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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."

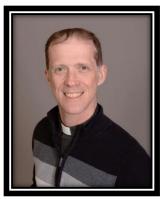
### **Our Vision:**

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.

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Looking to God in this Season

of Pandemic

With Pastor Eric

As we enter this season of pandemic, I would like us to keep in mind the words of Isaiah 43, especially verses 1-3 -

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

With the internet and computer age comes information galore from all directions and multiple sources. We hear voices of all kinds and motives from profits to prophets and fear along with hope. I am torn like many out there with decisions about social distancing, resourcing and healthy choices. The medical experts and church leaders say with a strong voice, "Take this seriously!" and "Set an example!" for your vulnerable neighbors as well as your families.

This pandemic is new territory for most of us and the right things to do are not always known with certainty! There is grace for that

### Looking to God in this Season of Pandemic – continued . . .

my friends! Jesus would have us love our neighbor and consider first the other, vulnerable among us who do not have the immunity, health or resources to stand and as Christians, we let no one stand alone! God tells the people that there will be floods and fires but they will not be overwhelmed or consumed. Yes, we will get wet and burned and experience challenges, inconveniences and suffer but God is hope, love, comfort and as Desmund Tutu learned. A young black man asked his minister why their people had to suffer so much poverty, hardship, and oppression. "Why doesn't God do something?" he wailed. "He has," said that wise pastor. "He has created you." And so Desmond Tutu, now the archbishop of South Africa, became the answer to his own question.

Pray for one another, look out for your neighbors, grab your directory and check up on someone today and tomorrow. If you can help by taking precautions then do that. Everyone can be the little Christ to the other and use common sense along the way.

God is with you!

Peace

Pastor Eric



Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website <u>www.elca.org</u>  $\rightarrow$ Resources $\rightarrow$  Downloadable Resources $\rightarrow$  Bible studies

Palm/Passion SundayFocus: An Instrument of Giving"The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed wereshouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one whocomes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highestheaven.'" Matthew 21:9 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 21:1-11

**Easter Sunday** Focus: Instrument of life? "But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said." Matthew 28:5-6 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 28:1-10

Second Sunday of Easter Focus: Instrument of Prayer "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 (NRSV)

Read John 20:19-31

**Third Sunday of Easter** Focus: Instrument of Serenity "When [Jesus] was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight." (Luke 24: 30-31 NRSV)

Read Luke 24:13-35

### **PALESTINE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Worship & Study Opportunities – April 2020

<u>Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup></u> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30-7 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m.Mid-week Lent Service (Livestream)

Sunday, April 5th (Palm/Passion Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) -with Holy Communion; Children's Church; Blessing of Quilts; Palm crosses will be available in the West Entrance to the church on Friday through Sunday afternoon

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study



<del>6:30-7 p.m. Confirmation</del>; 7 p.m. Gethsemane Prayer Service (Livestream)

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday; Holy Communion (No First communion – this will be celebrated at a later date); Stripping of the Altar (Livestream)

<u>Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup></u> 2 p.m. Movie "The Passion of Christ" (Not more than 10 people – call Pastor Eric to reserve your spot) 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – online resource only 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship (Livestream)

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek 2-5 p.m. Easter Prayer Vigil

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter) 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service; Holy Communion (TBD) 9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship; Holy Communion (TBD) (Livestream both services)

### PALESTINE LUTHERAN CHURCH Worship & Study Opportunities – April 2020 After April 13<sup>th</sup>, the schedule will be "To Be Determined"

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation

<u>Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup></u> 7 a.m. <del>Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek</del>

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter) 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion; Children's Church

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter) 9:30 a.m. Worship; Children's Church

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation



The Grand View University Choir has canceled their concert previously scheduled for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines due to the virus. There was a poster in fellowship hall inviting people to attend.

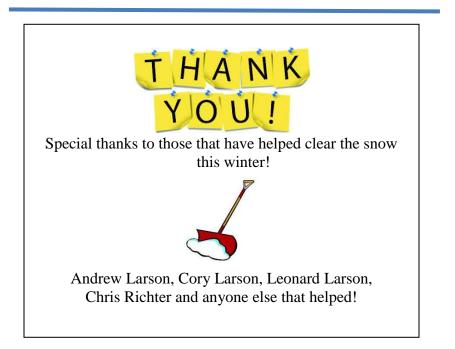


# Remember in Prayer

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

Laura Aust, Dianne Blackmer, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Alisha Cox, Bev Echtenkamp, Lowell Elliott, Jackie Greene, Alice Kahler, Eric Klimpel, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Merlin Lyon, Roger Moore, Loree Ness, Deidre Qual, Jody Schuman, Shannon Tope, Marissa Vermeer, Joyce Volz, Nova Lynn Walte, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller,

*Family & friends of:* Valerie Brendeland, Angie Claude, Bonny Erickson, Wanda Halverson, Sue Ihle, Ralph Kalsem, Donna Keiser, Sharon Mortenson, Mark Richter, Dean Simmons, Judy Smith, Don Trautner, Arlene Wee





## **April Birthdays**

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1	Mason Kam
	Derrick Rhoads
2 5	Logan DeHaven
5	Alisha Cox
	Doris Ness
6	Craig Fausch
7	Cindy Friedrichsen
9	Cheryl Blackmer
11	Marvin Edwards
12	Brookelyn Rahner
	Wyatt Sandquist
15	Todd Schmidt
18	Garrett Jensen
	Maggie Larson
	Katie Madson
19	Margo Baldwin
22	Wayne Reinhart
	Carolyn Tatarniuk
27	Maizy DeVries
	Emma Sample
28	Bob Snider
29	Olivia Ewing
30	Ruth Evans

## **April Anniversaries**



- 2- Mike & Holly Larson (15<sup>th</sup>)
- 18 Garry & Sandy Wirtz (56<sup>th</sup>)
- 19 Marvin & Lori Edwards
- 21 Lowell & Denise Elliott
- 23 Tyler & Sarah Roelfs(15<sup>th</sup>)
- 24 Andrew & Kristine Polich

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



# A Note from our Council President, Kristin Shelton

### **Faith Over Fear**

It is easy to let fear take over in situations. Last week, we were in Florida while all of the COVID 19 information was transpiring. For a moment, I felt the fear of many things. How will we get home? What if our flight is cancelled? What if there are no rental cars? Then there is social media and the news which intensifies my feelings. On my walk, I realized that fear and worry is not the answer-praying is. I remember praying, this is in your hands God and I am turning my worries over to you, I know you are in control and you have a plan. Please watch over all who are involved and give knowledge to those who need it at this difficult time. As I gave those worries to God, it felt as if the burden was lifted. God has a plan. God will ease our worries and help us with our fears.

The Bible is full of verses related to fear. We are in uncharted waters as we walk through this situation. So many unknowns and changes, but the one thing that remains true is God's love and protection of us and his ability to carry our fears and burdens for us. As we walk through these times, I know that our church will come together (maybe not physically) and support one another. As I watched our live stream, I felt blessed that we were able to live stream but sad that I couldn't see my church family as they are a reminder of God's love and an extra support when times are difficult. But this too shall pass and we will be worshiping together in time because we know that God has a plan. So I encourage you to use faith, family and prayers during this trying time.

Faith over fear.

### Kristin

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



### Greeters:

4/19 Mark & Robin Doty; David & Vallery Eisenmann4/26 Laura Kepler; Dick & Helen Kepler

### **Sunday Fellowship**

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

### Possible

### **Communion Assistants:**

4/5 Kristin Shelton; Kim Van Pelt
4/9 (Maundy Thursday) Doreen Blackmer
4/12 7 a.m. service-youth group
4/12 9:30 a.m. service – David & Vallery
Eisenmann
4/19 Nancy Fausch; Julie Huxford

### Altar Guild:

Teri Klimpel; Donna Millang <u>Offering Counters</u>: Brent Emerson; Jeannie Williams

## May 2020

Sunday	Henday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Rridey	Saturday
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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>5</b> Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sr. choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion*; Children's church; Blessing of Quilts 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. First Communion Class	6
<b>12</b> Easter 7 a.m. Sunrise Worship; Holy Communion* 8 a.m. <del>Easter Breakfast</del> 8:45 a.m <del>. Sr. Choir warm up &amp; practice</del> 9:30 a.m.Festival Worship*; Holy Communion 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	13
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship 5-6 p.m. 4-H meets @ church Newsletter deadline 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	20
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Men's Riverside retreat continued 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	27

# April 2020

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7 a.m. <del>Men's Bible study</del> 1 p.m. <del>Palestine Piecemakers 5:30 Light dinner</del> 6:30 p.m7 <del>Confirmation</del> 7 p.m. Lenten Worship*	2	3	<b>4</b> 7 a.m. <del>Tri County</del> <u>Men's Bible study</u> <u>@ Ballard Creek</u> Spring Blast at Riverside
<b>7</b> 10 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study	<b>8</b> 7 a.m. <del>Men's Bible study</del> NO Palestine Piecemakers 5:30 <del>Light dinner</del> 6:30 p.m7 <del>Confirmation</del> 7 p.m. Gethsemane Prayer Service*	<b>9</b> 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday*; Stripping of the Altar	<b>10</b> 2 p.m. Good Friday Movie "The Passion of Christ" 5:30 – 6:30 Stations of the Cross - 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship*	<b>11</b> 7 a.m. T <del>ri County</del> Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek 2-5 p.m. <del>Holy</del> Saturday Easter Prayer Vigil
<b>14</b> 10 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study	<b>15 TBD</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible study 12 p.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Palestine Piecemakers 6:30 -8 p.m. Confirmation	16	17	<b>18</b> 7 a.m. <del>Tri County</del> <del>Men's Bible study</del> <del>@ Ballard Creek</del> Spring Workday @ Riverside
<b>21</b> 10 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study	<b>22</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible study 1 p.m. Palestine Piecemakers 6:30 p.m8 Confirmation	23	24 Men's Retrea	<b>25</b> 7 a.m. <del>Tri County</del> <del>Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek</del> t @ Riverside
<b>28</b> 10 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study	tł	30 See notes abo ne Worship a art of the nev	nd Study O	pportunities



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

<u>Upcoming Events</u> – please check with website to see if these are still planned!

April 4 Riverside Gala – canceled

April 4 Spring Blast – *haven't seen anything on website yet* April 18 Spring Work Day

April 24-26 Men's Retreat

RIVERSIDE SUMMER CAMP 2020

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.

## **RIVERSIDE SPRING BLAST**

Take one day, mix in all the fun of camp and what do you get? The Blast! This is a great opportunity for you to come and see what camp is all about.

We start at 9:30 am and go until 4:00 pm. In the middle are games, chapel time, group building, lots of laughs, quiet time with God, great skits, carpetball, and lots of new friends to meet. So come check out The Blast here at Riverside this spring.

### Additional Information

### Please don't bring:

- Cell phones
- iPod and MP3 Players

### **RIVERSIDE SPRING BLAST - continued**

- Expensive jewelry or valuables Who?
- Grades 2-6 When?
- Saturday, April 4: 9:30 am 4:00 pm
- 9:00 am 9:30 am registration at the Dining Hall
- 4:00 pm pick-up at the Dining Hall How much?
- \$30 per camper (add \$5 if registering the week of)
   Where?
- Drop-off and pick-up is at the Dining Hall, which is the building on top of the hill to your left, as you pull into camp.
- 3001 Riverside Rd. Story City, Iowa What do you bring?
- Bible
- Clothes for lots of outside fun!
- Extra money for the camp store (\$5-\$10 is plenty)
- A smiling happy face!
- A friend!

### **Registration:**

- Register online
- OR download and mail in a BLAST Registration form
- Call the office at 515-733-5271 with any questions



# Easter Lilies for Easter Worship

Blumsters will be offering Easter lilies at a cost of \$20 (tax included). The plants will be delivered to church for Easter Sunday worship.

We understand if you don't want to order this year due to uncertainty.

You may sign up for plants by calling Tracy Sheldahl at 515-597-2200. Please let them know (at the time you order) if you are placing the plant in memory of or in honor of someone.

The deadline to order is Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>!



# Second Annual Palestine Piecemaker Outing

June 4<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome to join us!

We are planning an outing to the Amana Colonies Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.



# 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 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** 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.



We will still accept your offering! You can still give without being physically present two ways:

- 1. Mail check to: Palestine Lutheran Church 1375 HWY 210 Huxley, IA 50124
- 2. Give online through Easy Tithe.

Go to our website <u>www.plchuxley.com</u> and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our "Reaching out in Christian love to all" statement. You can sign in if you already have an easy tithe account or click on the "give now" tab to just donate. The nice thing about setting up an account is you can see your totals at any time. You do not have to set up recurring if you open an account. You can give whenever you want. You can pay by debit or credit card. It does charge the church a small fee if you use a credit card, FYI.

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



It will be celebrated this year, but it will be delayed!



# LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

April 2020

National Child Abuse Prevention Month According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,967 Iowa children were subject to abuse or neglect in 2018. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs or dangerous substance, and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health care.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2019, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 11,000 in-home visits to families. LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect. You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 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 and <u>Facebook.com/LSI.iowa</u>.



# April 2020

# LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story – continued

## A Future Full of Hope

Last year, Jaqashia didn't know what to do.

She was expecting her first child, and she felt stressed and overwhelmed. She didn't have a job or a home to provide for her new baby.

When she was referred to LSI's Early Childhood Services, she didn't know if the program could help her. But after just two months with her LSI worker, Jaqashia says the services made a life-changing difference.

- Her LSI worker, Pam, helped Jaqashia find an apartment. Every week, she visited Jaqashia in her new home to provide helpful parenting tips she could use to raise a happy, healthy baby. With a comfortable home ready for her child, Jaqashia felt confident and empowered to find a job. And Pam was there, ready to encourage her and walk alongside her every step of the way.
- Jaqashia is now the proud mother of a baby boy, A'Kani, and she is determined to be the best parent she can be. Pam still stops by for her regular visits but now, Jaqashia feels ready to raise her son in a safe and loving home.
- "LSI made a huge difference. They made a big positive change," Jaqashia says. "I feel very confident that I can actually raise my son now, and I have my own place. I'm feeling great."

## LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

We tried the website livestream and had to switch to Facebook livestream, so check both until it's all figured out!



Go to our website at <u>www.plchuxley.com</u>

Click on the Livestream tab in the upper right.



### ZOOM BIBLE STUDY @ PALESTINE IN APRIL

In this month of heightened awareness of our interactions and finding ways to stay connected to one another and God, I want to invite you to an on-line Bible Study opportunity which will use the digital social platform of ZOOM. Pastor Eric will host the meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00 am and Sundays at 4pm. We can accommodate up to 100 people for a 40 minute meeting time.

I will send out an invitation to the congregation via email to help get you plugged into the event. We will start on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and then on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Check your email the prior week for the invitation to participate. You can participate either by audio (phone) or video (computer).

Topic that we will cover for this month will be prayer. Have your Bibles in hand.

ZOOM is a social media platform which gives us a way to meet and connect without being physically together in the same space. ZOOM is popular right now and Pastor Eric would like to be more proficient with it, so this Bible study will help <sup>(2)</sup>

### 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



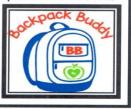
We invite you to **study**, **pray** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

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



Examples of items needed:					
Granola Bars	Puddings	Snackables	Mac & Cheese		
Detergent	Cleaning supplies	Dish soap	Toilet Paper		
Paper towels	Goldfish	Breakfast drinks-	Special K		

# <u>Journey Into Lent & Holy Week</u> 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.

Lent packet and resources availabe on website and at church. Bring offerings for Lent along with food donations to the Office during office hours. 8am to 1pm (Tue-Fri) and put in North Hall or call Pastor 936-444-3895.



#### CROSS PURPOSES-PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

(Sun, April 05 at 9:30am) - Live Stream 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@ 7:00pm) - Live Stream

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"-MaundyThursday

(April 09 @ 7:00 pm) - Live Stream

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.





### 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.

<u>The Passion of the Christ (Movie)</u> - begin our journey at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.—Limit 10 (call first—936-444-3895)

<u>The Stations of the Cross will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.</u> <u>Tenebrae Worship Experience will begin at 7:00 p.m. Live Stream</u>

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL "THE SILENT TOMB" (Items send on-line. Check website)

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

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# **EASTER SUNDAY!**

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

TheTomb is empty! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Time to Celebrate! All Services will "Live Stream" on website and Facebook



# <u> Lent Midweek Worship @ Palestine 2020</u>

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 Five (April 1<sup>st</sup>) ------ 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? <u>What new songs can you hear God singing in your congregation?</u> <u>How is God calling your congregation to sing a new song?</u>

## BALLARD COMMUNITY RESOURCES Coronavirus Response

### Local Resources for Food or Supplies:

- Fareway reserving 8-9 a.m. hours for customers who are 65 and over, expecting mothers, those living with a serious chronic medical condition, and anyone with an underlying medical condition that increase the susceptibility to serious illness from COVID-19
- Ballard Schools Grab and Go meals MWF from 11-12:30. Offered to all children 18 and under. Available for pick up in the parking lot or bus lane at each participating location. Monday and Wednesday meals will include 2 days of breakfast and lunch items. Friday meals will include 3 days of breakfast and lunch items. Children must be present to receive meals.
  - a. Slater Fire Department: 307 Main St., Slater
  - b. Slater Baptist Church: 601 Story St., Slater
  - c. Cambridge Methodist Church: 215 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Cambridge
  - d. Kelley City park: Corner of Grace St. and Giddings, Kelley
  - e. Ballard Middle School (front driveway): 509 N Main Ave. Huxley

## For Families at Home

- 1. Huxley Public Library is currently closed, but will provide curb-side pickup of new materials.
- 2. School resources TBD
- 3. Backpack buddies
- "Little Free Libraries" take a walk or ride your bike to one of these resources in Huxley or Cambridge and find some new reading material!

## BALLARD COMMUNITY RESOURCES Coronavirus Response

### For Essential Workers

Our community keeps operating because some folks continue to show up to work every day – health care workers, day care providers, essential city workers, etc. If this is you, please take advantage of any of the resources below:

- Community meal please feel free to stop by any of the following locations to pick up a homemade casserole.
  - a. Trinity United Methodist Church, 102 Lynwood Drive, Huxley
- 2. Food fund once per week, you can place a takeout order for up to four people in your home for free.

### **Online Mental Health Resources:**

We have provided a few online mental health resources below. We encourage you to share these with family, friends, and others in the community.

https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/covid19/

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html

https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2020/NAMI-Updates-on-the-Coronavirus

https://afsp.org/taking-care-of-your-mental-health-in-the-faceof-uncertainty/

https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-socialdistancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf