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Vacation Bible School
June 18th – June 22nd @ Palestine

Reaching out in Christian love to all!

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Mission Statement:

“Palestine Lutheran Church exists to proclaim and live God’s Holy Word, to nurture and support our membership, and to enable us to live our faith in our daily lives. As we are nourished, we are called to reach out to our communities, our spheres of influence, and to the wider world through the church-at-large.”

Our Vision:

Palestine Lutheran Church will be a haven for all generations, a people worshipping and growing continually in relationship with Jesus, inspired by God’s Word; a living example of stewardship, a loving and caring fellowship that reaches out in Christ-centered faith and love to the world.



Pastor Eric will be doing limited visitation for members who would like to have one. Please contact Pastor Eric if you would like to have a visit. You do not have to wait for him to call.

Call 515-597-2620 or email ericklimpel@gmail.com

We would like to work out what is best and safest for the visit and distribution for each person.

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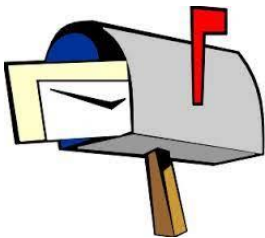
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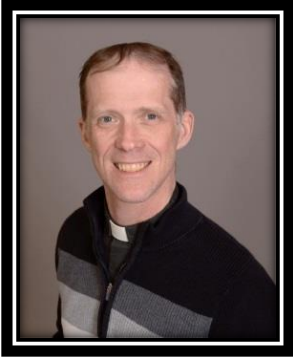
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**Don’t forget our new mailing
address has changed!**

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**Basking in the Glory of the Father's Love
this Summerwith Pastor Eric**

¹²But to all who received him (Jesus), who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:12-14

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. John 17:1-5

I used to hang a poster in my bedroom when I was a varsity athlete in High School that said, "Nobody remembers second place!" The poster contained a picture of a lone runner following in the footsteps of someone else on sand dunes. In this world, we remember the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, but rarely do we remember second place. I found that poster to be quite affective in motivating me to win. When you win – top of the hill, number 1, first place, then you receive the glory! The problem is that you cannot always win. In fact, we are mostly "second place" or the rest...

God gives Jesus glory and Jesus shares in that glory by dying on the cross. We don't associate glory with crucifixion, betrayal, and shame. Glory is for the winners! The winners stand with the trophy on the top of the podium! The winners are the ones who matter in life, or so the world professes. God declares a different reality in Jesus through whom the glory is for everyone, not just the winners but for those in "second place." God loves you...God knows you...God remembers you.

You and I hold inside of us a deep desire to be known and remembered which is more than utilitarian as in networking. We seek affirmation for life in a world increasing virtual and isolating. Jesus prays for unity among his followers which finds its source in being known by God and Jesus, God's Son. **Jesus tells us that this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent (John 17:3).** Wow! Eternal life is life within the bosom of God's love forever – a relationship of unity, memory, and tremendous worth! What glory! Jesus brings us into the celebration of the only victory that matters - over sin, death, and the devil. It's not about the place on the podium but the place at the table which is guaranteed for you and you and you.

I pray that you receive a summer season full of the Father's glory and celebrate your relationships and being known. Take time to embrace opportunities for sharing your eternal life with your neighbor – help whenever you can and share the glory with them.

Let us pray. Gracious Father, thank you for showering us with your glory in love shown to us in Jesus Christ. Thank you for remembering me and for knowing me. Help me to know you more through Jesus and to come to you more for what is necessary with joy and gratitude, so that I might grow inside and outside as your child more and more, in Jesus's name I pray. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays this summer 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. No study during VBS week.

We are finishing the series “When God Takes Too Long” and then beginning in July we will do the “Life of Jesus” series. *Life of Jesus* series is designed to help participants take a closer, more personal look at Jesus as they explore His significant life events and teachings. Each study includes 12 stand-alone lessons. Each book includes teacher notes and student sheets which include an opening activity, related Scripture, discussion and application questions.

Parables is a 12-session study which gives participants the opportunity to study the parables Jesus used to teach his people. Session titles are:

- Reading the Parables
- The Sower
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- The Prodigal Son
- The Unmerciful Servant
- The Good Samaritan
- The Great Banquet
- The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- Workers in the Vineyard
- The Talents
- The Rich Fool
- The Ten Virgins

This study used a simple, user-friendly format consisting of four major components:

- Focus — introduces the participants to the concepts that will be explored during the session
- Inform — guides participants into Scripture to learn what God says about different issues
- Connect — provides activities and questions to help participants apply the truth found in Scripture to their lives
- Vision — suggests activities for additional growth during the week to come

If you need help purchasing books *if needed*, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study


Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the council room.

New Member Orientation Meetings

Typically Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship in the south conference room. Anyone who would like to inquire about Palestine Lutheran Church and find some insights into its history, people and ministry are welcome. For prospective members, new members and yes, even veteran members! All are welcome! Let the church office know if you are interested so that we can prepare materials ([@palestinelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:palestinelutheran@gmail.com))

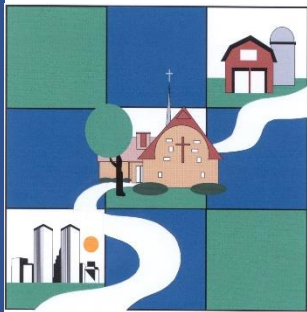
Theology on Tap

Gathering for adults who want to fellowship, relax and solve the world's problems together while creating some potential new ones. We will take time to fellowship around God's Word and grow together as a community.

 **Join us Sunday, June 12th and July 16th 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.** at the Fenceline Beer Lab, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*Drop in if you would like ☺*)

Food Pantry Ministry

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. Volunteer at the pantry! Contact Jackie Rasmussen (catsrus@huxcomm.net)



**Join us Sunday, June 11th
to commemorate our
168th Church Anniversary**



Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website www.elca.org →Resources→ Downloadable Resources→ Bible studies

Holy Trinity

Focus: *What opportunities did you have this week to teach someone about Jesus?*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19 (NRSV). Read Matthew 28:16-20

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *How might you extend mercy to someone in the next week?*

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’” Matthew 9:12 (NRSV). Read Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *How do you partner with Jesus in his mission?*

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37 (NRSV). Read Matthew 9:35-10:8

4th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *When do you need courage from God?*

“So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:31 (NRSV). Read Matthew 10:24-39



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS SUMMER 2023

Join us as we gather courage like Daniel . . .

June 18th-22nd from 6-8 p.m. @ Palestine

Go here to register: bit.ly/VBSfor2023

Hurry soon to ensure your spot!

\$25 per child/financial assistance available where needed

Seeking volunteers – many different roles to fill. Contact Candi Engler (volley_602@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

VBS DONATION REQUESTS:

Vacation Bible School is rapidly approaching, and we could use your help! We are taking a trip back in time to Babylon this year and would like immerse our travelers in the period.

1. We would like the helpers and actors to be dressed in period clothing. This includes robes, shawls, etc. If anyone has anything that could work let us know. We also have a set of patterns if anyone were interested in sewing a few accessories.
2. We are looking to borrow a few items from home to help set the scene as well. If you have any fake plants, area rugs, blankets, baskets, etc. that would help it feel like biblical times we would appreciate using them for the week.
3. We will also be looking for donations for the meal offered each evening. Details on that will be coming soon, please watch for the sign-up sheets.



Remember in Prayer

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

Charles Bowers, Mark Braun, Adrienne Brown, Trice Elliott, Crystal Hughes, Lori Edwards, Dolores Hauge, Marcia Kisner, Helen Miller, Nancy Shriver

Family & friends of: Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary Lou Hoover, Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Bruce Halverson, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann

Rock Group's Costa Rica **ENVELOPE WALL**



BASE CAMP CONSTRUCTION

Construction costs have multiplied over the last few years and RABMIN is working hard to improve facilities at the base camp, as well as repair homes in the community.



LOCAL SCHOOLS & VBS

You may choose to donate towards RABMIN's educational programs by participating in the school/VBS supply drive, now through June 18th.



FOOD SERVICES

RABMIN hand deliver food bags to locals in need. The cost to fill each bag is \$16. They also deliver fresh produce from their garden to local schools and communities.

HOW IT WORKS

Choose an envelope from the wall that you would like to fulfill and return your donation in its envelope by placing it in the jar by **June 4th**. You may fulfill a gift as an individual, family, friend group or business!

We are fully funded for our trip, but would love your help in funding the RABMIN ministry that we will be a part of while we're there!

Thank you!



We welcome our new sister in Christ:
Oaklee Rae Brommel
Born July 18, 2022
Baptized May 21, 2023

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

Oaklee is the daughter of Donald Eugene Brommel and Sidney Lee Brommel. Her baptismal sponsors are Alyssa and Max Cornelison; Kelby and Brandon Palmer.



*The Fish Fry rescheduled for
May 28th
has been cancelled.*



Please Note



There will be a congregational meeting after worship service Sunday, June 4th to make decisions regarding updates and repairs to the parsonage. Quotes were handed out May 21st and emailed May 24th.



Let's shower our Palestine family with birthday cards!

June 3rd Lyle Martin (84th)

July 4th Dolores Hauge (87th)

June 6th



Leona Larson (101st)

July 4th Quinn McBride (86th)

July 24th Ron Locker (85th)

July 29th Pat Martin (81st)

June 24th Sandy Wirtz (81st)

*See mailed copy of newsletter for addresses.
I don't like to put personal info on the website.*



- 1 Karlee Emerson
- 2 Kaylee Van Pelt
- 3 Lyle Martin (84th)
- 4 Jennie Huxford
Marcus Schaudt
- 5 Ramsey Roelfs
- 6 Samuel Engler
Leona Larson (101st)
Kim Van Pelt
- 7 Elman Sheldahl
- 8 Shania Schmidt
- 9 Mindy DeVries
Madeline Schonhorst
- 11 Russ DeVries
- 12 Pastor Eric Klimpel
- 13 Ashley Klimpel
- 15 Nolan Schonhorst
Taylor Wuebker
- 17 Casondra DeHaven
- 18 Maddison Ewing
- 19 Janell Van Gorp
- 20 Mary Brendeland (71st)
Josephine Engler
- 22 Kasey Larson
Brooks Wuebker
- 24 Nathan Moore
Sandy Wirtz (81st)
- 25 Havanna Roelfs
Ella Saveraid (1st)
- 26 Vincent Peterson
- 28 Sue Larson (72nd)
- 29 Ken Larson (78th)

- 1 Ron & Rosalie Locker
- 8 Virgil & Diane Larson (55th)
Stacie & Aldo Medici (10th)
- 9 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt
- 12 Dave & Christy Mueller
Matt & Michelle Siepker
- 14 David & Jean Saveraid
- 15 Paris & Cody Hitchcock
- 16 Melanie Fausch &
Ryan Peterson
- 20 Mike & Crystal Hughes
- 22 Mark & Robin Doty
- 23 Kari & Tom Sandquist
- 26 Ben & Candi Engler
- 29 Karina & Derrek Kelso

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ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler & Elaine Mohr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
June 4th: Quinn & Norma McBride
June 18th: Roger & Deb Moore

Ushers: Greg & Emily Saveraid; Jean Saveraid

OFFERING COUNTERS: Holly Twedt; Doreen Blackmer


GREETERS*, **:
June 4th: Nancy Fausch; Bill & Sandy Harleen

June 11th: Tim & Julie Huxford; Scott & Alyssa Johnson

June 18th: Kent & Shelley Klingbeil; Dennis & Donna Millang

June 25th: Kari & Tom Sandquist; Justin & Jodie Sample

*Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship
 **All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
28 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Memorial Weekend</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Outside (weather permitting) New Member Orientation	29 	30 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
4 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Congregational Mtg 12 – 3 p.m. Picnic & Fishing @ Hickory Grove	5	6 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
11 <i>2nd Pentecost</i> <i>**Cookie Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Orientation 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline 168th church anniversary!	12	13 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
18 <i>3rd Pentecost;</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS	19 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS	20 No bible study due to VBS 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS
25 <i>4th Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Orientation R.O.C.K. Mission Trip	26	27 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

JUNE 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters	1	2	3
7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	8	9	10
14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg	15 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg	16	17
21 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS	22 6 p.m. VBS Meal following program	23	24 <i>John the Baptist</i> R.O.C.K. leaves for Costa Rica mission trip
28 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 	29	30	1

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Charlie Rhoads, Chloe Shelton, Lucas Hartsook

Graduate Celebration 5-14-23



- 1 Paul & Deb Ness
- 14 Tracy & Doreen Blackmer
- Kevin & Melissa Kopaska
- Garrett & Ellen Locknecker
- 15 Doug & Lori Schonhorst
- 17 Shane & Jennifer Harmon (30th)
- Wade & Holly Twedt
- 20 Tom & Kristin Shelton
- Dave & Phyllis Prichard
- 22 Nels & Allison Dovre
- 25 Dennis & Donna Millang

JULY 2023



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| 1 | Jax Clark | 17 | Gus Madson |
| | Charlie Rhoads | 18 | Merle Brendeland (71 st) |
| | Marshal Sheldahl | | Oaklee Brommel (1 st) |
| | Michelle Siepker | | Roger Larson (75 th) |
| | Kora Swan | | Aldo Medici |
| 2 | Julie Huxford | 20 | Brayden DeVries |
| | Emmett Johnson | 21 | Paris Hitchcock |
| 3 | Mitchell Peterson | 22 | Henry Sandquist |
| | Deidre Qual (71 st) | 23 | Apollo McKenna |
| | Jean Saveraid (74 th) | 24 | Ron Locker (85 th) |
| 4 | Dolores Hauge (87 th) | | Matt Siepker |
| | Quinn McBride (86 th) | 25 | Deb Ness |
| 6 | Melanie Fausch | | Benjamin Williams |
| | Kevin Rahner | 27 | Scott Johnson |
| 7 | Holly Larson | | Shannon Wilson |
| 9 | Shane Harmon | 29 | Josie Jensen |
| | Annika Larson | | Teri Klimpel |
| | Jacob Saltzman | | Abbie Larson |
| | Tim Wise | | Pat Martin (81 st) |
| 10 | Lori Edwards | 30 | Shelley Klingbeil |
| | Amber McKenna | 31 | Taylor Sample |
| 11 | Kevin Rowedder | | |
| 12 | Clint Saveraid | | |
| 13 | Sandy Harleen | | |
| | Megan Russell | | |
| 14 | Leslie Harris | | |
| | Jamie Ness | | |
| | Kiley Calvert | | |
| 16 | Brent Larson | | |
| | Donna Millang (74 th) | | |
| | Ila Russell | | |
| | Kari Sandquist | | |
| 17 | Jenny Gallagher | | |
| | Greg Hartsook | | |

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July 16th: Bill & Sandy Harleen

USHERS: Tim & Shannon Wilson; Bruce & Angela Hartman

OFFERING COUNTERS: *needed*

GREETERS*, **:

July 2nd: fill in if you are here, please

July 9th: Deidre Qual; Holly & Wade Twedt


July 16th: Lora Young; Mark & Jen Pote

July 23rd: Bruce & Angie Hartman; Greg & Christa Hartsook

July 30th: Darin & Katie Madson; Cynthia Johnson

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes from the May meeting will be attached in weekly announcements upon receipt.



Central Iowa

Thank you

Dear Palestine Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to NAMI Central IA. This will help on our mission to support, educate, and advocate for those affected by mental illness.

Sharing help ~ Sharing hope

Sincere thanks,

NAMI Central IA



Fellowship/Evangelism Committee has summer events planned!

Sunday, June 4th



12 – 3 p.m. Fishing & Picnic @ Hickory Grove Park

Sunday, July 9th



5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Serving Food at Food at First in Ames

Friday, Aug. 4th



Iowa Cubs Game

Saturday, Aug. 26th



Pie, Brownie & Ice Cream Social @ Prairie Fest



Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The **annual Synod Assembly** was held via ZOOM May 15th and 16th. Pastor Eric along with Mark and Jen Pote were in attendance representing our church.

Assembly Action Highlights:

- 2024 Budget Passed
- Amendments to Synod Constitution Passed
- 2024 Compensation Guidelines Passed
- Resolution 1: Gun Violence – The assembly voted to affirm the Reference and Counsel’s recommendation to refer Resolution 1: Gun Violence to the Synod Council.
 - The voting members did not vote to oppose the resolution but instead voted that the synod council will review the resolution and make plans to engage the whole synod in this important conversation.

Annual Report of the Bishop highlights:

- We are one of three synods in Iowa. The three Iowa bishops meet regularly for support and to nurture shared mission in Iowa. Two commitments that we are sharing in for our future:
 - RAGBRAI adventure when the three Iowa bishops and our cycling team “ELCA Bishops Against Hunger” will ride in the 50th Ragbrai, committing to riding 50 miles a day/500 mile route, highlighting 50 ELCA anti-hunger ministries across Iowa and raising \$50K for ELCA World Hunger with anything above \$50K shared with local anti-hunger efforts across Iowa. Join us on the route, in prayer, with your congregation’s anti-hunger ministry, or with your financial support:
<https://campaigns.tithely.com/39688-southeastern-iowa-synod-elca/iowa-bishops-ragbrai-for-hunger>

- The second is launching a lay ministry training program. This task force is praying, planning, and will engage in launching a program designed for lay people who feel called to serve as a pastoral presence in a congregation/s in the midst of transition or as a long-term pastoral presence. Why is this a priority? Currently, in the Southeastern Iowa Synod, 45 out of 135 of our congregations are without a called pastor. In the ELCA, there are currently 589 congregations in a call process and 375 ELCA rostered ministers open to a new call. Of those, 36 have indicated an openness to Southeastern Iowa among other synods. This spring, Southeastern Iowa is accompanying 2 first call candidates preparing for ordination. One has been called as a Pastor to St Paul, Davenport and the other is currently engaged in a call process. The Southeastern Iowa Candidacy Committee is currently accompanying 17 active rostered ministry candidates.
- Go to this link for her full annual report:
https://seiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2023/05/Final-2023-Assembly-Bishop-Annual-Report.pdf



HUXLEY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Good morning. As always, thank you to all our volunteers that help make the Huxley Food Pantry a welcoming, friendly place where residents can come help their food insecurities.

Headed into the summer and continuing to serve those in need takes time and lots of volunteers.

Would you prayerfully consider looking at your summer schedules and signing up for a shift or two? (As of now, no one is signed up for any Thursdays in the near future. Wink, wink!)

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0b48acaa2ba3f85-food>

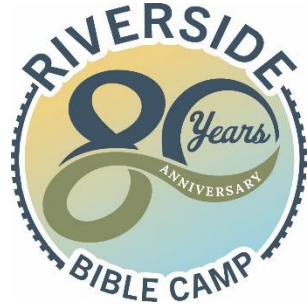
Marsha Wright Skinner



3001 Riverside Rd.
Story City, IA 50248

We're Gearing Up & Getting Ready for Our Biggest Season of the Year!

It's no surprise that Summer Camp is our biggest season of the year. Each summer we welcome thousands of kids and teens to Riverside to hear about the everlasting love of Jesus Christ. Camp is a unique place where youth can unplug from the world and plugin to Jesus. **We can't wait to welcome our campers starting June 11!**



We Still have Room!

If you know someone who would love to come to Riverside, there are still some summer camp spots open. [View our Master Calendar](#) to easily see what camps & dates still have availability.

Want to GET INVOLVED in Summer Camp?

- We're looking for church groups & families to host our summer staff on a weekend for a meal and/or activity (at your home, your church or at camp). For more information, contact cheri@riversidelbc.org.
- Our hospitality team prepares, serves, and cleans up for 300-ish people (campers + staff) three times a day, six days a week. We welcome anyone (individuals, families, small groups, etc.) who would like to volunteer to serve with our Hospitality Team. Contact Paige@RiversideLBC.org to let her know you're ready & eager to help!
- Checkout our [Amazon needs list](#) & purchase some items for camp.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS WENT TO
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND
MAY 17, 2023**



They packaged 38 boxes with 8000 meals!

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN APRIL/MAY:

- TEACHER RECOGNITION April 30th and May 7th
- FINAL CHOIR PERFORMANCE May 14th



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Happy Father's Day!

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 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 LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Providing Support for First-Time Parents

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she provides us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life."

"Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."

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