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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."

What is God Up to Now at Palestine Lutheran Church

The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.

As I begin the first of many communications with the beloved disciples of Palestine Lutheran, I share this quote with you because it sums up my perspective as a teaching pastor and servant leader. I look forward with great anticipation to accompanying you on your faith journey as fellow baptized brothers and sisters in Christ. I believe that the church is about **creating relationships** and then **growing those relationships** – dare I write – shepherding them. We will spend a great deal of time learning about one another and nurturing a community of trust and mutual understanding together. I see this call as a new chapter in the ever-growing story of what God is up to in the life of Palestine Lutheran Church.

Both my family and I will be trying to settle in for the long haul with you and it will take some time and patience from both of us. As I move into this new chapter with you, I will be exercising what I hope will be a mutual attitude of growing **"F.A.T."** together. Believe it or not this is a healthy diet in relationship-building. Let us work with **flexibility, availability** and **teach-ability**. You have already shown great flexibility in providing the opportunity for my family and me to own a home. Thank you. We will teach each other traditions and perspectives on ministry and life which promote healthy minds and abundant spirits.

I will keep this short. Please, keep my family in your prayers this month as we begin to settle into "God's country". As we look together into God's plan and purpose for the present and future of Palestine Lutheran Church, I cannot wait to hear all the things you and I will see together. *What is God up to now?*

May peace and love fill your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! See you soon ☺

Pastor Eric Klimpel

Your Church is YOU!

You are a walking advertisement of Palestine Lutheran Church and the God we proclaim. You take the church out of the building and make it alive in the outside world. You are a reflection of our congregation.

You are now welcoming a new pastor into your midst...and some people think that he is the church. And it is true that Pastor Klimpel will speak for the church. He will declare what it stands for and he will invite people into the Palestine family. It is true that he will be your representative...but he is certainly NOT your substitute!

Pastor Klimpel can preach the best sermon ever...but it won't mean a thing unless it makes a difference in the way you live your lives. Palestine Lutheran is measured NOT so much by what is said by the pastor, BUT by what YOU say and do in your everyday lives!

Make every effort to welcome Pastor Klimpel and his family! They will no doubt be an incredible blessing to this congregation! But never forget that the way you live life each day will preach more sermons...teach more people...and save more lives than the words spoken inside the church. Remember...without you...the church has NO LIFE!

Thank you for welcoming me into your family! It has been a joy and privilege to walk with you during this transition. May God's greatest blessings be with you as you begin this new journey together!

Living in God's Amazing Grace!

Pastor Mark

Dear Palestine,

Well, the vote is in. 108-1 to hire Pastor Klimpel. It has been a long journey, but I am happy to say, this leg of the journey is about complete. Now to move forward with the same energy, enthusiasm, and expectations.



From the

President

There are some things we still need to work on as we move forward. We discerned that we want more music, more variety of music. We should make that a focus the rest of this year. There are some committees that are still needing reviving. Projects that need attended to. One step at a time.

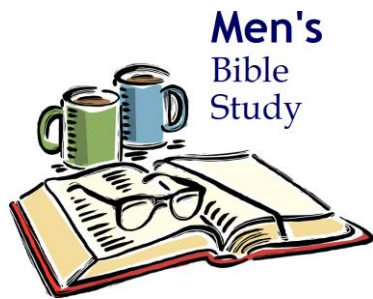
We have made a big step, now let's take a few more together. Pastor Klimpel is here to enhance that, shepherd that. We still have to do the steps. We have done an incredible job of becoming a lay led church. Slowly we have changed from a Pastoral dependent church. Let's move forward with that. Let us now see what boundless, limitless endeavors we can create with the energy of 150 people working together to fulfill the Missions of Palestine.

August will be a month of listening and learning. I invite everyone to work hard to get to know Pastor Klimpel and his family. I want to get together the discernment groups again. One group a month I would like to see get together, have an evening together. In that evening, invite the Pastor and his family over for food, fellowship and fun.

Remember that the Call Committee will be transitioning into the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Keep them in your prayers, but also use them as a resource for any needs that you may have.

Please feel free to share with me or any council member your ideas, thoughts and passions in the coming days. We have a lot to look forward to and lot to be thankful for.

Brad



Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wednesday morning Men's Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday). They are also used for the adult class that meets during Sunday School in the workroom (area outside offices). They are available on the ELCA website –

www.elca.org → Resources → Downloadable Resources → Bible Studies

Aug 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 14:13-21

Tips of Discipleship: *Have Compassion*

Aug 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost–

Primary Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Tips of Discipleship: *Trust in Christ*

Aug 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Tips of Discipleship: *Be Bold*

Aug 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Tips of Discipleship: *Declare Christ*

Aug 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Matthew 16:21-28

Tips of Discipleship: *Lose Your Life*

Sept 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost–

Primary Text: Matthew 18:15-20

Tips of Discipleship: *Conflict*

Palestine Lutheran Church

Worship & Study Opportunities- August 2014

Call in number to listen to worship services: 597-3994
[Please be sure to put your phone on mute or sounds from your home will be carried to all phones that have dialed in for the service.]



Saturday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

Pastor Eric Klimpel's 1st Sunday @ Palestine

Monday, August 4

2 p.m. Women of ELCA Bible study

Wednesday, August 6

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

Thursday, August 7

6-8:30 p.m. Jr. Lutherans planning/gaming & pizza @ church

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Baptism of Samuel Loren Engler

Wednesday, August 13

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

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. ROCK beginning of the year meeting

Wednesday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 30

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

Sunday, August 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

Volunteers needed for Altar Ministry:



ALTAR MINISTRY

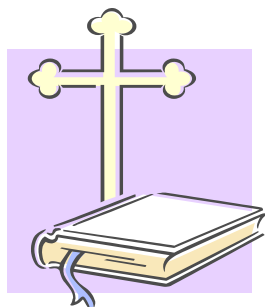
Thank you to the newest members of the Altar Ministry – we have room for more volunteers! We held an orientation meeting and have a newly revised 'job description'. If you are

interested in volunteering for Altar Ministry or would like to ask about the responsibilities required please contact –

Holly Twedt 515/360-0135 or Donna Millang 515/290-4617.

Large Print edition of bulletin now available –

There are 2 white 3 ring binders containing a large print edition of the bulletin on the counter in Fellowship Hall. The front section contains an enlarged copy of the worship service and enlarged copies of the hymns are behind the divider. Let Oriett know if we will need additional copies or if you have any suggestions to improve them.



Pastor Eric Klimpel

will be installed at
Palestine Lutheran
Church
Huxley, Iowa
in September

Watch & listen for details.

A special thanks goes out to the call committee – Tim Wilson, chair; Helen Kepler; Alvina Larson; Mike Larson; Jean Saveraid; Jeff Van Pelt – for their leadership and dedications throughout the call process.

Keep them in your prayers as the call committee changes roles and becomes the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Saturday, August 9th - Private Pool Party for Palestine Lutheran Church!



The pool party is for the entire church (not just Jr. Lutherans): Come splash, jump, and slide at the Slater pool from 7 -8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. ALL

the youth groups are sponsoring this event :)
Please do not drop your child off unsupervised. Follow the normal pool regulations. Contact Lesa Lewis at lesa@circlecloud.net or 515-669-3131 with any questions.

Jr. Lutheran News (entering grades 3-6):

Plan to attend our **2014-2015 planning/gaming session on Thursday, August 7th from 6:00 - 8:30p.m. at the church!** Pizza will be provided.

Bring ideas for:

group name, service events, and fun events. We will play some games (might be outside). Parents, please come in with your child to fill out a contact-information form. Parents are welcome to stay for the meeting or come back.

Bible Camp! 4th - 6th graders - **Recharge at Riverside Bible Camp** in Story City for 40 hours! **Friday, October 24th through Sunday October 26th.** Drop off is between 8 and 9 p.m. Friday night. Charge is \$70 for the weekend. We will do a group registration and arrange transportation, so please don't register online. Email Lesa Lewis if you are interested in going at lesa@circlecloud.net. Go to <http://www.riversidelbc.org/programs/youth-programs/fall-recharges> for more information.



Reaching Out for Christ's Kingdom

The ROCK group will be having its beginning of the year meeting on August 17th at the Parsonage following church please.

Invitation to submit Wednesday devotions

We started the summer with a Devotion on May 21. Thanks go out to those who have submitted devotions since then. Authors have ranged in age from 12 to 93 and several ages in between. Anyone who wants to write and share devotions is encouraged to e-mail them to Oriett at the church e-mail address (plc@huxcomm.net).

The weekly devotion is emailed each Wednesday. If you want to be added to the email list, wish to change your email address, or have your name removed, just let the church office know. Print copies are also available on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

Palestine 2nd annual golf outing.
Sunday August 17th, 3 p.m. @ Ballard
Country Club. Cost/Person (non
members) \$22 including golf cart.

Supper and fellowship to follow @
Tim & Shannon Wilson's house, 712 Crestwood Dr,
Huxley. All are welcome!!!

Details – Plan to play a 9 hole four person best shot
format. Do not have to be a golfer to come, it's all
for fun!! Non church members welcomed and
encouraged. The more the merrier!! For supper
afterwards, hamburgers and refreshments
furnished please bring a side or dessert to share.
Please sign up in the fellowship hall at church or
email Tim Wilson at tim.wilson@syngenta.com
Sign up no later than August 10th.



It's lawn-mowing season! We need
volunteers to mow church and
parsonage lawns.

Please use the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. You may
use Palestine mowers or your own.
Thank you!

Sharing the good news of what is happening in &
around the SE Iowa Synod is available as a weekly
communication to share the ways that "God's Work.
Our Hands." is coming to expression in congregations,
in partnerships around the synod, and in the whole
ELCA www.seiasynod.org

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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand July 21, 2014	
General Fund	\$ 3,811.48
Designated Funds	\$ 35,755.75
Improvement	31,571.26
Seminary	170.00
Building Addition	4,014.49

Building Addition Loan Update

The principal balance due on the loan is \$42,089.70 after
the July 15th payment.

The next loan payment of \$5,473.01 is due October 15,
2014.

Church Council 2014

Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Brad Lewis

Vice President: Mike Thomas

Secretary: Kristin Shelton

Treasurer: Nancy Fausch

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council: Mark Doty

Bruce Hartman Jacob Huxford

Cynthia Johnson Laura Kepler

Jeff VanPelt Justin Sample

Matt Williams Lora Young

Oriett's **summer work schedule** is Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.



web address –

www.plchuxley.com

We have a 'live calendar' which is updated
weekly or as needed. Be sure to give
Oriett info about your events or committee meetings so
they can be added to the calendar.

Minutes—

Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting [not yet approved] June 29, 2014 @ 8:15 AM

Devotions-Brad read Lyle's devotion from this week. It discussed the 7 wonders of the world and that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Read Vision & Mission Statements

Pulse of the Parish-Goals for the month-To be receptive to the new Pastor and family, hire a Pastor, and don't lose our momentum and energy that is going on right now especially in the summer. We hope to continue our momentum and not let up when we do have a more permanent Pastor.

Minutes of the previous meeting-Lora Young made a motion to approve the May minutes, Jeff Van Pelt seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-

Nancy is out of the country on vacation, but provided a written report for Council.

General Fund Balance-\$3065.35

Benevolence-\$90.00

Building Addition-\$8822.50

Improvement Fund-\$31,571.26

Seminary Fund-\$170.00

****Checkbook Balance as of 6/22/2014-\$43,719.**

Nancy has written checks for the end of June and that will put us in the negative but we do have another Sunday offering so we should be okay.

Matt Williams motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jake Huxford seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report-Pastor Holmes-Pastor Holmes has been visiting the shut ins and he will be visiting the recently widowed church members. He reports this has been a delight. He reports things are going well and we are doing so well as a church that he has an easy job.

Old Business:

1. Pastor Klimpel Discussion, Recommendation-
The discussions have gone well. Good, positive feedback with no negative comments. He would like to begin August 3rd. He has sold his house and will need to be out by mid August. We will have a Congregational Meeting on July 13th to vote on extending a call for Pastor Klimpel. A motion was made to approve the recommendation to have a congregational meeting to vote on extending a call to Pastor Klimpel, Laura Kepler seconded the motion. motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Hartman and Justin Sample also emailed Brad with their positive feedback and approval of extending a call to Pastor Klimpel.

2. Open for Wedding July 5th -Mike Thomas will open the church around noon on July 5th.

3. Garden Update, How can encourage weeders-
Adopt a row-with a possible \$100 gift card or maybe top 3 rows. List of 1-15 rows and people can sign up. We will have a sign up in the back of church and a sign up genius that will be sent out with devotions.

4. Fill out memorial form—ideas-Cynthia Johnson provided visuals from a company who came out and gave us ideas and an estimate. The money will be covered through Memorial funding from Javerna and a donor who would be willing to make up the difference. There would be a table and chairs with seating for 12. There will also be a credenza. A motion was made to approve moving forward with the exact details for the meeting room by Laura Kepler, seconded by Kristin Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

We also have other Memorial requests. The Junior Lutherans have requested a patio and fire pit at the parsonage.

New Business: 1. None at this time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Doty, the motion was seconded by Jeff Van Pelt. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer-

Next Meeting – Early August pending arrival of new Pastor

Palestine Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting Minutes

[not yet approved]

July 13th, 2014 -- Sunday -- 10:45 A.M.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by President Brad Lewis at 10:46 AM.

Opening Prayer -- Pastor Holmes gave an opening prayer

New Business: Brad gave an overview of the table and opened the floor to questions. A motion was made by Brad Lewis to approve the following budget items for the 2014 year. Jean Sveraid seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed with 108 votes yes and 1 vote no.

Item 1:

Changing the following budget items to 2014:

	<i>2014 Current Budget</i>	<i>Pastor Cline Actual</i>	<i>Pastor Holmes Actual</i>	<i>Pastor Klimpel Proposed</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Budget Difference</i>
Salary	\$50,000.00	\$20,292.00	\$13,175.37	\$18,340.39	\$51,807.76	\$1807.76
Social Security Allowance	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$1,865.38	\$1,865.38	-\$3134.62
Pension	\$18,298.00	\$7,685.18	0	\$8,545.00	\$16,234.28	-\$2,063.72
Auto Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$245.84	0	\$1,250.00	\$1,495.84	-\$1,504.16
Prof. Expenses	\$500.00	0	0	\$833.33	\$833.33	\$333.33

Adding the following budget item to 2014:

	<i>2014 Proposed Budget Addition</i>	<i>Pastor Klimpel Proposed</i>	<i>Total</i>
Housing Allowance		\$6,043.08	\$6043.08

Net Cost to the 2014 Budget:

	<i>Net Cost</i>
Total	\$1,481.67

Item 2: Extending a Call to Pastor Eric Klimpel-Brad turned it over to Tim Wilson, Chair of the Call Committee, after giving an overview of the process we utilized to interview Pastor Klimpel. Tim Wilson read Pastor Eric Klimpel's biography to the congregation and explained that the Call Committee was in agreement that we extend a call to Pastor Klimpel. Brad Lewis made a motion to extend a call to Pastor Klimpel to come and serve at Palestine Lutheran Church. Nels Dovre seconded the motion. The motion passed with 108 votes yes and 1 vote of no.

Item 3: Approving per the Synod Guidelines the following Compensation Package for Pastor Eric Klimpel. Brad went over the table explaining that the budget fits well for the 21st century. Brad Lewis made a motion to approve the budget per synod guidelines as proposed. Jake Huxford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

<i>Salary</i>	<i>2015 Proposed</i>	<i>2012 Actual</i>
Salary	\$44,016.93	\$46,752.00
Social Security Allowance	\$4,476.93	\$4,932.00
Housing Allowance	\$14,505.08	\$0.00
Pension and Other Benefits	\$20,509.92	\$28,253.00
Continuing Education	\$850.00	\$850.00
Official Meetings	\$300.00	\$800.00
Auto Travel Expense	\$3,000.00	\$4,750.00
Professional Expense	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Sick Days	1 day per month	1 day per month
Total	\$89,658.86	\$86,837.00
Total with raises		\$92,272.00

Vote on Items 1-3- Mike Thomas, Vice President handed out ballots with all three items included for the vote. The votes were tallied and the results were shared with the congregation. Brad thanked the Call Committee for their dedication and hard work. He shared that Pastor Eric is very excited and ready to join us. He has sold his house. Brad also explained that there will be some possible moving expenses. Brad also discussed that he and the council felt that it would be beneficial to have people open their homes and have the Pastor and his family over like we had when we were completing the discernment process as a way to welcome them and help them meet the members of the church. We will begin by having the first one at Kristin and Tom Shelton's home.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer-The Lord's Prayer was recited in unison.

A motion was made by Jake Huxford to adjourn the meeting. Jennie Huxford seconded the motion.

This is the Ballot that Congregational Members utilized to vote:

Item 1: Approve of Budget changes

Yes _____ No _____

Item 2: Approve of Extending a Call to Pastor Eric Klimpel

Yes _____ No _____

Item 3: Approve of Compensation Package for Pastor Eric Klimpel

Yes _____ No _____

A Card of Thanks

The following thank you was read at Arlin's funeral July 14th.

Thank you to each of you that is here today to be a part of this service. Our family is honored that you could be here. Over the past few days we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support in sharing in the loss of Arlin. The prayers, visits, phone calls, abundance of food and other acts of kindness have been one of the richest blessings during this difficult time. In your kindness shown to us, our prayer is that you have also been blessed by the love that our beautiful Savior bestows on us each day.

With humble gratitude,
Marge & family

A Card of Thanks

Palestine Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your financial support that allowed me to spend a week at Riverside. During the week we did many fun things like playing Bonkers, playing carpetball, and making new friends. I enjoyed singing songs (which made me lose my voice! 😊) and learning about Jesus! 😊 Thanks again for supporting me! I had an awesome time!

With Love,
Ellie Twedt

Help Us Create School Kits Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items listed below.

Guidelines: Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted; Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name; Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

What to Include (All items should be new and in good condition.)

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks) – bags have been ordered & should arrive soon.

Please place items in marked boxes in the choir room. Items will be assembled to create complete kits. In August bags with a list will be available in the choir room for you to fill if you want to provide a complete kit. ?s talk to Oriett

We have 14 completed kits which we will sent in October with the LWR shipment.

Additionally we have the following 'extra' supplies –

8 boxes of crayons	1 scissor
5 pens	3 pencils
7 rulers

August 2014 Volunteer schedule

Greeters

8/3 Rick & Lisa Sheldahl; Danielle Edwards
8/10 Wade & Holly Twedt; Helen & Dick Kepler
8/17 Kevin & Jeannie Williams; Brent & Missy Larson
8/24 Greg & Christa Hartsook; Lora Young
8/31 Rich & Chris Nelson; Bob & Oriett Snider

Acolytes –

8/3...

8/10.

8/17.

8/24

8/31

Lectors -

to be contacted

Ushers

Bob Snider, captain Chuck Bowers
Max Shelton Brent Emerson

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

to be contacted

Offering Counters

Harriet Sheldahl, Tom Shelton

Altar Ministry

Pat Martin, Cindi Thomas

Mowing

July 28-August 3 Tom Shelton

August 4-10

August 11-17

August 18-24

August 25-31

Deliver Food Pantry donations for August

"August is **Baby, You're Mine** month at the food pantry - please donate baby items- wipes, diapers, talcum powder, toiletries, baby food, formula."

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during July: Merlin Lyon; Randy Raulston; Miles Taylor

- Krishna & his family of India, child sponsored by Palestine's Sunday School students.
- Those impacted by flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Palestine as we proceed with the restoration process following the frozen pipe & resultant water damage.
- Pastor Eric Klimpel and his family – Teri, Ashley & Austin as he begins his ministry among us.

We extend our prayers and congratulations to...

...**Janell & Eric VanGorp** as they welcome newborn twins, **Jase Lee & Nora Renee** (born June 27). They are welcomed to the family by their sister **Josie**.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...

...to family and friends of **Arlin Sheldahl**

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

August



- 2 - Lowell Brendeland
- 4 - Steve Mitchell
- 5 - Tracy Blackmer
Tony Ness
Kim Yum
- 6 - Amy Larson
London Roelfs
Rusty Stephens
- 7 - Vallery Eisenmann
Laura Kepler
- 8 - Arlyce Engles
- 10 - Taylor Larson
- 12 - Rylie Elliott
Alyssa Johnson
- 16 - Garry Wirtz
- 17 - Tyler Roelfs
- 19 - Denise Elliott
Sarah Jensen
Allan Kopaska
- 21 - Mary Kate Gotta
Dominic Hansen
- 23 - Nicholas Alleman
- 24 - Robby Keltner
- 26 - Lindsey Hays
- 27 - Leonard Larson
Del Lundgren
Jacob Williams
- 28 - Chloe Shelton
Karina Snider
- 29 - Bryan Brendeland
Noelle Hartsook
Charles Sheldahl
- 30 - Ian Minnihan

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**

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Russ & Mindy DeVries
Paul & Katie Porter
- 4 – Ken & Louise Larson
Matt & Sarah Moore
- 6 – Kevin & Jeannie Williams
- 13 – Jim & Nina Gotta (25th)
- 14 – Chris & Sariah Brendeland (5th)
David & Vallery Eisenmann
Adam & Molly Wuebker
- 15 – Tim & Shannon Wilson (5th)
- 16 – Bob & Oriett Snider
- 18 – Ordean & Liz Johnson
Justin & Jodie Sample
- 21 – Allan & Deb Kopaska
- 22 – Penn & Laurie Hill
- 23 – Kyle & DeAnn Jolly
- 27 – Brad & Lesa Lewis (20th)
- 29 – Andrew & Cally Larson
Sam & Andi Shaffer
Charles & Evy Sheldahl
Dan & Kirsten VanSoelen

Monday, August 4, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study.

Summer 2014: Of Many Generations: Mary, Elizabeth, Lydia

We are women of “of many generations,” many ages, many places, and many experiences. We have a calling to come, learn, and serve together, as well as to rebuild, repair, and restore not only our own relationships, but also the world around us.

To do this we look to Scripture for stories that take us into this calling. We look for stories of women who come together, women who understand themselves to be part of a multi-generational community and who have known both challenge and joy.

In the first session this summer, we looked at the remarkable meeting of two generations of women in Mary and Elizabeth. We looked at their stories and came to know them. In July explored Mary’s song that she sings in response both to Elizabeth’s greeting and to all that has happened to her.

Study theme verse

“Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” Isaiah 58:12

Session 3: Lydia appears in the July/August edition of *Gather*. Our final story in the summer Bible study takes us to a different book with its own story of raising up the foundations of many generations. In Acts 16:11-15 we meet both Lydia and the group of women with whom she gathers down by the river as well as Paul and his companion who encounter them there.

The theme for the July/August edition of *Gather* is – **OF MANY GENERATIONS**. Women of different generations and life stages have much to offer one another-and the world.

Transforming Life and Faith by Carol Schersten LaHurd

Gather Bible study September 2014-May 2015

Theme verse: “...be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

-Romans 12:2b

A new life partner, a new child, a new job, a new home: most of us recognize how our lives are changed by these experiences. In “Transforming Life and Faith” we will consider how our lives and our faith journeys are transformed by the events we experience and the people we meet. In both the Old Testament and New Testament, and especially in Acts of the Apostles, we will read about people who have life-changing experiences: Paul on the road to Damascus, Moses in the wilderness of Midian, Lydia praying by a river in Macedonia, an Ethiopian man traveling from Jerusalem to Gaza. We will watch them turn to and with God as their minds, hearts, and daily lives are altered. And we will reflect on the ways we, too, have been and will be transformed and called by God to serve God’s mission in the world.

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Palestine Piecemakers News

Even though the weather is heating up now this last week of July, we look forward to September when we can start up our quilting again. Watch the bulletin for the starting date.



We have received many bundles of material to use for this coming fall's quilting. A special thank you to all those who have brought in material or sheets that will be used in the completion of quilts.

Saturday, August 2 is the Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Quilt Auction. The quilt viewing will be in the Chapel from 10:00-12:30. A silent Auction bidding will be held during that time also for baby quilts and small items. You can take part in the dining hall for a Turkey BBQ Lunch from 11:30-12:30 and be ready to bid on the quilts at 1:00. You can also preview quilts on the Camp website at www.riversidelbc.org

Transforming Life And Faith

Gather Magazines' Bible Study Introduction

Saturday, Aug 16, 2014 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Check the next page for a description of the Bible study and how to subscribe to *Gather*.

The author, Carol Schersten LaHurd is a lifelong teacher: Red Cross swimming lessons, high school English, parish education, and, for the past 30 years, biblical studies, Islam, and interfaith relations in colleges, seminaries, the church, and the wider community. After earning degrees from Augustana College (Illinois) and the University of Chicago, she received a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Location & Schedule Krumm Business Center--Centrum, Grand View University campus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Activities will end at 3:00 p.m.

Who should attend? All women interested in the topic are invited. You don't need to be from the Southeastern Iowa Synod to attend! Get together with your friends and family for a fun day of learning together.

Register Registration is \$40 per person and includes a lunch. Registration deadline is August 2. Contact seiawelca@yahoo.com for additional information. Sponsored by Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization in cooperation with Grand View University, Dwight Dubois, Director of Church Relations

Send your registration to Laurie Kuehl 609 Tower Rd., Clinton, Iowa 52732

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Name _____
Address _____
Telephone number _____
email address _____
Congregation _____
city _____

Fill out a registration form for each person attending.

Cluster 1 of the SWO is offering scholarships for those attending – talk to Marge if interested.

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

Friends of Madrid Home Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 3 from 1-3 p.m. @ Madrid Home

Ice Cream will be served with homemade pies. A freewill donation will be accepted for the Friends project of redecorating lounge areas.

Palestine is asked to provide 4-6 pies for the Ice Cream Social. Sign up sheet on the counter in Fellowship Hall. Pies can be brought to church the morning of August 3rd and Deb Moore or Doreen Blackmer (our delegates to the Madrid Home) will deliver them.

Garage



NAMI Central Iowa (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold its annual Garage Sale Fundraiser on **Friday, August 8, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., and from 8:00 A.M. to**

1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 9, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 209 Colorado Ave, Ames. Please bring items to be donated to the church from 9:00-2:00 on August 5-7. We cannot accept adult clothing, computers, televisions, or dehumidifiers. Tax letters are provided for donations. NAMI-CI is a United Way of Story County partner agency. We are grateful for a matching grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For more information, call Deb Niehof, 515- 292-9400.

NOTE: new time on Friday this year for NAMI's garage sale

It has been estimated that as many as one family in four is touched by mental illness. Often the ill persons and family members don't know where to go for information and support. NAMI Central Iowa offers support, education, and advocacy for persons with mental illness and their family members.

Garden.



Our garden is growing well (and so are the weeds!). The council has set up a contest for families or teams of weeders to see who can have the 'cleanest' row. 3 prizes will be awarded at the end of the season. There are 15 rows - counting from east to west. You

can email the church your preferred row or sign up today on the spread sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Special NOTE: Come and pick whatever you can use or give away from the garden. Green beans, and cucumbers need to be picked daily.

The Lutheran – The current issue of the Lutheran is available on the table in Fellowship Hall. Coming up in the August edition of *The Lutheran*:

Some advice. Jesus said to go and make disciples. How do we do this? In *The Lutheran*'s August issue, read "Evangelism basics" to get some ideas. It all starts with a tip from a cat. To help your discussion of this article, visit www.thelutheran.org for a study guide (click on "study guides" on the left-hand side).

Signs of life. In her August column for *The Lutheran*, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton reminds readers that God gives us what we need to participate in God's mission. She asks ELCA members to share the signs of life, of mission, they see across this church. They are there if we take time to notice.

Serving locally and globally. Find out how the ELCA is at work by reading the August issue of *The Lutheran*: **try** a mission "trip" that stays home ... **discover** a program that sends moms and kids to camp ... **visit** a haunted house that raises money for a youth group ... **travel** to a Washington Bible camp that is raising environmental stewards ... and **meet** Kid Bishop, who spreads the gospel via YouTube and Twitter.

Study this: *The Lutheran* is a resource for individual and group study. In the August issue discuss "God language" with columnist Peter Marty, who says limiting references to male-only words flies in the face of God's presence in the world. Discuss financial stewardship with ELCA teaching theologians. Reflect on "The fragrance of Christ." And read "Call her blessed" to think about Mary (to help your discussion of this article, visit www.thelutheran.org for a study guide—click on "study guides" on the left-hand side).

Together as one. In *The Lutheran*'s August issue, see what happens when Lutherans come together. In North Carolina, an ELCA congregation finds new life by welcoming Episcopalians from a shuttered church. Synods gathered in assembly looked toward the future, worshiped, learned, took care of business and spent time in fellowship. And think about assembling for a worship that focuses on God as creator.

Online: Visit *The Lutheran*'s website at www.thelutheran.org for your research and study needs. Find more than 11,000 archived articles and 400 study guides.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*:

- **September cover story:** Sunday school is old school—a reformation in faith formation.
- **Finding refuge:** Lutherans offer shelter to refugees in the **Central African Republic**.
- **Vineyard:** A look at the parable of the laborers in the vineyard and migrant workers today.
- **Meaningful Work Group:** What is this? And how do you start one?
- **Rain:** Why are churches **collecting rainwater**?
- **Grunewald Guild:** Ecumenical community and retreat center helps individuals **explore art and faith**.
- **October cover story:** There will be an estimated 72 million adults age 65 and older by 2030. Are churches focusing on older adults?



Back to School

For children who are struggling at school or are in trouble, what happens during the summer months? Suddenly, all the structure of the school year is gone.

That's where LSI helps. This summer LSI's behavioral health intervention services (BHIS) have been busy helping keep children and youth stable so they can head back to school this August in great shape to have a terrific school year.

LSI's BHIS program helps children and teens who have a mental health diagnosis build skills in areas such as anger management, coping, healthy decision making, communication, positive self-esteem and more. Thanks to your caring support of LSI, children in this program achieve positive outcomes at home, in school and in the community!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

"Having someone come to your home is amazing."

Roycene had just turned her life around and had been sober for two years. When her son Lucas returned home from over a year in foster care, the transition wasn't easy for either of them.

"Lucas came home with a lot of behaviors," she said. "It was almost unmanageable. It was a transition for him and for me."

Thankfully, LSI's behavioral health intervention services (BHIS) program was there to help. LSI caseworker Heidi helped Lucas, age seven, learn anger management, communication skills and coping skills, or as Lucas calls them, "scoping" skills.

"Having someone come to your home is amazing," Roycene said. "Lucas is more comfortable here. I learn a lot from Heidi, and it's really neat watching my son learn how to express his feelings. One of the awesome things about Heidi coming to my house is she can actually see what's going on. I could go to a therapist or doctor and try to explain, but it's not the same. I would be almost glad when Lucas was having a tantrum, so she was able to see and help us learn how to handle it. It's nice having someone professional help coach me in my parenting and decisions. It makes me more confident."

Heidi also helped Lucas learn how to make friends at school and helped Roycene find ways to talk to him about his father's incarceration. Lucas has grown leaps and bounds, Roycene said.

"Any time I get frustrated, I think about how it's not like it was," she said. "I'm just really grateful for this service. When friends are having problems, I tell them about how I have someone from LSI who supports me."

See more stories, past and present, at LSI's anniversary website: www.LSIowa.org/150.



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

Public Horseback Rides, Birthday Parties, and Lessons at the Ranch

Many times we are asked the question, "May we come out and ride?" The answer is, "Yes, with some stipulations." We offer rides for 8-13 people at \$20/ rider. The ride is 45-60 minutes long. The trail riders must be in 5th grade & older. We also do birthday parties for children. If the children are under 5th grade, they must ride in the arena, if 5th grade and older, they may go on a trail ride.

Our Ranch schedule is quite busy, so you need to call ahead and the answer is always conditional to camp schedule and the availability of staff and volunteers. We also offer riding lessons in the fall and spring, so give us a call if you are interested! Call 1-515-733-5271 and ask for Jan.

Summer Camp June 8 - Aug. 8

Theme: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" When we have a life in Christ, it changes everything. It changes our hearts, our minds, our attitudes, and our lives. **Life After Camp**

Camp is great! You get to spend a whole week growing in faith, making new friends, praising God, and having a lot of fun. But, what do you do when you get home? Well, we've created this page, and given you these resources, to help you continue to grow closer to God and stay connected to Riverside now that you're home.

The Riverside Facebook Page - Guess what? Riverside is on Facebook! Our Facebook page is a great place to stay connected with the Riverside community and find out everything that is going on at camp all year round. Check out the Riverside [Facebook](#) Page!

The 21-Day Challenge

One of the best parts about Riverside is that you get spend time in the Bible every day. From daily devotionals, to shares, to God time, to Bible study, we spend so much time in the word each day you might be asking yourself, "How can I continue this when I get home?" Well, that's why we created the 21-Day Challenge! 21 days of devotionals, written by us, to get you started when you get home.

Check out the [21-Day Challenge](#)!

Saturday, August 2 – Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Quilt Auction & 5K Run

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Check in & Registration for 5K (\$25 registration)

8:30 a.m. Riverside 5K

Awards ceremony & free kids Obstacle Run ages 10 & under after 5K

10:00-12:30 Quilt viewing in the Chapel

10:00-12:15 Silent Auction bidding (Baby quilts & small items)

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:30-12:30 Turkey BBQ Lunch in Dining Hall freewill offering

1:00 pm QUILT AUCTION Begins!

Preview quilts on Camp website www.riversidelbc.org

Living Water, Living Word Appeal

Riverside's Board of Directors approved a capital appeal to raise the funds needed to restore the Chapel and build a new pool. The Living Water, Living Word Appeal is representative of God's water and Word bringing life to Riverside in the Chapel and throughout His camp. Ministry happens at the pool, in the Chapel, and everywhere campers gather.

Both of these structures are vital to Riverside's ministry. The Chapel is the symbolic and spiritual center of Riverside. From realizing Christ's unconditional love (some for the first time), to being married, and countless other experiences, campers are at home and at peace here. Riverside has no lake for campers to refresh on hot days. Campers swim, splash, relax, and share faith stories at the pool. The pool has provided enjoyment for 60 years. It is as important now as it was then.

The Living Water, Living Word Appeal has a goal of raising \$2,500,000. The Chapel restoration and pool will cost approximately \$2,350,000. A contingency of \$150,000 is included. To make this happen, gifts of all sizes are needed from many people. God has provided and entrusted each of us with His blessings in various measures. We are asking you to share what God has first given you.

The completion of these projects will bring new life to these facilities. Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will continue to minister to the hearts and lives of everyone who comes. God challenges us daily and throughout our lifetimes. The Living Water, Living Word Appeal is another challenge that God is placing Before us. Please pray for God to guide you as you respond with your gift.

If you would like additional information regarding the new pool and Chapel restoration, gifting goals, or materials to promote the Living Water, Living Word Appeal, please [download the brochure](#) available on Riverside's website.

Upcoming Riverside Events

Sept. 6-7 or Oct 4-5 Mother Daughter Ride with the King

Sept. 12 – 13th Riverside Fall Classic @ Veenker Memorial Golf Course

Sept. 20-21 - [Women's Retreat](#)

Oct. 26 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off