



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 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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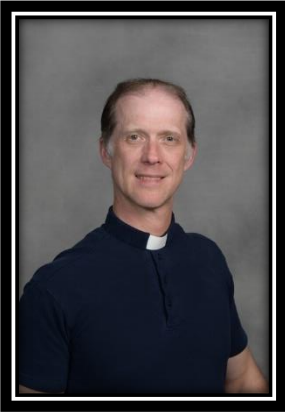
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A graphic with a golden, sunburst background and a dark border. The text "Tithes & Offering" is written in a white, serif font with a drop shadow effect.

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 189
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**
Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



**Truly Free to Be Alive With Thanksgiving--
----- With Pastor Eric**

³⁴He (*Jesus*) called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers (*disciples*), let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8:34-35

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:29-30

When I'm taking groceries from the car into the house I try to make as few trips as possible especially in the winter. I load my arms with bags and carefully make my way to the back door. Once I get there, I realize that my house key is in my pocket! Now I must put down the bags enough to get my key out of my pocket and open the door. Maybe you know my story all too well, or you are just shaking your head in disappointment. However, I propose that we have all encountered the frustration of take on too much and having to drop things along the way.

Perhaps, Jesus's call to discipleship involves letting go of some things both out of necessity and by invitation. Denying our self means freedom from the burden of taking upon ourselves the weight of the world and it's heavy and stifling demands. Jesus frees us to take up our cross which means dropping our selfish burden for a purpose that is great and life giving and affirming—serving others – just as Jesus first served us and gave us life.

Jesus invites us to take on his yoke and learn from him because his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. The discipleship Jesus teaches about includes dying to the world and drowning our pain, disappointment and grief and breathing in hope for the day and trust in our neighbors – that the world is not so lost and God’s working good in so many hearts.

Last month we celebrated God’s Word in giving 3rd graders Bibles and confirming the growing faith of our confirmands, as well as remembering that great cloud of witnesses who taught us and showed us the good in God’s world and the freedom to show it. Luther put it best when he wrote “***A Christian man is the freest lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone.***” (*On Christian Freedom*). As we enter this month let us consider what Christ frees us from with thankfulness and what should be let go of to follow his call into full and glorious life in our midst and on our way.

Let us pray. Gracious God, inspire me to let go and take from me what must be taken to free my mind from the valley of death and inspire me to receive again life and the yoke that your Beloved Son offers, in Jesus’ name. Amen.



Monday, November 11, 2024

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Life By His Word Bible Study Series: Paul’s Missionary Work and Epistles – Study of ROMANS

This Bible study provides discussion questions, application, and summary insights. Each chapter and book of Paul's Mission Work and Epistles is explored, offering a rich and full approach to study and devotion. Each lesson is divided up in easy to use one-page handouts. The study includes teaching materials and student materials in two formats: PDF to print directly and RFT for customization.

“With Life by His Word, the pastor has a Bible study for any hot topic that comes up in the news,” says Rev. Edward Engelbrecht, general editor of The Lutheran Study Bible. “Just think about the chapter of Scripture that addresses the topic, find the chapter study in Life by His Word, and you’re good to go.”

Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall at church.

If you need help securing material, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Men’s Bible Study

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

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)

R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group will typically meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

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 for the next one November 17th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at Fenceline Brewpub in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124

New Member Orientation Meetings

November 10th 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)



THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE THANKS YOU

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Book Bash! I hope you found books you wanted to read for the coming year.

The Library Committee took the leftover books and puzzles to Half Price and received \$80. We bought 5 books while at Half Price and will shop for more books on November 9 at Books a Million and Ames Christian Supply.

If there are any books that you would like added to our library please let either Teri Klimpel, Doreen Blackmer, Laura Kepler, McKenzie Bushaw or Shannon Wilson know and we would be happy to look for it.

Once we process the new books, we will highlight them on the Library table in the Fellowship Hall and will have a write up on them in the newsletter.

Thanks again for helping our Library!



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

Pentecost Week 24

Focus: *What does it mean to see God?*

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Matthew 5:8 (NRSV).

Read Matthew 5:1-12

Pentecost Week 25

Focus: *How did Christ exemplify a giving spirit?*

“But she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:44 (NRSV)

Read Mark 12:38-44

Pentecost Week 26

Focus: *How do I live “expectantly”?*

“This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.” Mark 13:8 (NRSV)

Read Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King

Focus: *How do you listen to the voice of Jesus?*

“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” John 18:37 (NRSV)

Read John 18:33-37



BLOOD DRIVE October 8th Results
BLOOD DONOR. LIFE SAVER.

THANK YOU!

30 registered to donate, 24 donors able to donate
(1 first time donor!), 27 units collected,
up to 81 lives saved or sustained!!

Thanks to Kim Van Pelt for coordinating.



ELCA

**SURVEY - WE NEED AT LEAST 10
RESPONSES!**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is sponsoring a survey as a part of the Faith Communities Today (FACT) research initiative that the ELCA regularly participates in. Since 2000, FACT has conducted research that provides religious leaders of all traditions with critical information about the changing nature of congregational life and how to respond effectively.

All worship attenders (age 18 or older) of your congregation are invited to take this survey. It will take 12-15 minutes to complete.

Please click the link below and take the short 15-20 minutes. We have until Nov. 22 to collect as many as possible.

This link will appear on weekly Wednesday e-news, bulletins, etc. Please look for it.

https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=20245



Three of our youth
attended the Fall
Re-Charge at
Riverside Bible
Camp Oct 18th-19th:
Ben Williams,
Henry Sandquist, &
Kason Swan.



Riverside



The Palestine Piecemakers

packaged up their labors of love to share!



They sent:

- ✓ 50 quilts (13 boxes) To Lutheran World Relief
- ✓ 15 quilts to Riverside Bible Camp Auction



- 1 Christa Hartsook
Mike Larson
Emily Saveraid
- 4 Andrew Brokofsky
Vivian Lundgren (90)
- 7 Ellen Longnecker
- 8 Emma Hartman
- 10 Thomas Kochheiser (72)
Mark Pote
- 11 Emery Ewing
- 12 Phyllis Prichard (83)
- 13 Bruce Cox Jr
Megan Elliott
Kim Jensen
Elaine Mohr (80)
- 14 Mark Swan
- 15 Doug Schonhorst
- 16 Elliott Johnson
- 17 Troy Calvert
Carter DeVries
Evelyn Kam
- 18 Caleb Hartsook
Roger Rittgers
- 19 McKenzie Bushaw
- 20 Lucas Schaudt
- 22 Wade Twedt
- 24 Kinsey Calvert
- 27 Sandra Kalsem (82)
Sarah Roelfs
- 28 Priya Roelfs
- 29 Danielle Edwards
Jeff Van Pelt
Holly Wise

Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

Nov. 4th Vivian Lundgren (90th)

Nov. 12th Phyllis Prichard (83rd)

Nov. 13th Elaine Mohr (80th)

Nov. 27th Sandra Kalsem (82nd)

See mailed newsletter for addresses



- 5 Brent & Julie Emerson (30th)
Megan & Joe Russell
- 11 Roger & Deb Moore
- 13 Jonathan & Megan Elliott
- 18 Lyle & Pat Martin
- 29 Brent & Missy Larson



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
27 Reformation Sunday <i>No Choir</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i>	28	29 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
3 All Saints Sunday 8:00 a.m. Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion; K.I.C.K. kids singing <i>Music with Nels</i>	4	5 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
10 25th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> "Cookie Sunday" New member class	11 	12 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
17 26th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	18	19 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
24 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> 6:00 p.m. Ballard Community Thanksgiving @ Trinity Lutheran (worship @ 7)	25 5:30 p.m. Wreath making	26 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

ALTAR GUILD: Donna Millang and Lesa Lewis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

November 3rd: Tim & Shannon Wilson
November 17th Tim & Shannon Wilson

USHERS:

OFFERING COUNTERS: Matt & Erika Williams

GREETERS*, **:

November 3rd: Tom & Kristin Shelton; Jeff & Kim Van Pelt
November 10th: Lora Young; Greg & Christa Hartsook
November 17th: David & Vallery Eisenmann; Bruce & Angie Hartman
November 24th: Eric & Teri Klimpel; Leonard & Sue Larson

*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.

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DECEMBER						
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NOVEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters	31	1	2
6 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	7	8	9 5 – 7 p.m. Kumla
13 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. K.I.C.K. Ornament making & meal 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	14	15 <i>Poinsettia order deadline</i> <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	16
20 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	21 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (Pastor)	22	23
27 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills (Pastor) <i>No quilting</i> <i>No confirmation</i>	28 	29	30



Mark your calendars for Christmas Eve services at 4 and 7 p.m.



COUNCIL MINUTES

See mailed newsletter for council minutes.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Kristy Brownfield, Adrienne Brown, Marlys Hartman, Alice Kahler, Betsy Johnson, Judy McKinney, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family and friends of: Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Diane Larson, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve, Krisha Barrett

BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS
October 6th



Third Grade Bible Presentation
October 13th
*Placing the Word of God into your
child's hands . . .*



***Henry Sandquist, Evelyn Kam, Maizy DeVries, Jax Clark,
Evelyn Johnson, Kora Swan, and Kason Swan***
Congratulations on this milestone!

thank
you



To the lovely 3rd-6th
grade youth group,
Thank you for helping
us with our residents
last Sunday! They loved
seeing your smiley
faces!!

-Bethany Life



**CENTER GROVE
ORCHARD FUN 10-13-24**



K.I.C.K. UPCOMING EVENTS

All 3rd-6th graders are invited to participate in this group.

- **Sunday, November 3rd: Singing during church worship;**
Thanksgiving craft after worship
 - **Saturday, November 9th: Kumla Dinner Serving** – watch your email and Facebook group for serving slot sign-ups 4:30 -7.
 - **Wednesday, November 13th: Senior Tea Ornament/Gift Making @ 6 p.m.** *Meal provided. Christmas program scripts/parts assigned.*
 - **Christmas Program Practice Schedule:**
 - Sunday, December 1st: 6 p.m. Snack provided
 - Sunday, December 8th: 6 p.m. Snack provided
 - Wednesday, December 11th: 5:30 p.m. meal, 6 p.m. practice
 - Sunday, December 15th: after worship until 12:15
 - **Sunday, December 11th: Christmas Program**
4:30 p.m. Special music – ***if you would like to sing, play an instrument or the piano, let one of the KICK Advisors know!***
5:00 p.m. Program
Meal to follow – *free-will offering*
- ▶ *All program participants are asked to bring one dozen cookies or treats to share for the meal.*

Contact a K.I.C.K. Advisor with any questions:

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*Thank you to everyone that has helped mow
the church and parsonage this year. It is
very appreciated!*

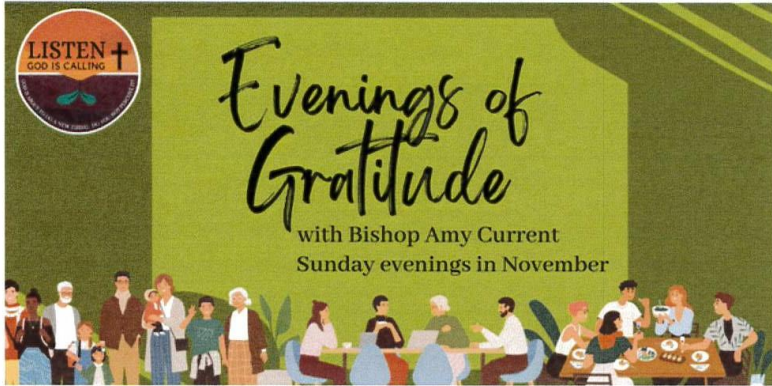


Festival of All Saints Day November 3rd

*Have a candle ready to light at home if you
are viewing via livestream*

We will be remembering the faithful who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant in the past 24 months. During the Prayers of Intercession Pastor will read from a shepherd's book names that been submitted. He has used this book on each All Saints' Sunday during his ministry.

If you have the name of a spiritual friend, mentor, family member or co-worker that you want to include in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, please email the name to palestinelutheran@gmail.com , or Pastor Eric at ericklimpel@gmail.com , or print the name in the book at church located in fellowship hall. We will include names in the bulletin of those members of Palestine who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday and also the newest saints in our church family who were baptized this past year.



Join Bishop Current for a light dinner and an evening of fellowship, conversation, and gratitude for the ministry we share in our synod one Sunday evening in November.

November 3 Peace Lutheran Church
Pella

November 10 Christ the King Lutheran Church
Iowa City

November 17 Trinity Lutheran Church
Pleasant Valley

November 24 Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Des Moines

No RSVP is needed and all are welcome!
All events are 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

IT'S ALMOST KUMLA TIME!



Jello salads, desserts, and volunteering in the kitchen are all requested. *See the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or watch the Wednesday email announcements to click on the sign-up link!*

GET READY FOR KUMLA!

Saturday, November 9th 5 -7 p.m.



Norway

\$12.00/adults \$6/kids

Location: Palestine Lutheran Church



Carry-out orders are available.



Poinsettias for Palestine

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our church for advent and Christmas. Please let us know if it is in honor or memory of someone. \$20 each.

Deadline to order is November 15th. Call Blumsters @ 515-597-2200 or Tracy @ 515-450-1961 to place order.



Community Thanksgiving Worship Sunday, November 24th @ *Trinity Methodist in Huxley*

- ❖ 6 p.m. Soup supper with pie dessert
(sign up forthcoming)
- ❖ 7 p.m. Worship

Our offerings for this event will go to help support a very needy local food pantries in Huxley, Cambridge, and Slater.

Sponsored by the Ballard Ministerial Association.



College Scholarships

Treasurer, Deidre Qual, reminds college students desiring to receive a Palestine scholarship that they **must notify the church office by letter or e-mail** of their name, address and college or vocational school **by**

December 15th. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the Palestine Scholarship Fund. \$200 is given to each qualifying student in December. This fund was set up to help provide encouragement for any student member of Palestine during the first four years after graduation from high school in any year which he or she continues his or her education at an approved college or vocational school.

Email: palestinelutheran@gmail.com

Mailing address: PO Box 189, Huxley, IA 50124



Christmas Extravaganza

**Saturday, December 7th
9 a.m. - noon**

**The R.O.C.K. Group is hosting their annual
Christmas Extravaganza!**

A sign up to donate goodies will be out soon!

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