

Reaching out in Christian love to all!

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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 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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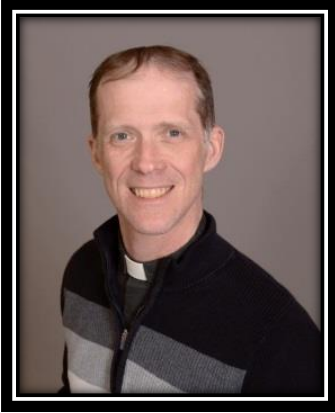


Tithes & Offering

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.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

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



**Heavenly Attitudes in a Steward
Life -----*With Pastor Eric***

I've been asked by people over time in different ways, "What do you think heaven is like?" My responses have changed a bit here and there but one thing that sticks is "Heaven is where we will sing praises to God and rejoice all the time." However, we don't have to wait to experience heaven wherever we are. Listen to Paul...perhaps a glimpse of heaven in these words.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:4-7

I printed these verses and hung them on my wall across from my desk in the office. Every day I read them and think about how present God is to me and whatever situation I find myself involved with. "Don't worry about anything...". Paul is probably writing this letter from jail, and I am sure that he struggled with some anxiety about those fledgling churches out there. As a pastor, I find myself worried about you, my beloved congregation. I observe your anxieties about an ever-changing world and lives pulled this way and that. Nobody seems to have much time to focus on anything or anyone. Before you know it, it's gone...it's over... and

time marches onward. The “it” can be anything, or anyone right? I am writing this newsletter article with the nagging thought that I had just written last months?! I could sure use that “peace” of God guarding my heart and mind – how about you?

This month we are going to focus a bit on some stewardship concepts. I’m not talking about money, time and talent surveys but lifestyle and attitudes toward life in the Lord’s presence. Paul taps into this idea in these few inspiring verses in Philippians. We will consider faith, persistence, gratitude, and humility. We find these traits in Paul’s letter with words like “always” and “thanksgiving” and “requests” and yes, “the Lord is near” which is to be believed and trusted above all else. I would highly recommend posting these verses on your phone or fridge or screensaver and simply read them every day and let them permeate your mind and heart. Please remember that you are not alone in trying to figure this stuff out for your life. Paul is writing to “you (plural)” the community of faith. We are gifted to help others and together we make a joy-full life.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, giver of every good and perfect gift, thank you for everything which makes us who we are in this life. Thank you for the time, the people, the breath. Thank you for the opportunities to share our gifts with freedom and great joy. Help us to realize the true gifts in giving and rejoice always in you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

Adult Catechism

Sundays after worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays. You are invited into some catechism discussions based on Luther's Small Catechism. We will watch a short video, then read some scriptures and discuss the topic. What a wonderful way to get to know your faith and refresh those confirmation vibes. If you have a bible and a small catechism, then bring them along.

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm on ZOOM. If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

"Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." - Simon Peter
Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well.

This study helps you to answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds and a new way of knowing him. Through six sessions you will discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure and trust God.

Each session has a handout to use to prepare and discuss your insights here and now. Pick up session handouts at Church for each session.

Youth Confirmation Ministry

For youth in 7th and 8th grades – classes on the small catechism with the goal of confirmation at the end of a two-year ministry of service, discussion, and fun. Questions? Contact Pastor Eric Klimpel @ ericklimpel@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)

Griefshare Support Group Fall Session

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the conference room. For people who have suffered significant loss due to death of a family member or friends and would like a support network to help work through their story. The group meets for 13 weeks on a “drop in” basis using materials from the Christian faith to help navigate the time together. Please consult e-news, bulletin, or the griefshare website for more date details. If interested, contact Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com or register on the website @ www.griefshare.org under locate a group.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Every 1st and 3rd Sundays 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.



Join us for the next one October 23rd from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124
(Drop in if you would like ☺)

R.O.C.K. Group

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



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: How is Jesus calling you to respond in new ways?

“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’” Luke 17:5 (NRSV)

Read Luke 17:5-10

Pentecost Week 28

Focus: What fills your heart with gratitude today?

“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.” Luke 17:15 (NRSV)

Read Luke 17:11-19

Pentecost Week 29

Focus: How do you pray always?

“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” Luke 18:1 (NRSV)

Read Luke 18:1-8

Pentecost Week 30

Focus: How does a disciple of Jesus become humble?

“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:14 (NRSV)

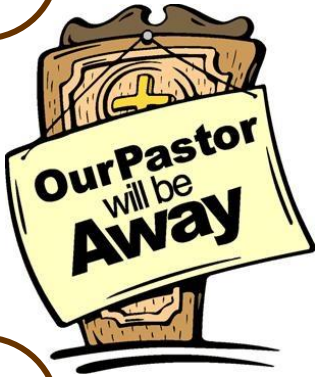
Read Luke 18:9-14

Pentecost Week 31

Focus: What would it be like if the only law was to love?

“Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works! No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.” Romans 3:27-28 (NRSV)

Read Romans 3:19-28



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation
October 7-12th.

During his absence you can contact
Pastor Swanson at Fjeldberg Lutheran
Church at 319-850-3852.

Please do not facebook pastor's mother
(Marlene Klimpel) because it's a
surprise. Thank you!



*Confirmation Installation for
2022-2023 year*

9-11-22



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

Confirmands:

7th grade - Kaedence DeVries, Adaline Jolly, Aubrey Lewis,
Jax Richter, Owen Williams

8th grade - Margo Baldwin, Madeline Schonhorst,
Tylan Siepker, Caden Van Pelt

Women of the ELCA

Cluster 1 Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 8, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Fellowship Room
104 S. Market Street
Madrid, IA

- Registration (\$5), refreshments & fellowship 9 a.m.
- Program 9:45 a.m.
- "All are Welcome" – Afghan emigres
- Speaker: Lutheran Services of Iowa (Matthew 25:36-44)



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 11th 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

***Every pint of blood donated can help to save
or improve three lives!***



BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th
at 11:15 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.

**Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, October 16th!**



3001 Riverside Road
Story City, IA 50248
www.riversidelbc.org

Fall Recharge. October 21-23rd 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 on their website! It's going to be a ton of fun!
Register online @ <https://www.riversidelbc.org/registration>



Prayer List Guidelines Changing in October

1. We will keep names on the prayer list for one month. If someone wishes to stay on longer (*for another month*), then let the office know along with contact information for any follow up needed.
2. Grieving Families will remain for up to 2 years unless requested by the family to be removed. Contact information will be needed for the person making the request to either add or remove.

The Worship Committee Approved these guidelines for Sunday worship.

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Penelope Brown, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Arlyce Engles, Julie Gentry, Phyl Hughes, Sandra Kalsem, Roger Larson, Merlin Lyon, Lynzee Makowski, Loree Ness, Kathy Saveraid, Shirley Saveraid, Rachel Sinclair, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope

Family and Friends of: Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dovre, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary Lou Hoover, Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Bruce Halverson, Kevin Klingbeil, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, and Warren Johnson



October 2022

- 1 Allen "Pete" Evans
Lily Morford
Oakley Sickels
- 2 Hannah Johnson
Taylor Ness
- 3 Holly Twedt
- 4 Paul Ness (71st)
Grace Saveraid
- 5 Sue Kochheiser (75th)
Jacob Larson
- 8 Rose Locker (84th)
- 10 Colby Calvert
- 13 Monica Morse
- 14 Roger Moore (77th)
- 15 Monroe Elliott
Cora Thomas
- 17 Benjamin Engler
- 19 Nickolas Larson
Kendal Sickels
- 20 Lisa Sheldahl
- 21 Nancy Fausch (90th)
- 22 Seth Baldwin
- 23 Julie Emerson
- 24 Dennis Millang (74th)
- 25 Diane Larson (76th)
Zachary Larson
- 26 Drew Sandquist
- 27 Jennifer Harmon
- 28 Sienna Lewis

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



- 3 Rick & Lisa Sheldahl (35th)
- 8 Eric & Janell Van Gorp
- 13 Todd & Lisa Schmidt (10th)
- 16 Scott & McKenzie Bushaw
- 22 Scott & Megan Brendeland
- 24 Kevin & Jill Rahner
- 26 Tom & Jenny Gallagher (15th)
- 28 Dax & Haylie Clark



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

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



ALTAR GUILD: Teri Klimpel & Jen Pote

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

October 2nd: David & Vallery Eisenmann

October 16th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh

October 30th: Tracy Rhoads

OFFERING COUNTERS: Matt & Erika Williams

GREETERS* , **

October 2nd: Greg & Christa Hartsook, Julie Huxford

October 9th: Scott & Alyssa Johnson, Jason & Melinda Kam

October 16th: Darin & Katie Madson, Brad & Lesa Lewis

October 23rd: Jean Saveraid; Troy & Jody Calvert

October 30th: Chris & Amanda Richter, Tim & Shannon Wilson

*Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship

**All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

2022 NOVEMBER						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

www.free-printable-calendars.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>2 17th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion Music with Nels New Member Orientation 6:00 -7:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. "Kick-off"</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>9 18th Sunday of Pentecost No choir – <i>Mindy gone</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels "Cookie Sunday" Pastor Vacation</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 No bible study 3- 7 p.m. Blood Drive</p>
<p>16 19th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; 3rd Grade Bibles Music with Nels New Member Orientation 11:15 a.m. Blessing of the Pets & their caretakers 5:00 p.m. 4H</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>23 20th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels Adult Catechism 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>30 21st Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Reformation Sunday Music with Nels</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.	6 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	7 Pastor Vacation →	8 9:00 a.m. Women's ELCA Fall Gathering @ St. John's
12 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Pastor will be back) →	13 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	14	15
19 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	20 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	21 Riverside Fall Recharge 21 st – 23 rd	22
26 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. Ornament making with dinner 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	27 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	28	29
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Mark your calendars!

Dec. 11th Christmas program

Dec. 17th Christmas Extravaganza (R.O.C.K.)

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve: 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. services



These minutes have not yet been approved.

**Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, September 11th, 2022 @ 8 a.m.**

Hailey Clark, Brad Lewis, Pastor Klimpel, Chris Richter, Dr. Eisenmann, Leonard Larson, Deidre Qual, Kristin Shelton, Kent Klingbeil, Jen Pote, Candi Engler, Deb Moore
Absent: Julie Emerson, Greg Saveraid

A quorum was established.

Devotions: Brad Lewis **Treats:** Deb Moore

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: Alvina’s Funeral and her faith

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kristin
- Second: Dave E.
- Unanimous vote of approval

Treasurer’s Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$13,985.48
- Total Checking: \$45,397.25
- Motion to approve: Deb
- Second: Dave E.
- Unanimous vote of approval

Pastor's Report: Alvina Larson and Warren Johnson funerals, Ballard creek closing, Prairie fest successes, Huxley Clothing Pantry, Kick Leaders moved on and looking for new leadership, taking Austin to UNI, Teri gone to Texas, Florence Sandve funeral, Confirmation started, in God's Hands work day, heading to New York the second weekend in October, Youth Council Meeting

New business:

- Fellowship, social concerns, and library reports
- Taylor Sample, Natalie Kruse and Max Clark approval to be released from confirmation and confirmed. Candi motioned to approve and Jen Pote seconded. All voted in unison for approval.
- Do we want to do a steak fry dinner? Where is Kumla? Jen Pote is going to look into it.

Unfinished business:

- Sound quotes – Nels Dovre (Electronic Sound – Nels and Chris will get a firm recommendation.) Add in the things to help Brent.
- Property Committee: \$4,000 bid for trees, \$4,750 final bill. AC Unit finally installed on Tuesday. First unit \$4,871. Times two units. \$10,000 roughly final bill.

Closing Statements:

Adjourn:

- Motioned to Adjourn: Leonard Larson
- Second: Candi Engler

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: 10/2/22 @ 8 a.m.

Treats: Jen Pote

Devotions: Chris Richter



**Pie and ice cream social
Huxley Prairie Fest
Friday, August 26th
We gave it all away!
Donations were \$790**



**Community Worship
August 28th
@ Nord Kalsem Hall
Huxley Food Pantry offerings
\$400!**

Prairie Fest Parade pics – August 27th





SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
7,000 pounds of cantaloupe picked
in 3 hours!





Thank you to all who were able to come out and pick cantaloupe on "God's Work, Our Hands" day. The volunteers picked around 7000 lbs in a little over two hours. The melons were delivered to area food pantries during the following week to help feed hungry lowans. Thank you, again, for your hard work.

- Iowa Gardening for Good, Tracy & Doreen Blackmer

thank you!

**Our collection
from God's
Works, Our
Hands!**

***The soap will be appreciated
at the Food Pantry.***



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 three 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

SERMON SERIES

GO TELL
THE
WORLD

Fall Worship
Theme & Series

Four Traits for a Life of Stewardship



Based on the texts for the month of October, we will examine four aspects of discipleship as it relates to life, money and community. We will examine these four traits of faith, gratitude, persistence, and humility while claiming the baptismal call to tell the World!



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and good wishes my way during my eye surgeries and back surgery this past year. Having the support and prayers of my church family made all the difference in keeping a positive attitude. Thank you, again, for the kind thoughts and offers of assistance during my recovery periods. I appreciated it all!

- Doreen Blackmer



October 2022 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

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.

LSI is now offering seminars to those interested in learning more about legacy gifts, wills and final wishes.

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).

Making a Lasting Impact

Phil has had a connection to LSI since his college years. While taking social work classes at Wartburg College, he was asked to tutor a student at LSI’s Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly. Even years later, he and his wife, Phyllis, continued to support LSI programming by making a donation around Christmas each year.

When Phyllis passed away in 2012, Phil began looking at their investments and considering how he could make a positive impact long-term. While at a church event, he met an LSI staff member and learned about a charitable trust program. He decided to establish four benefactors – including LSI – in his planned giving.

“LSI can use the money in a wise, caring way for people who are at risk or who really need help, and in a way that nobody else is doing.” Phil says. “Through planned giving, LSI and these other causes will be able to continue what they’re doing even when I’m gone.”



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

"Trust in [God] at all times, O people; pour out your heart before [God]; God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:8).

Dear friends,

Over the weekend, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

- **In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean**, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to develop an immediate response in impacted communities.
- **In Alaska**, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state's western coast. This was one of the worst storms in recent decades in Alaska, with strong waves and heavy rainfall damaging homes, seawalls, roads and other infrastructure. Officials are planning a quick relief period before the water freezes. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Alaska Synod to address the needs of those impacted by the storm.
- **In Japan**, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country's southernmost main island. At least two people were killed and dozens more injured in the storm, which moved northward over Honshu. Wind gusts of over 145 mph and heavy rainfall caused at least one landslide and damaged homes and businesses. We have been in touch with the ELCA's global personnel in Japan.
- **In Papua New Guinea**, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on Sep. 11, with ensuing aftershocks. At least three people died, and many buildings and roads were impacted. There is a strong Lutheran presence in the impacted area, including a Lutheran nursing school connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New

Guinea (ELCPNG) that was damaged in the earthquake. We have been in contact with the ELCPNG to discuss a possible response.

- **In Pakistan**, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis. The flooding has killed 1,500 people and up to 7 million people may be displaced. Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an ACT Alliance appeal that addresses the needs of flooded communities. Through the appeal, local partners will provide food, temporary shelter and bedding, rebuilding materials and psychosocial support.

These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the [Lutheran Disaster Response general fund](#), we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted.

In Christ's service,



The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

To Give, go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Or send checks or money orders to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
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