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Mission Statement:

“Palestine Lutheran Church exists to proclaim and live God’s Holy Word, to nurture and support our membership, and to enable us to live our faith in our daily lives. As we are nourished, we are called to reach out to our communities, our spheres of influence, and to the wider world through the church-at-large.”

Our Vision:

Palestine Lutheran Church will be a haven for all generations, a people worshipping and growing continually in relationship with Jesus, inspired by God’s Word; a living example of stewardship, a loving and caring fellowship that reaches out in Christ-centered faith and love to the world.



Pastor Eric will be doing limited visitation for members who would like to have one. Please contact Pastor Eric if you would like to have a visit. You do not have to wait for him to call.

Call 515-597-2620 or email ericklimpel@gmail.com

We would like to work out what is best and safest for the visit and distribution for each person.

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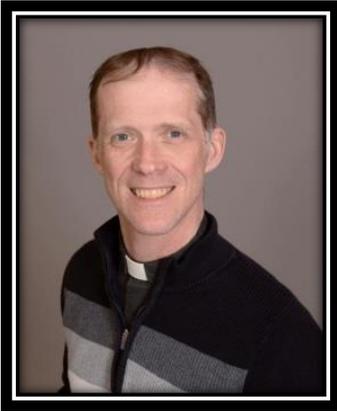
Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**

Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.

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



Appreciating the Messy Middle

-----With Pastor Eric

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. Mark 9:30-34

The above quote from Mark chapter 9 is the second of three predictions that Jesus makes about his passion, death, and resurrection. Each time the disciples respond the same way with a lack of understanding and fear. Jesus knew that he was going to die soon and prepared to face his death. However, Jesus did not have as much success preparing his disciples. If you knew the exact time and situation of your death, then how would you prepare? And how about your family? Who would you tell and what would you say? Would you spend more time with your family? Check down your "bucket list"? How about securing a legacy? Planning a funeral? Giving money to charities, or specific individuals? What might it feel like if your family and friends began talking about life without you present before you died? And start planning for it actively! What if you heard things that you did like? Maybe you would feel left out or dead already?! The disciples of Jesus appear to be discussing the movement post-Jesus while Jesus is right there with them and trying to

teach/prepare them. Who among them would take over as their leader?

It seems strange to me that human beings get so anxious about the future that we get oblivious to the importance of the present and how formative the present is for us. Right now, I am looking at my messy office space. The office has new furniture and less shelving in it. There is no way that I will be able to set it up the same way that I had a year ago...no matter how much I want to...or how hard I try. Right now, in the present, I can appreciate what space I do have and can decide to weed through my books and pictures. What a wonderful opportunity for me to downsize and reflect on what I've accumulated over the years and how I've changed in the process. While I am in this process of assessing the office space, I will feel a bit stressed and sad, and it may take a while to grieve some of the changes; however, I am thankful for this moment to get used to a different space and a different Pastor Eric. You might say that I am experiencing a resurrection period which involves trusting in God, as well as myself to let go of those things that have no purpose anymore, in order to find more space and purpose for other things.

We are in a season of transition at Palestine Lutheran Church. We are moving from "what was" to "what will be" from pre-pandemic community to a post- pandemic community, and it is easy to skip the "what is" right now in this journey. Let's take time to assess the changes around us and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy the present. Yes, it is a bit messy and confusing ... frustrating and hopeful ... but here is where our faith kicks in. Jesus promises that through this present valley of death comes new life. You can't rush it because first you must die to "what was" and that is hard but not with Jesus leading and guiding. Let's take some breaths here and there and pray to the one who knows our future, Jesus, and listen. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Dawn Dialog with Jesus

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on Gospel text for the day “Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20). An invitation is in the weekly email announcements. Daily Discipleship will be attached in the Wednesday email announcements for the following Sunday.

Men’s Bible Study

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

Power of Prayer

Wednesdays at noon via ZOOM.

An invitation is emailed out to enter into prayer together every Wednesday. You can email in a prayer request or call the church with a special request. We will pray together for 30 minutes. Join once or every Wednesday! If you would like an invite, call or email Pastor Eric.

ZOOM Bible Study

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm on ZOOM. We will use the **Study Guide** version of ***The Story – 31 Sessions***. With the Study Guide is an expectation of reading, **The Story** book itself. We will do the **Group Time** portion in class together. Please purchase the guide and book yourself. Pastor believes it is on Kindle as well. If you need help purchasing these books, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Griefshare Support Group Fall Session

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. 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 @ ericklempel@gmail.com.

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. The first Theology on Tap was a great success on September 19th! Thanks to the Eisenmanns for hosting!

 **Join us for the next one October 10th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**
at David and Vallery Eisenmann’s home again



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

Pentecost Week 27

Focus: What does God intend for marriage?

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” Mark 10:14 (NRSV).

Read Mark 10:2-16

Pentecost Week 28

Focus: What am I willing to sacrifice to follow Jesus?

“You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” Mark 10:21 (NRSV).

Read Mark 10:17-31

Pentecost Week 29

Focus: How can I share God’s love by serving someone this week?

“But whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” Mark 10:43-44 (NRSV).

Read Mark 10:35-45

Pentecost Week 30

Focus: Christ as our Intercessor

“Consequently he (Jesus) is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25 (NRSV).

Read Hebrews 7:23-28

Pentecost Week 31

Focus: What does it mean to be freed in Christ?

“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NRSV)

Read John 8:31-36



**FAMILY NIGHT AT CENTER
GROVE ORCHARD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
\$11.95/person**

ALL ARE WELCOME to join our group Sunday, October 3rd from 6-8 p.m. for hayrack ride, corn maze, slides, jumping pillows and fire pit (with s'mores and cider).

KICK members can sign up on the KICK Facebook page. Everyone else in the congregation is welcome to join and can sign up in fellowship hall just so we can give Center Grove a better idea of how many will be there. Money will be collected the night of the event.



Meet in front of the orchard at 5:45 p.m. for group photo and to collect money.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD at 11:15 a.m.
behind the Parsonage**

In commemoration of St. Francis, we seek God's blessing on our pets and their companions. Bring your pet and family to this blessing service for edification of our companionship before God.



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 5th 3-7 p.m.
@ the church

Sign up one of two ways:

- ♥ By calling Deb Moore at 515-460-1037
- ♥ Via the LifeServe website: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org
By Appointment only



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Anita Brendeland, Dick Brown, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Phyl Hughes, Abby Huntrods, Lilah Hurley, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Merlin Lyon, Gary Mittelsteadt, Roger Moore, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Linda Nordstrom, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Rebecca Wenthold, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller

Family and 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, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dove, Alberta Helmke, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss



*McKenzie Shafer and
Scott Bushaw*

are inviting the congregation to participate in a card shower for their wedding nuptials taking place October 16th.

If you wish to watch their wedding on our livestream, you are welcome to do so at 4:00 p.m.

Please send wedding wishes to them at:
25218 580th Avenue,
Nevada, IA 50201.

They plan to have a mini celebration with their Palestine congregational family Sunday, November 7th with cake after worship service.





We received this letter from LSI with regards to the closing of the Beloit center in Ames:

Dear Friend of LSI,

LSI's mission calls us to "respond to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service." After much prayerful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue our youth residential treatment programs at the Beloit campus in Ames.

Beloit occupies a significant piece of LSI's history and legacy. However, many factors over a period of several years have impacted the Beloit campus and ultimately led to this decision. As leaders, it became clear to use that there are more effective and impactful ways to serve a greater number of Iowa families within the children's mental health system through other programs and services that LSI offers.

We will also continue to provide and grow youth residential services at our Bremwood campus in Waverly. There will always be a need for intensive residential treatment, and we are committed to Bremwood being a center of excellence in this area.

To continue reading this letter, you can find it in the box by Lesa's office.



- 1 Allen "Pete" Evans
Lily Morford
Oakley Sickels
- 2 Hannah Johnson
Taylor Ness
- 3 Holly Twedt
- 4 Paul Ness (70th)
Grace Saveraid
- 5 Sue Kochheiser
Jacob Larson
- 8 Rose Locker
- 10 Colby Calvert
Heather Hill
- 13 Monica Morse
- 14 Roger Moore
- 15 Monroe Elliott
- 17 Benjamin Engler
- 19 Nickolas Larson
Kendal Sickels
- 20 Lisa Sheldahl
- 21 Nancy Fausch
- 22 Seth Baldwin
- 23 Julie Emerson
- 24 Dennis Millang
- 25 Diane Larson (75th)
Zachary Larson
- 27 Jennifer Harmon
- 28 Sienna Lewis

- 30 Hayden DeHaven
Annabelle Engler
Jen Pote
Chandler Schmidt
Hunter Wise



- 3 Rick & Lisa Sheldahl
- 8 Eric & Janell Van Gorp
- 13 Todd & Lisa Schmidt
- 22 Scott & Megan Brendeland
- 24 Kevin & Jill Rahner
- 26 Tom & Jenny Gallagher
- 28 Dax & Haylie Clark (15th)

*If there is a record of error or omission,
please let the office know at
palestinelutheran@gmail.com or
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ALTAR GUILD: Cindi Thomas &
Teri Klimpel

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

- Oct. 3rd** Leonard & Sue Larson
- Oct. 17th** Vivian Lundgren
- Oct. 31st** Nancy Fausch &
Julie Huxford

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Brad Lewis & Nancy Fausch

GREETERS:

- Oct. 3rd** Tim & Shannon Wilson &
Brad & Lesa Lewis
- Oct. 10th** Tom & Kristin Shelton &
Dax & Haylie Clark
- Oct. 17th** Mark & Jen Pote &
Jean Saveraid
- Oct. 24th** Ben & Candi Engler &
Kent & Shelley Klingbeil
- Oct. 31st** David & Vallery Eisenmann
& Chris & Amanda Richter



SUNDAY	MONDAY
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<p>17</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; 3rd Grade Bible presentation Children' Music after service</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship Children' Music after service <i>newsletter deadline</i></p>	<p>25</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Reformation Sunday! Children' Music after service</p>	<p>1</p>

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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 3-7 p.m. Blood Drive @ Palestine 6:30 p.m. Griefshare Group	6 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ROCK 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	7 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	1/8	2/9 9 th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Women's conference @ Harvest Assembly of God
12 6:30 p.m. Griefshare Group	13 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	14 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	15 Riverside Fall Recharge 3-6 graders 15 th – 17 th	16 4:00 p.m. McKenzie Shafer wedding (livestreamed)
19 6:30 p.m. Griefshare Group	20 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. KICK Ornament making 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	21 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	22	23
26 6:30 p.m. Griefshare Group	27 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. confirmation to Meals From the Heartland	28 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	29	30
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These minutes have not yet been approved.

Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, September 12th, 2021 @ 8 a.m.

Kristin Shelton, Tim Wilson, Pastor Eric, Haylie Clark, Diedre Qual, Chris Richter, Jean Saveraid, Candice Engler, Brad Lewis, Kent Klingbeil, Jen Pote

A quorum was established.

Devotions: Chris Richter. Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.

Read Vision and Mission Statements. Mumbled together excitedly.

Goals and Reflections: We had 116 in church for 165+1 Anniversary. Our picture turned out great. Thanks to Kim Van Pelt. We had a great meal and fellowship. The Pie Social was a success at Prairie Fest. Children's Church starts today. Choir starts today, also.

Minutes of previous meeting: Chris Richter motioned to approve. Jen Pote seconded. All supported the motion unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deidre. Chris Richter motioned to approve. Candi Engler seconded. All favored supporting the report. Nobody opposed ...

General Fund: \$ -6,565.21

Total PLC Checking: \$17,753.67

Parsonage: \$14,063.98

Pastor's Report: Pastor Klimpel. Refer to Pastor's Report. Pastor read through his report. Lesa to figure out how to do mass texting. Organizing committees.

New business:

1. Re-integration of Greeters, Re-invigorate committees. Someone to head greeters, counters, and ushers. (Leonard – greeters, ushers--?, counters – Brad (Finance), Readers --?) Then coordinate with Lesa to communicate with people. Set up checklists for the next meeting. Committee structure will be addressed by each council member for their assigned committee.
2. Budget/Giving Discussion
3. Safety Deposit Box Key

Unfinished business:

1. Still on the hunt for a technology person to help Brent
2. Historical Committee

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: Chris Richter motioned. Jean Saveraid seconded. All left for church immediately.

Next meeting: October 10, 2021 @ 8 a.m.

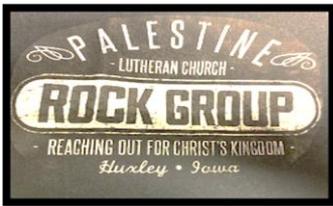
Treats: Kristin

Devotions: Jean



HUXLEY FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. To volunteer, contact Jackie Rasmussen (catsrus@huxcomm.net)



High School Group
The R.O.C.K. group will meet on the **FIRST** Wednesday of every month 6-8 p.m. @ Palestine.

Contact McKenzie with any questions:
McKenzie Shafer (until Oct. 16th, then McKenzie Bushaw)
515-203-0301 or KenzieK399@gmail.com

ATTENTION GREETERS!

We will begin having greeters before worship service again! It is completely your choice as the greeter and as the person being greeted if you want to shake hands or just say “Hi” or “Good Morning” or “Welcome”, etc.

- Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship.
- All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



Mustard Seed COMMUNITY FARM

This company is a community-supported agriculture that grows food for shelters and soup kitchens in the area since 2008. They are a little like Habitat for Humanity in that if you sign up to receive vegetables and treats they ask you work 3 hours/week in exchange for your veggie box. Not only do they grow and share food, in the winter they also make rag rugs and blankets. If you donated denim jeans you no longer wanted last year, this is where our quilting group took them!



The Palestine Piecemakers have made two large deliveries to the Mustard Seed Community Farm north of Ames including used denim

and large scrap pieces of fabric. Our quilters love to share the love and are excited to continue to partner with this group because of the good they do in the community.



➡ Feel free to bring any unwanted or no-longer needed denim jeans and large fabric scraps and put in the quilter's room in north fellowship hall.

For more information about the Mustard Seed Community Farm, go to their website at www.mustardseedfarm.org

OUTSIDE SERVICE  & CLEAN-UP DAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021





Thanks to
the Potes
for the pizza
after clean
up!



THANKS



Our collection from God's Works, Our Hands!

The soap will be appreciated.



(3rd-6th grade group)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **Sunday, October 3rd** Center Grove Orchard Family Night. 6-8 p.m.
- ❖ **Friday, October 15-17th** Riverside Fall Recharge.
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 20th** Ornament Making with dinner served 6-8p.m.
- ❖ **Saturday, November 13th** Kumla serving.
- ❖ **Christmas Program Sunday, December 12th** with special music beginning at 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal schedule:
 - Sunday, Nov. 21st 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, Nov. 28th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 1st 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. dinner
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. practice
 - Sunday, Dec. 5th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 8th 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. dinner
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. practice
 - Sunday, Dec. 12th final practice after worship
service until noon or 12:30 (preschool –
6th grades)
4:30 p.m. special music followed by
program
Meal following program.



All program participants are asked to bring one dozen cookies or treats for the meal (please mark if there is peanut butter).

- ❖ **Senior Tea – Sunday, December 5th**
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 15th** Christmas Caroling? More info to follow.

Contact any K.I.C.K. advisor with any questions.

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Fall Recharge. October 15-17th for 3-6th graders!

A Recharge is a super fun weekend event at Riverside during the fall that is like a whole week of camp smashed into 40 hours! You'll have a ton of fun! There will be worship, wonderful friends, great food, games, activities, free time, small groups, carpetball, awesome cabin leaders, fabulous skits, and a "no homework guarantee"!! Check-in is from 7:30-8:20 pm on Friday night and pick-up is at noon on Sunday (pickup at cabins). See all of the details below! It's going to be a ton of fun!

Register online @ <https://www.riversidelbc.org/registration>

SERMON SERIES

Holistic Living



Pastor Eric Klimpel & Southeastern Iowa Synod Staff

So often when we hear “stewardship season” we automatically think about congregation and personal finances. Perhaps this is because congregations typically address stewardship in the fall as the council prepared the annual budget, or it is because ‘money’ is frequently synonymous with ‘stewardship’ in the minds of many. Whatever the reason, Sharing the Good News is a holistic stewardship resource that takes a deeper look into stewardship of the whole self. With this 4-week sermon series we invite you to explore how stewarding all aspects of our lives is a way of living our faith and sharing the good news with the world.

October 3 – Stewarding Relationships

October 10 – Stewarding Wealth

October 17 – Stewarding Power

October 23 – Stewarding Courage

Leaving a Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness

The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

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Address service requested