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Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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.

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."

Thankful for the True Riches with Pastor Eric

A legend tells the story of a fisherman called Aaron. Aaron lived on the banks of a river. Walking home with his eyes half-closed one evening after a hard day's work, he was dreaming of what he could do if he were rich. As he walked his foot struck against a leather pouch filled with what seemed to him to be small stones. Absentmindedly he picked up the pouch and began throwing the pebbles into the water. "When I am a rich man," he said to himself, "I'll have a large house". And he threw another pebble into the river. He threw another one and thought, "My wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things". And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light caught it and made it sparkle. He was not throwing ordinary stones but valuable gems, throwing away the real riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future." This legend summarizes our situation. The value of the Kingdom of God is before us if we will but realize.

For me this legend reflects what Jesus teaches at the heart of his ministry when he says, "***The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.***" (***Mark 1:15***) We have a tough time weighing what is of true value in our life. We become confronted when we suffer or struggle with what is important, urgent, worthy of our choices at any given moment. You might ask, "*What/Who will I die for?*" or "*what would I do if I had 6 months to live?*" or "*what do I want people to remember about me at my funeral?*" I guess any time of dramatic, traumatic, and unexpected events will do – *earthquake in Mexico, shot at an outdoor concert, burned out by wildfires, sudden cardiac arrest, biopsy is cancer, etc.* The Kingdom of God, the reign of God in life, becomes of tremendous value when we have the rug pulled out from under us, and everything else gets stripped away.

In November we come upon a change in season with colors and colder temperatures as we move into a dark and cold winter. Fall is a promise which ties into the thanksgiving celebration as well. We see in this time of year a glimpse into the value and beauty of life in a moment. The moment, today, is

where I am “at hand” as is God’s reign, and tomorrow is a promise that God is already there waiting, preparing life for us. I believe that we can realize the value of God’s Kingdom in part by giving thanks to God in everything, at ever time, and everyone. Our faith rests in the God who sent Jesus to remind us over and over of the true value of being a child of a gracious and loving God. Don’t dream of unreal riches in the future...dream about and give thanks for the true riches of being a beloved child of God today! Amen.



Plans are underway for Celebration of the Advent Season at Palestine

Watch and listen for details. Advent begins on December 3rd. A booklet will be available

as a guide for the seasons of Advent and Christmas – copies will be available on our website with hard copies available in Fellowship Hall.

The theme for Sunday worship will be: **The Gifts of Advent.** *A gift is given freely and offered in love. In the weeks before Christmas, we often race around finding just the right gifts for friends and family. The season of Advent is itself a gift—a time set apart to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We give thanks for God’s gift to us in the baby of Bethlehem.*

We are also planning an opportunity for you to pause midweek for an abbreviated prayer service (about a half hour) on Dec 6th & 20th. The theme will be **Lost in the Night: An Advent Service of Hope and Expectation.** *In the midst of darkness, we long for the coming of the light of Christ. Within this service, the text of the hymn “Lost in the night” (ELW 243, LBW 394) gives us words to express our deepest pleas for God’s mercy and salvation. Together we cry out: “Christ is coming soon! Come and save us soon!”*

The Advent Wreath, Nativity Scenes (which give a visual reminder of preparation during the season), Trees, Poinsettias, A Christmas Tea to honor Palestine’s Precious Seniors, Christmas Program, Christmas Caroling, Blue Christmas Worship, Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, and the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord on Christmas Day are all a part of the Celebration.

The name *Advent* simply means, “coming”, but there is nothing simple about this time of preparation. Not only are we getting ready for the coming of the Christ Child as anticipated by the prophets, but also the coming of Jesus into our lives today, tomorrow and always, remembering that he will come again to judge and rule the world.

K.I.C.K. – Kids in Christ’s Kingdom

(3rd thru 6th graders)

November

Saturday, November 4 - – Serve at Kumla supper – more details to follow.

Christmas Program rehearsal schedule (all at the church):

Sunday, November 26th - 6-7:30

Wednesday, November 29th - 6-7:30 with dinner from 5:30-6

NOTE: Preschool - 2nd grades will start learning the Christmas songs and actions Sunday, November 19th!

December

Christmas Program rehearsal schedule (all at the church):

Sunday, December 3rd - 6 - 7:30

Sunday, December 10th - 6 - 7:30

Sunday, December 17th - after church until noon - preschool through 6th grade practice

Sunday, 17th – Christmas Program with special music starting at 4:30

Wednesday, December 13 – KICK Christmas caroling @ Ballard Creek

Contact any K.I.C.K. advisor with any questions!

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Look for ROCK’s 4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday December 9th from 9am to noon at Palestine. The Christmas

Extravaganza is a great way to get all your Christmas treat needs as well as pick out a few gifts from our local vendors who will be there! We will need volunteers to bring cookies as always :) I will place a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall beginning in November!

Palestine Lutheran Church
Worship & Study Opportunities-
November 2017



Call in number to listen to worship services is no longer available

Wednesday, November 1 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, Nov 2 6:30 p.m. GriefShare @ Ballard Creek

Saturday, November 4

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, November 5 All Saints' Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Litany of the Saints; Prayers of the Saints; Light Candles in Remembrance; Children's Church

5 p.m. Adult Catechism, Conference Room

Monday, November 6 2 p.m. Women of ELCA Bible study

Wednesday, November 8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, Nov 9 6:30 p.m. GriefShare @ Ballard Creek

Saturday, November 11

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, November 12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church

5 p.m. Adult Catechism, Conference Room

Wednesday, November 15 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, Nov 16 6:30 p.m. GriefShare @ Ballard Creek

Saturday, November 18

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, November 19 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church

5 p.m. Adult Catechism, Conference Room

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship @ Ballard MS Auditorium

Wednesday, November 22 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

NO Confirmation – Thanksgiving break

Saturday, November 25

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Children's Church; Banner Sunday;

Culmination of the Church Year

5 p.m. Adult Catechism, Conference Room

6-7:30 p.m. Christmas program rehearsal
(3rd – 6th grades)

Wednesday, November 29 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

6-7:30 p.m. Christmas program rehearsal (3rd thru 6th grades) (dinner from 5:30-6)

Thursday, Nov 30 6:30 p.m. GriefShare @ Ballard Creek

Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wednesday morning Men's Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday).. They are available on the ELCA website–

www.elca.org → Resources → Downloadable

Resources → Bible Studies

November 5 All Saints Sunday –

Primary Text: Matthew 5:1-12

The Challenge of Discipleship: *Blessed Living*

November 12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 25: 1-13

The Challenge of Discipleship: *Readiness*

November 19 24th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 25:14-30

The Challenge of Discipleship: *Stewardship*

November 26 Christ the King Sunday –

Primary Text: Matthew 25:31-46

The Challenge of Discipleship: *Compassion*

December 3 1st Sunday of Advent –

Primary Text: Mark 13: 24-37

An Attitude of Discipleship: *Hopeful*



As part of the **Festival of All Saints on November 5** 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 have 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 print the name in the book on the table in the North Hall; email their name to the church PLC@huxcomm.net or to Pastor Eric at ericklimpel@gmail.com . We will also 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.



Lutheran Disaster Response
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

With an unprecedented amount of natural disasters across the globe, Lutheran Disaster Response is ready to respond. This season has seen some of the worst hurricanes on record, and there may be more to come. As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected by [Hurricanes Irma and Maria](#) and [Hurricane Harvey](#), and we are ready to assist in additional locations as disaster strikes. The road to recovery is long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected in every phase.

Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by hurricanes. Give now to support survivors of disasters in Texas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations impacted by powerful hurricanes.

U.S. Wildfires

The Situation:

Massive wildfires fueled by intense winds have destroyed more than 1,000 homes, endangered entire communities, and claimed more than 20 lives in California. More than 100,000 people have been forced to evacuate while thousands of others remain without power and other utilities.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response, through the Sierra Pacific Synod and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, will be responding to address the overwhelming needs of those affected by wildfires. Your gifts will help us deliver a robust response on the long road to recovery.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "U.S. wildfires" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

What you can do:

Pray:

Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of wildfires in California. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God might deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and strength to those who are working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give:

Gifts to "[U.S. Wildfires](#)" will be used to assist those affected by the wildfires until the response is complete.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Read the [bulletin insert](#) available in Fellowship Hall.
- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).



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As we pray for those who have been affected by the recent disasters, Thrivent Financial is

mobilizing its financial resources and members nationwide to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who are interested in ways to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit www.Thrivent.com to learn more about the organization's commitment to match individual personal donations and other ways in which they can help. When disaster strikes, Thrivent members are among the first to respond with their hearts and hands to help those in need. Nationwide, Thrivent members have led more than 700 Thrivent Action Teams to assist with the disaster recovery efforts, resulting in over \$420,000 raised and 33,600 in volunteer hours. And here's even more proof of your generosity: Members of the Thrivent Member Network - Greater Iowa Region have supported hurricane disaster recovery efforts by:

- Contributing \$45,016 in personal donations and unlocking \$45,016 in Thrivent matching funds.
- Directing 24,017 in Choice Dollars®. The storms may have subsided, but the destruction will be felt for years. You can still make a donation or lend a hand.

Remember, Thrivent will match personal donations made on Thrivent.com to featured organizations assisting with recovery efforts, up to \$3 million.* (This opportunity will run until the \$3 million match is met or until December 31, 2017, whichever comes first. Thrivent will pay the processing fees for personal donations made through Thrivent.com up to \$1 million or 12/31/17, whichever comes first.) Visit the [disaster response page](#) on Thrivent.com to donate or learn more.

Thrivent has also committed to a long-term rebuilding effort with Habitat for Humanity, called Habitat Hammers Back. [Learn more about it and sign up](#) to receive communications on how you can get involved.

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Treasurer's Report

Please refer to the report which is part of the Church Council minutes for their meeting October 8, 2017
Principal balance for building improvement loan \$ 7,697.75 (as of October 8, 2017)

You may donate to exterior repair projects thru the Building Improvement Fund. As a reminder...you can make contributions online or on any mobile device to this fund along with any other offerings. Just go to our website at www.plchuxley.com and click on the "Online Giving" link on the homepage and you can set up an account to quickly and easily give anytime and anywhere!

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, November 5th at 8 a.m.

Church Council 2017	Pastor Eric Klimpel
President: Matt Williams	Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt
Secretary: Jacob Huxford	Treasurer: Deidre Qual
Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler	
Council: Nels Dovre	David Eisenmann
Bruce Hartman	Cynthia Johnson
Laura Kepler	Brad Lewis
Jean Saveraid	Kristin Shelton
Lora Young	



Severe Weather Policy: When school is canceled because of the weather, all church functions will also be canceled. If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be put on the church answering machine (515/597-2620) and also on our church website www.plchuxley.com. We will notify the following radio/TV stations if worship or other events are to be canceled WHO, KCCI, KRNT, & WOI. For smaller functions phone trees will also be utilized.

Special NOTE: Please use your own judgment regarding traveling in severe weather conditions.

 **calling all college students**

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 17th**. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the **Palestine Scholarship Fund**. \$100 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. **P.S. Parents please remind your college age student to apply for this scholarship.** We wouldn't want to leave someone out because they failed to submit their application.

E-mail: PLC@huxcomm.net Mailing address: 1375 HWY 210, Huxley, IA 50124

(We will reply when we receive your email so you can be sure that we received your request and that it isn't lost in cyberspace.)



Many of you have noticed the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and have posted articles on this board about all the good things that are being accomplished by our Palestine Lutheran members. It is fun to read of successes! Please feel free to post on the board and/or put these articles in my box if you prefer. I will get them up on the board. I will try to leave them there for a length of time before I take them down for newer articles.

The line from Field of Dreams reminds me of this bulletin board: If you build it, they will come. All the articles are appreciated and they are READ!

Jean Saveraid

Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

[not yet approved]

October 8, 2017- Sunday - 8:00 AM

In Attendance: Pastor Eric Klimpel, Matt Williams, Jeff Van Pelt, Laura Kepler, Jacob Huxford, Lora Young, Cynthia Johnson, Jean Saveraid, Bruce Hartman, David Eisenmann, Kristin Shelton, Nels Dovre, Dick Kepler, and Deidre Qual. A quorum was established.

Devotions – Nels

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections – Gods Work, Our Hands service projects

Minutes of the previous meeting – Jacob

- Jeff Van Pelt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Bruce Hartman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 150.00
Building Improvement	2,000.00
Confirmation	1,456.07
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	347.37
General Fund Checking	-4,761.66
Kitchen	2,500.00
Parsonage	4,594.86
Rock Group	289.83
Technology Fund	3,464.86
PLC Checking Other	150.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 10,191.33

Approximately \$10,600 has been donated through EasyTithe since May!

Lora Young moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Jean Saveraid seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report -- Pastor Klimpel

- See his report.

New business:

1. Approval of Affirmation of Baptism candidates – Nolan Schonhorst, Caleb Hartsook, Kaylee Van Pelt, Zach Larson, Isaac Larson, Benjamin Ewing, Marshal Sheldahl.
 - All candidates have met the criteria.
 - Jacob Huxford moved to approve the list of Affirmation of Baptism candidates, Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Piano fund .

- Laura Kepler moved to set up a piano fund, Brad Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Nominating committee – Need to start engaging
 - a. Members: Brent Emerson, Vallery Eisenmann, Julie Huxford, Doreen Blackmer, Mark Doty, Jeff Van Pelt.
 4. Madrid Home Update – Vallery Eisenmann
 5. November 12, 2017 Palestine/Pastor Klimpel will be hosting a Conference 1 Assembly meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Edward Jones funds from Maland estate – status
 - Matt is going to follow up with Edward Jones about getting our account set up and the funds transferred over Palestine's Thrivent account.
2. Kitchen committee – Update
 - They are going to have a committee meeting
 - Brad has discussed three options with some local contractors. He plans to present the opportunities to the committee to have some information available for the annual meeting.
 - Brad also has an appliance dealer coming to tune up the stoves prior to the Kumla Supper.
3. Parsonage opportunities.
 - Nels and Allison have mentioned that they would be interested in living in the parsonage for a short time (one year, give or take a few months).

Jacob Huxford moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – November 5th, 2017 at 8:00am
Nov Devotions – Matt Williams
Nov Treats – Kristin Shelton



Vær så god
(you're welcome)

Join us for
the 28th Annual Kumla Supper
at Palestine Lutheran Church, 1375 Hwy 210, Huxley
Saturday, November 4
serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 10.
Carryout available

♥ Sign up to help with **Kumla Supper** – November 4 – It takes many hands to make this possible! Sign up sheet on counter in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



SNOW REMOVAL

Volunteers needed

1. Parking lots & drives
2. Sidewalks

Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall.
?s check with Mike Larson
Special thanks to the many of you that have helped in past years.



*O give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good*

PSALM 107:1, NRSV



November 2017

Volunteer schedule

Greeters

- 11/5 Joyce Carlson
Jody & Troy Calvert
11/12 ...Robin & Mark Doty
Jean Saveraid
11/19 ...Jim & Nina Gotta
Tim & Julie Huxford
11/26 ...Denise & Lowell Elliott
Christa & Greg Hartsok

Acolytes –

Lectors -

Ushers

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Bruce Hartman, captain | Roger Larson |
| Ron Locker | Virgil Larson |

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

- 11/5 – Tracy Rhoads, Kim Van Pelt
11/19 – Doreen Blackmer, Lora Young

Offering Counters

Bob Snider, Holly Twedt

Altar Guild

Pat Martin, Cindi Thomas

Mowing (church & parsonage grounds)

Oct 29 - Nov 5

Snow Removal

- Sidewalks
 - Drives & Parking Lots
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Deliver Food Pantry donations for Nov

"November is **Bake Sale!** month at the food pantry - please donate baking supplies – flour, sugar, oil, spices."

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

November



- 1 - Hartsook, Christa
Larson, Mike
- 4 - Brokofsky, Andrew
Harmon, Brady
Lundgren, Vivian
- 7 - Huxford, Ellen
- 8 - Gotta, Jim
Hartman, Emma
- 10 - Kochheiser, Tom
- 12 - Reinhart, Jane
- 15 - Schonhorst, Doug
- 17 - DeVries, Carter
- 18 - Hartsook, Caleb
Rittgers, Roger
- 19 - Shaffer, McKenzie
- 22 - Harmon, Blake
Twedt, Wade
- 24 - Calvert, Kinsey
Millang, Dennis
- 27 - Kalsem, Sandy
Paradise, Roy
Roelfs, Sarah
- 28 - Roelfs, Priya

- 29 - Edwards, Danielle
Marihart, Logan
Moore, Matt
Van Pelt, Jeff
Wise, Holly
- 30 - Kalsem, Ralph

Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Brent & Julie Emerson
- 8 - Ralph & Sandra Kalsem
- 11 - Roger & Deb Moore
- 16 - Tom & Sue Kochheiser
- 18 - Lyle & Pat Martin
Wayne & Jane Reinhart
- 27 - Aaron & Nicole Larson
- 29 - Brent & Missy Larson

If your birthday or anniversary was not included or is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during October: Anita Brendeland; Joan Carson; Elinor (Anderson) Christiansen; Logan DeHaven; Kim Fears; Merlin Lyon; Kris Polich; Deidre Qual; Christian Russell; Lorraine Sorensen;; Arlene Wee; Randy Young.

- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks around the world & also here at home.
- Syrian refugees.

We welcome the newest member of our family of faith...
...received by Holy Baptism on October 1, 2017, **Grace Ann Saveraid** (born October 4, 2016). **Grace** is the **daughter** of **Greg** and **Emily Saveraid**. Her baptismal sponsors are Andrew Barnd & Matthew Barnd.

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

...received by transfer from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denison, **Hannah & Jacob Saltzman** who made public affirmation of their baptism on October 1, 2017. We give thanks for these people whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA Bible study
Monday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.

In the Gather magazine

FALL 2017: The Apostles' Creed

This fall 2017, take part in a three-session Gather Bible study on the Apostles' Creed and what we together say we believe.

In "The Apostles' Creed," Bible study author Julia Seymour, pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage, Alaska, writes: "Beyond preferences or evenly deeply held convictions, the theological underpinnings of a religious community are the structure for teaching, preaching and action. For our life of faith together, creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy and sorrow."

Session 1: I believe in God...

Session 2: I believe in Jesus Christ...

Session 3: I believe in the Holy Spirit...

In November we will be studying Session 3: **I believe in the Holy Spirit...**

In the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is revealed not through characterization, but through the power of the Spirit in action. How do we understand the communion of saints, forgiveness, resurrection, the church and all that will be, as the revelatory work of the Holy Spirit? As part of the Trinity, the Spirit carries the same weight as the Father and the Son, yet many of us are drawn to one part of the Trinity more than others. How can we use the creed to perceive and honor the Spirit and the Spirit's work? The theme for the November 2017 *Gather* magazine is **THE APOSTLES' CREED: Creeds are more than just words. They carry us through doubt, sorrow and joy.**



Thank-offerings will be taken at the women's meeting this month. If you are not able to attend but wish to give an offering to support the Women of the ELCA churchwide, you may give your offering to Cindi Thomas,

Palestine WELCA treasurer.

Thank-offerings are sent in full to the churchwide women's organization.

Women of the ELCA Thankofferings support the total outreach of the churchwide women's organization. **(For more about the churchwide ministries of Women of the ELCA, go to womenoftheelca.org.)**

Community Events - Check bulletin board & counter in Fellowship Hall for additional announcements & information.



Community Thanksgiving

Once again, the Ballard Ministerial Association is inviting the community to gather for a time of fellowship and worship as we celebrate God's blessings! All are invited to the Community Thanksgiving Celebration, which will include a supper and worship. We will gather at the Ballard Middle School on **TUES, NOV 22**. Supper at 5:30 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas with Wartburg

includes on- and off-campus performances attended by nearly 7,000 people each year. The program features the talents of the Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, and Wind Ensemble, which tour annually and travel abroad every third year, and The Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, Kantorei, and Handbell Choir. There will be a performance on Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines. Tickets are \$20, available online.

<http://www.wartburg.edu/christmas/>



Salem United Church of Christ, Alleman Harvest Dinner – Bake & Craft Sale

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Salad/Green Beans, Rolls/Homemade Pies, Coffee/Milk

Wednesday, November 15 5-7 p.m.

Advance ticket sales only: Adults \$10, Children (4-12)
\$5, under 4 free

For Tickets Call: Shirley Carr 964-4136

Keri Alleman; 669-2818 Deb Reinhart: 975-7040

UCC office: 685-3313 salemuccalleman@gmail.com

Take out meals available at west door

Festival of Trees & Lights

In 1984 the Festival of Trees & Lights made its debut in Des Moines, and since that time families and friends of all ages have eagerly awaited this fun-filled event to kick-off the holiday season. With beautifully decorated trees, a fun-filled children's area, food, entertainment and special events, "Festival" has become a central Iowa tradition.

In its 30-year history, the Festival has provided more than \$7.4 million in financial support for Child Life, the Center for Advocacy & Outreach and other special programs and projects to serve the unique needs of children and their families.

Festival is a volunteer supported event. Hundreds of volunteers give of their time to not only work at Festival but also help plan the event. In addition, a steering committee of volunteers is busy planning almost year round.

Save the Dates for the **2017 Festival of Trees and Lights on November 22 - 26, 2017!** Open to the public.

Location

Veteran's Memorial Community Choice Credit Union
Convention Center
833 5th Avenue, Des Moines

Admission

\$5 at event
Children 2 & Younger: Free

Event Hours

Wed, Nov 22 – 11 am to 7 pm
Thurs, Nov 23 – 1 to 7 pm
Fri, Nov 24 – 11 am to 7 pm
Sat, Nov 25 – 11 am to 7 pm
Sun, Nov 26 – 11 am to 5 pm

Volunteer

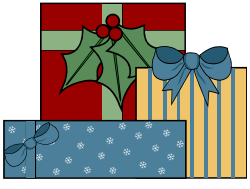
Join in the fun by volunteering to be a part of this wonderful holiday tradition. The Festival of Trees & Lights benefits two vital programs at Blank Children's Hospital - Child Life and Advocacy & Outreach. Our volunteers are hard-working, passionate and full of energy. Each year, hundreds of volunteers give of their time and talents to make Festival come to life. We invite you to volunteer this year and join in the fun!

Volunteers 14 & 15 years of age can volunteer with a parent or guardian. Volunteers 16 and older are welcome to volunteer on their own.

Sign up to volunteer @

www.unitypoint.org/blankchildrens/festival-of-trees-volunteer.aspx





No Madrid Home resident ever goes without presents at Christmas time, thanks to the loving and enthusiastic generosity of MHC friends. It's hard to know

who enjoys this gift-giving tradition more, residents who receive the presents or staff who choose just the right gift for each one. Then again, it could be those who shop and donate items, or the volunteer gift wrappers. In any event it is a meaningful and joyful part of the holidays for many. Some things that are good for Christmas presents are: (* new items added to list)

- pants of any size (elastic band)
- nail polish
- jewelry
- grippy socks
- individual snacks
- shirts of any size
- Kleenex
- Calendars for 2018
- * Adult coloring books
- * Large print word searches
- * Toiletry items. Such as; shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion.

You may bring donations to the Madrid Home the day of the Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19. **ALL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE DECEMBER 8TH PLEASE!** You may bring donations to the Madrid Home the day of the Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19. **ALL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE DECEMBER 8TH PLEASE!**

This gives us time to sort donations and begin gift selection. For those of you who like to shop for bargains at the after-Christmas sales, we also appreciate donations of wrapping paper and gift bags to use the following year.

Gift wrapping will take place December 11th thru 15th (call and schedule a time if you are interested) Individuals/ groups can call Tanae Hollar at 515-795-3007 to schedule a time. Our Resident Christmas party will be held on December 22nd.



Avenue of Trees and Wreaths

Silent Auction 11/19/2017 - 12/3/2017

We will have trees & wreaths to bid on at all 3 campuses of Madrid Home Communities. Silent Auction bids on beautiful, fun, festive trees & wreaths!

Pictures of all trees will be displayed on our Facebook page, but actual bids must take place at the locations.

Friends Bake Sale and Bazaar November 19, 2017

Shop for Thanksgiving treats, start your Christmas shopping, and visit with friends!

Bake Sale and Bazaar at the Madrid Home

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Donations of baked goods or handcrafted items are appreciated and can be brought to the church that morning. OR baked goods can be brought to the Madrid Home Reception Desk by noon the day of the event. Hand crafted items can be brought to the Reception desk at any time.



Scan Away Hunger is our annual effort to provide meals and care for hungry people in central Iowa...and you can help! Join Hope Ministries, Hy-Vee and KCCI 8 Des Moines from Thanksgiving through Christmas by "scanning" a plate at a participating metro Hy-Vee store OR [give online](http://giveonline.com).

www.hopeiowa.org/pages/act/sca-n-away-hunger



Just \$1.85 provides a meal and care.

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"To Know Christ and to make Christ known to all."

Upcoming Events

November 10-12 Jr High Recharge (grades 6-9)

November 17-19 High School Recharge (grades 9-12)

December 3 Riverside Christmas Party

January 20 Mother Son Night

February 17 Daddy Daughter Dance

March 2-4 Marriage Retreat

Reserve the date! Riverside is hosting the Gala on **April 7,**

2018. This Gala will be an elegant evening of food and music, as enjoyed in the past

What's a Recharge?



This is an exciting weekend event for youth to come enjoy all of their favorite parts of summer camp in a 40 hour weekend experience. We will have worship, skits, Bible studies, God

time, games, awesome counselors, and a "no homework guarantee". Drop-off is between 8:00 and 9:00 pm on Friday, with things finishing by noon on Sunday. This is a great retreat for confirmation groups and youth groups too! Check out our [website](#) for all of the details, including registration. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Additional Information

Fee: \$75 (A \$25 deposit is required to register, balance may be paid upon arrival. The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. If registering less than one week before the recharge, please add \$5)

- Arrival is from 8:00-9:00pm on Friday, please do not arrive before 8:00pm.
- Recharge ends at noon on Sunday.
- You may want to bring some extra money as the camp store will be open selling candy, soda, t-shirts, and other great camp gear.
- Please bring your Bible, pen or pencil, paper or notebook, sleeping bag or bedding, flashlight, and warm clothes for lots of outdoor activities.
- Please DO NOT bring cell phones, gaming devices, iPods or MP3 players, any type of electronics, expensive jewelry, or food.

Dates for Fall of 2017

- November 10-12 Junior High (Grades 6-9)
 - November 17-19 Senior High (Grades 9-12)
- Registration available online or forms available in church office.



Riverside Christmas Party

Every year Riverside puts on a fun Christmas party that is free, family friendly, and open to the public! There will be carols, hot cocoa, snacks, wagon

rides, cookie decorating, and more. Join us on Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Riverside dining hall for a great evening celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ! We hope to see you there.

Who: Everyone is invited! This is a family friendly event that is fun for all ages.

What: Christmas Party

Where: Riverside Dining Hall - 3001 Riverside Rd. Story City, Iowa

When: Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Why: To celebrate the birth of Jesus!

How Much: This event is free!

It's Lefsa & Kringla Time UFF-DA That's Good!

Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cambridge will be making Lefsa and Kringla. Call 515-383-4328. Leave name, address, phone #, and amount of Lefsa and Kringla you wish!



Lefsa \$1.50 per lefsa
or \$12 per dozen.
Kringla \$5 per dozen
or \$3 per 1/2 dozen.

Ready by Monday, November 20.





National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is proud to announce our newest service, LSI Foster Care and Adoption. Through this new service, LSI recruits, supports, and empowers foster and adoptive families across western Iowa.

Nationally, there are more than 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only unfound families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or 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 LSA (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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Opening Your Heart and Home

Phillip and Ruth remember the day they decided they wanted to adopt.

It was the late 1950s, and the couple was shocked to learn abandoned babies in a local hospital were being neglected, didn't receive the attention or care they needed, and were not developing properly because of it. Phil and Ruth knew they wanted to do something.

"We decided we would adopt as soon as we could," Ruth says.

Phil and Ruth became adoptive parents through what was then called Lutheran Social Services of Iowa (LSS). The couple already had three biological children, Carol, Eric, and Peter, but they had more room in their home and in their hearts. They were ready for a fourth child. That's when baby Rachel entered their lives.

A few years later, the couple adopted 4-year old girl, Paula, and their family was complete. The seven traveled the country for work and vacations, went camping everywhere, & remained a close-knit family even as each child left home for college.

Now, all of Phil and Ruth's children have lives of their own, and Phil and Ruth have added grandchildren and great-grandchildren to their legacy.

Paula graduated from the Naval Academy, received her Ph.D. in Computer Science, and now works for the IRS. Rachel, a graduate of Luther College and the University of Wisconsin Medical School, became a doctor and practices in New Orleans, Louisiana. She has a weekly syndicated health tips show on her local ABC television station, and has been awarded two regional Emmys.

Through it all, Phil and Ruth have been advocates and supporters of adoption in Iowa. For them, it was a way to make a difference in the world, one child at a time. Today, Phil and Ruth continue to support vulnerable children in Iowa as faithful donors to LSI.

"Not everyone can adopt," Phil says, "but everyone can afford to support LSI. Even a small amount, given monthly and automatically, is remarkably helpful."