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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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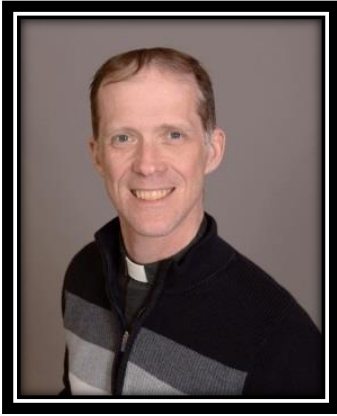


Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
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.



Sharing Peace and Thanksgiving -----

----- With Pastor Eric

After traveling to New York by airplane last month, I noticed something that stopped me in my tracks. I sat in the cheap seats in the back of the plane – row 25- and realized how long it would take to get off that plane to make my next flight connection. I sighed and thought that it would take “forever.” However, once we landed and parked, I noticed the efficiency of the multitude exiting the plane – perhaps, ten minutes? Could it be that the only place left on the planet where people consistently witness courtesy for strangers is when waiting to exit a plane. We wait for people to exit their row, search out their bag from the overhead bins, and drag them off the plane. You see people entertaining children, collecting forgotten items crammed into seat pockets – and help each other “strangers” in this process! Why is this the case?

Could it be that we have a common goal, a corporate self-interest that somehow overrides our impatient, self-absorbed liberties? Or the threat of being banned from the airlines? What do you think?

I am reminded of a story about a pastor who was hospitalized. The council chairperson came to visit. He said, “Pastor, the council passed a resolution asking God to help you toward a full recovery. The vote was 23 to 18.” Ouch! It seems that divisiveness, resentment, and anger abound in so much of our country right now – and around the world as in the Israel-Palestinian conflict for example. Paul admonishes the Romans: ***“If it be possible, so far as it***

depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:18). Couldn’t all of us resolve to lower our voices, to control our passions, and to be civil with all persons? Can we promise to disagree without being disagreeable. ***Jesus teaches, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 6:9).*** We are children of God by baptism into Jesus’s death and resurrection. So why not, lean into our calling, our identity, and work towards peace. We have peace with God already as a gift and we can share that peace in other ways in our life – family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, as the nun sings in the musical *Sound of Music* – “*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*” Christians have the tools to share in peace, like forgiveness and faith, as well as the Holy Spirit working in and through us. We have love and the fruits of the Spirit growing within us (...***the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23***). Like the airplane observation, we have something else – a common humanity. We share the same basic needs and desires common to our species and all of us heading in the same direction which is “off the plane” into a future together on this bright blue-bubble in the universe.

Thanksgiving month is a wonderful time to consider our blessings and the joy we have simply being alive at this moment – together on the “airplane”. God created us to be together with partners and friends because together is the only way we make it.

Let us pray. Gracious God, fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with compassion to live peaceably together. May thanksgiving be in our mouths and love abide in our ways to glorify you for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 7:30 -8:30 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

- 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 November 12th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124

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.

BISHOP CURRENT ZOOM STUDY

Join this five-week study via ZOOM on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. November 2, 9, 16, 30 & Dec. 7th. Free and open to all!

Register at: <http://www.seiasynod.org/events/now-is-the-time-study>



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 23

Focus: *Who in your life models humility?*

“The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23: 11-12 (NRSV)
Read Matthew 23:1-12

Pentecost Week 24

Focus: *How do we get ready for an event at an unknown time and place?*

“Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Matthew 25:13 (NRSV).
Read Matthew 25:1-13

Pentecost Week 25

Focus: *What is your typical response when someone gives you a lavish gift?*

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’” Matthew 25:21 (NRSV).
Read Matthew 25:14-30

Pentecost Week 26

Focus: *When in the previous week did someone extend compassion to you?*

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40 (NRSV).
Read Matthew 25:31-46



THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

THANKS YOU

for your book and puzzle donations!

The Book Bash was a great success. Not only did people get some great books to read, but we received \$95 from Half Price Books for the leftover books. While there, we bought 6 new books. After the Library Committee gets them processed, we will put them out on display and ready to be checked out.

We still have money left over to buy more books for the library within the next month. If anyone has a particular book or topic that they would like us to purchase, please let a library committee member know: Teri Klimpel, Deb Moore, Doreen Blackmer, Laura Kepler and Shannon Wilson. Also, if anyone is interested in joining our committee, let us know as well.



BLOOD DRIVE

October 10th Results

BLOOD DONOR. LIFE SAVER.

THANK YOU!

**32 registered to donate, 31 donors able to donate
(2 first time donors!), 34 units collected,
up to 102 lives saved or sustained!!**

Thanks to Deb Moore for coordinating.



K.I.C.K. UPCOMING EVENTS

All 3rd-6th graders are invited to participate in this group.

- **Senior Tea Ornament/Gift Making November 8th 6 – 7:30 p.m.** Join us to make ornament gifts for our senior members, have a meal as a group, and hand out scripts to start learning the parts for the Christmas program. We might even have time for a game or two of pew Battleship!
- **Kumla Dinner Serving November 11th 4:30 – 7 p.m.** K.I.C.K. members will help serve guests for our annual Kumla dinner. Two shifts of helpers will be needed – watch the K.I.C.K. Facebook and email for requests for shifts!
- **Christmas Program – Sunday, December 10th**
4:30 p.m. Special music
5:00 p.m. Program
Meal to follow – *free-will offering*
All program participants are asked to bring one dozen cookies or treats to share for the meal.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Sun., Nov. 26th: 6-7:30 p.m. – practice, light snack provided

Wed., Nov. 29th: 5:30 – 6 p.m. – meal provided; 6-7:30 practice

Sun., Dec. 3rd: 6-7:30 p.m. – practice, light snack provided

Wed., Dec. 6th: 5:30 – 6 p.m. – meal provided; 6-7:30 practice

Sun., Dec. 10th: After worship until noon/12:30ish – Final practice

—————> We would love help from any parents/family members to support our Christmas program practices and preparation!!

Costumes, meal/snack prep, scenery, backstage help, or rehearsal management are all roles we could use help with – let us know if you are willing to help.

—————> Sunday School age kids are encouraged to attend Music with Nels after worship as we are going to start practicing the songs for the program on Sundays.

Contact a K.I.C.K. Advisor with any questions:

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Riverside

Benjamin Williams (4th grader) went to the Fall Re-Charge at Riverside Bible Camp Oct 20th-21st. He said his favorite thing about Re-Charge was singing the fun songs, especially “Days of Elijah”.



The Palestine Piecemakers

packaged up their labors of love to share!



They sent:

- ✓ 60 quilts (15 boxes) To Lutheran World Relief
- ✓ 14 quilts to Mary Greeley Medical Center
- ✓ 12 quilts to John Stoddard Cancer Center
- ✓ 12 quilts to Riverside Auction



The family of Diane Larson wishes to express their gratitude for all the help with the funeral luncheon. The donations of salads and desserts and help during the lunch are very appreciated.



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

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| Nov. 4 th | Vivian Lundgren (89 th) |
| Nov. 12 th | Phyllis Prichard (82 nd) |
| Nov. 27 th | Sandra Kalsem (81 st) |

See mailed newsletter for addresses. I don't like to post Personal address information on the website.



November 2023

- 1 Christa Hartsook
Mike Larson
Emily Saveraid
- 3 Ivy Sickels
- 4 Andrew Brokofsky
Brady Harmon
Vivian Lundgren (89)
- 7 Ellen Longnecker
- 8 Jim Gotta
Emma Hartman
- 10 Thomas Kochheiser (72)
Mark Pote
- 12 Jane Reinhart (72)
Phyllis Prichard (82)
- 13 Bruce Cox Jr
Elaine Mohr (79)
- 14 Mark Swan
- 15 Doug Schonhorst
- 16 Elliott Johnson
- 17 Troy Calvert
Carter DeVries
Evelyn Kam
- 18 Caleb Hartsook
Roger Rittgers
- 19 McKenzie Bushaw
- 20 Lucas Schaudt
- 22 Blake Harmon
Wade Twedt
- 24 Kinsey Calvert
Michael Hauge II
- 27 Sandra Kalsem (81)
Jenna Pilcher
Sarah Roelfs
- 28 Priya Roelfs

- 29 Danielle Edwards
Jeff Van Pelt
Holly Wise



- 5 Brent & Julie Emerson
- 11 Roger & Deb Moore (45th)
- 16 Thomas & Susan Kochheiser
- 18 Wayne & Jane Reinhart
Lyle & Pat Martin
- 27 Aaron & Nicole Larson
- 29 Brent & Missy Larson

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
29 Reformation Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 6:00 p.m. Faith, Work, & Economics	30	31 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
5 All Saints Sunday 8:00 a.m. Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion <i>Music with Nels</i>	6	7 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
12 24th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> "Cookie Sunday" New member class 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	13	14 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
19 25th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:00 p.m. 4H 6:30 p.m. Ballard Community Thanksgiving @ Trinity Lutheran	20 <i>Poinsettia order deadline</i>	21 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
26 Christ the King Sunday <i>No Choir</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>No children's church</i> <i>No music with Nels</i> 6-7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. X-mas program rehearsal	27	28 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler & Donna Millang

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
November 5th: David & Vallery Eisenmann
November 19th: Teri Klimpel

USHERS: Dennis & Donna Millang; Chris & Amanda Richter

OFFERING COUNTERS: Holly Twedt; Doreen Blackmer

GREETERS*, **:
November 5th: Bruce & Angie Hartman; Scott & Alyssa Johnson

November 12th: Brent & Missy Larson; Greg & Christa Hartsook

November 19th: Kari & Tom Sandquist; Wade & Holly Twedt

November 26th: Lora Young; Quinn & Norma McBride

*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.

DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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NOVEMBER 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 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 7:00 p.m. Faith, Work, & Economics	2 6:30 – 8 p.m. Study with Bishop Current via Zoom	3	4
8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. Ornament making 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	9 10:00 a.m. Conference 1 Mtg @ Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames 6:30 p.m. Active Shooter training @ Palestine 6:30 – 8 p.m. Study with Bishop Current via Zoom	10	11 5 – 7 p.m. Kumla
15 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	16 6:30 – 8 p.m. Study with Bishop Current via Zoom	17	18
22 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills <i>No quilting</i> <i>No confirmation</i>	23 	24	25
29 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 5:30 – 6 K.I.C.K. meal 6 – 7:30 p.m. X-mas program practice 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	30 6:30 – 8 p.m. Study with Bishop Current via Zoom	1	2

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

<https://www.mychurchevents.com/subscriber/calendar/edit/month/2023-11-01/2023-11-01>

COUNCIL MINUTES

These minutes have not yet been approved.

10/1/23 Council Agenda

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

Devotions by Lewis: Are we committed? Are we keeping our focus? When we step off course are we getting back on path. “Commit to the Lord” The Lord gives us only what we need. Commitment to a life of Jesus in total.

Vision Statement: Read by council

Goals and Reflections: How many Families? How many families can we say, individually, are we devoted too?

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Larson
- Second: Eisenmann
- Vote Y/N, approved

Treasurer’s Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$7,709
- Total Checking: \$13,909
- Issues +/-: Categorization
- Motion to approve: Eisenmann
- Second: Pote

- Some categorization discussion is needed. Lewis and Qual to have future discussion

Pastor's Report:

- Notes: Pastor is out of town this weekend. Pastor report resumption to occur in November.

New Business:

- Insurance Break up
 - Brotherhood mutual was reached out to. Not looking promising.
 - Other insurance companies are being reviewed.
 - Deductible is likely to increase substantially from current level of \$50,000.
 - Current insurance to cease at end of October.
- Utilities update
 - Richter received a contact to review
 - Update to contract was made: five years liability for any damage from installation by utility added to contract language.
 - Option to keep light poles or remove has been given.
 - There are two aspects to easement/right of way utility installation: first is for power lines installation underground and the second is for a fiber optic cable installation. Both are by Alliant.
 - Council's thoughts are to keep line locations limited to the easement near the road.
 - Larson to reach out to get additional details.
- Sound system:
 - First quote will be done in next week
 - Next step will be to get second quote.
 - Will need to finance/congregational meeting
 - Scope developed by Nels Dovre & Mark Pote
 - Larson to discuss with Joe Russel for bid
 - Additional scope: two monitors in balcony
- Field trip by Council to Balcony area of church to discuss future plans and windows.

- November Altar Guild field trip for organization and storage optimization
- Beef dinner
 - Coming along well
 - Volunteer sheets are out. Lots of desserts.
 - October 15th is the date
- Squash harvest was exceptional.

Old Business:

- West Windows
 - End Oct / Beginning of Nov windows so arrive.

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Larson
- Second: Eisenman
- Next Meeting: November 5
- Devotion: Larson
- Treats: Pote



Remember in Prayer

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

Adrienne Brown, Mark Braun, Dolores Hauge, Vivian Lundgren, Havanna Roelfs, Diane Wright

Family and friends of: 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, and Merlin Lyon, Mindy 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, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise



Stewardship Theme for

November: You Have Heard It

Said – Jesus has a lot to say about money, success, and how we steward this gift we have been given by God. This series will spend time in these particular texts, challenging us to unpack how we have heard it before, and wonder

together what it might look like to participate in the Kingdom of God in the way Jesus invites us into.

<p>Week 1 - November 5, 2023 Giant Checks Mean Giant Faith Matthew 23:1-12</p>	<p>Week 2 – November 12, 2023 Plan for Everything Matthew 25:1-13</p>
<p>Week 3 – November 19, 2023 Those Who are Faithful With What They’ve Been Given Will Be Given More Matthew 25:14-30</p>	<p>Week 4 – November 26, 2023 God Helps Those Who Help Themselves Matthew 25:31-46</p>

2023 Palestine Lutheran Family

Time & Talents

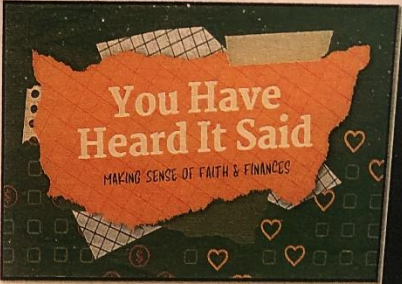
1. Fill out Form
2. Place in Box

Collecting Between: Oct 15 – Nov 1st

Note: Filling out this form indicates your interest to serve in this ministry in the time frame of Nov 1, 2023 to June 1, 2024

Leaders in the church family will contact you regarding your service as the schedules are made and the needs arise.

Thank you for your generosity of time and talents for the Lord’s Work





"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

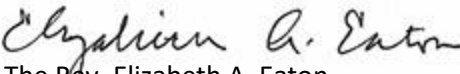
Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Things you can do:

- Find updated resources and statements from the ELCA <https://elca.org/Israel-Hamas%20War>.
- Join our partner Churches for Middle East Peace for prayer every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time. Register <https://cmep.org/event/pray-for-peace-2/>.
- Call your lawmakers today through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge them to take action to deescalate the conflict and uphold unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza. Find your member of Congress at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members> .
- Support Lutheran Disaster Response https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis?_ga=2.203474512.1983024996.1696966209-1636242314.1685024784&erid=1dd29bb8-67b9-44c5-9378-af4a8c1ef869&trid=1dd29bb8-67b9-44c5-9378-af4a8c1ef869 .

Thank you to everyone that has helped mow the church and parsonage this year. It is very appreciated!



BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS October 8th



Third Grade Bible Presentation October 15th *Placing the Word of God into your child's hands . . .*



Rafe, Samuel, Brinley, and Seth pictured
Seth Baldwin, Brinley Dykstra, Samuel Engler, Maddison Ewing,
Escher Kopaska, Rafe Madson, and Hunter Wise
Congratulations on this milestone!



Festival of All Saints Day November 5th

Have a candle ready to light at home if you are viewing via livestream

We will be remembering the faithful who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant in the past 24 months. During the Prayers of Intercession Pastor will read from a shepherd's book names that been submitted. He has used this book on each All Saints' Sunday during his ministry.

If you have the name of a spiritual friend, mentor, family member or co-worker that you want to include in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, please email the name to palestinelutheran@gmail.com , or Pastor Eric at ericklimpel@gmail.com , or print the name in the book at church located in fellowship hall. We will include names in the bulletin of those members of Palestine who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday and also the newest saints in our church family who were baptized this past year.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ACTIVE SHOOTER SCENARIO TRAINING

- **Thursday, November 9, 6:30 PM @ Palestine Lutheran Church**
- **Presenter: Nate Albaugh, Huxley Police Chief**
- **Age Level: mature middle schoolers through adult**
- **FREE and Open to the Public**



Saturday, November 11, 2023

IT'S ALMOST KUMLA TIME!

**SIGN
UP
TODAY!**

Jello salads, desserts, and volunteering in the kitchen are all requested. *See the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or watch the Wednesday email announcements to click on the sign-up link!*



GET READY FOR KUMLA!

Saturday, November 11th

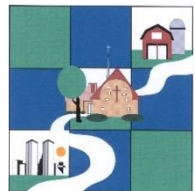
5 -7 p.m.

\$12.00/adults \$6/kids

This includes 2 balls, ham, green beans. Salad and dessert included as long as supplies last
(donation dependent)

Location: Palestine Lutheran Church

Carry-out orders are available.





Community Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 19th
@ Trinity Methodist in Huxley
6:30 p.m.

(Pie Social after worship)

- ❖ You are invited to bring your favorite holiday pie to share. Coffee and Hot Cocoa will be provided!
- ❖ Our offerings for this event will go to help support a very needy local food pantries in Huxley, Cambridge, and Slater.

Sponsored by the Ballard Ministerial Association.



Poinsettias for Palestine

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our church for advent and Christmas. Please let us know if it is in honor or memory of someone. \$20 each.

Deadline to order is November 20th. Call Blumsters @ 515-597-2200 or Tracy @ 515-450-1961 to place order.



Christmas Extravaganza

The R.O.C.K. Group is hosting their annual Christmas Extravaganza!

**Saturday, December 9th
9 a.m. – 12 noon**

**A sign up to donate goodies will be
out soon!**



College Scholarships

Treasurer, Deidre Qual, reminds college students desiring to receive a Palestine scholarship that they **must notify the church office by letter or e-mail** of their name, address and college or vocational school **by**

December 15th. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the Palestine Scholarship Fund. \$200 is given to each qualifying student in December. This fund was set up to help provide encouragement for any student member of Palestine during the first four years after graduation from high school in any year which he or she continues his or her education at an approved college or vocational school.

Email: palestinelutheran@gmail.com

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November 2023

LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children and teens. This month at LSI, we celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption and raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children needing a safe, healthy home.

Iowa foster families, like the Smiths*, raise the bar by opening their loving households to children and teens in need of a place to call home.

At LSI, we understand the importance of keeping youth in their communities to help maintain connections and stability during times of transition. So, when our staff received a referral for a teenage girl needing foster care placement, they looked inward toward the community.

At the time, homes in the area were either full or not open to accepting teenage placements. Coincidentally, the Smiths were present at a meeting the same night the referral came in. When they heard about Rebecca's* situation, they immediately knew who the child was and wanted to help in any way they could.

The Smiths were already over their licensing capacity, having been granted a variance to accept a sibling group. To be able to bring Rebecca into their home, they would need to be given another variance, which was almost unheard of.

"It was by chance, or the grace of God, that the Smiths were able to accept another child, and give Rebecca a stable placement with a family in her community," said Dawn Luetje, LSI Director of Resource Family Licensing and Support, working in conjunction with Four Oaks Family Connections.

Thanks to the combined support of the Smiths, LSI staff, and the community, Rebecca was placed in the foster home, where she could maintain her daily activities with the teachers, coaches, and friends she was comfortable with. Rebecca continues to thrive in a stable, loving foster home environment and a caring community.

Stories like these are possible through our many community partners and generous donors. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

****Names have been changed to protect client privacy.***

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