

## **The Palestine Press**

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**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."

### **Reflecting on the Fields around Us**

.....**With Pastor Eric**

As I watch the corn growing day by day I marvel at the parables of first century farming. If anyone can make sense of these stories it has to be Iowans. We drive up and down roads daily and look out over the vast fields of corn, soybeans, wheat, etc. I find myself oriented more toward seasonal time and less toward calendar time. All I have to do is look out into a field to determine whether it is planting season, growing season, or harvesting season. I enjoy watching farmers prepare their fields, and cultivate them during their growing times. As I work within an agrarian community, I have gained some insights which help me read parables of farming.

First, "You harvest what you plant." If you plant corn seeds then you are not going to harvest tomatoes. The quality and type of seeds that we plant in our life make a difference in what is produced at the end. What is sown in our relationships matters in how these relationships develop, especially with our children. Our children watch us all the time and they listen when we speak. What we show them and tell them about themselves, the world and most importantly God make a difference in the fruit they produce.

Second, a seed grows through its stages because that is God's purpose for it. Our job is to remove whatever obstacles might hinder or prevent healthy growth of the plant. We prepare the soil with fertilizer, spray plants with insecticides, eliminate whatever weeds we can that compete for nourishment, irrigate when water is needed. The Holy Spirit provides the growth in its own time and at its own pace. Can you and I live with that promise? It is hard to live that way; however, God's promises never fail – the Bible is full of God following through on his promises. Trusting in God looks like patience, encouragement, reflection, and adjustments as warranted along the way in your life as a disciple, in your child's life as a parent, in your neighbor's life as a friend.

"Harvesting what you plant" and "trusting God with the growth" are two insights that help us to read these parables of farming and apply them to our faith life together as parents, mentors, coaches and friends. Something to think about this summer as we see the corn and soybeans grow around us. Amen.



## Palestine Lutheran Church

### Worship & Study Opportunities- July 2018

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

#### Sunday, July 1 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Rev. Emily Ewing,  
supply pastor

#### Monday, July 2

2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study

#### Wednesday, July 4

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

#### Thursday, July 5

Public Mime @ Riverside

#### Saturday, July 7

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

#### Sunday, July 8 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

#### Wednesday, July 11

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

#### Saturday, July 14

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

4 p.m. Ellen Huxford & Garrett Longnecker wedding

#### Sunday, July 15 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion in pews

#### Wednesday, July 18

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

#### Saturday, July 21

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

#### Sunday, July 22 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Mystery Worship

#### Wednesday, July 25

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

#### Saturday, July 28

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

#### Sunday, July 29 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

**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

July 1 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 5:21-43

**The Choices of Discipleship:** *Faithfulness or Faithlessness?*

July 8 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 6:1-13

**The Choices of Discipleship:** *Acceptance or Rejection?*

July 15 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 6:14-29

**The Choices of Discipleship:** *Easy or Difficult?*

July 22 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

**The Choices of Discipleship:** *Healthy or Unhealthy?*

July 29 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** John 6:1-21

**The Choices of Discipleship:** *Generous or Greedy?*

## Devotional for the Summer:

**Summer of Intentions** - Summer is a great time to truly appreciate God's gifts to us. This summer, LEAD is offering 20 short daily reflections that are totally free for you to use and share. Each day includes a suggested focus, a Bible verse, and ideas for ways to share your experience. Just enter the following link in your browser and sign up for daily reflection - <https://waytolead.org/intentions/>  
**LEAD is a non-profit Lutheran Church leadership resource that helps connect communities to faith practices and develops leaders.**





**"Third Word" Ministry** – Comes from Jesus' third word from the Cross - ***"Jesus said to his mother: 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple: 'This is your mother.' John 19:26-27*** - A ministry whose goal is to build relationships between individual families of all generations within the family created by Jesus at Palestine Lutheran Church. We will pursue this ministry in three ways: pray partners, servant events, and table fellowship.

Prayer Partners – In our desire to build community and help people connect in meaningful ways. The Council and Fellowship Evangelism Committee are planning to match up four families to be prayer partners for the next twelve months. **Prayer Partners** – endeavor to pray for each other, check-in regularly, celebrate times of joy (*birthdays, anniversaries*) and sorrow, be encouraged to invite into aspects of life (*sporting events, plays, etc.*) and sit with each other in worship. **If you are interested in participating but unable to commit at this time, then please email the church office ([plc@huxcomm.net](mailto:plc@huxcomm.net)), call (515-597-2620), or leave a note in the church copy room by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, we will match up families and let people know before we begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday).**

## The Annual Roadmap Overview Council Retreat 2018

Before the era of GPS (*global positioning systems*) we used to navigate using "*maps and charts*" in which we had to plan and trace routes ourselves and considers where to stop for lunch or gas. I remember taking the highlighter and working through the atlas one city at a time. Many times it was not the destination alone that was the adventure but the journey to get there was the real adventure.



On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. our congregation council had their annual leadership retreat. At this annual event we get a chance to learn about one another as council members and begin to work together on dreams and goals for the coming year. We gathered at Riverside Bible Camp in Story City during a questionable weather day and we began to discuss with Bible reflection, prayer and some "sticky notes" the route for our team and congregation for the next twelve months.

Our map for the journey consists of "*waymarks*" or guides for our traveling together – like road signs and mile markers on a highway. As we considered the routes, we determined first what values would guide our focus this year. The values are guiding principles that will help in decision making together. We will operate under four main values:

- 1.) **Deepening people's relationship to God**
- 2.) **Help members live out their faith in their daily lives**
- 3.) **Seek out and use the gifts of people of all ages**
- 4.) **Worship nurtures faith life**

With these values in mind, we continued tracing our route by deciding who would be the focus of our ministry this year. Everyone is valuable and important to the ministry of this congregation; however, we believe that some people might need some additional attention for the coming year – particularly, *the elders who are retired, elders who are widowed/single, families with children, and those who live with mental illness*. Our strengths as a congregation include the deep compassion and care for which we honor one another, as well as the diverse community in which we thrive and worship together.

Our challenges include timing and hectic schedules for social events, and effective ways to bring awareness to the forefront. We do not accept these challenges as obstacles but as opportunities for interaction and relationship formation.

What empowers this council are the aspirations – that is, the deep hopes and dreams that motivate action – moving us from the usual expectations toward our group imagination of what God is up to here and now. We aspire to be a community in which people contribute to the life of the community and feel like they are a part of something fulfilling for their life and impacting the world especially one person at a time in love and for the good of others.

Like any journey we have our trip mapped out to some degree but God is the one who makes it all come together as is best for Palestine. We came up with two ministry ideas which we believe are not only measurable but are seed planting for the future growth.

1. **“Third Word” Ministry** – Comes from Jesus’ third word from the Cross - *“Jesus said to his mother: “Woman, this is your son.” Then he said to the disciple: “This is your mother.” John 19:26-27* - A ministry whose goal is to build relationships between individual families of all generations within the family created by Jesus at Palestine Lutheran Church.
  - a. **Prayer Partners** – Pray for each other, check-in regularly, celebrate times of joy (*birthdays, anniversaries*) and sorrow, be encouraged to invite into aspects of life (*sporting events, plays, etc.*), sit with each other in worship
  - b. **Service Events** – Be a part of serving opportunities with /for each other – share your gifts of service together (*Mutual Service Events, God’s Work our Hands Sunday*)
  - c. **Table Fellowship** – Have a meal together at organized times by the congregation, and on other days when appropriate
- Who will lead this?** The council will partner with the Fellowship/Evangelism and Stewardship Committees to organize/implement each part of this ministry over the next 12 months.
2. **Accompanying families and individuals who live with mental illness with awareness, support and understanding.** We will seek to promote awareness about mental illness by inviting guest speakers into the community to educate and personalize the way of life for those living with mental illness. We will

seek to engage local support ministries and agencies in order to learn more and interact with helping hands. We believe that our society is struggling to engage with the mentally ill and Jesus calls us to love, accept and encourage those who live with it.

**Who will lead this?** The council will partner with Mission/Outreach and Staff to organize and implement opportunities for awareness and support over the next 12 months.

3. We identified some additional areas in which we might support the relationship strengthening goals of this congregation: ***a. Provide childcare options – training and support, b. Establish a list of drivers who are willing to give rides to individuals in need***

We closed our time together with a short council meeting and a prayer along with the desire to pursue God’s will for Palestine Lutheran to the best of our ability and in faithful expectation of what we together will accomplish in the next 12 months.

We ask the congregation to pray our retreat closing prayer regularly as we seek to live out these goals, and thank you for your continued support and ministry:  
**O God you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Retreat Attendees:**

***Matt Williams, Pastor Eric Klimpel, Brad Lewis, Deidre Qual, Dick Kepler, Laura Kepler, Nels Dovre, Cynthia Johnson, Tim Wilson***

**Council Membership 2018:**

**Matt Williams (President)  
Jeff Van Pelt (Vice-President)  
Rev Eric Klimpel (Pastor)  
Deidre Qual (Treasurer)  
Ellen Huxford (Secretary)  
Dick Kepler (Financial Secretary)  
David Eisenmann**

**Laura Kepler  
Jean Saveraid  
Tim Wilson  
Nels Dovre  
Cynthia Johnson  
Brad Lewis  
Kristin Shelton  
Lora Young**



## Volunteer Opportunities

Not only is there a place for you in this church, there is a great need for your time and skills for doing God's work in the world. Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbor. This is work we do together in the name of Jesus Christ here and throughout the world through the ELCA and its partners.



The body of Christ is made up of many members. We are blessed with many members who care for the functioning of the body of Christ at Palestine Lutheran Church. They give of their time and talents.

**We thank God for you!**

### Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief



The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in late summer or the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items on the list available in the choir room. In July bags with a list will be available in the choir room

for you to fill if you want. ?s talk to Oriett.

**Guidelines:** Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols; decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Lists of items needed for personal care kits, baby care kits and Fabric Kits are available near the collection boxes for the school kits. The next shipment for LWR quilts and kits is in October.



It's lawn-mowing season! We need volunteers to mow church and parsonage lawns. This is a good way for students to earn service hours. Please sign up for a week or a month to help out. You may use Palestine mowers or your own. The church has a riding lawn mower if you would like to use it – indicate this on the signup sheet in Fellowship hall. Thank you!

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### Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand June 17, 2018

Checking Account \$ 15,242.56

General Fund - \$ 5,361.34

Designated Funds \$ 20,603.90

Benevolence 265.00

Building Improvement 2,005.00

Technology 3,384.00

Kitchen 5,675.00

Parsonage 913.84

Confirmation - 112.83

Evangelism/Fellowship 363.97

Piano Fund 2,454.09

ROCK 10.00

Maland Fund 4,704.83

VBS 941.00

Principal balance for building improvement loan

\$ 3,584.64 (as of June 17, 2018)

### Next Council Meeting – Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6 p.m.

#### Church Council 2018

Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Matt Williams

Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt

Secretary: Ellen Huxford

Treasurer: Deidre Qual

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council:

David Eisenmann

Laura Kepler

Jean Saveraid

Tim Wilson

Nels Dovre

Cynthia Johnson

Brad Lewis

Kristin Shelton

Lora Young



Oriett's summer work schedule (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The phone number in her office is

597-2624.



Information meeting was scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> following church. On Sunday, July 8 – we plan to hold either a

2nd informational meeting or a congregational meeting to consider the kitchen project. Notice of a congregational meeting will be sent via email or by mail to members who do not have email.

## Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

[not yet approved]

June 10,, 2018 Sunday - 8:00 AM

Pastor Eric Klimpel, Matt Williams, Laura Kepler, Lora Young, Cynthia Johnson, Jean Saveraid, Jeff Van Pelt, Brad Lewis, Nels Dovre, Dick Kepler, Tim Wilson, Ellen Huxford, and Deidre Qual

Devotions – Lora Y.

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections

Summer is here!

Minutes of the previous meeting

Jeff Van Pelt moves to approve minutes from previous meeting

Laura seconded the motion. Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

November PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 250.00
Building Improvement	3323.11
Confirmation	-112.83
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	363.97
General Fund Checking	-5,847.39
Kitchen	5,650.00
Maland Fund	4,704.83
Parsonage	931.79
Piano fund	2454.09
Rock Group	10.00
Technology Fund	3384.00
VBS	441.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 15552.58

Nels Dovre moves to approve treasurer's report  
Jean Saveraid seconded the motion

Building Improvement

Extending loan for one year

Brad Lewis moves to approve to extend building improvement

Laura Kepler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report -- Pastor Klimpel

Refer to pastor's report in news letter.

New business:

1. Prairie Fest. Verify if we want to do Ice cream social and parade and who is organizing. Get Info to Oriett for newsletter. August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Robbin Doty has ball rolling. Thank you to her!

2. Rental of church for bridal shower Inquiry by Loretta Martzahl.  
Double check pricing  
Jeff VanPelt moves to approve shower  
Brad Lewis seconded the motion. Moved unanimously
3. Be thinking about new audit committee  
Try to include rotation of members.

Unfinished Business:

1. Kitchen committee – Update  
Great Update  
Layout was presented to council as well set out for congregation to look at.  
Council was very pleased and looks forward to moving on with process.  
An informational meeting will be held on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Nels moves to continue with kitchen plans and to hold informational meeting  
Jeff Van Pelt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review need for catch-up funds event.  
Have not approached yet.

3. Parsonage update.  
Committee meeting in near future  
Meeting soon to come.

4. Coffee enhancement update-Tim Wilson  
a. Won't be meeting until August

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – July 8<sup>th</sup> Evening 6:00

July Devotions – Tim Wilson

July Treats - Tim Wilson and Jeff Van Pelt

Lora Young moves to adjourn meeting

Cynthia Johnson seconded the motion



## July

- 1 - Jax Clark  
Charlie Rhoads  
Michelle Siepker  
Marshal Sheldahl
- 2 - Julie Huxford  
Emmett Johnson
- 3 - Mitchell Peterson  
Deidre Qual  
Jean Saveraid
- 4 - Dolores Hauge
- 6 - Melanie Fausch  
Kevin Rahner
- 7 - Holly Larson
- 9 - Shane Harmon  
Annika Larson  
Timothy Wise
- 10 - Lori Edwards  
Amber McKenna
- 11 - Kevin Rowedder
- 13 - Sandy Harleen
- 14 - Leslie Harris  
Jamie Ness
- 15 - Kiley Calvert
- 16 - Chelsea Limoges  
Brent Larson  
Donna Millang  
Ila Russell  
Kari Sandquist
- 17 - Jenny Gallagher  
Greg Hartsook
- 18 - Merle Brendeland  
Roger Larson  
Aldo Medici IV
- 20 - Brayden DeVries
- 21 - Paris Doty
- 22 - Henry Sandquist
- 23 - Apollo McKenna
- 24 - Ron Locker  
Matt Siepker
- 25 - Deb Ness  
Benjamin Williams
- 27 - Scott Johnson  
Shannon Wilson
- 29 - Josie Jensen  
Teri Klimpel  
Abbie Larson  
Pat Martin
- 30 - Shelley Klingbeil

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

## Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

### July

- 1 - Paul & Deb Ness
- 14 - Tracy & Doreen Blackmer  
Kevin & Melissa Kopaska
- 15 - Doug & Lori Schonhorst
- 17 - Shane & Jennifer Harmon (25<sup>th</sup>)  
Wade & Holly Twedt
- 20 - Tom & Kristin Shelton
- 22 - Nels & Allison Dovre
- 25 - Dennis & Donna Millang

## A Note of Thanks

Thank you to my Palestine Family for the prayers, cards and leadership shown over the last few weeks as I recover from a lower back injury and pneumonia. You are a blessing to me and to one another especially when you step up and do what needs to be done to honor God and one another. I am thankful to serve as I am able with you every day.

Peace, Pastor Eric

### Looking Ahead:

Saturday, August 4 - Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Quilt Auction & 5K Run

- 8:30 am - Riverside 5K
- 9:30 - 11:30 am - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 - 12:30 - Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 - 12:15 - Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 - Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 - 12:30 - Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 - Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

The 2018 quilts available to view online.

Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26 Huxley Prairie Fest

Friday, August 31 - Madrid Home Grand Reopening



## Volunteer schedule July 2018

### Greeters

7/1 Chris & Rich Nelson

7/8 Robin & Mark Doty  
Christa & Greg Hartsook

7/15 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt  
Ben & Candi Engler

7/22 Nancy Fausch  
Joyce Carlson

7/29 Deidre Qual  
Dick & Helen Kepler

### Acolytes -

to be contacted

### Lectors -

7/1 .....

7/8 .....

7/15 .....

7/22 .....

7/29 .....

### Ushers

Brent Emerson, captain

Jean Saveraid

Max Shelton

Tim Wilson

### Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

### Communion Assistants

7/1 ..... Bob & Oriett Snider

7/15 ..... Helen & Laura Kepler

### Offering Counters

Bob Snider, Holly Twedt

### Altar Guild

Nancy Fausch, Teri Klimpel

### Mowing volunteers

June 25-July 1

July 2-8

July 9-15

July 16-22

June 23-29

July 30-Aug 5

### Deliver Food Pantry donations for July

Year of Sharing & Caring - for donations for the Huxley area Food Pantry. "July is Snack Attacks month at the food pantry - please donate juice boxes, granola bars, cereal bars, cereal, pudding mix, jell-o, powdered drink mix"

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee

### Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during June: Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Kim Fears; Jane Gordon; Jackie Greene; Bruce Hartman; Dave Hassebrock; Kai Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Sandy Kalsem; Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Lyle Martin, Elias Samuel Moore; Shannon Tope; Arlene Wee; Randy Young; Sarah JoAnn Young

- Our Compassion International child a 6 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.
- Syrian refugees.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...  
...to family and friends of **Paul Fjelland**

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

We extend our prayers and congratulations to...  
... **Matt, Sarah, and Hazel Grace Moore** as they welcome **Elias Samuel Moore** to their family. Proud grandparents include Roger and Deb Moore.  
(born May 30, 2018 – Weight: 7 lb. 8.3 oz. Length: 20")



8-10 am *Saturdays with Freedom* event at the Freedom for Youth center, 602 N Main, Huxley, on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The junior high & high school students will be cooking breakfast and we would love to serve you and have you bring a friend! Freewill donation.



We remember in prayer people, communities and regions affected by recent flooding and severe weather that the Spirit will sustain their faith and hope while they deal with loss, damage and the daunting work of recovery and rebuilding.



**Ice Cream Social – Palestine Lutheran Church**  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Railroad Park, Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>  
We're on the calendar – watch & listen for details on how you can help!

### Community Worship Service



10-11 a.m. @ Nord-Kalsem Park

**Our Prairie Fest worship service on August 26<sup>th</sup>** will be with the churches of the Ballard Ministerial Alliance at Nord Kalsem Park.

(Ballard Middle School is the weather location). A special offering will be received.

Note: Palestine will have a short worship service @ 8 a.m. at church that Sunday.

### **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday – September 9, 2018**



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who

we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The 2018 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 9. Mark your calendars today! Watch and listen for ways you can be involved.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!



*Gather*—the magazine of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—guides you as you live and experience your faith every day. In addition to the regular monthly Bible study, the magazine offers a mix of faith-in-life articles which often amplify the study's message. *Gather* connects Christian women of all ages with like-minded others who are committed to growing in faith and building the kingdom of God—next door and across the globe.

*Gather* is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/ February and July/August. Digital access is free to print subscribers.

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For credit card orders, all 1-844-409-0576 or visit

[www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org), Gather, PO Box 336, Congers, NY 10920

### ***Christ in Our Home daily devotional for July, August,***



***September*** is available in Fellowship Hall (also available in large print).

The scripture readings used follow the Revised Common Lectionary, Series B (the scripture used for Sunday worship). In addition, texts specific to commemorations and festivals are used when appropriate.

The following appears inside the front cover for Christ in Our Home – Light for Today daily devotional:

*In ordinary days, open your heart and mind to the work of the Spirit. In your own home, look into the Word and witness God's presence in everyday moments of life. Delve into the teachings of Jesus Christ. Then go out to welcome others to join you in praising God and generously sharing the creator's amazing gifts.*

*Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*  
(Psalm 100:3)

This quarter two of the writers have Iowa connections – Kathryn A. Kleinhans (August 1-15) holds the Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College, Waverly and Timothy K. Snyder (August 16-31) is an instructor of practical theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque.

## **PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA**

### **PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA Bible study July 2, 2 p.m.**

In Summer 2018, Anna Madsen will present a three-part study on prayer.

#### ***Session one (June): the paradoxes of prayer*** ***(1 Samuel 12:16-23)***

Called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? The Bible references all of these scenarios; however, each comes with biblical, theological and practical questions. In this first session on prayer, we'll investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice.

#### ***Session two (July): the practices of prayer (Psalm 19:14)***

Jesus taught us how to pray by way of the Lord's Prayer. But both in Scripture and in the Christian tradition, people of faith have developed a wide variety of ways to come before God. In this session, we'll look at different ways to pray, what each might offer and how knowing an array of prayer styles can enrich our devotional life.

#### ***Session three (August): the products of prayer*** ***(Romans 8:26-28)***

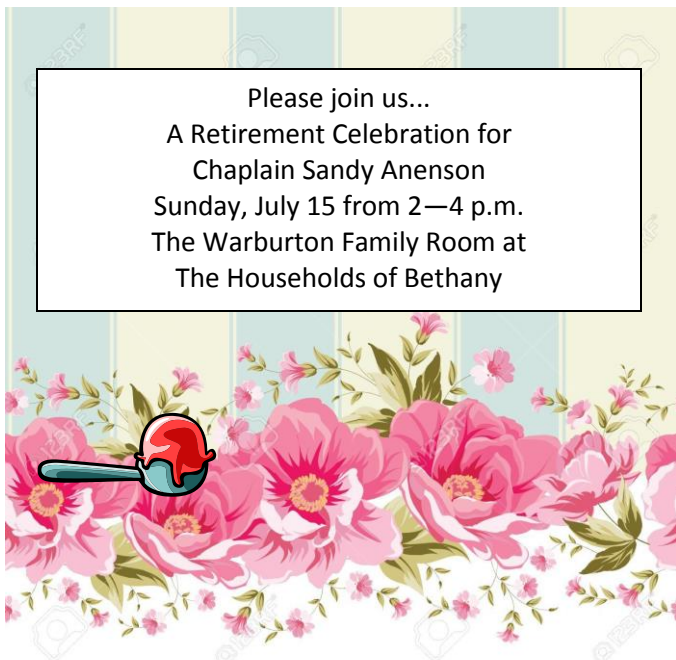
It is indeed true that many results of prayer are intangible—and even impossible—to discern. But it is also true that prayer can demonstrably change the brain, reduce stress levels and, some studies say, appear to correlate to otherwise inexplicable healing in those for whom people have prayed. In the final session of this series, we will investigate the effects of prayer personally, communally and on the mission of the church.

***Gather's summer Bible studies are available to download for free*** to try on your own or to study as a group. You can find them on Women of the ELCA website under publications → gather → Bible study.

SESSION OBJECTIVE for the July study (*the practices of prayer*) is to understand the reasons why we pray; the way we pray; when, where and to whom we pray; and how practices of prayer can enrich our lives.

The theme for the July/August 2018 *Gather* magazine is **LET US PRAY** Our prayers—our communications with our Creator—affect us as individuals, our communities and the very mission of the Church.

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



Please join us...

A Retirement Celebration for

Chaplain Sandy Anenson

Sunday, July 15 from 2—4 p.m.

The Warburton Family Room at

The Households of Bethany



The ice cream social this year, now called the Pie Party Fundraiser, will be held July 29th from 1pm - 3 pm at the Madrid Home. There will be live music at the event.

Two other Madrid Home related events –

- ★ On July 15th at The Cedars in Madrid is Sunday Fun Day from 5-6:30 pm. This will be a picnic-style dinner with live music.
- ★ On July 18th from 2:30-4 pm at Ballard Creek in Huxley there will be "Cocktails and Conversations."

Vallery Eisenmann and Doreen Blackmer are the contacts if there are questions.

Do you enjoy getting together with friends during the week to catch up? Then come and enjoy Konversation, Koffee, and Kringla (and a couple other goodies) during our special open houses this Summer at the Maland Home.

The Maland Home Committee is hosting 3 open houses this summer just for you! Men on Monday and Women on Wednesday!!

## KOFFEE & KRINGLA

*at Maland Home*

*301 N. 1st Avenue*

*Stop by and enjoy some time with friends.*

*Refreshments will be served.*



### Men's Koffee Dates

*Mondays, 8-10 am*

June 11

July 9

August 13



### Women's Koffee Dates

*Wednesdays, 9-11 am*

June 20

July 18

August 15

*Sponsored by Huxley Historical Society*

LEVN, the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network, is looking for young adults (age 21-30) with Bachelor's degrees for an 11-month program of non-profit volunteer service and learning about social justice. From the end of August 2018 to the end of July 2019, our corps members will be provided housing, utilities, health coverage, transportation, spiritual direction, and a \$400/month food stipend. We also offer a \$1000 re-entry grant at the completion of the program.

The placement sites for the upcoming program year include faith-based non-profits, secular non-profits, congregations, the Sierra Pacific Synod office, and our campus ministry at UC Davis. These service sites address issues of homelessness, unemployment, children and youth ministries, computer literacy, and other important social justice issues facing our communities.

We gather each week for worship, dinner, and formation. The corps members live in intentional community in a triplex in Sacramento, CA. We're an ecumenical program in the Episcopal Service Corps network; applicants needn't be either Lutheran or Episcopal to apply—interest in Christian spirituality is the only expectation.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the program begins.

Visit [levn.org](http://levn.org) or contact Program Director Casey Dunsworth at 530-756-1550 or [programs@thebelfry.org](mailto:programs@thebelfry.org) for more information!

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we're able to provide education for young parents and empowerment to some of Iowa's most vulnerable children and families. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus of your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

This project began in 2013, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA, as a day dedicated to doing service work alongside neighbors in communities across the country. On a chosen day in September, each congregation is encouraged to participate in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to do special projects and/or to raise money as a church body for a nonprofit like LSI.

We thank you for your witness of God's love and your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI and would like to know more about our current needs, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

#### Striving Towards Her Highest Peak

Eight-year-old Kendale felt nervous and scared.

For years, she had struggled with lying, manipulating, and acting out violently toward her peers. Her family turned to residential treatment facilities across Iowa for help. But nothing worked. Kendale showed no signs of progress.

Her last hope was LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, and she was anxious and didn't know anybody.

But as each day passed, Kendale began feeling more comfortable and open to LSI staff, especially Ashley, a Youth Associate at Beloit.

Ashley and the LSI team have been working with Kendale on communicating and building positive relationships, as well as developing healthy decision-making and anger management skills.

Kendale has a caring support system at Beloit. She has developed a routine and is surrounded by a passionate LSI team that makes her feel confident and empowered.

"It's beautiful to see Kendale blossom. She is a lovely little lady with an incredible imagination and a big heart," Ashley says. "I'm so proud of how far she has come and the joy she exudes every day."



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

### Upcoming Events

July 5 – Public Mime

August 4 – Riverside 5K and Quilt Auction

August 14 – Public Mime

September 1 – McDermott Retirement Celebration

September 14 – Riverside Fall Golf Classic (registration due by August 18)

The theme for **Summer 2018** is "Seek First" with our theme verse coming from Matthew 6:33! We're excited to learn all about the Kingdom of God, what it looks like to seek God's way and not our own, how Jesus seeks us, how we live a life focused on loving others, and how in all situations, we can trust God to provide!

Check out Riverside's website to find a detailed schedule that has information about which weeks of camp are full and which still have room for campers. We look forward to seeing all of those smiling faces at Riverside this summer!

The **Quilt Auction** is Riverside's largest annual fund raiser and the donations are great gifts to the general ministry of Riverside! We thank the Lord and all of you who give so generously!

We are very thankful to be able to welcome ALL campers to Riverside regardless of their financial situations. The result is a great reminder of how gracious our God is and how faithful are His followers!

Please come and support the ministry of Riverside by purchasing a quilt! You take home a beautifully handmade quilt AND you will have given to God's work! We are so thankful to those of you who make quilts that abundantly bless Riverside and the campers!

### The Quilt Auction is Saturday, August 4, 2018!

- 8:30 am – [Riverside 5K](#)
- 9:30 - 11:30 - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

RLBC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history video on youtube

<https://youtu.be/iZh6LCnmS6I>

### Summer 2018 Mission Project

Every summer, the Lord leads people from all over the world, and all over the midwest to Riverside. We love how God works in powerful and life changing ways through time here on site and through our Day Camp ministry every summer. A week at camp can be a week that changes lives for the better, not because of a really awesome swimming pool or great worship, but because of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of God's kids.

God does great things in a week of camp and every summer, we want to remind our campers that He can also use us to make a life changing impact in the lives of others. Every summer in recent years we focus on a summer mission project, and summer 2018 will be no different. In Summer of 2017, we collected thousands of pairs of men's socks for Hope Ministries shelters, blessing many men with the practical gift of socks. And now, in summer of 2018, we are excited to partner with several food pantries and food banks in our local area for our "Summer 2018 Seek First Food Drive"!

There are many students in local schools that eat their only full meal each day at their schools--not at home. Resources can be difficult to come by for families, and often times shelves can run close to empty. This summer, we're inviting all of our campers to bring specific items to have an opportunity to bless people with the provision of food. All donations will be distributed weekly to food pantries in the Story County area around Riverside. Here are the details!

*What to bring?* Peanut butter and jelly (no glass containers please) and canned fruit.

*Where do I bring it?* We will have a large collection box in the upstairs of the Dining Hall when you come to register.

*When do I bring it?* Bring your food items with you to camp when you come for check-in on Sunday (Or Wednesday for Wednesday-Friday Alpha campers)

*What else can we do?* Get involved with your local food pantries in your community and pray for the Lord to bless those who will eat this food, that they would know the incredible love of Jesus Christ in their life.

If you have any other questions about our summer mission, or you'd like to volunteer to help with organizing & distributing food throughout the summer, please contact Program Coordinator, Chris Dahl ([chris@riversideLBC.org](mailto:chris@riversideLBC.org)).

**Riverside Times – Summer 2018** with Registration and Health form

Available on table under bulletin board in Fellowship Hall



### **About the 2018 Golf Classic**

It's time to sign up for the fifteenth annual Riverside Fall Golf Classic! This year's event will be held at Ames Golf & Country Club on **September 14th**. Check in will begin at 9:30 AM, with play beginning at 10:30 AM. You will be able to enjoy lunch while you play. **Registrations are due by August 18.**

Join us for a great day of golf with friends that will be helping Riverside build for the future. Lunch will be provided as you play, with ice cream sundaes after the round. As always, there will be awards and prizes at the conclusion of the day.

#### **Sponsorship and Registration**

Sponsors are still needed for this event. Sponsor opportunities include Event Sponsors, \$1000; Lunch Sponsors, \$1000; and Hole Sponsors, \$500. All sponsors receive recognition, your sign on a hole, and registration for 4 or 8 players, 4 players for a hole sponsor and 8 players for a lunch or event sponsor.

The registration fee of \$100 per person includes lunch, golf, cart, and prizes. Just mail in the form found by clicking the link above to register. This event is just one of the ways Riverside works to accomplish its mission of making Christ known to all. Thank you so much for your support with this event!

Please call Dave McDermott at 515-733-5271 with questions or for more information. See you on the course!

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### **Join Us To Celebrate**

#### **Dave & Jan McDermott's Retirement!**

There will be an open house at the Riverside Dining Hall from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, with a program at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 1. No RSVP is required. We hope to see lots of friends, campers, families, supporters, and past staff to help us celebrate what God has done the last two decades through the McDermott's! Please plan on joining us for this joyous occasion, as we celebrate all God has done through his servants.

We are collecting financial contributions for a gift to the camp in honor of Dave & Jan's retirement. If you would like to contribute, or if you cannot attend the event and would like to mail a card or note, please send all correspondence **by August 1st** to:

**Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp  
c/o McDermott Retirement  
3001 Riverside Rd.  
Story City, IA 50248**



The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ has written a draft as a step toward the development of a social statement that will be considered by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Draft social statements are a means to invite everyone to participate in the process toward the creation of an official statement. [Learn more and read the draft online.](#)

There will be two hearings around this statement in the Southeastern Iowa Synod:

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Faith Lutheran Church, Clive  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Sunday, September 23, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport  
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

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**You're invited** to attend presentations from the nation's leading experts on the importance of childhood nutrition & factors that affect children's brain development! Hosted by the NE-IA Kiwanis District at the **Airport Holiday Inn & Convention Center** (6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA), **Saturday August 11**, you will have the opportunity to attend one or both presentations by esteemed speakers Roger Thurow and Wil Blechman, M.D. A unique & interactive experience, you will also have the option to attend small breakout sessions facilitated by Roger Thurow & Wil Blechman, M.D.!

#### **To Register:**

Register at: [www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org](http://www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org)

#### **Cost & Registration Options**

- **\$30 – Roger Thurow** presentation/session, lunch not included
- **\$40 – Dr. Wil Blechman** presentation/session, lunch included
- **\$50 - Thurow & Blechman** presentations/sessions, lunch included