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### Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

#### *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."

### **Living the Truth in Love ----- With Pastor Eric**

<sup>14</sup>*We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.* <sup>15</sup>*But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,* <sup>16</sup>*from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:14-16*

"Speaking the truth in love" is a directive that I ponder quite often in my daily interactions. In fact, I war within myself between Paul's phrase in Ephesians and what my teachers taught me, "If you do not have anything nice to say, then do not say anything at all." I have been burned more by the later than the former. Sometimes the truth does hurt but a differed and ignored truth can hurt so much more. I think that Paul gets it when he directs us to speak the truth in love. Communities built on lies and unspoken truths will not last, or grow in healthy ways. God has given us the Spirit of Truth in order to guide and encourage us to speak and act in honest and healthy ways. How we communicate the truth makes a difference! When we do it in humility with the receiver in mind out of love and compassion, then we are less likely to hurt them and more likely to affirm them with our trust and support.

Truth-telling is risky from a "self" point of view because it leaves us vulnerable to rejection especially from those we love. We have the Spirit of Truth to lead us into ways of speaking it and showing it. Yes, it might hurt and it is not easy to do many times but it is the best way to grow and build esteem within your relationships.

God desires us to be free in speaking the truth in love. Think about the gifts that we have in forgiveness, prayer, and reconciliation to help us live into the truth with our neighbors, as well as God. Remember that people cannot read your mind and we should not assume when we can speak or ask and seek confirmation and understanding. Lies and misunderstandings bog us down within and truth builds up and sets free.

***Let us pray. Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth and give us all that we need to live honest and loving lives within community, so that we might grow together in trust, faith and greater love for you and all your people, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.***



**Palestine Lutheran Church**  
**Worship & Study Opportunities- July 2019**

The "dial in" number for the worship service is no longer available.

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 7 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, July 13

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek  
 7-8 p.m. Dinner Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 14 5<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, July 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

Wednesday, July 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 28 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Mystery Worship

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

**Daily Discipleship** themes which will be used for Wednesday morning Men's Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday). They are available on the ELCA website—

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) → Resources → Downloadable Resources → Bible Studies

**July 7** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

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

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

**July 14** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

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

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

**July 21** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

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

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

**July 28** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

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

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

**August 4** 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

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

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

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday –  
 September 8, 2019**



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The 2018 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 9. Mark your calendars today! Watch and listen for ways you can be involved. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2019!

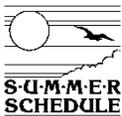
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**Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand June 16, 2019	
Checking Account	\$ 25,730.50
General Fund	\$ 12,854.18
Designated Funds	\$ 12,876.32
Benevolence	335.00
Building Improvement	2,031.89
Technology	3,384.00
Kitchen	528.17
Parsonage	1,858.19
Confirmation	1,672.92
Evangelism/Fellowship	936.68
Piano Fund	992.14
Maland Fund	827.33
Lent Offering	310.00
Principal balance for building improvement loan	\$ 3,584.64
Principal balance for general fund operating loan	\$ 5,200.00
(as of June 16, 2019)	

**Next Council Meeting – Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8 a.m.**

<b>Church Council 2019</b>	Pastor Eric Klimpel
President: Kristin Shelton	Council: Nels Dove
Vice President: Tim Wilson	David Eisenmann
Secretary: Ellen Longnecker	Brent Emerson
Treasurer: Deidre Qual	Candi Engler
Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler	Cynthia Johnson
	Brad Lewis
	Jen Pote
	Jean Saveraid



Oriett's summer work schedule (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The phone number in her office is 597-2624.



It's lawn-mowing season! We need volunteers to mow church and parsonage lawns. This is a good way for students to earn service hours. Please sign up for a week or a month to help out. You may use Palestine mowers or your own. The church has a riding lawn mower if you would like to use it – indicate this on the signup sheet in Fellowship hall. Thank you!

**Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

[not yet approved]

**Sunday, June 9th, 2019 @ 8:00 AM**

**Kristin Shelton, Tim Wilson, Pastor Eric, Nels Dove, Cynthia Johnson, Deidre Qual, Dick Kepler, Jean Saveraid, Candice Engler, David Eisenmann, Ellen Longnecker, Jen Pote, Brad Lewis, Brent Emerson**

**Devotions** – Brad Lewis

**Read Vision and Mission Statements**

**Goals and Reflections** – VBS support and new people to help. Share the word about upcoming Dinner Worship on 6/30 from 7-8 PM.

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

Jean Saveraid motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Candi Engler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously .

**Treasurer's Report – Deidre**

1. Paying \$2,000 toward General Fund loan  
 Jean Saveraid motioned to approve Treasurer's Report. Nels Dove seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pastor's Report - Pastor Klimpel**

Refer to pastors Report

**New business:**

1. Tech Task Force-
  - a. Brent and Brad are putting together a plan that will allow future technology options.
2. Listening Team
  - a. Discussion & Actions Required.
    - i. Learning utensils are being put together for listening team.
3. Cleaning Company Update
  - a. Multiple companies are being interviewed
  - b. Looking into quarterly/seasonal church clean up days to tackle the areas companies do not reach.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Approval of Helen Miller who is transferring from Bethany Lutheran
2. Sanctuary alterations:
  - a. Additional video screens
  - b. Future Need for Tech Coordinator

Nels Dove motions to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

**Next Meeting** : July 14, 2019

Treats-

Devotions- Jean Saveraid



**Mission Trip to Costa Rica –  
June 29<sup>th</sup> thru July 6<sup>th</sup>**

From June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>, the R.O.C.K. group will be serving on a YouthWorks mission trip in Costa Rica.

Colby Calvert, Karlee Emerson, Sarah Hartman, Caleb Hartsook, Josie Jensen, Austin Klimpel, Aiden Lewis, Nolan Schonhorst, Gabe Shelton, Kaylee Van Pelt, Allison Dovre, Nels Dovre, and McKenzie Shaffer

YouthWorks partners with Rice & Beans Ministries, a local mission organization that serves the community in that area. We will spend our time packing and delivering food bags to families, working on construction/repair projects, and/or planning and leading children’s programming. With the help of volunteers, Rice & Beans Ministries has hand-delivered over 180,000 bags of food to those in need. Our group is taking bags with them that will be filled with enough rice, beans, cornmeal, and powdered milk to feed a family of four for one week.



~ The R.O.C.K. Group



**Ice Cream Social – Palestine Lutheran Church**

6:00-8:00 p.m. Railroad Park, Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
We’re on the calendar – watch & listen for details on how you can help!



**Community Worship Service**

Plans are underway. Watch & listen for details for **Our Prairie Fest worship service on August 25<sup>th</sup>** with the churches of the Ballard Ministerial Alliance. Looking Ahead

Year of Sharing & Caring - for donations for the Huxley area Food Pantry. "July is Snack Attacks month at the food pantry – please donate juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, cereal, pudding mix, jell-o, powdered drink mix" Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.



2019

**Volunteer schedule**

Greeters

- 7/7 Teri, Austin, Ashley Klimpel  
Juistin & Jodi Sample
- 7/14 Deidre Qual  
Jean Saveraid
- 7/21 Nancy Fausch  
Marge Sheldahl
- 7/28 Lyle & Pat Martin  
Ben & Candi Engler

Acolytes -

- 7/7
- 7/14
- 7/21
- 7/28

Lectors -

- 7/7
- 7/14
- 7/21
- 7/28

Ushers

- Brent Emerson, captain
- Jean Saveraid
- Max Shelton
- Tim Wilson

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

- 7/7...Roger and Deb Moore
- 7/21...to be determined

Offering Counters

- Bob Snider, Holly Twedt

Altar Guild

- Pat Martin and Cindi Thomas

Mowing volunteers

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Deliver Food Pantry donations for July

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Not only is there a place for you in this church, there is a great need for your time and skills for doing God's work in the world. Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbor. This is work we do together in the name of Jesus Christ here and throughout the world through the ELCA and its partners.



The body of Christ is made up of many members. We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Palestine Lutheran

Church. They give of their time and talents.

**We thank God for you!**

**Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief**



The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in late summer or the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items on the list available in the choir room. In July bags with a list will be available in the choir room for you to

fill if you want. ?s talk to Oriett.

**Guidelines:** Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols; decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Lists of items needed for personal care kits, baby care kits and Fabric Kits are available near the collection boxes for the school kits. The next shipment for LWR quilts and kits is in October.

- 1 - Jax Clark  
Charlie Rhoads  
Michelle Siepker  
Marshal Sheldahl
- 2 - Julie Huxford  
Emmett Johnson
- 3 - Mitchell Peterson  
Deidre Qual  
Jean Saveraid
- 4 - Dolores Hauge
- 6 - Melanie Fausch  
Kevin Rahner
- 7 - Holly Larson
- 9 - Shane Harmon  
Annika Larson  
Jacob Saltzman  
Timothy Wise
- 10 - Lori Edwards  
Amber McKenna
- 11 - Kevin Rowedder
- 13 - Sandy Harleen
- 14 - Leslie Harris  
Jamie Ness
- 15 - Kiley Calvert
- 16 - Brent Larson  
Donna Millang  
Ila Russell  
Kari Sandquist
- 17 - Jenny Gallagher  
Greg Hartsook  
Gus Madson
- 18 - Merle Brendeland  
Roger Larson  
Aldo Medici IV
- 20 - Brayden DeVries
- 21 - Paris Hitchcock
- 22 - Henry Sandquist
- 23 - Apollo McKenna
- 24 - Ron Locker  
Matt Siepker
- 25 - Deb Ness  
Benjamin Williams
- 27 - Scott Johnson  
Shannon Wilson
- 29 - Josie Jensen  
Teri Klimpel  
Abbie Larson  
Pat Martin
- 30 - Shelley Klingbeil
- 31 - Taylor Sample



*Celebrating Their*  
**ANNIVERSARY**

- July
- 1 - Paul & Deb Ness
  - 14 - Tracy & Doreen Blackmer  
Kevin & Melissa Kopaska  
Garrett & Ellen Longnecker
  - 15 - Doug & Lori Schonhorst
  - 17 - Shane & Jennifer Harmon  
Wade & Holly Twedt
  - 20 - Tom & Kristin Shelton
  - 22 - Nels & Allison Dovre
  - 25 - Dennis & Donna Millang

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

**Remember in Prayer**

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during June: Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Alisha Cox; Marvin Edwards; Lowell Elliott; Tim Elliott; Jackie Greene; Wanda Halverson; Warren Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Loree Ness; Chuck Ostermeier; Oriett Snider; Shannon Tope; Nova Lynn Walte; Arlene Wee; Sarah JoAnn Young; Phil Zeller

Famiy & friends of Lowell Brendeland; Ardith "Elaine" Schwartz; Mary DeBerg; Arthur Saveraid; Dorothy Ogden

- Our Compassion International child a 8 yr old boy Roberto Junior Perez Barreto in Columbia.
- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks around the world & also here at home.
- Syrian refugees.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...  
...to family and friends of **Dorothy Ogden** (Henry Rumbaugh's sister)

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

We welcome the newest members of our family of faith...  
...received by transfer, **Henry and Jan Rumbaugh, Helen Miller** on Sunday – June 23, 2019.

...received by Holy Baptism on June 23, 2019, **Wyatt James Sandquist**. Wyatt is the son of Tom and Kari Sandquist and brother of Henry. His baptismal sponsors are Abel & Maggie Castor and Casey Huxford.

We give thanks for these people whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

**A Note of Thanks**

To my Pals at Palestine – My Church Family  
Thank you for Birthday Greetings and caring Well Wishes. May God continue to guide us and keep us in His care.

With Appreciation Love and Prayers,  
Leona Larson



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

August 3 – Riverside 5K and Quilt Auction

September 20 – Riverside Fall Golf Classic (registration due August 23)

The theme for **Summer 2019** is "Press On". We are excited to see what God will do in the lives of our campers, families, and staff, as we "Press On" towards what God has called us to. Our theme verse comes from Philippians 3:13-14 and says, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Our desire is that this summer camp experience allows students and families to seek Jesus Christ out in all things and to see the kingdom of God enter into their lives on a daily basis!

Check out Riverside's website to find a detailed schedule that has information about which weeks of camp are full and which still have room for campers. We look forward to seeing all of those smiling faces at Riverside this summer!

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

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

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

**The Quilt Auction is Saturday, August 3, 2019!**

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



**LSI's Host Homes Program**

Each year, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) empowers hundreds of Iowans with disabilities. There is no greater joy for us than seeing an individual develop greater independence, find their confidence, and thrive in their community. And through our innovative Host Homes program, LSI has found a new way to lift up our Iowa neighbors.

Through the program, adults with disabilities or "mentees" move from a supported community living setting – like a 24-hour, fully staffed home with roommates – into a private family home with a Host Homes "mentor". LSI collaborates with the individuals we serve and the contracted mentors to ensure each match is the perfect fit and to create a shared living opportunity that is beneficial to mentors and mentees.

LSI is seeking compassionate and dedicated caregivers to join us in the mission. If you have room in your heart and in your home, being a Host Homes mentor might be for you! Visit [LSIowa.org/HostHomes](http://LSIowa.org/HostHomes) to learn more. If you are interested in supporting crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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).*

**The Best Kind of Bond**

Amanda needed a change. For years, she had received 24-hour care, living in a busy home with three roommates. But she was lashing out and becoming aggressive, and she required multiple psychiatric hospital visits throughout the year to receive mental health treatment. She and her dad, Bruce, knew she needed more one-on-one attention to thrive.

They turned to LSI's new Host Homes program. Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, the program allows adults with disabilities to transition from supported community living to a private family home where they build positive, lasting relationships with a specially selected mentor instead of a team of staff members.

Soon, Amanda was matched with Mavis, an LSI Host Homes mentor. On the day Mavis and Amanda first met, they clicked. And a year later, the family hasn't looked back.

Instead of several emergency calls and incidents each year, Amanda has gone over a year without any mental health hospitalization. Mavis has spent the last year collaborating with Amanda to find the best way for her to communicate her emotions. She wants Amanda to know her voice and thoughts are heard.

"Mavis has helped in every way," Bruce says. "She cares, she's loving, she's patient, and she's getting Amanda engaged in art classes and hobbies she loves. I have a happier daughter now."