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Picture courtesy of McKenzie Bushaw from
Costa Rica Mission Trip

Reaching out in Christian love to all!

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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.

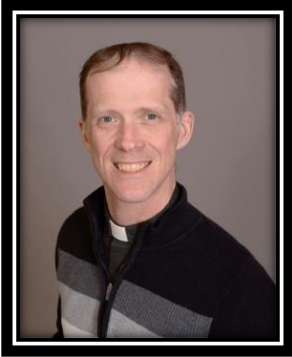
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Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation August 9 – 13th. Pastor Kathleen Lotz will be on call for emergencies 515-686-0581.



No Gossip Zone!

.....with Pastor Eric

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

***We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray, or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light. –
Luther’s Small Catechism***

You might remember this little lesson from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism in which Luther teaches us how to understand and apply the eighth commandment. This explanation seems straight forward to me?! However, I find it challenging in a way that is far beyond the other commandments. If you break this commandment, then you either have, or are in danger of breaking the other nine commandments as well.

Our society’s social media has thrived off breaking this commandment. We’ve seen the violation in terms like “fake news” and “my truth” in which it is hard to trust what we are hearing, reading, or receiving about our neighbors. The world is quick to judge – cancel or smear – based on “allegations” rather than proofs. We have heard about the chronic loneliness and a

disconnect between people that can lead to desperate ways to engage like gossip.

Gossip is a menace in our community especially small communities – and communities within communities like churches and extended families, school systems and social groups. We want to be in the know so badly that we say things...we want to be in the group, so we contribute to conversations without thinking. Cultures of gossip lead to lives of secrecy, shame, fear, and distrust – so little help is asked for when truly needed and communication and compassion break down. I hate gossip...and I value confidentiality. Paul echoes a strategy for building up confidence and trust in community that Luther endorses.

When approached by someone speaking idle talk or rumors about another person, you can respond with positive and uplifting comments about that person and not feed the mill. You can walk away! Paul says in ***Philippians 4:8*** ***“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*** Lifting others is a great way to lift the whole community! Helpful and healthy communications come from trusting others – and gossip undermines that trust and feeds on itself. As we enter a new season of school, ministry, and activity, let us be mindful of the eighth commandment because God gives it for our benefit and our life together.

Let us pray. Gracious God, guard our hearts and tongues from gossip and slander, and fill our days speaking well of our neighbors, and families and interpret everything in the best possible light, so that we might build up community trust in love. May the truth prevail with justice and compassion, in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays this summer 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. No study during VBS week.

- *Life of Jesus series* is designed to help participants take a closer, more personal look at Jesus as they explore His significant life events and teachings. Each study includes 12 stand-alone lessons. Each book includes teacher notes and student sheets which include an opening activity, related Scripture, discussion and application questions.

Parables is a 12-session study which gives participants the opportunity to study the parables Jesus used to teach his people. Session titles are

- The Great Banquet
- The Talents
- The Sower
- The Unmerciful Servant
- The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- The Rich Fool
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- The Good Samaritan
- Workers in the Vineyard
- The Ten Virgins

This study used a simple, user-friendly format consisting of four major components

- Focus — introduces the participants to the concepts that will be explored during the session
- Inform — guides participants into Scripture to learn what God says about different issues
- Connect — provides activities and questions to help participants apply the truth found in Scripture to their lives
- Vision — suggests activities for additional growth during the week to come

If you need help purchasing books *if needed*, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study


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

New Member Orientation Meetings

Typically Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship in the south conference room as arranged with the Pastor. 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 August 20th 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.** at the Fenceline Beer Lab, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*Drop in if you would like ☺*)

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)



FALL BOOK BASH

Save your used books & puzzles
for our September Book Bash!

Collection will begin September 3rd and 10th.
Bash will be September 17th and 24th!



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 10

Focus: *When have you been moved by compassion to help someone?*

"When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick." Matthew 14:14 (NRSV). Read Matthew 14:13-21

Pentecost 11

Focus: *When have you needed to place the most trust in Christ?*

"Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31 (NRSV). Read Matthew 14:22-33

Pentecost 12

Focus: *What bold thing have you done related to your faith?*

"Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 9:12 (NRSV). Read Matthew 15:21-28

Pentecost 13

Focus: *Who do you say Jesus is?*

"Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'" Matthew 16:16 (NRSV). Read Matthew 16:13-20



Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during June/July:

Mark Braun, Adrienne Brown, Gloria Dovre, Trice Elliott, Crystal Hughes, Lori Edwards, Dolores Hauge, Diane Larson, Nancy Shriver

Family & friends of: 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, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, 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

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

**Sunday,
August 20th**

Bring your backpack or lunchbox with you to worship. We will bless the teachers and students as well!

*Blessing
of the
Backpacks*



R.O.C.K. Group Mission Trip

to Costa Rica June 24 – July 1st





The Rice and Beans Ministries 2023 themes were: Love is _____, and Go Live Love – based off of the following song lyrics. “If you love the way you are loved, you’ll change the world around you. There’s no greater love than the one that’s inside of you. Run into the impossible, with the power of the one who’s unstoppable. You change the world when you go live love. So change the world as you go live love.”

Throughout our week of service, we experienced God’s love in a wide variety of ways as we served as his hands in feet in Costa Rica. God’s love is patient, unconditional, and everlasting. Sharing love requires vulnerability, opening your heart to others even though it’s sometimes hard and risky. This was evident as volunteers and leaders shared their testimonies and personal experiences, as people in the community opened up their homes to us and gave us a glimpse into their world, and as we stepped outside our comfort zones to meet them where they were and pray with them. The connections, hope, joy, and memories that came from those interactions will stick with us for years to come.

Thank you for all of the support and donations that made this trip possible! The Go Live Love song lyrics have really stuck with us, and we encourage each of you to join us in reflecting on two questions: What does it look like to live and love the way that we are loved by God? What are ways we can live love here in our community?

Thanks!

McKenzie & the R.O.C.K. Group



Thanks to Brayden DeVries, Lucas Hartsook, and Natalie Kruse for taking the time to share their memories from the trip at worship service July 16th



feed people ♻️ recycle food

VOLUNTERING AT in Ames July 9th

They need more summer help! Visit foodatfirst.com for more volunteer information.





- 5 Tracy Blackmer
Tony Ness
Kason Swan
- 6 Amy Larson (50th)
London Roelfs
- 7 Vallery Eisenmann
Laura Kepler
- 8 Arlyce Engles
- 10 Taylor Larson
- 12 Alyssa Johnson
Drake Klingbeil
- 16 Garry Wirtz (82nd)
- 17 Tyler Roelfs
- 18 Chris Richter
- 19 Denise Elliott (72nd)
Sarah Jensen
Allan Kopaska
Megan Rowedder
Neva Umland
- 21 Dominic Hansen
Maryn Tatarniuk
- 22 Heather Swan
- 26 Brinley Dykstra
Janice Rumbaugh (79th)
- 27 Leonard Larson (73rd)
Jacob Williams
- 28 Greyson Johnson
Karina Kelso
Chloe Shelton
- 29 Noelle Hartsook
Charles Sheldahl (80th)
- 30 Ian Minnihan

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- 2 Russ & Mindy DeVries (20th)
- 4 Ken & Louise Larson (50th)
- 6 Kevin & Jeannie Williams
- 13 Jim & Nina Gotta
- 14 David & Vallery Eisenmann
Adam & Molly Wuebker
- 15 Tim & Shannon Wilson
- 16 Bob & Oriett Snider
- 18 Justin & Jodie Sample
- 21 Allan & Deb Kopaska
- 22 Penn & Laurie Hill
- 23 Christian & Mary Kate Russell
- 26 Chris & Amanda Richter
- 27 Brad & Lesa Lewis
- 29 Andrew & Cally Larson
Charles & Evy Sheldahl



Let's shower Garry Wirtz and Charles Sheldahl with cards for their birthdays!

Aug. 16th Gary Wirtz

Aug. 29th Charles Sheldahl

Please refer to the mailed newsletter for addresses. I don't like to put personal info on the web.

AUGUST

ALTAR GUILD: Teri Klimpel & Elaine Mohr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
August 6th: Lyle Martin & Tim Wilson
August 20th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh

OFFERING COUNTERS: *needed*

USHERS: Mike & Cindi Thomas

GREETERS*, **:
August 6th: Troy & Jody Calvert; Jason & Melinda Kam

August 13th: Chris & Amanda Richter; Matt & Michelle Siepker

August 20th: Jeff & Kim Van Pelt; David & Vallery Eisenmann

August 27th: Brad & Lesa Lewis; Ben & Candi Engler

*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.

| SEPTEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|--|--|---|
| 30th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship | 31 Online auction bidding begins for quilt auction @ Riverside | 1 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study |
| 6th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion | 7 | 8 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study |
| 13th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship; Cookie Sunday <i>Pastor on vacation</i> | 14 | 15 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study |
| 20th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Blessing of the Backpacks/Teachers & Students 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline Beer Lab | 21 | 22 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study |
| 27th Sunday of Pentecost 8.00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Prairie Fest Community worship @ Railroad Park | 28 | 29 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study |

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| WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study | 3 | 4 3 – 8 p.m. Live viewing of all quilts @ Riverside 7:08 p.m. Iowa Cubs Game | 5 8:30 a.m. 4K Walk/Run @ Riverside See newsletter page 24 for Riverside day details 11:00 a.m. Live auction begins @ Riverside |
| 9 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study <i>Pastor on vacation</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 16 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Meeting | 17 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Meeting | 18 | 19 |
| 23 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions | 24 | 25 | 26 Prairie Fest Parade 5:30 – 8 p.m. Prairie Fest Pie & Ice Cream Social |
| 30 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Parent Confirmation meeting in conference room | 31 | Sept. 1 | 2 |

For an online version of this calendar go to this link:

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/subscriber/calendar/edit/month/2023-08-01/2022-10-01>

COUNCIL MINUTES

These minutes are not yet approved.
6/4/23 Council Agenda

Attendance:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------|---|---------------------|
| | Haylie Clark | | David Eisenmann | | Julie Emerson | x | Candi Engler | x | Pastor Eric Klimpel |
| x | Kent Klingbeil | x | Leonard Larson | x | Brad Lewis | | Jennifer Pote | x | Chris Richter |
| x | Greg Saveraid | | Kari Sanquist | x | Kristin Shelton | | Deidre Qual | | |

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: “Being prepared”, “Am I prepared?” by Chris Richter

Treats: Chris Richter

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections: Reach Out

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kristin Shelton
- Second: Brad Lewis
- Vote Yes

Treasurer’s Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$93,116.29
- Total Checking: \$30,116.29(less ROCK group check)
- Issues +/-:

- Rock group \$7K check not reflected due to timing of the report
- VBS fees not reflected due to timing of the report
- Motion to approve: Greg Saveraid
- Second: Candi Engler

Pastor's Report:

- **Notes:**
 - Council "Advancement" annual meeting went well.
 - Confirmation summer event was Meals from the Heartland. The kids worked very hard and assembled the meals at a swift pace.
 - Pastor only attended five graduation parties, which was below trend of past few years. It was felt this was only circumstantial.
 - Synod business meetings were online and the revival was not well attended, may not do in future. But they were trying something new.
 - Pastor helping out with Pastor Marcia.
 - Further discussions going on about using the Church for Nazareth Lutheran for their dinner theater event. Nazareth to provide some initial funding to cover utilities. They have agreed to the building use policies. Waiting on return of paperwork. Attendance is usually up to 100 people. Usually there are three performances.
 - Memorial Day service at Nelson Park was well attended.
 - Oakley baptism went well.
 - June is the last month for the Fjeldberg pastor before moving on. He is leaving because his wife is going to seminary to become a deacon so they are relocating to Dubuque. Interim pastor should set up later this year. It's possible some confirmands may come to join Palestine Lutheran Church (PLC), but that is to be determined.
 - Info card reviewed at meeting which is for guests to take with them to familiarize themselves with PLC. Pastor has been working on this with some people. Council reviewed the first draft and it was well received.

New Business:

- The Council discussed the parsonage plans for maintenance and associated quotes. The council discussed and drafted the following resolutions to present at the Congregational Meeting.
 - Resolution #1: “Motion to appropriate \$75K for the estimated budget of \$63K for the parsonage restoration”
 - 1st Chris Ritcher
 - 2nd Leonard Larson
 - All: Approved (Passes)
 - Resolution #2: “Motion to recommend take \$30K from Wee fund and \$27K line of credit from south story to finance the parsonage restoration”
 - 1st Chris Ritcher
 - 2nd Kent Klingbeil
 - All: Approved (Passes)
 - Supporting rationale for these resolutions
 - The parsonage is a long-term asset for the church.
 - Rent will provide income for future maintenance
 - We can pick our neighbor
 - PLC will pursue a pledge campaign to pay for the financing of project.
- Ark Encounter
 - Leonard and Susie Larson’s recent visit to Kentucky Derby revealed this might be a good future opportunity for PLC.
- July Meeting
 - Kent to investigate dates to host.

Old Business:

- West windows, no update

Adjourn: Close with Lord’s Prayer

- Motion to Adjourn: Candi Engler

- Next Meeting: Klingbeil's house
- Second: Leonard Larson
- Devotions: TBD at July Meeting
- Treat: TBD at July Meeting



6/4/23 Congregational Meeting

These minutes are not yet approved.

Quorum Established: Yes

Chris Richter, Palestine Council President, called the meeting to session at the conclusion of the Sunday Worship service. It was explained that the Property Committee had engaged multiple contractors to assess the condition of and quote repairs to the parsonage including the roof, windows, flooring, and other essential repairs and delayed maintenance.

The following resolutions were brought to the Palestine Congregation for consideration:

- Resolution #1: "Motion to appropriate \$75,000 for the estimated budget of \$63,000 for the parsonage restoration"
 - 1st Motion to approve: Lyle Martin
 - 2nd Motion to approve: Nels Dovre
 - All in favor: Approved
 - Result: Resolution passes
- Resolution #2: "Motion to recommend the allocation of \$30,000 from the Wee fund and a \$27,000 line of credit from South Story Bank to finance the parsonage restoration"
 - 1st Motion to approve: Brad Lewis
 - 2nd Motion to approve: Bruce Hartman
 - All in favor: Approved
 - Result: Resolution passes

During the presentation of the resolutions the following discussion occurred:

- What is the long-term plan for the parsonage?
 - The parsonage is considered an asset to Palestine Lutheran Church; therefore, the Council recommends that these resolutions for maintenance be enacted to preserve the value of the parsonage.
- Why is no labor for painting included in the proposal?
 - It is anticipated that the candidate tenant who will occupy the parsonage in the future will provide the labor for painting.
- Is Palestine Lutheran Church looking to rent the parsonage?
 - Yes and there is a candidate in mind related to the Clarks next door.
- Will the rent income be used to pay for the financing?
 - A fundraiser to pay off the parsonage project financing will be pursued. The proceeds from rent will go into the Church maintenance fund.
- Is it the plan to maintain the parsonage long term and not to sell it?
 - No plans to sell parsonage.
- Are we requiring future pastors to live in the parsonage?
 - No.
- Who will manage the parsonage as a rental property and serve as the landlord?
 - The parsonage property landlord will be the Property Committee.
- How long is the lease?
 - The lease agreement has yet to be formalized.
 - It is anticipated that the lease would be year to year.
 - There is confidence the candidate tenant will stay long term.
 - If it is determined that a future pastor will use of the parsonage, the lease agreement will state that the current renter would be given a certain period to vacate the property so the parsonage would be available for the new pastor.

- Who will pick subcontractors?
 - The Property Committee.
- What will be the sequence of work?
 - Roof will be fixed first followed by the windows.

A motion to adjourn was provided by Lyle Martin and seconded by Jean Saveraid.

Prairie Fest 2023

Please make plans to join us for
**Pie, Brownie & Ice Cream Social on
Saturday, August 26 from 5:30 – 8:00
pm!**

We'll need servers and pie and
brownie donations—watch for a sign-
up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



Join us Sunday, August 27th at 9 a.m. for a community worship
service @ Railroad Park

PLEASE NOTE → Palestine will hold worship service at 8 a.m.
on the 27th!

Leftover Containers WANTED

We could really use some food containers (i.e. as large as ice
cream buckets and as small as cool whip containers, etc.) to put
leftover funeral food in for the families. If you have some or can
save some, please put on the shelves in the kitchen.

THANK YOU!



Palestine Confirmation

Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in
the conference room.

For parents of 7th and 8th grade confirmation students to discuss class, curriculum, expectations and events for the coming academic year. 9th grade parents are not included in this meeting.

Tentative date for confirmation classes to begin is Wednesday, September 6th.



Another successful Vacation Bible School Week is COMPLETE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, donations, and/or participating children!

If you donated decorating items, you can pick them up in the preschool room in north fellowship hall.





Riverside 5K & Quilt Day - AUGUST 5, 2023



Schedule of events:

Monday, July 31st:

Online auction bidding begins for quilt auction

Friday, August 4th:

3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

Saturday, August 5th:

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. 5K Walk/Run Registration and check-in

8:30 a.m. – 5K Walk/Run

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

NEW THIS YEAR! Cash & Carry Craft Table available 8:00 a.m. through the conclusion of the auction.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Pool open for 5K participants

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. LIVE auction begins in the chapel

12:00 -2:00 p.m. Lunch served in the dining hall (free-will offering)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pool open for families who LOVE Riverside!

1:00 p.m. Online Auction begins to close and live watch party in the Chapel!

Sample of quilts going into auction right here from Palestine quilt makers!



For Sale -
Zibde Camp
Lebanon
2010



August 2023

LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month

Saying goodbye to summer and transitioning into a new school year can be a difficult time for many adolescents, especially those with emotional or behavioral disorders.

LSI has 27 therapists that provide mental health counseling to individuals of all ages through in-person therapy in over 20 locations across the state and virtual therapy in all 99 counties. In 2022, our Clinical Services team served more than 1,000 clients, totaling 14,000+ therapy sessions for Iowans of all ages.

In addition, our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team wraps care around a child's entire family to empower them with skills like anger management, healthy decision-making and problem-solving. In 2022, the BHIS team served over 250 clients, resulting in more than 3,900 therapy sessions for children and their families.

Through LSI's Trauma Informed Care program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Waterloo, our staff work with the teens by completing trauma assessments on each adolescent and providing a summary to their juvenile court officers. The LSI staff also facilitate both individual and group therapy sessions with the teens to help them deal with their trauma and work through it in a productive way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from therapy – even from the comfort of your own home – reach out by calling 888.457.4692 or visiting [LSIowa.org/therapy](https://www.lsiowa.org/therapy).

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children and families in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior 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 LSI (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.

IOWA CUBS

Join us Friday, August 4th

7:08 p.m. with fireworks after the game!

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee has purchased a group of tickets for family and friends of Palestine. Friends and guests are welcome! Tickets are \$5 per person and payment is due the night of the game.

Sign up: [I-Cubs 8-4-23](#) (see email announcements for clickable link) **OR** on the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall.

Carpooling is encouraged!

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