lent Offering for ELCA World Hunger & Backpack Buddies)

This Lent you are invited to reflect, to listen, and to join in the new song God is orchestrating in our world. Forgiven and renewed in the waters of baptism and joined to Christ's death and resurrection, God frees us from the songs of the past to create anew in a world waiting to hear God's love.

We are embarking on a six-week worship & fellowship experience together beginning with a meal and conversation and followed by worship and reflection. We will sing a **new Lent setting of Holden Evening Prayer**, and reflect on psalms which are the musical heartbeat of our faith over the centuries and into God's future.

Week One (March 4th) ----- focus on Psalm 121

Week Two (March 11th) ---- focus on Psalm 95

Week Three (March 18th) -- focus on Psalm 23

Week Four (March 25th) ----focus on Psalm 130

Week Five (April 1st) ----- focus on Psalm 31:9-16

Every week we will reflect together on the prayer for the evening and the evening's designated psalm. To prepare, you are invited to read the psalm before worship and consider one or more of the following questions:

What do you notice in this Psalm?

What do you wonder about this Psalm?

What new songs can you hear God singing?

How is God calling you to sing a new song?

What new songs can you hear God singing in your congregation?

How is God calling your congregation to sing a new song?

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