



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 <a href="mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com">ericklimpel@gmail.com</a>

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

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#### 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 <a href="www.plchuxley.com">www.plchuxley.com</a> and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our "Reaching out in Christian love to all" statement.

Text GIVE to 515-207-6435.
 Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



# Change in Abundance with God ------And Pastor Eric

<sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. - John 10:9-11

<sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one." - John 10:29-30

I was paying for a box of pens at the store last week and the clerk checked me at the register. He looked at me and declared that the pens will be four dollars and change. I was startled because I had not heard the word "change" used in that context in a long time. How many of us walk around with change in our pockets, or purses? What an interesting word "change." This word calls forth both hope and fear at the same time. I learned early on that "change is the only true constant in life" and that idea gives me a bit of comfort, I guess. God created humanity with an enormous capacity to adapt to change which separates us from many species on our planet. We have a way of transcending the moment and predicting possible outcomes and innovating in response to changes in our environment - as the psalmist writes, "we are beautifully and wonderfully made."

How we receive change in our life has an impact on the life of abundance that Jesus refers to in John 10.

Jesus declares that he has come that we might have life — life in all its fullness! He does not refer to quantity of life as we understand it but depth of life by savoring it as we receive it from and with God. No matter what happens in life we face it, and experience it with God, the shepherd of life and the ultimate change agent. Jesus came to make sure that we would receive the full life with God that we once had in the garden of Eden before death's grip on us began to choke out life and corrupt us — separate us and drive us into hiding from God and one another. Hiding from life itself and its bounteous joy ©

I was in a similar store line recently with a cup of coffee. I had a rough day and needed a bit of a "pick me up." I approached the counter and the clerk looked at me and said, "Good afternoon, sir! That will be two dollars and seventy cents please." I pulled out two dollars but only had fifty cents in change. I looked up at him and said, "I've got a five here somewhere?" He smiled and replied, "No problem. It's on me!" And he pulled three dollars out of his pocket and put it in the register! He told me that I looked like I needed it! I replied, "Thank you and God bless!" and he replied with a big smile, "He just did!" I left with a cup of coffee and a new friend whose coffee line I began to frequent more often.

I know it might seem like a small encounter and it might happen to you now and then, but I see it as that abundance at work. Jesus allows me to experience life in those mustard seed moments and appreciate the value and opportunities that they truly are. When I receive change like a random cup of coffee then I can embrace the fulness of possibility with hope no matter what change comes my way because God is with me.

Let us pray. Gracious God, shepherd me always in Jesus' name.

Amen.

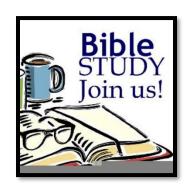
# GET INVOLVED

# Men's Bible Study

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

# **ZOOM** Bible Study

Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00 p.m. The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament - Beyond God's promise of a Savior just after the



fall in Genesis 3:15, do we really see much of Christ in the Old Testament? Well, if we take His New Testament words to heart, we must!

"You search the Scriptures...and it is they that bear witness to me!" (John 5:39)

Over eight sessions, this group study will lead you through the entirety of the Old Testament with daily readings, questions, and discussion prompts. After a brief introduction that reviews Christ's earthly ministry, you will dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today! Books are available at the office. If you need help securing material, please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

# **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)

### New Member Orientation Meetings

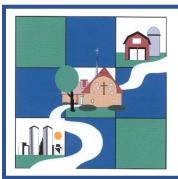
June 16<sup>th</sup> after worship in the south conference room.

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)

### 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 ones June 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (No reservations needed, just show up! ②)



Join us Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to commemorate our 169<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary



# Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website <a href="www.elca.org">www.elca.org</a> → Resources → Downloadable Resources → Bible studies

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**Focus:** *Inclusion, not Exclusion* 

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel ...." Galatians 1:6 (NRSV)

Read Galatians 1:1-12

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: Don't Lose Heart!

"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NRSV)

last month?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

4th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: How has your faith grown in the

"[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make

nests in its shade." Mark 4:31-32 (NRSV)

Read Mark 4:26-34

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: Do we trust Jesus to calm our

storms?

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'" Mark 4:40 (NRSV)

Read Mark 4: 35-41

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**Focus:** How does your faith propel you

into action?

"But overhearing what [the people] said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'" Mark 5:36 (NRSV) Read Mark 5:21-43





We welcome our new brother and sister in Christ:

**Bennett Scott Ludwig** 

Born May 10, 2023 Baptized April 28, 2024

Bennett is the son of Dominick Ludwig and Lesley Bielenberg. His baptismal sponsors are Derek Bielenberg and Jordyn Ludwig.





**Born August 11, 2023 Baptized May 5, 2024** 

Brynlee is the daughter of Jacob and Hannah Saltzman and the sister of Sophia. Her baptismal sponsors are Jared and Beth Timmerman, Jered Greene, and John & Carly Ihle.

We welcome Bennett and Brynlee into the Lord's family as children of God!





We have a Youth *Plus* field trip coming up soon to the **Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA.** An email sign up was sent!

### Saturday, June 1st 8-5

• Cost is \$10 per person to reserve your spot immediately after you sign up on the emailed sign up. *Please note if you are signing up children 6<sup>th</sup> grade or younger a parent is required to attend.* 

#### ➤ Go to:

#### https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/plchuxley

- Under My Donation choose one-time
- Under the Fund selection choose Grotto Field trip
- In Amount section put \$10 (or more if reserving for more than 1 person)
- Complete the remainder of the form on how you want to pay (i.e. credit card, debit card, google pay, or ach direct from your bank account)
- All day trip arrive at 7:45 at church, back by 5
- Bring your own lunch to eat around the pond along with towel or blanket to sit or relax on. Frisbees or easy-tobring yard games are also welcome.
- Tour
- Ice cream purchased with reservation \$
- A sign-up was emailed!



**Hickory Grove Park is** southwest of Colo, IA





Registration: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/flcvbs">bit.ly/flcvbs</a>

(vbs2024 and variations are taken)

Link: <a href="https://fjeldberg.churchcenter.com/registrations/e">https://fjeldberg.churchcenter.com/registrations/e</a> vents/2208580



Let's shower our Palestine family with birthday cards!

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Lyle Martin (85<sup>th</sup>) July 4<sup>th</sup> Dolores Hauge (88<sup>th</sup>)

June 6<sup>th</sup> Leona Larson (102<sup>nd</sup>) July 4<sup>th</sup> Quinn McBride (87<sup>th</sup>)

June 24<sup>th</sup> Sandy Wirtz (82<sup>nd</sup>) July 24<sup>th</sup> Ron Locker (86<sup>th</sup>)

July 29<sup>th</sup> Pat Martin (82<sup>nd</sup>)

(see mailed newsletter for addresses – I do not want to put private information on public website)



JUNE 2024
HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Karlee Emerson
- 2 Kaylee Van Pelt
- 3 Lyle Martin (85<sup>th</sup>)
- 4 Jennie Huxford Marcus Schaudt
- 5 Ramsey Roelfs
- 6 Samuel Engler Leona Larson (102<sup>nd</sup>) Kim Van Pelt
- 7 Elman Sheldahl (70<sup>th</sup>)
- 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 (72<sup>nd</sup>) Josephine Engler
- 22 Kasey Larson Brooks Wuebker
- 24 Nathan Moore Sandy Wirtz (82<sup>nd</sup>)
- 25 Havanna Roelfs Ella Saveraid
- 26 Vincent Peterson
- 28 Sue Larson (73<sup>rd</sup>)
- 29 Ken Larson (79<sup>th</sup>)

- 1 Ron & Rosalie Locker
- 8 Stacie & Aldo Medici
- 9 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt
- 10 Gregory & Emily Saveraid
- Dave & Christy Mueller (20<sup>th</sup>) Matt & Michelle Siepker (20<sup>th</sup>)
- 14 David & Jean Saveraid
- 15 Paris & Cody Hitchcock
- 20 Mike & Crystal Hughes
- 22 Mark & Robin Doty
- 23 Kari & Tom Sandquist

Karina & Derrek Kelso

26 Ben & Candi Engler

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If your birthday or anniversary was not included or is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can update

our records. Thank you!



ALTAR GUILD: Donna Milllang and Elaine Mohr

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

June: Jean Saveraid & Deidre Qual

#### Ushers:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scott & Ethan Johnson June 9th: June 16th: June 23rd:

June 30th:

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Doreen Blackmer & Holly Twedt

#### GREETERS\*, \*\*:

June 2: Marvin & Lori Edwards; Nancy Fausch

June 9: Marlys Hartman; Bill & Sandy Harleen

June 16: Mark & Jen Pote;

Deidre Qual

June 23: Chris & Amanda

Richter; Jean Saveraid June 30: Jeff & Kim Van Pelt; Dick & Helen Kepler

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

١	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
•	<b>2</b> Pentecost 2 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion	3	4 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Ankeny ( <i>Pastor</i> ) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM
	9 Pentecost 3 9:30 a.m. Worship **Cookie Sunday 169 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary! 12 – 3 p.m. Fishing/Picnic Trip	10	11 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
	16 Pentecost 4 Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion New Member Orientation 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS	5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS	18 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars in Madrid (Pastor) No bible study due to VBS 5:30 p.m. Light meal before VBS 6 – 8 p.m. VBS
	23 Pentecost 5 9:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline	24	25 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
	<b>30</b> Pentecost 6 9:30 a.m. Worship	1	2 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

### **JUNE 2024**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	6	7	8
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 2 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg ( <i>Pastor</i> )	13	14	15
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	20 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (Pastor)  6 p.m. VBS Meal following program	21	22
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions ( <i>Pas</i> tor)	27	28	29
<b>3</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	4	5	6



# Remember in Prayer

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

Adrianne Brown, Mike Hauge, Alice Kahler, Vivian Lundgren, Judy McKinney, Deb Ness, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Bry Ronca, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, 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



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



#### **JULY 2024**

- Jax Clark
   Charlie Rhoads
   Marshal Sheldahl
   Michelle Siepker
   Kora Swan
- 2 Julie Huxford Emmett Johnson
- Mitchell Peterson
  Deidre Qual (72<sup>nd</sup>)
  Jean Saveraid (75<sup>th</sup>)
- 4 Dolores Hauge (88<sup>th</sup>) Quinn McBride (87<sup>th</sup>)
- 6 Melanie FauschKevin Rahner
- 7 Holly Larson
- 9 Shane Harmon Annika Larson Jacob Saltzman Tim Wise
- 10 Lori Edwards Amber McKenna
- 11 Kevin Rowedder
- 12 Clint Saveraid
- 13 Sandy Harleen Megan Russell
- 14 Leslie Harris
  Jamie Ness
  Kiley Calvert
- Brent LarsonDonna Millang (75<sup>th</sup>)Ila RussellKari Sandquist
- 17 Jenny Gallagher Greg Hartsook

- 17 Gus Madson
- 18 Merle Brendeland (72<sup>nd</sup>)
  Oaklee Brommel
  Roger Larson (76<sup>th</sup>)
  Aldo Medici
- 20 Brayden DeVries
- 21 Paris Hitchcock
- 22 Henry Sandquist
- 23 Apollo McKenna
- 24 Ron Locker (86<sup>th</sup>) Matt Siepker
- Deb Ness (70<sup>th</sup>)
  Benjamin Williams
- 27 Scott Johnson Shannon Wilson
- 29 Josie Jensen Teri Klimpel Abbie Larson Pat Martin (82<sup>nd</sup>)
- 30 Shelley Klingbeil
- 31 Taylor Sample

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**ALTAR GUILD:** Teri Klimpel & Elaine Mohr

#### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**

July: not established yet

#### USHERS:

July 7:

July 14:

July 21:

July 28:

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Needed

#### GREETERS\*, \*\*:

July 7<sup>th</sup>: David & Vallery Eisenmann; Brent & Missy Larson

**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Bruce & Angie Hartman; Greg & Christa Hartsook

July 21st: Cynthia Johnson; Scott & Alyssa Johnson July 28th: Jason & Melinda Kam; Leonard & Sue Larson

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\*\*All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**AUGUST 2024** 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>30</b> Pentecost 6 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Outside service (weather permitting)	1	2 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Ankeny ( <i>Pastor</i> ) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>7</b> Pentecost 7 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion	8	9 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
14 Pentecost 8 9:30 a.m. Worship **Cookie Sunday 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Food at First	15	16 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Ankeny ( <i>Pastor</i> ) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>21</b> Pentecost 9 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline	Newsletter deadline	23 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
<b>28</b> Pentecost 10 9:30 a.m. Worship	29	30 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible	Independence Day U.S.A.	5	6
<b>10</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	11	12	13
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group	18	19	20
7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions ( <i>Pastor</i> )	25	26	27
<b>31</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	August 1	2	3



See mailed newsletter for council minutes

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# **Graduate Celebration 5-5-24**



Kiley Calvert, Nickolas Larson, Derrick Rhoads, Megan Rowedder, Kole Swan, Grant Twedt, Alise Van Pelt



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE MORE COLLEGE GRADUATE!

Luke Hartsook fast-tracked his graduation from DMACC in welding!

He is now in the real world working full time at Sargent Metal Fabrication in Ames. Congrats to Luke!

# Check out all the new books in the church library. Just in time for summer reading!

- No Reason to Hide by Erwin Lutzer
- Mostly What God Does by Savannah Guthrie (of NBC's Today Show)
- 3. Real Issues, Real Teens by T. Suzanne Eller
- 4. The Big Book of Bible Questions by Amy Parker and Doug Powell
- 5. Today Matters by John C. Maxwell

# Book Review: The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom with John & Elizabeth Sherrill

The Hiding Place is the story of Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom, a Dutch woman, and her family who have a deep love for the Lord, but end up caught up in Hitler's Nazi terror campaign during WWII. Corrie and her father and siblings end up as political prisoners of the Nazi's because they hid Jews in their family watch shop/home. Eventually, Corrie and her sister, Betsie, are taken to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. Instead of wallowing in their losses and horrible living conditions, the ten Boom sisters make it their mission to spread the story of Jesus Christ to not only their fellow prisoners, but also their German captors. I was impressed by how Betsie, time and time again, would forgive those who mistreated her and pray for their safety and salvation. After Corrie is released from Ravensbruck, she fulfills Betsie's dream of creating a place of healing for those affected by the war in any way, even those who helped the Germans. This book is an uplifting true story of Jesus' healing power provided through the life of ordinary people.





Here we are again. Ten years ago, Palestine embarked on a discernment journey with Pastor David Cline and the Palestine Discernment team. Out of that experience came eight goals which have propelled us into God's future with a new staff, new worship aides, and some renewed and updated facilities. We began a "listening in love" project in 2019 which got sidelined due to the pandemic and derecho events. Our congregation thrived through these challenging times and has changed in the process!

Our congregation council put together a new listening team of five people who will engage the community, the membership, and our partners in service to ask what God is up to in our midst. Through the summer months, the team will sponsor experiences to promote discussion and get feedback on a few questions that will help spark our hearts and minds about our church and community.

We will use the following:

**1.** <u>Pew Offerings</u> – Questions will be asked of the congregation to serve as part of our offering response to God on a given Sunday. This exercise will help us foster gratitude and give thoughtful response to God's Word in the context of Sunday worship.

**2.** <u>Congregation Query</u> – On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, we will pose a question for the congregation and give a few minutes to think and discuss and after worship a space will be offered for further conversation and response which will be guided by one of the team members.

The team has other strategies in mind for early Fall; however, for the summer months these will be our primary strategies. Please keep the team and our congregation of Palestine in prayer as we ask, seek and knock at the Holy Spirit's door!

Peace,

**Listening Team** 

Robin Doty, Mike Brixius, Nancy Fausch, Jennie Huxford, Pastor Eric Klimpel

# MILES TONE MINISTRY

We are in search of a Milestone Ministry leader. This opportunity to serve includes helping with flowers and/or gifts at baptisms, first communions, graduations, and Reformation Sunday. This is a budget item, so help procuring gifts can be reimbursed.

If you feel called to help serve with faith milestones in our church, please contact Pastor Eric or email the church at <u>palestinelutheran@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this wonderful ministry at Palestine!

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