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Lutheran Church

*Reaching out in Christian  
love to all!*

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**HANDS**

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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](mailto: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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**Save the date to donate blood:**

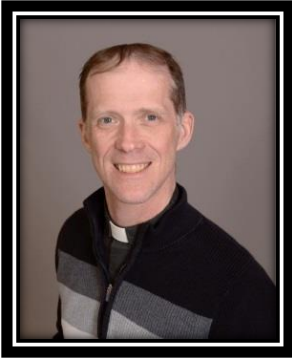
**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 3 – 7 p.m.  
@ Palestine.**

**Sign up one of two ways:**

- By calling Deb Moore at 515-460-1037

- Via the LifeServe website:  
[www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org)

*Appointments are Encouraged*



Jesus and Blues Clues? Read further .....  
.....with Pastor Eric

For a few days in August, the Kimpel family went to a Fan Expo in Chicago. At this convention, we participated in various panels about people and experiences of Pop-culture. To put it bluntly...it was a nerd convention 😊 which was filled with creatives of all types. I sat in on a panel with Steve Burns, who hosted the children’s show, **Blues Clues** in the mid to late 90’s. He impacted many people now in their 20’s like my daughter and son in many ways like **Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood** did for me.

A fan asked Steve what he learned while performing and producing this show over his five seasons. He responded that he learned two things:

- 1. When faced with a problem, or having a new experience, stay curious, ask questions, and approach it with awe and wonder (like a child).***
- 2. Never be afraid to ask for help of any kind.***

Steve left the show in the early 2000’s because he was suffering from imagination fatigue (*yes there is such a thing*), and depression, which he struggled with for many years. Once he left a rumor went around that he was dead, and no matter what he did to dispel it – it only grew! Early social media messing around with “alternative facts or fake news”. His depression got worse

and what brought him through were these two lessons from that show.

Jesus teaches us these same two lessons but first we must remember what he says about entering the Kingdom of God! <sup>14</sup>*But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."* (Mark 10:14-15).

With this approach to the world and life, we learn as a child with curiosity and awe – rather than judgement and narrow-mindedness. In a way, Jesus modeled this attitude for us, Jesus asked as many questions as he made statements and sometimes answering a question with a question (*ex. Luke 10:25-28*).

And he prayed all the time and teaches us to do the same! Jesus asked for help from his Father at every turning point in his ministry, and we should as well. We expect our children to ask for help and seek guidance from others, especially parents and God does as well.

As we begin this new school year, we have an opportunity to be the children that we are and face this year with a thirst to learn and ask and pray and seek guidance as we grow...and I mean all of us – children of God!

***Let us pray. Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds to learn from you this new academic year in confirmation, in children's church, in Bible study, in worship and in every experience in daily life so that we might receive what is needed to help us grow as your children, in Jesus's name. Amen.***

# GET INVOLVED

## **ZOOM Bible Study**

**Tuesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** on Zoom.

- *Life of Jesus series* is designed to help participants take a closer, more personal look at Jesus as they explore His significant life events and teachings. Each study includes 12 stand-alone lessons. Each book includes teacher notes and student sheets which include an opening activity, related Scripture, discussion and application questions.

*Parables* is a 12-session study which gives participants the opportunity to study the parables Jesus used to teach his people. Session titles are

- The Rich Fool
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- The Good Samaritan
- Workers in the Vineyard
- The Ten Virgins

This study used a simple, user-friendly format consisting of four major components

- Focus — introduces the participants to the concepts that will be explored during the session
- Inform — guides participants into Scripture to learn what God says about different issues
- Connect — provides activities and questions to help participants apply the truth found in Scripture to their lives
- Vision — suggests activities for additional growth during the week to come

Pastor has already purchased this curriculum, so please pick up a copy in fellowship hall if you wish to participate in the current bible study.

## **Men's Bible Study**

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





# Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) →Resources→ Downloadable Resources→ Bible studies

## **Pentecost 14**

**Focus:** *How did you lose your life this week?*

**“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”** Matthew 16:25 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 16:21-28

## **Pentecost 15**

**Focus:** *How is it best to deal with conflict?*

**“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”** Matthew 18:21 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 18:15-20

## **Pentecost 16**

**Focus:** What place does forgiveness have in your life and why?

**“Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”** Matthew 18:21 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 18:21–35.

## **Pentecost 17**

**Focus:** *What surprises you about God’s grace?*

**“[The landowner said], ‘Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’”** Matthew 20:15 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 20:1-16





Ken and  
Louise Larson  
celebrated  
50 years  
August 4<sup>th</sup>.





## ***Remember in Prayer***

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

Adrienne Brown, Mark Braun, Lori Edwards

Family & friends of: 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, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Minnie Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Nancy Schreiber, Diane Larson



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

*See mailed newsletter for addresses as I don't like to put personal contact information on the website.*

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Marge Sheldahl's 81<sup>st</sup>**

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Dick Kepler's 82<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Dave Prichard's 81<sup>st</sup>!**



## SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 Kirsten Van Soelen
- 3 Teresa Rasmussen
- 4 Zoey Rahner  
Amanda Richter
- 5 Scott Brendeland  
Marge Sheldahl (81<sup>st</sup>)
- 6 Austin "AJ" Umland
- 8 Robin Doty  
Darin Madson
- 9 Adam Wuebker
- 10 Kole Swan
- 14 Hayley Gustafson
- 15 Dick Kepler (82<sup>nd</sup>)
- 17 Jodie Sample
- 18 Jodie Atkinson  
Donna Lisowski
- 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
- 27 Oriett Snider
- 28 Rex Clark  
Max Shelton
- 29 Kade Swan
- 30 Jacob Huxford  
Dave Prichard (81<sup>st</sup>)



- 1 Steve & Jodie Atkinson
- 4 David & Margret Anderson (40<sup>th</sup>)  
Dick & Helen Kepler
- 7 Lucas & Courtney Williams
- 9 Jacob & Hannah Saltzman
- 10 Allen & Ruth Evans
- 11 Jeremy & Danielle Edwards (30<sup>th</sup>)  
DeAnn & Stuart Baldwin  
Bruce & Angela Hartman (30<sup>th</sup>)
- 14 Jon & Sarah Jensen
- 15 Randy & Lora Young
- 18 Greg & Christa Hartsook
- 20 Richard & Chris Nelson (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Tony & Jamie Ness
- 21 Tim & Julie Huxford  
Jacey & Cole Johnson
- 29 Adam & Amber McKenna  
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:** Donna Millang and Jen Pote

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Bruce Hartman & Dennis Millang  
**September 17<sup>st</sup>:** Julie Emerson & Kristin Shelton

**USHERS:** Matt & Erika Williams & Kent & Shelley Klingbeil

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Brad Lewis

**GREETERS\*, \*\*:**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Laura Kepler; Teri Klimpel  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Dax & Haylie Clark; Ken & Louise Larson  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Mark & Robin Doty; Jean Saveraid  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Doug & Lori Schonhorst; Tim & Shannon Wilson

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>3</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Book collection</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study  7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>10</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church begins; install Confirmation Class & Children's Church Teachers; Cookie Sunday New Member Orientation <i>Book collection</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30 – 4 p.m. Young at Heart Riverside Event  10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study  7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>17</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost; <i>God's Work, Our Hands Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Book Bash 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Iowa Gardening for Good 5:00 p.m. 4H	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study  7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>24</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Orientation Book Bash 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Iowa Gardening for Good rain date 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline Beer Lab	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study  7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

## SEPTEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>6</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilting resumes! 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation Begins!	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>13</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilting 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>20</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation	<b>21</b> 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Women's Retreat @ Riverside (pre-registration required)
<b>27</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 1:00 p.m. Quilting 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

For an online version of this calendar go to this link:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/subscriber/calendar/edit/month/2023-09-01/2022-10-01>

# COUNCIL MINUTES

*These minutes are not yet approved.*

## 8/6/23 Council Agenda

**Attendance:**

	Haylie Clark		David Eisenmann	x	Julie Emerson		Candi Engler	x	Pastor Eric Klimpel
	Kent Klingbeil	x	Leonard Larson		Brad Lewis	x	Jennifer Pote	x	Chris Richter
x	Greg Saveraid		Kari Sandquist	x	Kristin Shelton	x	Deidre Qual		

**Quorum Established:** Yes

**Devotions:** Richter - "Family is more than just blood" You're not with your family by accident. Honor those around you and you will receive what you reap.

**Treats:** Saveraid

**Read Vision and Mission Statements**

**Goals and Reflections:** The future strength of this church is our children. We need to keep focus on our youth. VBS is a good example, but need to keep focus. The patriarchs of our church love the children's programs which keeps them motivated and connected to the church.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- Motion to approve: Shelton
- Second: Larson
- All in favor: Motion passes

**Treasurer's Report:**

- General Fund Balance: \$17,035.71

- Total Checking: \$51,388.28
- Issues +/-: none mentioned
- Will discuss VBS negative balance later in agenda
- Question for Lewis on the liabilities, and whether it was done correctly. Qual to work with Lewis.
- Motion to approve: Larson
- Second: Pote
- All in favor: Motion passes

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor provided report to council.

**New Business:**

- Parsonage Renovations Update
  - Going really well
  - Inside is painted
  - Flooring is finished
  - Windows and doors coming up, maybe eight weeks
  - Next week or two Kim will be moving in
  - Overall looks really nice inside.
  - Need to sand some hardwood floors and apply finish
  - Kicking of can is over with parsonage, looking good.
  - It was discussed whether it makes sense to forgo collecting rent for two months in exchange for labor by tenant to scrape, clean and otherwise improve the property.
- Sound system
  - Need to revisit the sound project
  - Richter will speak with Dovre, would like to conclude this before end of the year.
  - Work on refreshing quotes as a next step
  - This is important to those who attend remotely
  - Larson's son-in-law, Joe, is interested in looking into a quote.
- Powerline easement
  - Larson suggested that in the agreement that they cover the repair of any directional boring. The agreement needs to cover discovered damage for several years since there can be a delay in finding out.

- Saveraid asked what agreements are our neighbors receiving? Would want to align with neighbors.
- Saveraid recommended that we set up an in-person meeting with the power company to discuss
- Will table discussion for now and additional documents will be provided to council
- Prairie Fest Service
  - Do we want to have a second service at 8am? It was decided not to have one.
  - We would like to make sure virtual attendees are notified of the change.
  - Motion to not have Sunday service: Shelton, 2nd Pote, motion passes
- VBS Balance is negative, need to reconcile and fund the balance from treasury.
  - Pote moved to reconcile
  - Shelton seconded
- Altar Guild meeting regarding backroom by Pote
  - Still seeing mouse droppings and is also generally disorganized
  - When everyone is back from summer, will be upcoming meeting to talk about what to do next.
  - Some ideas are to eliminate exterior wall. Need space to hang paraments.
- September meeting
  - Work through normal agenda and then do a church tour to address what needs to be done?
  - Make a list of plans for each room to create a direction.

**Old Business:**

- West Windows, the project that Jesus gave eternal life too
- Cost increase has been substantial, so seeking out new quotes.

**Adjourn:** Close with Lord's Prayer

- Next Meeting: Sept 10
- Motion to Adjourn: Larson
- Second: Shelton
- Devotions: Klingbeil
- Treats: Shelton



# New school year = LOTS OF THINGS RESUMING!



## QUILTING GROUP IS RESUMING!

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.**

Every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m.

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## Installation of Confirmation Class Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Mid-week Classes begin **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

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## Join us for Children's Church!

**Beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Installation of Teachers September 10<sup>th</sup>!**

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

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## Sr. Choir Practice

**Beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>

*Wishing everyone a safe and healthy school year!*

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



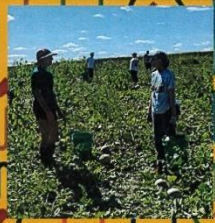
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OUTING!

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>



# “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 17**  
**2023**  
**12pm to 2pm**

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am worship

**Where:** Palestine Lutheran Church

**What:** Servant Sunday at the Iowa Gardening for Good @ 12 pm

**Bring:** Work Clothes, Gloves if wanted



## **Donation Challenge for the Huxley Food Pantry**

**\$10 Dollar Challenge** – Between September 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – Buy as many non-perishable food items adding up to \$10 and bring them to the church in a bag with your name and receive a prize for the most items!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Young-At-Heart Details  
September 12, 2023  
9:30 am-4:00 pm  
Registration  
Available until the day of  
but preferred ahead of  
time. Online, via phone,  
and onsite the day of also  
available.  
Price: \$20 per person

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/young-at-heart-day>



Registration will include a  
seat at all speaker sessions,  
small group studies, worship,  
three meals on Saturday, two  
meals on Sunday, snacks, an  
array of free-time options, a  
bountiful pouring on of  
encouragement and  
inspiration, as well as so  
much more.

See cost options:

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/womens-retreat>

## **Leave a Legacy Gift**

LSI has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for over 150 years. During this time, we've created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

You can celebrate your lifetime through a legacy gift, to ensure LSI can continue to provide lifesaving services for those in need. Many of our faithful donors want their gifts to continue after their lifetime, and have elected to leave a legacy through LSI's foundation or the ELCA foundation.

Planned gifts to LSI help to create a firm foundation for our ministry and contribute more than \$400,000 each year.

Thanks to the generous compassion of individual donors, congregations such as yours, and our ministry partners at the three synods of the ELCA, we can be confident LSI will be here to meet the changing needs of Iowans for years to come.

## **You Can Make a Lasting Impact**

A longtime supporter of LSI turned an appreciated real estate asset into a charitable remainder unitrust agreement with the ELCA foundation. Because of this agreement, they will receive income from the trust for the remainder of their two lives, and subsequently to their two adult children for a twenty-year term.

According to the actuarial tables, this gift will finally terminate in about forty years, leaving a very strong and greatly appreciated impact on LSI's future.

Another LSI donor elected to share their investment by directing a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly to LSI. The donor used this contribution to match new or increased gifts during the annual matching gift campaign.

We ask you to consider how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, go to [LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/](http://LSIowa.org/leave-a-legacy/) or contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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 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](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).*

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