

# Lent

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*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](mailto: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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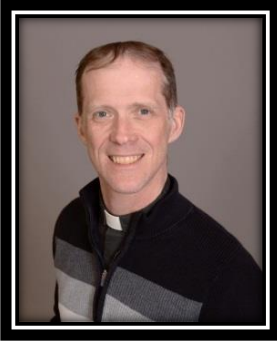


## Tithes & Offering

Palrestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:  
Palrestine Lutheran Church  
1375 HWY 210  
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**  
Go to our website [www.plchuxley.com](http://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.*



## Jesus Calling Cadence for Community With Pastor Eric

*By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8*

When I was in the military, the most consistent and vivid memories I have involve marching and running everywhere. We lived in units of people who lived together, ate together, trained together, exercised together – you get the picture. The goal was unit cohesion to live and fight as one body. There is strength and power in numbers working together towards a common goal with shared values. We were only as strong as the weakest members, and when one person hurt then everyone felt it, and when one person excelled then everyone benefited.

I suggest that the baseline for building this type of community is the “cadence call”.

The cadence call is a rhythmic series of vocal phrases which someone says to keep people marching or running (*moving*) in unison. Like our psalms on Sunday, many of these practices involved responses and an on-going dialog within the unit. With the cadence call, we would speak as one voice either announcing our presence, encouraging one another onward, or re-enforcing our identity. The cadence call caused amazing things to happen as well. We could run or march faster and farther than we

thought possible while maintaining unity and fighting strength. The key was doing it often and consistently.

The church has a cadence call of its own. This cadence begins with the church calendar which starts in Advent and moves with a rhythm through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time (*time of growth*). Within this yearly seasonal rhythm are weekly gatherings for worship on Sundays in which we have the liturgy (literally “*the people’s work together*” worship). Every Sunday in worship we hear and feel the rhythm of “*Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending*” and we expect them because they form the pattern and inner rhythm of our daily life together – even when we are physically apart! The key to our unity is Christ Jesus whose Spirit gathers us together, enlightens us, and sets us apart for God’s loving purposes. However, like the military cadence, the nature of repetition, continuity and consistency are a factor in the strength, and effectiveness of the congregation and it’s work together. The more we worship together, and fellowship together, pray with/for each other, the more we live for each other – not as an act of will but out of a natural compulsion of loving care and compassion with Jesus.

As we enter the Lenten season, I invite you to consider the cadence calls or rhythms of daily life that connect you with God and your congregational family.

Let us pray. **Gracious God, whose Spirit resonates with the rhythms of life, keep us close to your heart always so that we might live into the cadence call of your love and purposes. Help us to connect with those around us who share in that call to grow in strength, fellowship, and unity in Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.**

# GET INVOLVED

## Men's Bible Study

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

## ZOOM Bible Study

**Tuesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm during Lent on Zoom** - One of the greatest frustrations of the Christian life is having to wait for God to act. We wait, sometimes for years, for our prayers to be answered, for our deepest longings to be fulfilled. Some devoted Christians get stuck in dead-end jobs even though they feel certain they could serve God in greater ways if only He would open the opportunity. Why doesn't He? Some wait for a godly spouse, some couples wait for the gift of children, and some, who have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord, wait in disappointed bafflement as their work seems to yield no fruit. Why?

As Christians, we yearn to serve the Lord, to step forward and obey Him like the great heroes of the Bible, but we are confused, waiting for clear orders, kept at a distance by the invisible barriers of God's silence, His inaction, or His unhurried pace. In "When God Takes Too Long", Joseph Bentz examines the mysteries of God's timing and shows Christians how to thrive in the midst of one of life's greatest frustrations--waiting. He offers those who have been discouraged by a life of waiting a chance to alter not only their perspective on waiting, but also their actions in response to it, transforming this frustration into a positive force that will enrich and change their lives.

"When God Takes Too Long" addresses:

- How not to wish (or wait) our lives away
- How to better understand the nature of time
- How to master the discipline of waiting
- How to cast off the boundaries of time to view our lives from an eternal perspective

If you need help purchasing books *if needed*, then please contact

[ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com)

## **Youth Confirmation Ministry**

Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm February 1, 8, 15 – Conference Room @ Palestine Lutheran Church – For youth in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Classes on the Small Catechism with the goal of confirmation at the end of a two-year ministry of service, discussion and fun. **Feb 22 Ash Wednesday – No class** Questions? Contact Pastor Eric Klimpel @ [ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com)

## **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.

## **New Member Orientation Meetings**

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:palestinelutheran@gmail.com) )

## **Food Pantry Ministry**

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

## **Theology on Tap**

Gathering for adults who want to fellowship, relax and solve the world's problems together while creating some potential new ones. We will take time to fellowship around God's Word and grow together as a community.



**Join us for the next one February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 5 – 6:15 p.m.** at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up!* 😊)



# Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) →Resources→ Downloadable Resources→ Bible studies

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Focus:** *What does it mean for Jesus to commission you to be salt of the earth and light of the world?*

**“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”**

Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 5:13-20

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Focus:** *How is a follower of Jesus called to live?*

**“You have heard that it was said ... but I (Jesus) say to you ...”** Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-34 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 5:21-37

## Transfiguration of our Lord

**Focus:** *Eyewitness News*

**“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.”** 2 Peter 1:16 (NRSV)

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

## First Sunday of Lent

**Focus:** *This week how might you be an instrument of God’s peace and love?*

**“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.”** Matthew 4:1-2 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 4:1-11



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**Journey Into Lent & Holy Week 2023**

*Guide And Devotional Material*

*Available on the website ([plchuxley.com](http://plchuxley.com)), in Fellowship Hall,  
and in the e-news beginning February 12th*

## HOLY



## COMMUNION

### First Communion Class

This year's first communion classes will be held after church (10:45-11:30) on **February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>** (this avoids spring break Sundays). The class is designed for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level, however,

if your child is younger and you feel they are ready to participate, that is fine. Class will meet in the conference room. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend along with their child.

If you have questions or want to enroll your child in the class, you can email the church office at [palestinelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:palestinelutheran@gmail.com).



## BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**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](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org)

*Appointments are Encouraged*



## Ballard Clothing Pantry

March is Palestine's month to staff the Clothing Pantry.

**Open:**

**Wednesdays 4-6 p.m.,**

**Saturdays 10-noon, Sundays 1-3 p.m.**

When you sign up, include your phone number in addition to your name, and check to see who has the shift before and after yours. If the previous person hasn't arranged to give you the key, call him/her. Likewise, when you are done with your shift, arrange to pass the key to the next person. The Clothing Pantry is a valuable service for many people in our community. It stays open only because of generous volunteers.

Please consider this important opportunity to serve our community. See Deb Moore for more information. (515-460-1037). The sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall soon.

**Please consider staffing at least one shift.**



**Spoil your Valentine (or yourself) and purchase a sweet dessert (such as cakes, tortes, or cheesecakes) and/or flowers after church on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Calling all bakers in our congregation! We will happily accept donations of your desserts for our event! Sign up in fellowship hall.

*Sponsored by the R.O.C.K. Group as a fundraiser for Costa Rica*



February 2023



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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Hol, Alyssa  | 16 | Jason & Melinda Kam (10 <sup>th</sup> )  |
| 3  | Johnson, Evelyn<br>Hauge, Michael  | 24 | Leonard & Sue Larson (50 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 6  | Thomas, Alexander<br>Twedt, Grant  |    |  |
| 7  | Elliott, Trice   |    |  |
| 8  | Nelson, Richard (80 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Saveraid, David (70 <sup>th</sup> ) |    |  |
| 9  | Shelton, Tom   |    |  |
| 11 | Shelton, Gabe<br>Shelton, Kristin<br>Van Pelt, Alise                       |    |  |
| 13 | Cast, Bernadine (91 <sup>st</sup> )<br>Kopaska, Deb                        |    |  |
| 15 | Larson, Virgil (81 <sup>st</sup> )   |    |  |
| 16 | Kam, Melinda<br>Ness, Toni   |    |  |
| 17 | Williams, Matthew  |    |  |
| 18 | Gotta, Nina<br>Thomas, Caroline  |    |  |
| 20 | Dykstra, Avery   |    |  |
| 22 | Lewis, Aubrey<br>Rasmussen, Cheryl<br>Sample, Justin<br>Thomas, Cindi      |    |  |
| 24 | Medici, Stacy  |    |  |
| 29 | Dykstra, Travis  |    |  |

If there is a record of error or omission, please let us know at [palestinelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:palestinelutheran@gmail.com) or 515-597-2624.



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:




**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Richard Nelson**

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Bernadine Cast**

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Virgil Larson**

*See mailed bulletin for addresses as I do not want to put personal information on the website*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>29</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>5</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study  3 – 7 p.m. Blood Drive 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>12</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels New Member Orientation R.O.C.K. Valentine fundraiser	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study 
<b>19</b> <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Theology on Tap 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4H	<b>20</b>  March Newsletter deadline	<b>21</b> 10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>26</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels 10:45 a.m. First Communion class	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

**ALTAR GUILD:** Melanie Fausch and Nancy Fausch

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**  
**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Brent & Julie Emerson  
**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Jen Pote

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Holly Twedt; Doreen Blackmer

**Greeters\*, \*\***  
**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Troy & Jody Calvert; Greg & Christa Hartsook  
**Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Julie Huxford; Scott & Alyssa Johnson  
**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Ken & Louise Larson; Dennis & Donna Millang  
**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>:** Holly & Wade Twedt; Lora Young

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. meets 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Riverside Daddy/ Daughter Dance Pre-registration required</p>
<p><b>15</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Assoc. Mtg 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Assoc. Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 1:00 p.m. Quilters 7 p.m. Worship; Holy Communion</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p>5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fish Fry @ Palestine Riverside Marriage Retreat 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>March 1</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Worship</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>



*These minutes have not yet been approved.*

**Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2023 8:00 A.M.**

**Attendance:** Brad Lewis, Pastor Klimpel, Chris Richter, Leonard Larson, Deb Moore, Greg Saveraid, Jen Pote, Candi Engler, Kristin Shelton

**Absent:** Julie Emerson, Deidre Qual, Kent Klingbeil, Dr. Eisenmann

**Quorum Established:** Yes

**Devotions:** Brad

**Treats:** Chris

**Read Vision and Mission Statements**

**Goals and Reflections:**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- Motion to approve: Jen Pote
- Second: Candi
- Unanimous vote of approval

**Treasurer's Report:**

- General Fund Balance: \$8,060.85
- Total Checking: \$26,247.23
- Motion to approve: Jen Pote
- Second: Leonard Larson

- Unanimous vote of approval

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor gave a written report by email.

### **New Business:**

- Candi motioned to recommend the raises for the staff. Jen Pote seconded. All voted unanimously.
- Leonard motioned to recommend the budget for 2023. Kristin seconded. All voted unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

- Review and reflect on the year of 2022

### **Closing Statements:**

### **Adjourn:**

- Motion to Adjourn: Jen
- Second: Greg

### **Close with Lord's Prayer**

### **Next Meeting: 02/05/23**

- **Devotions:** Greg
- **Treats:** Candi (the person, not the snack)



# MINUTES

*These minutes are not yet approved.*

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**@ 10:30 AM**

**Call to Order** ..... Chris Richter, President  
A quorum was established by Mark Pote.

**Devotions** .....Brad Lewis “Don’t Let Worry Replace the Void of Faith”

**Read Vision and Mission Statements.**

**Secretary’s Minutes, January 30, 2022** .....Brad Lewis, Secretary  
Greg Saveraid motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Eisenmann seconded. A unanimous vote was received to approve the minutes.

**Minutes of Congregational Meeting** *No congregational meeting in 2022*

**Pastor’s Report** .....Pastor Eric Klimpel  
Pastor thanked his wife for being tired. She does more than he does, she was so tired and he was thankful for her.

**Elections:**

- Rich Nelson motioned to approve the president, vice president, and council secretary, as presented by the nomination committee. Mark Pote seconded. A unanimous vote was received to approve the motion.
- Leonard motioned to approve the council members. Vivian Lundgren seconded. A unanimous vote was received.
- Nels Dovre motioned to approve the committees and Jean Saveraid seconded. We added Ethan O’Loughlin to the property and evangelism committees.
- The nominating committee slate was established:
  - Deb Moore as outgoing council member.
  - Other volunteer members are: Leonard Larson, Mark Pote, Greg Hartsook, and Chris Richter.



- Nels Dovre motioned to approve and Mark Pote seconded. A unanimous vote was received to approve the nominating committee.

**Treasurer’s Report** ..... Brad Lewis  
 Lora Young motioned to approve the treasurer’s report. Nels Dovre seconded. A unanimous vote was received to approve the treasurer’s report.

**Audit Committee Report** .....  
 The audit committee was de facto. Brad Lewis reported all things were in order.

**Budget** .....Brad Lewis, Finance Committee  
 Leonard Larson motioned to approve the 3% raises. Jean Saveraid seconded. Leonard Larson motioned to approve the budget. Crystal Hughes seconded. A unanimous vote was received to approve the raises and budget.

**New Business**

- Sound Upgrades/Necessities Project
- Chris Richter said multiple quotes for the sound system will be obtained and a congregational vote will be needed to approve funds.
- Chris Richter also talked about going into the discernment process.

**Old Business**

- West Windows and Balcony completion
- Tim Wilson talked about wanting to get a cherub choir and Chris Richter said that the worship committee would be tasked to look into it.

**Adjourn/Closing Prayer** ..... Chris Richter/ President

Greg Saveraid motioned to adjourn. Deb Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



## **Remember in Prayer**

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

Adrienne Brown, Penelope Brown, Lori Edwards, Will Keeps, Helen Miller, Lynzee Makoski, Shirley Saveraid

*Family and Friends of:* Linda Lantz, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, 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, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson

## **CHILI Cook-Off Winner**



### ***Scott Bushaw***

Thanks to everyone that participated either by bringing chili to share or by taste testing!

The R.O.C.K. Group was happy to accept \$440 in donations from the “voting”!



## 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Palestine Fish Fry!

Friday, February 24, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dine in or carry out!

*Free-will donation*

Meal will include 2 pieces of fried fish, baked potato, coleslaw, and a roll.



*My thanks for such kind  
people that remembered me  
with Christmas greetings.*

*Vivian Lundgren*



### Weather Policy Reminder

Severe Weather Policy: When school is canceled because of the weather, all church functions will be canceled.

If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be on the church website ([www.plchuxley.com](http://www.plchuxley.com)) and the church facebook page (Palestine Lutheran Church). **Sunday morning worship service cancellation will be made no later than 8:30 a.m.**

# Babylon

Daniel's Courage in Captivity™

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS SUMMER 2023

Join us as we gather courage like Daniel . . .

**June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6-8 p.m. @ Palestine  
*Registration details will be provided in April.*

Seeking volunteers – many different roles to fill. Contact Candi Engler ([volley\\_602@hotmail.com](mailto:volley_602@hotmail.com)) if you are interested.



We welcome our  
new sister in Christ:  
***Ella Mae Saveraid***  
Born June 25, 2022  
**Baptized**  
January 15, 2023

*We welcome her into the Lord's family  
as a child of God!*

Ella is the daughter of Greg & Emily Saveraid and the sister of Grace. Her baptismal sponsors are Scott & McKenzie Bushaw.





3001 Riverside Rd.  
Story City, IA 50248

★ **Daddy-Daughter DINE & Dance**

Join us this winter for one of our most popular family events! This day is a day for dads and their daughters to dress up in their best to enjoy a 'fancy' dance and a meal together at Riverside! Our Riverside team will prepare a magical space in our Dining Hall with lights, sparkles, and glitter - a time for dads and daughters of any age to enjoy!

**Saturday, February 11**

**3:30 - 5:30pm at the Riverside Dining Hall**

**Cost = \$30 for adults, \$5 for children**

Register at <https://www.riversidelbc.org/daddy-daughter-dine-dance>

★ **Save the date-February 24-26, 2023**

**Marriage Retreat.**

**A weekend dedicated to you and your spouse.**

We would love to host you and your spouse for a weekend away together at Riverside! This will be a memorable weekend for you as a couple and all you need to do is show up - we'll worry about all the details. God has blessed us with our spouse and He desires for us to invest time in strengthening and celebrating this union. We are going to have so much fun with Tim & Kris Boettger, our speakers for this retreat.

**COST:** \$220/couple for onsite lodging

\$170/couple for commuters

Register at <https://www.riversidelbc.org/marriage-retreat>

★ **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!**

Register for early-bird pricing! Check out the camp dates at <https://www.riversidelbc.org/summer-camp>



## DONATION THANK YOU

### **We received a letter from LSI thanking us for our gift of \$500 during December.**

Because of your support, Thomas has the opportunity through LSI's classes to learn English and earn his GED. In the future, he wants to go to law school so that he can help others just as Patrick, his caseworker, helped him. Patrick admires how courageous and open-minded Thomas is, and encourages him to chase after his dreams.

Mallory is able to continue to impact the lives of so many children and families in Iowa as a Service Coordinator for LSI's Early Childhood Services. Mallory's position has helped shape her passion for children and families, and emphasized her goal of making sure they have what they need to be successful, happy and healthy from the start.

Donors, like Mary and Russ, are critical to the ongoing work that LSI is doing in communities across Iowa. "We believe that a collective effort can do more than one person and one congregation," said Mary. We are grateful to donors like Mary who allow us to meet the needs of fellow Iowans each and every day.

The work of the Bremwood Auxiliary provides LSI's Waverly campus with programs, trainings for staff, facility updates and more. "One thing I love about the Auxiliary is that I am able to help people that I might not know by name, and I wouldn't have found without the help of an organization like LSI," said Anne, the president of the Auxiliary group.

Since being in the Host Homes program, Brian's health has improved and he is receiving positive reports from his doctors. He enjoys spending time with his Host Homes family and has made many friends in the community.

All of these successes are possible because of you. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. Have a Happy New Year!

With gratitude,

Sarah Green

Vice President of Philanthropy and Church Relations

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**Bulletin/Newsletter Article**

At LSI, loving our neighbor is an essential value that we continuously work and grow towards. This Valentine's Day, take time to share with your friends, family and neighbors how important they are to you. February is a time of giving, a time of love and a time of gratitude. Share with those around you how much they mean to you and the impact they have had on you.

It's also a time when we want to thank you, the congregations that so generously support the work of LSI throughout the year. We are blessed by your love and support. Your generosity has continued to offer hope and healing to Iowans of all ages.

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