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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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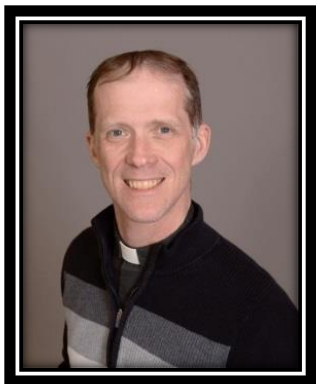
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Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
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.

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



Living in the Light of Grace and Mercy

-----**With Pastor Eric**

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." - Luke 10:37

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. – Titus 3:5

In the original Aramaic which Jesus spoke, the word "merciful" means literally "to get under someone's skin." It means to wear his skin, as it were; to see life from his perspective, to stand in his shoes. It means more than sympathy; it means active empathy or merciful understanding.

Bill Bouknight elaborates a bit with the following, "Let me illustrate. A prominent minister was holding a weekend seminar at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, several years ago. He kept noticing a man in the front row nodding sleepily. This aggravated the speaker. Preachers don't like for folks to go to sleep on them. We don't have that problem here since we armed the ushers with those 36-foot extendable fishing rods so they can tap any nodding worshipper on the head. The speaker at Junaluska thought to himself: Wonder why the man didn't stay home if he couldn't stay awake? During the lunch break, a woman approached the speaker and said, "Sir, let me apologize for my husband's drowsiness. He is undergoing chemotherapy. The doctors have given him a

medication to control the side-effects, but it makes him very sleepy. I tried to persuade him to stay home today, but he said, "I must go as long as I'm able. I never know when I will no longer be able to gather with God's people." Suddenly that speaker's attitude toward the drowsy man was transformed. Why? The wife had enabled him to get under the skin of her husband and really understand him. That is the quality of mercy."

Yes...we are entering a new chapter in the evolving COVID-19 pandemic "headache" which I am titling the "DELTA!" I am as tired of this pandemic as anyone else, and I have learned much during the past year. I have learned the importance of patient listening and mercy!! God shows us more than mercy in Jesus Christ. God abides with us every step of this journey with grace. If mercy is about empathy and understanding, then grace is about acceptance, forgiveness, and commitment to love deeply in the face of the merciless.

As we start this new academic year, I hope that each of us will reflect on what it means to show mercy in our daily life and how to recognize mercy when we experience it. Mercy opens the door for fellowship and joy while grace enables you to move through it and grow from it.

Let us pray. Gracious and merciful God may mercy flow into me and your grace abide, so that I might live in peace and joy with you, my neighbor and myself. Grant to us an attitude of gratitude and hope for this new beginning amid a continuing pandemic challenge, in Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

New Member Orientation Meetings:

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)

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. You are encouraged to bring a beverage and a snack to share with the group. First meeting at David and Valerie Eisenmann's homestead Sunday, September 19th 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (drop in if you would like)

Men's Bible Study:

Join us every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. in the North hall.

Dawn Dialog with Jesus:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on on Gospel text for the day "Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). An invitation is in the weekly email announcements. Daily Discipleship will be attached in the Wednesday email announcements for the following Sunday.

Zoom Bible Study:

Tuesdays beginning Sept. 7th @ 7pm – 8pm on Zoom - Introducing **THE STORY** – a video curriculum gives groups the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what they experience in the places where God’s Story intersects with our Story in daily life. Discover together where your story aligns with God’s Story and get encouragement and hope along with an overview of the Bible “God’s Word”. **We will have two books option to participate – “The Story: Getting to the Heart of God’s Story” (participant’s guide) by Randy Frazee, and “The Story: The Bible as one continuing Story of God and His People” Forward by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee.**

If you need help purchasing these books, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

Griefshare Support Group Fall Session:

A support group for those who are wrestling with loss and grief which is Christian affirming and genuine. We will use a 13-week “drop in” curriculum to help guide our reflections together. Sign up on the Griefshare website @ www.griefshare.org for the Huxley site, or email Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com. The first session will begin on **September 7th with an orientation** to the group and to determine other dates and times to meet. **We will meet at 7pm in Palestine Lutheran Conference Room.**

Food Pantry in Huxley:

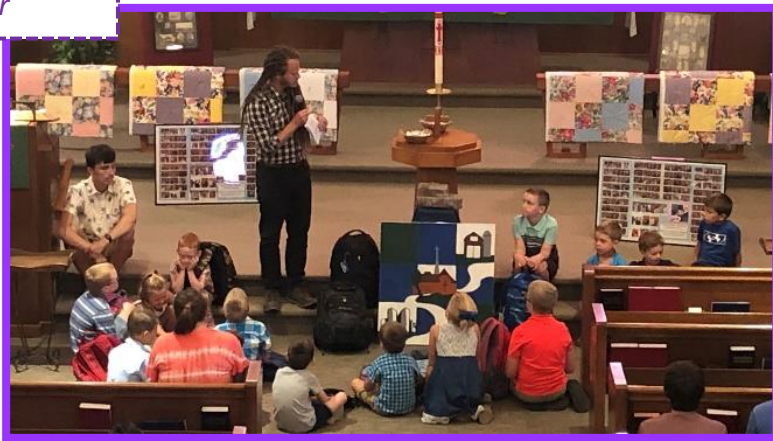
Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. To volunteer at the pantry contact Jackie Rasmussen @ catsrus@huxcomm.net

ANNIVERSARY



Thanks to everyone who came to worship service and participated in our congregational photo. Special thanks to Kristin Shelton and Tracy Sheldahl for organizing the nice meal afterwards!

*Backpack
Blessings
for School
Year*





Special Music

*Pastor
reviewing
history and
showcasing
photo
memorabilia*



Renovation Committee Recognition



**Congregational
Meal**





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 15

Focus: *How do my actions reflect my trust in Jesus?*

“She came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.” Mark 7:25-26 (NRSV)
Read Mark 7:24-37

Pentecost Week 16

Focus: *Taming our Tongue*

“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.” (James 3:10 NRSV)
Read James 4:1-12

Pentecost Week 17

Focus: *Make Peace*

“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.” (James 3:18 NRSV)
Read James 3:13-4:3; 7-8a

Pentecost Week 18

Focus: *Pray for One Another*

“Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.” (James 5:13 NRSV)
Read James 5:13-20



1 Kirsten Van Soelen
 3 Teresa Rasmussen
 4 Zoey Rahner
 Amanda Richter
 5 Scott Brendeland
 Marge Sheldahl
 7 Warren Johnson (94th)
 8 Robin Doty
 Darin Madson
 9 Adam Wuebker
 14 Hayley Gustafson
 15 Dick Kepler (80th)
 17 Jodie Sample
 18 Bev Echtenkamp
 (89th)
 Jodie Atkinson
 19 DeAnn Baldwin
 Donna Lisowski
 Andrew Rasmussen
 Ellie Twedt
 20 Bob Davis
 Jeremy Edwards
 Molly Wuebker
 21 Abrielle Atkinson
 22 Dax Clark
 Brynn Gallagher
 25 Charles Bowers
 27 Oriett Snider
 28 Rex Clark
 Max Shelton
 30 Jacob Huxford
 Dave Prichard

1 Steve & Jodie Atkinson
 4 David & Margret Anderson
 Dick & Helen Kepler (55th)
 7 Lucas & Courtney Williams
 9 Jacob & Hannah Saltzman
 10 Allen & Ruth Evans (45th)
 11 Jeremy & Danielle Edwards
 DeAnn & Stuart Baldwin
 Bruce & Angela Hartman
 14 Jon & Sarah Jensen
 15 Randy & Lora Young
 18 Greg & Christa Hartsook
 19 Stuart & DeAnn Baldwin
 20 Richard & Chris Nelson
 Tony & Jamie Ness
 21 Tim & Julie Huxford
 Jacey & Cole Johnson
 28 Timothy & Holly Wise
 29 Adam & Amber McKenna
 Kyle & Tracy Rhoads (20th)



Let's shower Warren Johnson
 with Birthday Wishes for his
 94th by mailing cards to:

Mr. Warren Johnson
 C/O Bethany Life
 212 Lafayette Avenue
 Story City, IA 50248

If there is a record of error or omission, please
 let the office know at

palastinelutheran@gmail.com or 515-597-2624.



Altar Guild: Melanie Fausch
and Helen Kepler

Communion Assistants:
September 5th: Bruce Hartman
& Dennis Millang
September 19th: Bill & Sandy
Harleen

Please wear
comfortable clothes and
bring a chair and water
bottle for our outside
service September 12th!

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	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
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www.toptotable-calendar.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY
5 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion	6 Labor Day
12 God's Work, Our Hands 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; OUTSIDE Installation of teachers & confirmation class After church – clean-up day New Member Class in conference room 6-7:30 p.m. KICK “Kick Off” @ church	13
19 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap at Eisenmann’s home	20
26 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Class in conference room	27

September 2021

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time	2	3	4
7 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Griefshare Group	8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters Resume! 6:30 - 8 p.m. Confirmation Begins!	9	10	11 Riverside Ride with King Mother-Daughter Event 11-12th
14 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	15 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 - 8 p.m. Confirmation	16	17 Riverside Golf Classic	18 Riverside Ride with the King for kids
21 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study Newsletter deadline	22 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 - 8 p.m. Confirmation	23	24 Riverside Women's Retreat 24-26th	25
28 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	29 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 - 8 p.m. Confirmation	30	1 <i>October</i>	2 Riverside Ride with King Mother-Daughter Event 2-3rd

COUNCIL MINUTES

These minutes have not yet been approved.

**Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, August 1, 2021 @ 8:00 AM at Palestine Lutheran Church**

**Kristin Shelton, Jean Saveraid, Brad Lewis, Tim Wilson, Hailey Clark,
David Eisenmann, Brent Emerson, Chris Richter, Deidre Qual, Pastor
Klimpel . . .**

A quorum was established.

Devotions: Presiding Leader Kristin Shelton let us. Proverbs 31 Website.
Do not be afraid. “When God calls you, God equips you.”

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: VBS was a total success. Thanks to Candi and all her hard work!! It was great to have little people back in church. VBS for next year is already in the works. Start lobbying the city for a bike trail. Cook book sales have been going very well.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Kristin Shelton motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. Minutes passed unanimously, although nobody remembered that last meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Qual presented the report. Chris Richter motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. All anxiously approved the report.

General Fund: (\$-12,423.35)

Checking Balance Total: \$12,506.60

Pastor's Report: Pastor Klimpel emailed the report to Council. Lots of travel this summer. Teri has a new job at Iowa Ortho. Big transition of church pastors in the area.

New Business:

1. Baptism approval of Marcus Schaudt on 8/8/21
Motion to approve by: Jean Saveraid
Seconded: David Eisenmann
Unanimous approval for the baptism.
2. Crosswalk – City needs to look into it.
3. Technology person? Need to find someone to back up for Brent.

Unfinished Business:

1. Worship Committee update 165th Anniversary (can we have choir sing?) Sign is ordered (165 +1). Worship service is planned. Congregational photo.
2. Big thank you to Helen Kepler on getting the member rolls organized.

Motion to Adjourn and Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: David Eisenmann motioned to adjourn. Chris Richter seconded.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2021 Sunday at 8:00 AM

Treats: Hailey Clark

Devotions: Chris Richter



We welcome our new brother in Christ – Marcus Tyler Schaudt

Marcus is the **son** of Lucas and Adessa Schaudt. He is the brother of Palmer and Julianne. Baptismal sponsors are Jessica Christensen and Joshua Schaudt.

† We welcome **Marcus** into the Lord's family as a child of God!
Born June 4, 2021
Baptized August 8, 2021



Sunday, September 12th!

Come worship at our 9:30 a.m. service
OUTSIDE!

*Bring your lawn chair and a water
bottle if needed.*

After worship service we will have a clean-up day outside at the church. Please bring:

- 1) Work gloves and bags for weeds
- 2) Window cleaning supplies
- 3) Anything else you can think of!

➡ We will be collecting soap for the
food pantry beginning September 5th!

Personal bars of soap, hand-washing soap,
dishwashing soap, laundry soap. Please
bring what you can!



FALL BOOK

BASH

September 5th and 12th
September 19th and 26th

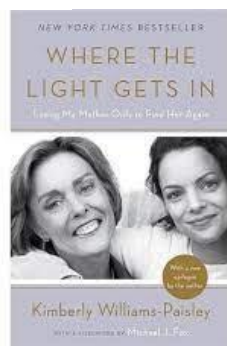
Bring your used books and puzzles!
Browse and take home books and
puzzles!

Books that don't get picked will be taken to Half Price Books and
money from that will be used to buy new books for the library!

BOOK REVIEWS

Where the Light Gets In; Losing My Mother Only to Find Her Again

by Kimberly Williams Paisley



I enjoyed this book which was written by the actress, Kimberly Williams Paisley, about her mother and her mother's journey with Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA), a form of dementia that makes one lose their ability to speak. To be more exact, the book was about how the author handled her mother's illness and how she learned to look for the light, the bright moments and opportunities to accept her mother as she was as the disease progressed. I appreciated how the entire family worked together to help Mrs. Williams deal with her illness as well as watching out for each other and making sure everyone was getting the help necessary to accept the harsh realities of the PPA. Although Mrs. Williams was not a practicing Christian, Kimberly is and she leaned on God to help her get through difficult times with her mother. Although she at first felt her father betrayed her ill mother when he got involved with another woman, Kimberly learned to accept that the new woman in her father's life was really a gift in disguise for all of them, as well. I would recommend this book as an inspiration to anyone who is dealing with issues of dementia and caring for those affected by a devastating disease. It is available for check out in the church library.

By Doreen Blackmer, Palestine Library Committee



QUILTING GROUP IS RESUMING!

Anyone interested in being involved with this *exclusive* Palestine Church group is welcome to join! You don't even have to know how to quilt!

If you can tie a knot, push in a pin, or stack some small squares of fabric, you are IN! We will even pay you for your time in coffee (or tea) and treats during our break time!

**Every Wednesday Beginning
September 8th
1-4 p.m. at Palestine church!**



CHOIR PRACTICE IS BEGINNING AGAIN!

Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
beginning Sunday, September 12th



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Anita

Brendeland, Dick Brown, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Phyl Hughes, Abby Huntrods, Lilah Hurley, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Merlin Lyon, Gary Mittelsteadt, Roger Moore, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Linda Nordstrom, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Rebecca Wentholt, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller

Family & friends of: Angie Claude, Judy Smith, Sharon

Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Ralph Kalsem, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Jimmy Young, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Harold Long, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Duane Taylor, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dovre, Alberta Helmke, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss



K.I.C.K. Members (current 3rd-6th graders) are invited to attend our

Fall "Kick Off" Event!

WHEN: Sunday, September 12th 6-7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Palestine Lutheran Church

We will have pizza and lemonade, have our meeting about our upcoming year, make s'mores on our new patio, and play games if time! **Bring a chair to sit on the patio!**

- Parents are welcome and encouraged to come! If weather is an issue, we will have inside the church.

Contact any K.I.C.K. advisor with any questions. We are looking forward to still doing activities this 2020-2021 year!

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IOWA CUBS

FUN OUTING!

Friday, August 6th



Confirmation Fun

Canoeing on Des Moines River August 10th



Installation of Class Sunday, September 12th

Mid-week Classes Begin

Wednesday, September 8th 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

It has been a challenging year for parents of children with disabilities, and there are lots of Iowa families who deserve support right now. You can help by joining the LSI team as a short-term respite care provider for Iowa kids. Visit LSIowa.org/respite to learn more, and if you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Where are They Now: Amanda and Mavis

Amanda has lived with her Host Homes mentor, Mavis, for three years and continues to gain more independence through the program. When Amanda first entered Host Homes, she required multiple psychiatric hospital visits throughout the year. She had been living in a busy home with roommates, and she needed a new environment to thrive.

When she moved in with Mavis, the two worked together to build important life skills for Amanda and find ways for her to cultivate her creative mind. Amanda loves listening to Elvis music, sewing, and ceramics, so Mavis helped Amanda enroll in art classes. When she was no longer able to attend during the pandemic, Mavis ensured she had space at home to continue creating art. Amanda recently finished a major ceramics project: a replica of Elvis she has been working on for three years.

Amanda continues to work on her goals, including personal hygiene, exercise, medication management, and cooking. Throughout the pandemic, Mavis and Amanda spent lots of time in the kitchen, and Amanda is now able to cook independently. She loves trying new dishes, and her favorite foods are pasta recipes. And instead of several emergency calls and hospital visits each year, Amanda has not needed mental health hospitalization in more than a year and a half.

“I think I’m doing really well, I’ve been doing lots of things,” Amanda says. “I want to do even more amazing things too. I really like it here.”

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