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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

We would like to work out what is best and safest for the visit and distribution for each person.

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Palestine will accept your offering!

- 1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
- 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.



The Bible Interpreting Us...... With Pastor Eric

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from

heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:8-11

We have made our way through summer and have come to the beginning of the fall academic year with its new routines and expectations. It is time to reflect on the summer break with all of its teachings and experiences to incorporate them into a new semester of life.

For this August newsletter article, I am reminded of Isaiah 55 in which God declares how the Creator is indeed different and removed for the Created. After all, "God is God" and "Humanity is not God" no matter what we might think or believe about it. We will never completely understand God no matter how many times we ask "why?" therefore we acknowledge that God is a mystery and yet in Jesus Christ we come to know God as trustworthy and loving towards us and all the created.

When God speaks His word in/through Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the Bible, we have God's promise that God's words will accomplish God's purpose and bring forth a desired response in us and for the world. Our challenge is not so much how to understand what the scriptures mean to us because no singular scripture has a singular meaning but allow the scriptures to interpret us. What do I mean by "interpret us"?

The Bible contains the "living" Word of God to us. The word is living because it speaks through us and we encounter or hear that word in different ways and at different times. The sermon, therefore, does not explain a text in full, but rather pulls and orients on parts of the texts that speak to the assembly in a current day and a current time, engaging our imagination to find ways it has meaning right now. We struggle with applications of Biblical texts from 2000+ years ago which is part of the process; however, our thinking might be best served in grasping principals and themes from the many stories of the Bible. We love stories and God's word to us comes in stories which we can relate to and wonder about — after all, life is one big story and God is a part of your story. We can hear God's word in ways that help us see how God interacts with our story and the stories of others in history.

This new school year is a great opportunity to listen for God's word as it unfolds in our life now. We will experience many new, exciting, and challenging things this year and God has something to say about it, as well as something to do with it.

Let us pray. Gracious God, faithful and loyal, loving, and gracious, we thank you for the stories which reveal your character and will for us especially that of your Son Jesus Christ. May your words of song, scripture, testimony, and sermon interpret us and open a deeper connection to your heart for each of us, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Dawn Dialog with Jesus

Sundays at 8 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on Gospel text for the day "Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). An invitation is in the weekly email announcements. Daily Discipleship will be attached in the Wednesday email announcements for the following Sunday.

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays this summer 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom - We are using short Bible study material from the Bible Project website and application. You can download the app for free, or go to the website at www.bibleproject.com. Browse through the site and check out the Bible Study section. First, watch the topic video and then answer the questions. When we gather, we will watch it again and then go through the questions and finish up with a prayer time.

Men's Bible Study

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

Power of Prayer

Wednesdays at noon via ZOOM. An invitation is emailed out to enter into prayer together every Wednesday. You can email in a prayer request or call the church with a special request. We will pray together for 30 minutes. Join once or every Wednesday! If you would like an invite, call or email Pastor Eric.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Typically Every 2nd and 4th Sunday 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)

Summer Adult Catechism

Sundays after worship for 30 minutes to an hour continuing in August. 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.

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 Sunday, August 14th 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)



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

9th Sunday of Pentecost Focus: By Faith!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)

Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

10th Sunday of Pentecost Focus: The Great Crowd of

Witnesses

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

Read Hebrews 11:29-12:3

11th Sunday of Pentecost Focus: Acceptable Worship with

Reverence and Awe

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe...." (Hebrews 12:28 NRSV)

Read Hebrews 12:18-29

12th **Sunday of Pentecost Focus:** Remember

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:7-8 NRSV)

Read Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16



Thank-you to my Church
Family for the Prayers,
Greetings, and Well
Wishes for my 100th
B'day. My Church Family
has always been a big part

of my life. Sharing with you Pastor Buland's confirmation sermon of Dec. 8,1935, "If you continue in my Word, you are truly my Disciple. You will know the Truth, and the truth will make you Free". John 8:31. Forever True. Those four words have helped to guide me in faith. May God continue to Lead, Guide, and Bless us. With Appreciation, Love, and Prayer.

Leona Larson





Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Penelope Brown, Joan Carson, Matt Carver, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Arlyce Engles, Julie Gentry, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Roger Larson, Merlin Lyon, Lynzee Makowski, Thomas McBride, Matthew Moore, Loree Ness, Kathy Saveraid, Rachel Sinclair, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope *Family and Friends of*: Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, 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



FALL BOOK BASH

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

Thank You

to all those that have mowed the church, parsonage, and cemetery!

It is very appreciated!





- 5 Tracy Blackmer Tony Ness
- 6 Amy Larson London Roelfs
- 7 Vallery Eisenmann Laura Kepler
- 8 Arlyce Engles
- 10 Taylor Larson
- 12 Alyssa Johnson Drake Klingbeil
- 16 Garry Wirtz (81st)
- 17 Tyler Roelfs
- 18 Jim Biedermann Chris Richter
- 19 Denise Elliott (71st)
 Sarah Jensen
 Allan Kopaska
 Megan Rowedder
 Neva Umland
- 21 Dominic Hansen Mary Kate Russell Maryn Tatarniuk
- 26 Brinley Dykstra Janice Rumbaugh (78th)
- 27 Leonard Larson (72nd) Jacob Williams
- 28 Greyson Johnson Karina Kelso Chloe Shelton
- 29 Noelle Hartsook Charles Sheldahl (79th)
- 30 Ian Minnihan

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- 2 Russ & Mindy DeVries
- 4 Ken & Louise Larson
- 6 Kevin & Jeannie Williams (40th)
- 13 Jim & Nina Gotta
- 14 David & Vallery EisenmannAdam & Molly Wuebker
- 15 Tim & Shannon Wilson
- 16 Bob & Oriett Snider
- 18 Justin & Jodie Sample
- 21 Allan & Deb Kopaska
- 22 Penn & Laurie Hill (30th)
- 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 with cards for his birthday!

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



ALTAR GUILD: Teri Klimpel & Jen Pote

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

August 14th: Vivian Lundgren & Lyle Martin

August 21st: Kristin Shelton

OFFERING COUNTERS: needed

GREETERS*, **:

August 7th: Marvin & Lori Edwards; Bill & Sandy Harleen August 14th: Kari & Tom Sandquist; Holly & Wade Twedt August 21st: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh; Michelle & Matt Siepker

August 28th: 8 a.m. service Matt & Erika Williams; 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 2nd Sunday of the month.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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
31 8 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship Adult Catechism	1	7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
7 9th Sunday of Pentecost 7:00 – 12 Kiwanis breakfast @ Nord Kalsem 9:30 a.m. Worship	8	9 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
14 10 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Cookie Sunday New Member Orientation Adult Catechism 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline Beer Lab	15	16 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
21 11th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Blessing of the Backpacks/Teachers & Students Adult Catechism	22	7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
28 12th Sunday of Pentecost 8.00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Prairie Fest Community worship @ Railroad Park	29	30 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	4	5 7:08 p.m. lowa Cubs Game	6
10 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	11	12	13
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group	18	19	20
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	25 3:30 p.m. Ballard Creek – join us!	26 5:30 – 8 Prairie Fest Ice Cream Social	27 Prairie Fest Parade
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Parent Confirmation meeting in conference room	Sept. 1	2	3



These minutes are not yet approved.

Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Sunday, June 5, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

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

Absent: Julie Emerson

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Kent Klingbeil. Hurry is the enemy of success, don't miss out on what is important. Refuse to be rushed.

Treats: Jen Pote – funeral food.

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: VBS and Congregational Growth

Impacting and Expanding our spheres of influence

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$12,452.41
- Total Checking: \$110,174.98
- Motion to move Parsonage money Building Improvement –
 Anything over \$10,000 balance in Parsonage fund. (\$7,163.25).

 Brad motioned, Kristin seconded. All approved.

- Motion to Approve: Dave E.
- Second: Kent K.
- Unanimous vote of approval

Pastor's Report:

- A. Vacation Bible School June
- B. Trip to Texas to visit Teri's parents pending (they are unable to travel now)
- C. Confirmation Summer Activity pending
- D. Dedication of new cemetery sign
- E. Confirmation Class ending for 2021-2022 year (good attendance)
- F. Graduation activity (May 15) Baccalaureate at Ballard (May 18) and North Polk (May 22)
- G. Synod Assembly (May 20 & 21)
- F. Ashley Graduated from Grand View University Surgical diagnostic procedures (yuck!)

New Business:

- VBS Needs and Concerns finalize the volunteer list. Food is handled.
- Liaisons for Committees (Brad -Audit, Deidre-Finance, Jen-Stewardship, Altar guild and Nominating, Kristin-Christian Ed, Leonard-Cemetery, Deb-Fellowship and Library, Memorial-Greg, Deb-Mission Outreach, Property-Chris, Pastor-Mutual Ministry, Dr Dave-worship)
- Altar Guild Motion to have Property committee investigate organizing the room. Deb motioned and Dave E. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

- West Windows
- AV finalization Nels update?

Closing Statements:

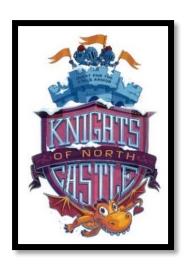
Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn: Kristin Shelton

Second: Dave E.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 07/10/22 6 p.m. here at church, bring spouses

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICS



Our VBS students were successfully knighted and learned about Armoring up with Truth, Justice, Peace, and Faith! Knights of North Castle was fitting with decorations of snow and snowflakes during the HOT and HUMID week of June 12th.

Banner Verse: Ephesians 6:10

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power."

Nels led the music adventures with new fun songs like "Knights of North Castle", "Be Strong in the Lord", and "Hey, Hey Goliath."

We had 50 knights join us and 30 volunteers help. We are grateful for all of them!

The mission outreach of items collected and good-will monetary donations after the community meal all went to the local food pantry. THANK YOU to everyone that supported this mission.









FOOD AT FIRST in Ames
July 17th

They need more summer help! Visit <u>foodatfirst.com</u> for more volunteer information.



The Altar Guild Committee is looking for additional members to join our team! This can be a very rewarding opportunity dealing mostly with serving Holy Communion.

If you would be interested in learning more

about the responsibilities, feel free to contact Donna at donnamillang@gmail.com.

We can also have an instructional meeting to discuss the responsibilities and duties for anyone who might be interested. If we get enough people on our committee, it would be a one- or two-month commitment per year. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Altar Guild Committee



Join us Friday, August 5th

7:08 p.m. game with fireworks afterwards!

\$5 per person – bring a friend!

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee has purchased a group of tickets for family and friends of Palestine. Tickets are only \$5 per person – friends and guests are welcome!

Sign up at tinyurl.com/icubs-plc.

Payment due on the evening of the game.



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

Riverside 5K & Quilt Day - AUGUST 6, 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, August 1:

Online auction bidding begins at noon for quilt auction Saturday, August 6:

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

8:30 a.m. – 5K Walk/Run

 $8:\!30-12:\!00$ p.m. Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Pool open for 5K participants

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:30 -12:30 p.m. Lunch served in the dining hall (free-will offering)

12:30 – 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!



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

sponsored by Ballard Kiwanis Club

August 7, 2022 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Nord Kalsem Community Center (204 W 5th St., Huxley) Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, & coffee. Dine in or Carry Out. Free-will Donation.

Sunday, August 21st

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





Prairie Fest 2022

Please make plans to join us for Pie, Brownie & Ice Cream Social on Friday, 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.



Plans are in the works for a parade entry this year! Members of the congregation of any age are encouraged to join us walk along the parade route. We will celebrate and promote Palestine as the church that Spans the Generations. Please consider joining the group – watch for a sign-up sheet.

Join us Sunday, August 28th at 9 a.m. for a community worship service @ Railroad Park

PLEASE NOTE Palestine will hold worship service at 8 a.m. on the 28th!





Ella Mae Saveraid Born 6/25. Weighed 6 lbs 7 oz, 20" long.

The whole family is thrilled but no one as much as big sister Grace!



Palestine Confirmation Parent Meeting

Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 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 7th.



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LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

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 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 director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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.



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LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Support for the Long Run

Part of LSI's mission is to ensure hundreds of Iowa children and families have access to quality mental health care, parenting education, and crisis services.

On our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly, staff are able to provide 24/7 behavioral health care and encouragement for children and teens like N. During her time on campus, N. and her team of therapists and professionals worked on developing coping skills that could help her manage her anger on the difficult days and take space for herself when she felt overwhelmed.

She was able to participate in Spiritual Life, a voluntary faith-based program offered on campus. N. says the program helped her learn important lessons about forgiveness and trust through reading passages of scripture. She says the biggest lesson she has learned is that "when you make a mistake, there are ways to fix it."

N. is now looking ahead and has goals for her future. She is working on graduating high school, and she is excited to get her driver's license. She wants to become a special education teacher and empower the next generation, and she wants her story to inspire other kids who could benefit from the same care she received through LSI.

*LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.

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