



## The Palestine Press

**November 2019**

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

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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."

### Receiving "Living Water" of Vitality

----- With Pastor Eric

***Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water...Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."***

***John 4:10,13-14***

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the local well in the heat of the midday sun. I am so thankful to have indoor plumbing and safe water to drink. Many places in the world to include some like Flint, Michigan, have to go somewhere else to get clean water. They spend many hours and precious resources to get what they need for their families and neighbors and miss out on what brings depth and opportunity like education and bonding activities with others. Although I find this reflection practical and actionable, there is another image here which intrigues me in the faith community.

When preparing for ministry and doing planning in the church, we might feel the need to go outside of our community to get the tools, or the programs, or the perspective that we need to succeed, or be faithful. If ministry is water, then we must make our way to various water wells, or local "successful" churches or consulting firms, to get what is the "it" that makes ministry thrive. We have to send people, buy materials, pay for conferences and hope that it is all worth it.

Jesus gives us another perspective in John 4. He tells the woman that God's gift to her is right there within her which is living water. Jesus provides through his teachings and life the way to embody God's love and ministry right where we are! God gives to this congregation the tools, the knowledge and the faith to do the good works that God has prepared for us to be our way of life! Who knows our context better than us?

With "living water" in mind, we embrace the opportunity to listen in love to one another and hear what God is inviting us to be a part of right where we live. We are equipped by the Holy Spirit to let go of what is draining us in order to pick up what is truly needed in this community. As we are thankful for what God does, let us consider what God is doing in and through you and me right now.

Let us pray. ***Lord I know that You love me and that You have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. As I explore the various options which lie before me, help me to listen openly to others, and to pay attention to what is in the depth of my own heart. In this way, may I hear Your call to a way of life which will allow me to love as only I can, and allow me to serve others with the special gifts You have given me. Amen.***



### **"Be the One!"**

inspired from Luke 17:11-19

***"Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice."***  
*(verse 15)*

**Nov 10 "Be the one...who serves"** - Time and Talent - celebrate ways we serve. Who do we feel thankful for yesterday and today?

**Nov 17 "Be the one...who gives"** - Benevolence giving – Do we make a difference in the world? Yes because faith is a journey into abundance and new life!

Both Sundays focus on giving thanks to God and making a difference in the world.



## **Palestine Lutheran Church Worship & Study Opportunities- November 2019**

The "dial in" number for the worship service is no longer available.

Friday, November 1 thru Sunday, November 3

Riverside Fall JH Recharge (grades 6-9)

Saturday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 3 All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Hymn Festival; Prayer of the Saints; Children's Church

5-7 pm Theology on Tap @ the Pote home

Tuesday, November 5

6:30-8 p.m. GriefShare @ Slater Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**"Be the one...who serves"** - Time and Talent

5-7 pm Theology on Tap @ the Pote home

Tuesday, November 12

6:30-8 p.m. GriefShare @ Slater Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, November 15 thru Sunday, November 17

Riverside Fall SH Recharge (grades 9-12)

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**"Be the one...who gives"** - Benevolence giving

5-7 pm Theology on Tap @ the Pote home

Tuesday, November 19

6:30-8 p.m. GriefShare @ Slater Methodist Church

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, November 23

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

Sunday, November 24 Christ the King Sunday

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

5-7 pm Theology on Tap @ the Pote home

Tuesday, November 26

6:30-8 p.m. GriefShare @ Slater Methodist Church

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship @ Trinity United Methodist, 102 Lynwood Dr, Huxley

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

NO Confirmation (Thanksgiving break)

Saturday, November 30

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ 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](http://www.elca.org) → Resources → Downloadable Resources → Bible Studies

**Nov 3** All Saints Sunday —**Primary Text:** Luke 6:20-31

**Discipleship:** *A New Blessing*

**Nov 10** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost —

**Primary Text:** Luke 20:27-38

**Discipleship:** *A New Life*

**Nov 17** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost —

**Primary Text:** Luke 21:5-19

**Discipleship:** *A New Preparedness*

**Nov 24** Christ the King —

**Primary Text:** Luke 23:33-43

**Discipleship:** *A New Kind of Leader*

**Dec 1** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent —

**Primary Text:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Discipleship:** *Following the Son of Man*



### 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 on **TUES, NOV 26** for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 102 Lynwood Dr, Huxley.

There will be a sign-up sheet for contribution of soups and bars for the meal.

As part of the Festival of All Saints on November 3 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](mailto:PLC@huxcomm.net) or to Pastor Eric at [ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### "Palestine Usher Ministry 2019"

Thank you for those who signed up to be

an usher. We are trying a different approach and asking those willing to serve as ushers to sign up for times when they are available to serve. If you weren't able to sign up when sheets were passed at church and would like to serve as an usher, let Pastor Eric know and he will send you a "sign-up genius" invite in order to allow for scheduling on-line. A hard copy sign up is also available on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

An updated duties sheet is available on the counter in Fellowship Hall and in the bell tower (light's closet). There may be times when these duties are altered on a given Sunday but these are the standard responsibilities.

Confirmation students and acolytes might assist you as well during the service, so please use them when possible to help. (Acolyte sign up are pending).

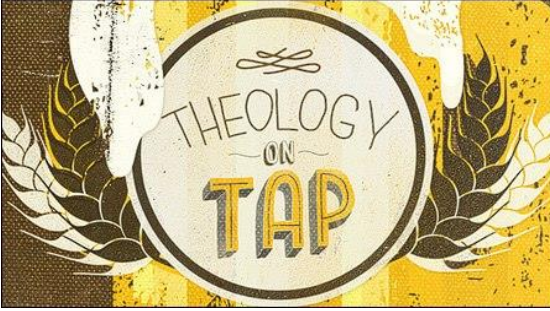
Thank you for serving in this welcoming ministry.



## "Theology on Tap"

Theme –

The Land Between: Finding God in Difficult Transitions



What if the times of life that we most desperately seek to avoid are actually the

periods we most desperately need?

These times might be when God desires to do some of his deepest work in us, offering a chance for life-changing growth!

Meet at Mark & Jen Pote's home, 56295 300<sup>th</sup> St, Cambridge, IA  
Sundays in November from 5 – 7 p.m.  
Bring a beverage to share.

### Palestine Lutheran "Listening in Love" Project

The Listening Team will begin scheduling time for conversations with the congregation beginning October 13th. Thank you for everyone who has signed up and invited us to speak with you over the next 3 months.

We are asking and looking for ways that God has blessed us and calls us now into an exciting future. During the next several months the Listening Team asks that we enter a time of prayer for discernment for our faith community, as well as our families.. This prayer is the beginning of our reflection to ask God and listen to God in and with one another. Please pray this prayer regularly along with the Lord's Prayer and whatever prayers that you share with your family and friends. We look forward to this blessed time together. Please consult the "Third Word" Table in the Fellowship Hall for information and resources.



#### Prayer for Discernment As We Listen in Love

**Lord I know that You love me and that You have great plans for me. But sometimes I am overwhelmed by the thought of my future. Show me how to walk forward one day at a time. As I explore the various options which lie before me, help me to listen openly to others, and to pay attention to what is in the depth of my own heart. In this way, may I hear Your call to a way of life which will allow me to love as only I can, and allow me to serve others with the special gifts You have given me. Amen.**



### Volunteer schedule

#### Greeters

11/3 Lori Edwards; Delores Hauge  
Matt & Michele Siepker  
11/10... Brent & Missy Larson  
Tom & Kristin Shelton  
11/17... Holly & Tim Wise  
Lora Young  
11/24... Laura Kepler  
Nancy Fausch

#### Acolytes –

11/3  
11/10....  
11/17....  
11/24....

#### Lectors -

11/3  
11/10....  
11/17....  
11/24....

#### Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

#### Communion Assistants

11/3...Brent & Julie Emerson:  
11/17..Brent & Missy Larson

#### Offering Counters

Bob Snider; Jeannie Williams

#### Altar Guild

Donna Millang, Jen Pote

#### Snow removal volunteers

Oct 28-Nov 3  
Nov 4 – 10  
Nov 11-17  
Nov 18-24  
Nov 25-Dec 1

#### Deliver Food Pantry donations for Nov.

#### Ushers

11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
1. Chris Richter	1.Scott Johnson	1. Mark Doty	1. Dennis Millang
2. Tim Wilson	2. Mark Doty	2.Dennis Millang	2.
3. Tom Shelton	3. Dennis Millang	3.	3.
4. Dennis Millang	4.	4.	4.

Year of Sharing & Caring - for donations for the Huxley area Food Pantry. "November is **Bake Sale!** month at the food pantry - please donate baking supplies – flour, sugar, oil, spices." Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

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## November



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| 1 - Hartsook, Christa<br>Larson, Mike  | 29 - Edwards, Danielle<br>Marihart, Logan |
| 4 - Brokofsky, Andrew<br>Harmon, Brady<br>Lundgren, Vivian (85 <sup>th</sup> ) | 30 - Kalsem, Ralph (86 <sup>th</sup> )    |
| 7 - Longnecker, Ellen  |   |
| 8 - Gotta, Jim<br>Hartman, Emma  |   |
| 10 - Kochheiser, Tom<br>Pote, Mark   |   |
| 12 - Prichard, Phyllis<br>Reinhart, Jane                                       |   |
| 13 - Cox, Bruce  |   |
| 15 - Schonhorst, Doug  |   |
| 16 - Johnson, Elliott<br>Miller, Helen (91 <sup>st</sup> )                     |   |
| 17 - DeVries, Carter<br>Kam, Evelyn  |   |
| 18 - Hartsook, Caleb<br>Rittgers, Roger  |   |
| 19 - Shaffer, McKenzie   |   |
| 22 - Harmon, Blake<br>Twedt, Wade  |   |
| 24 - Calvert, Kinsey<br>Millang, Dennis  |   |
| 27 - Kalsem, Sandy<br>Paradise, Roy (87 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Roelfs, Sarah       |   |
| 28 - Roelfs, Priya   |   |

### Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

#### NOVEMBER WEDDING

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Brent & Julie Emerson (25<sup>th</sup>)  
8 - Ralph & Sandra Kalsem  
11 - Roger & Deb Moore  
16 - Tom & Sue Kochheiser  
18 - Lyle & Pat Martin  
Wayne & Jane Reinhart  
27 - Aaron & Nicole Larson (20<sup>th</sup>)  
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.

#### 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.



#### Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during October: Dianne Blackmer; Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Alisha Cox; Bev Echtenkamp; Marvin Edwards; Lowell Elliott; Tom Getz; Jackie Greene; Warren Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Kevin Klingbeil; Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Roger Moore; Loree Ness; Chuck Ostermeier; Shannon Tope; Marissa Vermeer; Nova Lynn Walte; Sarah JoAnn Young; Phil Zeller

Famiy & friends of Wanda Halverson; Bonny Erickson; Don Trautner; Angie Claude; Donna Keiser; Arlene Wee; Judy Smith

- Our Compassion International child a 9 yr old boy Roberto Junior Perez Barreto in Columbia.
- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks around the world & also here at home.

We welcome the newest members of our family of faith...  
...received by Holy Baptism on October 13, 2019, **Julianne Schaudt**.  
Julianne is the daughter of Lucas & Adessa Schaudt and sister of Palmer. Her baptismal sponsors are Clint Neuendorf and Rachael Schaudt.

We welcome her into the Lord's family as a child of God!  
...received by transfer **Lucas & Adessa Schaudt, and Palmer** on October 13, 2019. We give thanks for these people whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...

...to family and friends of **Angie Claude**

...to family and friends of **Donna Keiser** (mother of Pastor Gloria Keiser Dovre)

...to family and friends of **Arlene Wee**

...to family and friends of **Judy Smith** (mother of Amy Larson)

May the risen Lord give his strength & comfort to their families in their time of loss.



#### 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

E-mail: [PLC@huxcomm.net](mailto:PLC@huxcomm.net) Mailing address: 1375 HWY 210, Huxley, IA 50124

Vær så god  
(you're welcome)



## Join us for our 30<sup>th</sup> annual kumla supper

at Palestine Lutheran Church, 1375 Hwy 210, Huxley  
Saturday, November 9, 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 9 –  
It takes many hands to make this possible! Sign up sheet  
on counter in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## Senior Christmas Event at Palestine Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.



This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> gathering of this annual tradition! The following information was gathered from Annual Reports: The Senior Christmas Tea began in 1970 hosted by the Palestine Lutheran

Church Women. When it first began, in addition to our current members, an invitation to attend was extended to former members in surrounding communities – from Des Moines to Story City. It began by honoring seniors 70 & older and their spouses. The **age** has now changed to **65 & older**. It was held at 3 p.m. After several years with weather challenges the time was moved from 3 p.m. to 11:30 a.m., allowing the seniors to travel in daylight. The time is now 11 a.m. Mrs. Ole Thorsness of Slater led the group in singing Norwegian Christmas Carols for the first several years. Different programs were held over the years including slides of Norway, hymns sung by Sr. High youth, a program based on Christmas Memories with a booklet created, music provided by the Wirtz family, a presentation about a nativity collection, and for the last several years the Sunday School students (now Children's Church students: preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) have sung for the seniors. Jr. Lutherans (now the KICK group) have made favors for the seniors each year. For a few years it was mentioned that we had an Advent Family Potluck to honor our senior members – food has always been a part of the gathering along with fellowship and music.



Blumsters is offering Poinsettias for Palestine members. Each single-branch plant with 5-7 blooms is wrapped with foil and a bow at a cost of \$12.00 (tax included). Julie Huxford or Tracy

Sheldahl will take your order after worship – November 10, 17, & 24. (You may also order a poinsettia by calling Blumsters @ 515/597-2200.) Order deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

A bulletin insert will be published listing those who have given poinsettias. Please indicate when ordering if you are placing the plant in memory of or in honor of someone.

## Funeral Ministry



Funeral Lunches

When a congregation member or other friend passes away, if requested, our church provides a comforting ministry of serving a luncheon for the family and friends of the deceased. A big

part of this effort is provided by congregation members generously donating food, usually a dessert or some type of fruit or vegetable salad, for the meal. In order to get the word out about an upcoming funeral and/or luncheon, it is fastest to send out an email detailing the plans for the day and requesting food donations. If you are not currently on the email list to get notified of funerals with luncheons and would like to help out by donating food or working at the luncheon, please contact Doreen Blackmer and she will add you to the email list. You can email her at [doreenblackmer66@gmail.com](mailto:doreenblackmer66@gmail.com) or call/text her at 515-777-6960 with your email address.

Many funerals take place during weekdays and around lunch time. If you currently don't work, are retired or work only part-time and would like to get more involved with organizing the luncheons, please contact Doreen about this, as well. We could really use some new faces to assist in this vital ministry. There are also opportunities to set up tables, usher, and stop highway traffic as people cross the road to the cemetery when a funeral arises. Your consideration of this opportunity is appreciated because so many people are unavailable to help during weekdays.

Bethesda AMES  
Scandinavian Coffee  
est. 1956  
COFFEE COOKIES MEATBALLS  
Saturday, Nov. 2 ... 9am-2pm



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**Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand October 20, 2019	
Checking Account	\$ 20,077.16
General Fund	\$ 6,539.80
Designated Funds	\$ 13,537.36
Benevolence	5.00
Building Improvement	533.96
Technology	3,384.00
Kitchen	1,351.13
Parsonage	3,488.25
Confirmation	1,475.86
Evangelism/Fellowship	1,429.69
Piano Fund	992.14
Maland Fund	827.33
ROCK	50.00

Principal balance for building improvement loan \$ 3,584.64  
 Principal balance for general fund operating loan \$5,200.00  
 (as of October 20, 2019)

**Next Council Meeting** – Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 8 a.m.

<b>Church Council 2019</b>	Pastor Eric Klimpel
President: Kristin Shelton	Council: Nels Dovre
Vice President: Tim Wilson	David Eisenmann
Secretary: Ellen Longnecker	Brent Emerson
Treasurer: Deidre Qual	Candi Engler
Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler	Cynthia Johnson
	Brad Lewis
	Jen Pote
	Jean Saveraid



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

If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be on the church **answering machine** (515-597-2620), the **church website** ([www.plchuxley.com](http://www.plchuxley.com)), and the **church facebook page**.

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. **Sunday morning worship – a decision on service cancellation will be made no later than 8:30 am.**

**Special Note:** Please use your common sense regarding traveling in severe weather conditions.

**Minutes - Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

[not yet approved]

**Sunday, October 6, 2019 @ 8:00 AM**

Jean Saveraid, Brad Lewis, Jen Pote, Cynthia Johnson, Tim Wilson, Candice Engler, Kristin Shelton, Pastor Eric, Dedrie Qual, Dick Kepler, Brent Emerson, David Eisenmann, Ellen Longnecker

**Devotions:** Jean Saveraid.

**Read vision and mission Statements**

**Goals and Reflections:**

High compliments were received about the congregation from fill in pastor.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Tim motions to approve minutes from previous meeting. Candice Engler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** Deidre Qual

Tim motions to approve treasurers report. Kristin Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Klimpel

Refer to pastors report

**New Business:**

- 1 Confirmands approval: Lucas Hartsook, Chloe Shelton, Casey Larson, Charlie Rhoads, Emma Sample  
Candice Engler motions to approve confirmands. Brent Emerson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2 Turning Point Investment  
Revisit at November's meeting

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1 Update on Secretary next steps  
Job posted in newspaper and indeed.com
- 2 Technology  
Taking a quick step back to asses technology of the church as a whole to better how we move forward now and in the future.
- 3 Increased Security  
Taking a look on how to better our security.

**Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

**Next Meeting:** November 3, 2019

**Treats** – Tim Wilson

**Devotions** – Brent Emerson

**KICK** Kids in Christ's Kingdom (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

## Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Ornament making 6 - 8 p.m. at the church! Dinner provided. Extra adult hands are always welcome at this event!!!

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Kumla serving! Watch for our sign up on KICK facebook page. Wear black or dark pants and white shirt. A red vest will be provided.

Madrid Home Holiday Gift Drive – Bring items to church by November 17<sup>th</sup>. The KICK group is collecting items to add a little extra love this holiday season. We started this last year and had great response! Please select items to purchase from the list of gift ideas and bring to the box located in the entryway on the east side of the church.

- Toiletry items (shampoo, lotion, perfume, chap stick, hairspray)
- Shirts - male and female, easy to go over the head
- Pants - male and female, elastic band
- Large-print word search           •Regular books for readers
- Jewelry (no clasps)
- Personal sized snacks (this is a favorite)
- Finger nail polish                       •Robes
- Slippers with grip bottom (no open heel)
- Lap blankets                           •Night gowns
- Ball caps and belts for the men       •2020 calendars

**Thank you in advance for considering donating!**

### Christmas Program:

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-6 dinner, 6-7:30 practice

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – 6-7:30 practice

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 6-7:30 practice (dress rehearsal)

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-6 dinner, 6-7:30 practice

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – all program practice until noon after church

✻ 4:30 special music begins with program to follow

✻ Meal served following program

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 Christmas caroling at Ballard Creek. Meet there wearing your festive Christmas colors.

Sunday, Dec 15 – Sing for Senior Tea preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will join KICK. We will stay after church and practice, then sing for them. Dress up!

Contact any KICK advisor with questions!

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Lori Schonhorst 515-321-2833 [lschonhorst@gmail.com](mailto:lschonhorst@gmail.com)



## Christmas Extravaganza

The ROCK group is hosting Palestine's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am – noon.

There will be \$10, \$15 & \$20 cookie boxes to fill with your favorite Christmas treats, along with local independent vendors to shop for that perfect Christmas gift. Once again, we are asking for donations of home baked cookies and treats from the congregation. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Please spread the word about the Extravaganza and invite your friends! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the R.O.C.K. Group. Thank you all so much for your support!



**Book Lovers' Bash 2019:** Thanks to everyone who helped make the 5th annual Book Lovers' Bash a success! Not only did people donate wonderful

books, and/or pick up some great reads for this winter, but remaining books that were sold at 1/2 Price Books in Des Moines allowed the Library Committee to purchase five books for the library. New titles purchased include:

- Church of the Small Things: The Million Little Pieces That Make Up a Life by Melanie Shankle
- Do Hard Things (written by two teenage brothers for teens and the foreward is written by Chuck Norris) by Alex & Brett Harris
- When the Heart Waits by Sue Monk Kidd
- The Color of Grace (How one woman's brokenness brought healing and hope to child survivors of war) by Bethany Haley Williams
- 99 Amazing Books and Films Inspired by the Bible

Hopefully everyone was able to find a book they wanted to read. Thank you to all who participated, helping our Library to update its' inventory. Hope you will check out our new books!



## **World AIDS Day: December 1, 2019**

On Dec. 1st, the ELCA has the opportunity to join with our neighbors around the world in commemorating World AIDS Day. On this day, we remember all who have been and continue to be affected by HIV and AIDS. We also take this day to raise awareness and recommit to a faithful and dedicated response.



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

### Thank you for Helping Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

27 complete school kits were shipped October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to each of you that donated items to make this possible!



Palestine Piecemakers shipped 60 quilts and 11 fabric kits!

### **Salem United Church of Christ, Alleman**



#### **Havest Dinner – Bake & Craft Sale**

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

**Wednesday, November 20 5-7 p.m.**

#### **Advance ticket sales only:**

Adults \$12, Children (4-12) \$5, under 4 free

Take out meals available at west door.

Fellowship hall is Handicap accessible.

For Tickets Call: Shirley Carr 964-4136

Deb Reinhart: 975-7040

UCC office: 685-3313



Thank you again so much for all your help with the blood drive on October 8th! Looking at the numbers, we had a great blood drive. This was the most units collected since Feb of 2017! Thank you so much for spreading the word, and encouraging everyone to come out and donate!

Here are the official results of the blood drive:

- 36 people on the schedule going into the drive
- 28 registered to donate
- 3 first time donors!!
- 27 were able to donate
- 31 units of blood collected!!!
- **Up to 93 lives saved or sustained!!!!**

The next drive is scheduled for Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



Fjeldberg & Palestine choirs are combining to perform the Cantata

#### **And This Shall Be a Sign:**

A cantata proclaiming God's promise fulfilled  
9:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during worship

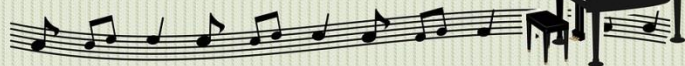
@ Palestine

9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during worship

@ Fjeldberg

music & orchestration—Larry Shackley

lyrics & narration—John & Audra Parker



Long ago God promised Israel a deliverer, a Messiah. But how would the people know when He was to arrive? The Old Testament is full of prophecies or “signs” of the Christ: “The Lord himself will give you a sign—a virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son;” “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;” “But you Bethlehem...out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people, Israel.” *And This Shall Be a Sign* is a Christmas celebration of the Messiah as seen through the captivating lens of these signs.” May you be blessed and edified as you worship the one true Christ, the Son of God.

### **Plans are underway for Celebration of the Advent Season at Palestine**

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



Watch and listen for details. Advent begins on December 1st. A booklet will be available as a guide for the seasons of Advent and Christmas – digital copies will be available on our

website with hard copies available in Fellowship Hall.

The Advent Wreath, Nativity Scenes (which give a visual reminder of preparation during the season), Trees, Poinsettias, a special gift from the Sr. Choir of a Cantata during worship, a Christmas Tea to honor Palestine's Precious Seniors, Christmas Program with our children telling the Christmas story, 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.



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

[Juniors Recharge](#) (grades 3-6) — October 11-13

[Junior High Recharge](#), (grades 6-9) Session 1 —

October 25-27

[Junior High Recharge](#), (grades 6-9) Session 2 —

November 1-3

[Senior High Recharge](#) (grades 9-12) —

November 15-17

Thrivent Giving Tuesday Riverside Event — December

3 (details to come!)

### Recharge - We Are Known!

John 10:14 says, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

One thing we know your youth are looking forward to as we head into fall is Recharge season! Our year-round team is enthusiastically preparing some outstanding weekends of worship, outdoor fun, skits, and more focusing around this important scripture and truth. Check out our [website](#) for more information on what a Recharge is all about, what weekend options are available for the different ages, and also to [register](#)!

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 7:30-8:20pm on Friday, please do not arrive before 7:30pm.
- Recharge ends at noon on Sunday (pickup at cabins).
- 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.



## Warming Hearts with God's Love & a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood.

Children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065.

*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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### "Thank You, God"

Every week, when 8-year-old Chase met with LSI's Pastor Dennis Bauer, he would ask to pray for "the same old thing: to find a good, loving forever family."

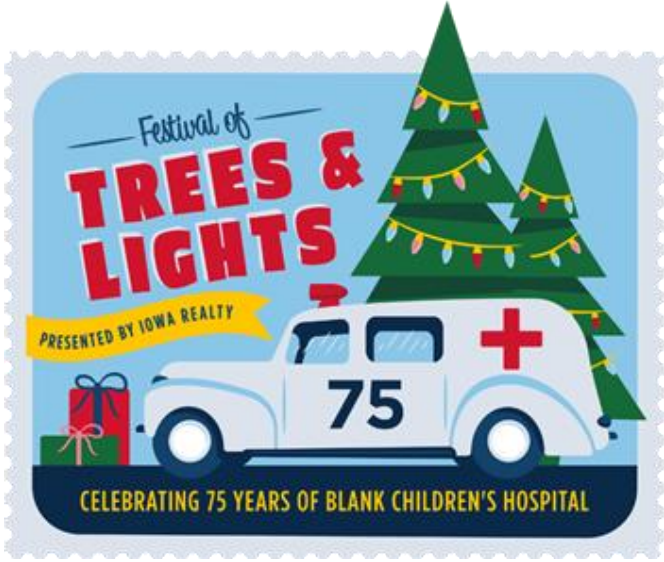
Chase is in third grade. But in his young life, he has already experienced trauma most of us cannot fathom. When Chase was 6, he was removed from his home and his mother's parental rights were terminated. He felt confused, terrified, and shocked. Chase struggled to cope with his anger and emotions. He acted out and became physically aggressive. Chase needed help, and LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames offered that help.

After arriving at Beloit, Chase quickly became involved in LSI's voluntary Spiritual Life program, where he participates in faith-based activities like art and music. Through regular meetings with Pastor Dennis, Chase says he is focusing on his faith and "trusting in God and saying prayers."

Outside of Spiritual Life, Chase is also learning healthy skills through group therapy to help him cope on the difficult days.

Now, Chase is thriving. His confidence is building every day, and he has big plans for his future. He wants to be a surgeon when he grows up, and he dreams of learning to bake and do woodworking. And the immediate future is looking pretty bright, too: Chase is in the process of being adopted.

During a recent visit with Pastor Dennis, Chase prayed a different prayer: "Thank you, God, for giving me a family."



Festival of Trees & Lights (which began in 1984) is a five-day public event that is the main fundraiser for Blank Children's Hospital. The event features beautifully decorated trees, entertainment, children's activities, food, shopping and more!

Your attendance means you are supporting valuable programs at Blank Children's Hospital. Programs that would not be possible without the generous support of our community.

We invite you to attend Festival, volunteer at Festival or support Festival by making a contribution, decorating a tree or donating books.

Save the Dates for the 2019 Festival of Trees and Lights!  
November 27 - December 1, 2019

*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. 27	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 28	1 to 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 29	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 30	11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 1	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Ballard Middle School will celebrate our annual Veterans Day program on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in our new middle school gym!!. All area Veterans and families are invited to attend the ceremony from 1:30-3:00. All community members are invited as well to honor our area veterans. We will have special speakers for the day as well as the middle school choirs and band performing

**Beloit Residential Treatment Center**

**Address:** 1323 Northwestern Ave., Ames, IA

Palestine and Fjeldberg Lutheran Confirmation Classes are co-sponsoring an "In Take" Kit project for the Beloit site of LSI in Ames.

Between October 9th and November 6th, our congregations are collecting items to make kits for families and new child clients of the Beloit residential treatment center.

On November 6th, classes and families will gather at Fjeldberg to put the kits together and meet the LSI staff who care for the children and teens in the center.

Place items in the bins in the North Hall at Palestine Lutheran. The more of these item then the more kits we can make to help the youth!

- ♥NEW Twin Bedsheets (still in the package) ....
- ♥NEW Washcloth
- ♥Toothbrush (soft bristle) and toothpaste (standard size -not travel size)
- ♥Bar Soap in wrapper (not travel size)
- ♥Shampoo (approx. 15 ounce size)
- ♥Stuffed animal (10 inch or smaller)
- ♥(Non-glass) plug-in night light
- ♥One or more T-shirts (to sleep in)
- ♥Stress Balls
- ♥NEW Pillow case
- ♥NEW Towel
- ♥Kleenex
- ♥A fleece tie-blanket



For more than 70 years, **Christmas with Wartburg** has been a traditional celebration that provides a fitting opportunity for Wartburg, as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth in word and song.

The four-concert series includes on- and off-campus performances attended by nearly 7,000 people each year. The program features the talents of over 350 students from the Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, and Wind Ensemble, which tour annually and travel abroad every third year, and The Ritterchor, St. Elizabeth Chorale, Kammerstreicher (chamber orchestra), Kantorei, and Handbell Choir.

**PERFORMANCE TICKETS:** 319-352-8691 from 10 a.m.-noon M-F or order online.

**Public tickets go on sale Monday, Oct. 28**

PROCESSING FEES ARE INCLUDED IN CONCERT PRICES. NO TICKET REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

**NOTE: This year instrumentalists will be on the stage and vocalists will be on risers on the floor in front of the stage.**

**Please plan your seat selection accordingly.**

\$23 - West Des Moines - Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

\$21 - Waverly - Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.

\$21 - Waverly - Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.

\$21 - Waverly - Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.\*

The West Des Moines performance venue is Lutheran Church of Hope.

All Waverly performances are in Neumann Auditorium.

\* Please note new Sunday concert time.

## Julefest 2019: Peace and Love and Hope

**Abide** Julefest is Grand View University's Advent and Christmas gift to the community, featuring the Grand View Choir and Wind Ensemble. This year's theme is *Peace and Love and Hope Abide*. In a world where peace, love and hope sometimes seem to be in short supply, we pause to hear the promise of the Prince of Peace. Long-foretold, the Christ Child came as the Prince of Peace to shower us with his redeeming love and give us hope. Join with the Grand View Choir and Wind Ensemble as they tell this story – where Peace and Love and Hope Abide – even still.

Performances are scheduled –

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. @ St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. @ St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines

**Registration opens November 1:**

This is a free ticketed event. Reserve your seat at

[www.grandview.edu/julefest](http://www.grandview.edu/julefest)

A free-will offering will be collected during the performance.

For more information, contact [music@grandview.edu](mailto:music@grandview.edu) or 515-263-2991.

## Madrid Home Communities

### Bake Sale

November 17th 1:00-3:00  
Madrid Home Lobbies  
613 West North St

Baked good donations are greatly appreciated!

Donations will be accepted  
Friday November 15th or  
Saturday November 16th

Baked good examples  
cakes  
breads  
pies  
canned goods  
cookies  
chex mix  
kringla  
bars  
carmel corn  
etc...



### bazaar

November 17th 1:00-3:00  
Madrid Home Lobbies  
613 West North St

Craft item donations are greatly appreciated!

Donations will be accepted  
Friday November 15th or  
Saturday November 16th

Craft Item examples  
homemade cards  
crochet hats, blankets, scarvs  
throw pillows  
aprons  
home decor  
etc...

### avenue of trees

November 17th- December 6th  
Madrid Home Lobbies  
613 West North St

Avenue of trees is a silent auction of decorated themed 3ft trees or wreaths. The silent auction begins November 17th at 1:00 pm & ends December 6th at 10:00am.

We will then contact the highest priced bidder and give them a chance to come pick up their tree or wreath.

All trees & wreaths have a buy now price. The buy now price allows you to take the tree or wreath home with you that day if that price is paid.

