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JESUS IS THE KEY.



Reaching out in Christian love to all!

**THE PALESTINE PRESS
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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Mission Statement:

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

Our Vision:

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



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

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

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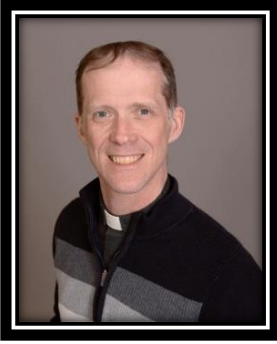
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Tithes & Offering

Palastine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palastine Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 189
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.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

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



Why can't Christian discipleship be as easy as "rocket science"? ----- Asked Pastor Eric

³²Then the scribe said to Jesus, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'God is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor

*as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.**" - Mark 12:32-34*

*²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "**You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.**" - Luke 10:25-28*

Okay...How can something so straight forward become so infuriatingly complicated? Why can't discipleship be as easy as "rocket science"?! Of course, I have nothing on Jesus when it comes to head banging on the wall in response to clueless disciples. The Bible is a library full of straight forward directives to leading a full and abundant life. I read it repeatedly and discover a plethora of obvious answers to my deepest existential questions like: Why am I here? What is my purpose? Why do bad things happen to good people? What role does death play in my existence? What is up with the duck-billed platypus and why do I care? Where is all this leading anyways? And finally, who am I really? Yet, like most of us, I continue to search for answers everywhere else and live as if clueless as well. When Jesus talks about the kingdom of God and eternal life, I like to think that he points back to the greatest

commandment – loving the Lord God with everything that you are, and likewise, love your neighbor as yourself.

There you go...You can tie almost everything together in these two directives. Jesus makes it possible for us to live into this way of life. Not only are we saved from ourselves, our sin, our brokenness, our self-obsessions, but we are freed to live outside of ourselves for others and yes, for God. We are free to try over and over to serve, be grateful, forgive and reconcile with other people (neighbors). Whether you are a janitor, teacher, pastor, engineer, CEO, or Olympic gymnast, your purpose is not in these vocations alone. If you are a parent, son, daughter, husband, wife, grandparent, uncle, aunt, best friend, acquaintance, brother, sister, niece, nephew, and I guarantee that you are at least one of these roles, young or old, then your purpose includes these roles as well. Regardless of your gender status, or “disability”, or whatever “your truth” might be, your purpose and reason for life ties into loving, serving and living for God and other people. I’m not sure that the hardest part is doing it but believing it with conviction -heart and head!

So now what? Well, here’s the thing, I can’t make you believe that what the Bible says over and over is true, or the best way. However, I can tell you how much God loves you in Jesus and encourage you to consider what it would be like to love your neighbor as yourself. I can give you opportunities to reflect on how you have experienced such love yourself and maybe give you an opportunity or two to give it or exercise it in your life. The Church give us space and community to do these very things on Sundays and other days throughout the year. Church is where we practice and test our faith and our beliefs with other people who are pursuing similar goals and interests with similar or identical questions. And just like you and I, we learn what it means to love God and others, over and over as the gifts of Jesus become a part of our faith-living. Palestine Lutheran Church is the perfect gift for imperfect people who seek to grow in the love of God and for others in Jesus’ name. Dive into church this year and expect something different in your life “lose it in order to find it.” Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

ZOOM Bible Study

T.N.T (Tuesday Night Together) Bible Study – Tuesdays from 7:00pm –

8:00pm – Life By His Word Bible Study

Series: Paul's Missionary Work and Epistles -

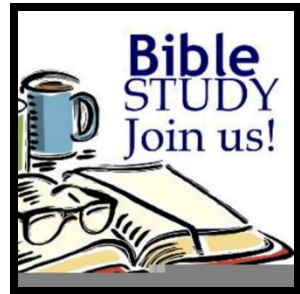
This Bible study provides discussion questions, application, and summary insights. Each chapter and book of Paul's Mission Work and Epistles is explored, offering a rich and full approach to study and devotion. Each lesson is divided up in easy to use one-page handouts. The study includes teaching materials and student materials in two formats: PDF to print directly and RFT for customization.

“With Life by His Word, the pastor has a Bible study for any hot topic that comes up in the news,” says Rev. Edward Engelbrecht, general editor of The Lutheran Study Bible. “Just think about the chapter of Scripture that addresses the topic, find the chapter study in Life by His Word, and you’re good to go.”

Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall at church. If you need help securing material, please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group typically meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.



New Member Orientation Meetings


October 13th 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)

Food Pantry Ministry

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. Volunteer at the pantry! Contact Jackie Rasmussen (catsrus@huxcomm.net)

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.

 **Join us for the next one October 20th, 2024 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up!* 😊)



Please donate blood:

**Tuesday, October 8th 3 – 7 p.m. @
Palestine.**

Sign up one of two ways:

- By calling Kim Van Pelt at 319-541-0817
- Via the LifeServe website: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Appointments are Encouraged



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

20th Sunday of Pentecost

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

21st Sunday of Pentecost

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

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

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

23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Making Things Right*

“... how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!” Hebrews 9:14 (NRSV). Read Hebrews 9:11-14

Blessing of the Children's Church Teachers

September 8, 2024



Preschool/Kindergarten Teachers: Teri Klimpel, Molly Wuebker

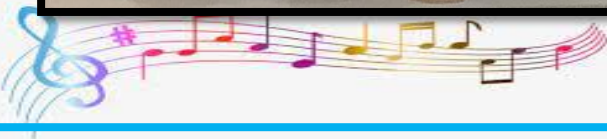
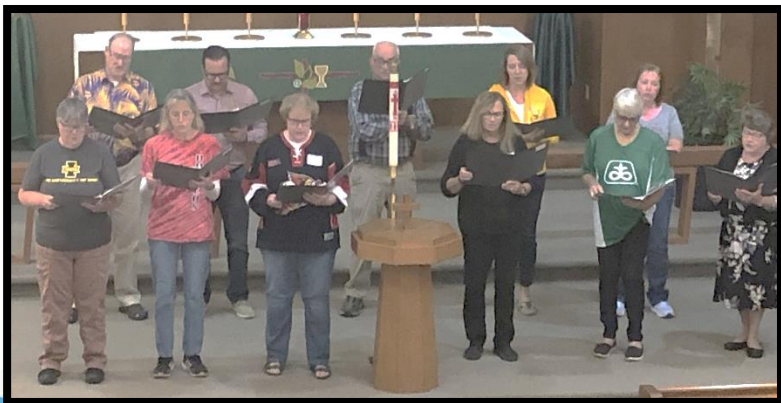
First & Second Grade Teachers: Katie Madson, Emily Saveraid,
Jean Saveraid

Third & Fourth Grade Teachers: Alyssa Johnson, Melinda Kam,
Heather Swan

Fifth, & Sixth Grade Teachers: Louise Larson, Erika Williams,
Shannon Wilson

Confirmation: Pastor Klimpel, Nels Dovre, Brent Emerson

Senior Choir Debut for the Fall



9-22-24



**Confirmation Installation for
2024-2025 year
September 08, 2024**



Guides: Pastor Eric Klimpel, Nels Dovre, and Brent Emerson

Confirmands: (8th grade): Kinsey Calvert, Noelle Hartsook, Garrett Jensen, Ethan Johnson, Emmalyn Kruse, London Roelfs, Mae Wilson, Taylor Wuebker

(7th grade): Rex Clark, Avery Dykstra, Trice Elliott, Samantha Ewing, Drake Klingbeil, Eden Richter

Please keep the confirmands and the guides in your prayers this school year.



ROCK/Confirmation first Worship together 9-4-24



October 2024

- 1 Lily Morford
Oakley Sickels
- 2 Hannah Johnson
Taylor Ness
- 3 Holly Twedt
- 4 Paul Ness (73rd)
Grace Saveraid
- 5 Sue Kochheiser (77th)
Jacob Larson
- 8 Rose Locker (86th)
- 10 Colby Calvert
Victor Schaudt
- 13 Monica Morse
- 14 Roger Moore (79th)
- 15 Monroe Elliott
Reece Russell
Regan Russell
Riley Russell
Cora Thomas
- 17 Benjamin Engler
- 19 Nickolas Larson
- 20 Lisa Sheldahl
- 21 Nancy Fausch (92nd)
- 22 Seth Baldwin
- 23 Julie Emerson
- 24 Dennis Millang (76th)
- 25 Zachary Larson
- 26 Drew Sandquist
- 27 Janice Halverson (75th)
Jennifer Harmon
- 28 Sienna Lewis

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



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



Let's shower Rose Locker & Nancy Fausch with birthday cards!

Rose Locker Nancy Fausch
*See mailed newsletter for
addresses*

*If there is a record of error or omission, please let us know at
palestinelutheran@gmail.com or 515-597-2624.*



ALTAR GUILD: Teri Michael and Melanie Fausch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
October 6th: Brent & Missy Larson
October 20th: Brent & Missy Larson
October 27th:

OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis

USHERS: *needed*

GREETERS* **,:
October 6: Marvin & Lori Edwards; Nancy Fausch
October 13th: Bill & Sandy Harleen; Marlys Hartman
October 20th: Dick & Helen Kepler; Drew & Kris Polich
October 27th: Mark & Jen Pote; Jean Saveraid

*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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
29 19 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. K.I.C.K. leaves to push wheelchairs 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash	30	1 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
6 20 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the Pets	7	8 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 3-7 p.m. Blood Drive 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
13 21 st Sunday of Pentecost; 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Presentation of 3 rd grade bibles <i>Music with Nels</i> <i>Cookie Sunday</i> New member orientation 5-7 P.M. Group Night at Center Grove Orchard	14	15 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
20 22 nd Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline	21 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
27 23 rd Sunday of Pentecost <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i>	28	29 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>9</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 a.m. ELCA Women’s Cluster @ Fjeldberg</p>
<p>16</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Riverside Fall Recharge (3-6 graders) →</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>23</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (<i>Pastor</i>) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Nov. 1</p>	<p>2</p>



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Remember in Prayer

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

Krisha Barrett, Kristy Brownfield, Adrienne Brown, Marlys Hartman, Alice Kahler, Betsy Johnson, Judy McKinney, Deb Ness, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family & friends of: Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Diane Larson, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve



September 15, 2024



**Landscape removal crew,
basement furnace room cleaning
crew, sacristy room cleaning . . .
Lots of wonderful hands helping!**



**Thanks to those that helped serve and clean up at
Food at First!**





**We welcome our
new brother in
Christ:**

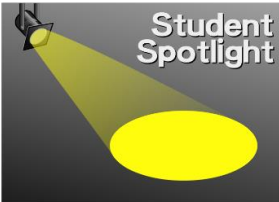
Samuel Argueta

Born March 29, 2023

Baptized September 8, 2024



Samuel is the son of Maynor and Ashley Argueta. His baptismal sponsors are Jon and Sarah Jensen. We welcome Samuel into the Lord's family as a child of God!



COLLEGE/MILITARY UPDATES:

This month we are featuring:

Chloe Shelton



Chloe graduated in August from DMACC with an Associate's Degree. She is attending Iowa State University majoring in elementary education. She is enjoying getting to know new friends in her classes and is anxious to get into her block classes where she will participate in practicums working with students. Go Cyclones!

BEEF DINNER 9-22-24

Thanks to everyone that helped prepare, furnish and eat the wonderful meal!





**BLESSING OF THE PETS AND
THEIR CARETAKERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th
at 11:30 a.m.**

Behind the Parsonage at North parking lot. 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.



**Join us for our annual
Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, October 13th!**



***Kids In Christ's Kingdom*
3RD- 6TH Grader Youth Group
UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 13 - Center Grove Orchard Group Night -5-7 pm - sign up coming soon!

October 18-19 - Riverside Fall Recharge

Women ^{of the} ELCA 

**Join the Women of ELCA for the Fall Cluster
Saturday, October 12th, 2024 @ Fjeldberg Lutheran
Church in Huxley**

The program will be "Five Smooth Stones" and other Bible lessons from stones. Marilyn Greene will be the presenter. All are welcome. Registration is at 9 a.m.

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