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Reaching out in Christian love to all!

OCTOBER 2023





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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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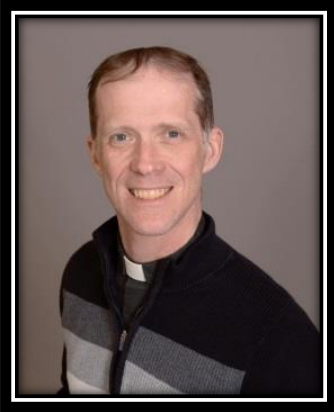


Tithes & Offering

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
P.O. Box 189
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.



Growing to Know the Heavenly Family --

----- With Pastor Eric

²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹**I myself did not know him;** but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." - John 1:26-31

Okay...I admit that I am one of those weirdo romantic types that believes in "love at first sight" and the "I feel like I've known you my whole life!" Yes, I was the guy who saw Teri in the Lutheran Campus Ministry fellowship hall from a distance and said, "Yep, she's the one!"

Now, things worked out for me (so far 😊). However, everything about this attitude screams "red flags" and "watch out". The truth leans towards not jumping into a relationship, not to mention a marriage, without a sobering reality check. Before making heartfelt commitments, we step back and realize that we don't really know that much about the other person. This is the fun part – we get to ask questions and spend time getting to know them. Courtships and engagements have their place in our social development and believe it or not, our spiritual development as well. We tend to forget the importance of spending time learning about each other – not just at the beginning of a connection but throughout the life of the relationship. I read a marriage counseling insight which I share with couples during

pre-marriage discussions, that said, “If you spend at least 30% of your time and energy from courtship in your marriage, then you will thrive for a lifetime.”

I want us to remember in October that we celebrate our Reformation heritage and Confirmation on the same day. Why? Because we are freed in Christ Jesus to read God’s Word and live in the grace of God. This freedom allows us to live out our baptisms in a personal way with Jesus and God our Father (parent). As in any relationship, we live into it and learn more about the other continually – not just at confirmation – but throughout our entire existence as God’s children. The Holy Spirit given to us at baptism and stirred up at confirmation continues to keep active and open every day within each of us. And as we know first-hand, relationships take time and energy to grow and thrive. I invite you to try three simple practices to help you get to know Jesus and God better.

- 1.) Read one verse of the Bible every day and take a moment to think about it. I recommend starting with the Gospel of John. You can read more than one if you feel it.**
- 2.) Pray for one minute each day. The Lord’s Prayer works but try just talking with God (Jesus) and take a few moments to listen as well.**
- 3.) Put yourself in a position to trust God in some way. Maybe something small like helping a stranger, or a family member, comforting a friend, or texting someone encouragement, and be open to sharing a bit more about your faith, church, or Jesus if the opportunity comes.**

John testified to the light and admitted that he was not the light, and neither are we. Our daily life is shining forth that light, and John did not know Jesus as Messiah, but he still lived his life pointing to Him and getting to know him along the way – and so should we because we are free to do so. May God’s grace fill us with the light of Christ and give us the encouragement to share it with others and learn more about our heavenly family. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm on ZOOM. See the email announcements for link to the meeting.

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.

Miracles is a 12-session study which gives participants the opportunity to study the teachings of Jesus. Session titles are

- What is a Miracle?
- Water Turned to Wine
- Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
- Jesus Feeds 5,000 People
- Jesus Walks on the Water
- Power over Demons
- The Resurrection of Lazarus
- The 10 Lepers
- Sight for the Blind
- The Centurion's Servant
- The Incarnation
- The Resurrection

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.

Men's Bible Study

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

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)

New Member Orientation Meetings

Every 2nd and 4th 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 15th 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 18

Focus: What makes you change your mind?

“Which of the two did the will of his father?” Matthew 21:31 (NRSV). Read Matthew 21:23-32

Pentecost Week 19

Focus: When in your life have you needed courage?

“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” Matthew 21:43 (NRSV). Read Matthew 21:33-46

Pentecost Week 20

Focus: When was the last time you invited someone to attend church or to have a conversation related to a faith issue?

“Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Matthew 22:9 (NRSV). Read Matthew 22:1-14

Pentecost Week 21

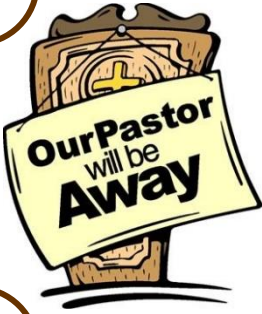
Focus: What does it mean for you to be a Christian citizen?

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Matthew 22:21 (NRSV). Read Matthew 22:15-22

Pentecost Week 22

Focus: When did you first realize God loved you?

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37 (NSRV). Read Matthew 22:34-46



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation
September 27th – October 3rd.

During his absence you can contact
Pastor Jacobson at Fjeldberg Lutheran
Church at 515-418-3328.



Installation

Confirmation Installation for

2023-2024 year

September 10, 2023



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

Confirmands:

7th grade – Kinsey Calvert, Noelle Hartsook, Garrett Jensen,
Ethan Johnson, Emmalyn Kruse, London Roelfs,
Mae Wilson, Taylor Wuebker

8th grade - Kaedence DeVries, Adaline Jolly, Aubrey Lewis,
Jax Richter, Owen Williams

***Please keep the confirmands and the guides in your
prayers this school year.***



**Thank to everyone
that voted!**

**Palestine is the BEST
Lutheran church in
Huxley!**



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

Adrienne Brown, Mark Braun, Dan Bushaw,
Dolores Hauge, Vivian Lundgren, Havanna
Roelfs

Family and Friends of: Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys
Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary
Lou Hoover, Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Linda Fausch, Alvina
Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Minnie
Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid,
Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles
Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Diane Larson, Janet Thompson,
Jacob Leedom





Thank you to members of the Palestine Piecemakers who sent quilts to Riverside for their annual auction. Riverside raised more than \$41,000!



We are grateful to have your church and/or quilt group contribute to our annual quilt auction. The 2023 Quilt Book with descriptions along with the 2023 Bidding Results are available online at www.RiversideLBC.org/5k-and-quilt-day. You can also go to RiversideLBC.org > Events > 5K & Quilt Day to get to the booklet and results. Thank you for helping us to have such a SPECTACULAR event!

Cheri Schendel-Hennager
Associate Director

Senior Choir Debut for the Fall

9-24-23



Parsonage Update and Open House!



Work on the parsonage has been underway all summer and is nearing completion. Much needed maintenance as well as cosmetic changes have been made:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ New roof and gutters✓ Shutters on the south and west sides of the house were cleaned up, repainted, and will be put back in place✓ New walk-in shower to replace an old one✓ Some ceiling light fixtures have been replaced✓ The garage was repainted✓ The back deck was power-washed and resealed✓ Insulation was added to the attic for a better R-value to reduce heating and cooling loss✓ Some electrical issues were fixed to prevent any problems down the road | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ New windows and doors✓ New flooring – both carpet and LVT✓ Every wall, ceiling, closet, trim, and cabinet have been painted✓ The basement floor had the carpet removed and repainted to clean it up✓ A new garage door will be installed✓ Landscaping was much improved around the residence✓ A new front sidewalk from the front door to the driveway will happen as well as a repair to the front of the drive (by garage door) will be done |
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Thanks to all those that have dedicated time and resources to making these necessary repairs and updates! It is appreciated!

→ Come take a look for yourself at the **Open House** after worship **Sunday, October 1st**.



October 2023

- 1 Allen "Pete" Evans (70th)
Lily Morford
Oakley Sickels
- 2 Hannah Johnson
Taylor Ness
- 3 Holly Twedt
- 4 Paul Ness (72nd)
Grace Saveraid
- 5 Sue Kochheiser (76th)
Jacob Larson
- 8 Rose Locker (85th)
- 10 Colby Calvert
- 13 Monica Morse
- 14 Roger Moore (78th)
- 15 Monroe Elliott
Reece Russell
Regan Russell
Riley Russell
Cora Thomas
- 17 Benjamin Engler
- 19 Nickolas Larson
Kendal Sickels
- 20 Lisa Sheldahl
- 21 Nancy Fausch (91st)
- 22 Seth Baldwin
- 23 Julie Emerson
- 24 Dennis Millang (75th)
- 25 Zachary Larson
- 26 Drew Sandquist
- 27 Janice Halverson (74th)
Jennifer Harmon
- 28 Sienna Lewis

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



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



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

Rose Locker Nancy Fausch
(Please see mailed newsletter for addresses. I don't like to put personal info on the web.)

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



ALTAR GUILD: Melanie Fausch;
Nancy Fausch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
October 1st: Brent & Missy Larson
October 15th: Lora Young
October 29th: Doreen Blackmer

USHERS: Greg & Christa Hartsook;
Scott & Alyssa Johnson

OFFERING COUNTERS: Matt &
Erika Williams

GREETERS* , **:
October 1st: Marvin & Lori
Edwards; Leonard & Sue Larson
October 8th: Bill & Sandy Harleen;
Julie Huxford
October 15th: Drew & Kris Polich,
Henry & Jan Rumbaugh
October 22nd: Nancy Fausch; Tom
& Kristin Shelton
October 29th: Mike & Cindi
Thomas; Marlys Hartman

*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.

NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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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
1 18 th Sunday of <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion K.I.C.K. Mtg Open House at the Parsonage <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	2	3 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
8 19 th Sunday of <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>"Cookie Sunday"</i> New member class 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the Pets	9	10 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 3-7 p.m. Blood Drive 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
15 20 th Sunday of <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; 3rd Grade Bible Presentation Time & Talent; Recognition Beef dinner Luncheon 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap Nazareth Lutheran Church play set up	16	17 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
22 21 st Sunday of <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship New member class 2:00 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church play <i>Steel Magnolias</i>	23	24 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
29 22 nd Sunday of <i>Pentecost</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Reformation Sunday	30	31 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

OCTOBER 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 a.m. ELCA Women's Cluster @ Bethlehem Lutheran in Slater</p>
<p>11 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Nazareth Lutheran Church play set up</p>
<p>18 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 Mtg 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>→</p>	<p>19 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg</p>	<p>20 Riverside Fall ReCharge (Grades 3- 6) 7:30 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church play <i>Steel Magnolias</i></p>	<p>21 Riverside Fall ReCharge (Grades 3-6) 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Nazareth Lutheran Church play <i>Steel Magnolias</i></p>
<p>25 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Nov. 1 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

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

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/subscriber/calendar/edit/month/2023-10-01/2023-09-01>

COUNCIL MINUTES

These minutes have not yet been approved.

9/10/23 Council Agenda

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

Devotions: Richter

Goals and Reflections: Game this weekend, rivalry & competitiveness. We're still all God's children. Everyone gets along. Easier to complain. Sow positivity. It was observed that everyone was upbeat and gracious. Sow seeds and be positive.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Shelton
- Second: Sanquist
- Vote Y/N - passes

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: TBD
- Total Checking: TBD
- Issues +/-:
- Motion to approve: Saveraid
- Second: Eisenmann
- Can the Thompson fund be used for parsonage property deficit? No that is for children. Could use Wee fund or Maland fund. Is there going to be a fundraising with the congregation? With negative balance there might be more motivation. Deposit has

been received so there is \$1,200. Proceeds from harvest dinner could go towards. Open house Oct 1. Do we want to leave balance negative for now?

Pastor's Report: *Report provided to council members.*

New Business:

- Parsonage Renovations Update
 - Kim and Bob Jensen have moved into the parsonage
 - Lease agreement is signed
 - Deposit of \$1200 has been paid.
 - First rent is not due until Jan 1, 2024. This date is pushed out to compensate for all the work that's been done.
 - Original quote was \$63,000 and authorized for up to \$75,000 in total spend.
 - Couple of incidentals were to tear out floor and other flooring inside entry way
 - Repaired back roof area over deck
 - Nelson Electric had to fix oven wiring and non-working outlet
 - Original door/windows quote, thought front storm door was on quote had to add that
 - Halbrook plumbing did some extra work besides new shower
 - Needed new garage door due to age of door, bid for \$2000 was approved by committee
 - \$69,000 is new total
 - Spigots are leaking, will handle that in the future. We don't want the water to freeze.
- Sound system: Mark Pote, Nels Dovre, Chris Richter met. Getting quotes.
- Confirmation
 - It's something consistent and important to the congregation. Place for interaction with church members. Often, we have multiple school districts, this year is somewhat more a single school district. Over the past ten years the classes have changed a bit, classes are more

stimulated. Can be challenges, always had challenges with certain kids. Have been able to deal with them.

- First class seemed like all the kids were on board. Mostly girls in this class. This is usually different than one with mostly boys.
- Program has changed. Giving the confirmands the task of operating slides. They are more than just acolytes. Trying to broaden participation in the church.
- Sermon notes are usually the most challenging. Some finish up their 12 sermon-note quota right away. Others procrastinate. It's a way to engage with the sermon. It can be either children's or normal sermon. Just trying to get kids to think critically about the message. Parents and families can help out with that.
- Pastor presented the Confirmation Curriculum. Engler motioned to approve. Pote seconded. All voted unanimously to approve the curriculum.
 - Sanquist asked if a female needed to be added to the leaders of the group since so many young females

Old Business:

- West Windows, on the third year, it rose again.
 - Pote motioned to approve the quote from Midwest Windows. \$6900. Shelton 2nd the motion. All passed in unison.
- Beef dinner.... (October dates?). October 15th. 150-200 people.
- Engaging Time and Talents people.
- Alliant Energy is going through the right of way.

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Eisenmann
- Second: Shelton
- Next Meeting: 10/01/2023
- Devotion: Lewis
- Treats: Eisenmann

Blessing of the Teachers

September 10, 2023



Preschool/Kindergarten Teachers: Melinda Kam, Teri Klimpel, Kari Sandquist

First & Second Grade Teachers: Louise Larson, Jean Saveraid, Heather Swan

Third & Fourth Grade Teachers: Courtney Nobiling, Erika Williams, Molly Wuebker

Fifth, & Sixth Grade Teachers: Alyssa Johnson, Amanda Richter, Shannon Wilson

Confirmation: Pastor Klimpel, Nels Dovre, Brent Emerson





Pie & Ice Cream Social
Saturday, August 26th
\$770 in Donations
raised – THANK You!



Huxley Prairie Fest

Community Worship
August 27th
@ Railroad Park

Huxley Food Pantry
offerings \$920!



CHALLENGE

Donation Challenge for the Huxley Food Pantry

\$10 Dollar Challenge – Between September 1st and 17th we challenged people to buy as many non-perishable food items adding up to \$10.

Our **WINNER** who purchased **16** items was the **KAM family!**

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**Nazareth Lutheran Church of Cambridge
Presents: *Steel Magnolias* @
Palestine Lutheran Church.**

Friday, October 20 th	7:30 p.m.	\$10
Saturday, October 21 st	7:30 p.m.	\$20
<i>with dinner @ 6:30</i>		
Sunday, October 22 nd	2:00 p.m.	\$10





SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
12,000 pounds of Squash
picked!



Join the Women of ELCA for the
 Fall Cluster Saturday, October 7th, 2023
 @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Slater.

Bethesda AMES ... St. Andrews AMES ... Augustana BOONE ... St. Paul BOONIN ... Nazareth



Fall Gathering
 Cluster I
 Women of the ELCA
 Southeastern Iowa Synod

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
 BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
 411 3RD AVE.
 SLATER, IOWA

Coffee and Registration (\$5.00) 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.



St. John MARION ... Memorial NEWADA ... Immanuel OGDEN ... Mt. Olivet PERRY ... Bethlehem SLATER

Bethesda AMES ... St. Andrews AMES ... Augustana BOONE ... St. Paul BOONIN ... Nazareth



Business Meeting
 BRUNCH

WE WELCOME YOU!

St. John MARION ... Memorial NEWADA ... Immanuel OGDEN ... Mt. Olivet PERRY ... Bethlehem SLATER

CAMBRIDGE ... Gilbert GILBERT ... Fjeldberg HUXLEY ... Palestine HUXLEY



BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th at
11:30 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.



Save the date to donate blood:

**Tuesday, October 10th 3 – 7 p.m.
@ Palestine.**

Sign up one of two ways:

- By calling Deb Moore at 515-460-1037
- Via the LifeServe website:
www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Appointments are Encouraged, but walk ins welcome



**Join us for our annual
Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, October 15th!**



A GRACEFUL HARVEST OF SERVICE BEEF DINNER

2023 Service Recognition
2024 Time & Talent Opportunity
SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH right after church!
Discover the many ways to serve within our
church and community!
Free-Will Donation



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

Fall ReCharge. October 20-21st for 3-6th graders! **ONLY 1 night this year!**

A Recharge is a super fun weekend event at Riverside during the fall that is like a whole week of camp smashed into a short time! 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 on Friday night. See all of the details on their website! It's going to be a ton of fun!

Register online @

<https://cwngui.campwise.com/Apps/OnlineReg/Pages/Login.html>

ReCharges are also available for older kids:

Junior High Recharge is November 10-11

High School Recharge is November 17-19.



UPCOMING EVENTS

K.I.C.K. stands for Kids in Christ's Kingdom. *All 3rd-6th graders are invited to participate in this group.*

1. **Join us for our "Kick Off" Meeting** Sunday, October 1st after worship service.
—> Parents are encouraged to attend this first meeting. There will be treats and discussion about upcoming activities for the year including the Christmas program.
2. **Fall Riverside Recharges** are encouraged by K.I.C.K. Has your child always wanted to take part in a camp experience at Riverside, but tough to find a full week? Then Recharge is for you! K.I.C.K. will pay \$45.00 of the registration fee for any K.I.C.K. kid who signs up to attend Riverside's Fall recharge on October 20-21. Contact Erika Williams once you have registered for reimbursement.
3. **Senior Tea Ornament/Gift Making November 8th.**
4. **Christmas Program** – Rehearsals start November 26th on Sunday/Wednesday evenings. Program is Sunday, December 10th at 6 p.m.
5. **Center Grove Orchard Family Night and Kumla Serving this fall!** Stay tuned for dates.

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At LSI, we celebrate all the ways professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful connections in their communities. LSI's Host Homes program is an innovative way Direct Support Professionals serve adults with disabilities.

Through this program, an individual moves from Supported Community Living into a private family home with a carefully selected Host Homes Provider who provides 24/7 support for the client.

“Working directly with my clients to help them complete goals and work around obstacles is my favorite part of my job,” said Erica Hill Murray, a Host Homes Provider at LSI. “I enjoy showing them that there are people in their lives who care about them, are proud of them, and proud to help them.”

Erica has helped many clients in the five years she has provided care at LSI, but one client, in particular, has made great strides under her care.

“I worked with a client who wanted to find a job or volunteer position, but she had two obstacles in her way: she had trouble using a computer, and she wasn’t confident in her ability to speak in an interview,” said Erica. “I offered to look for positions on the computer with her and to call potential employers to explain what she was looking for. After working with her, we found her a volunteer position for a couple of days a week, and she was delighted.”

“She thanked me for helping her and said that she was happy that, for once, someone understood her drive to want to work,” said Erica. “I like to make a difference – even if it is small. Helping others, no matter at what level, is impactful. I love working at LSI, and I believe my position as a Host Homes Provider has been my favorite position in life.”

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Host Homes, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI’s Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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