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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."

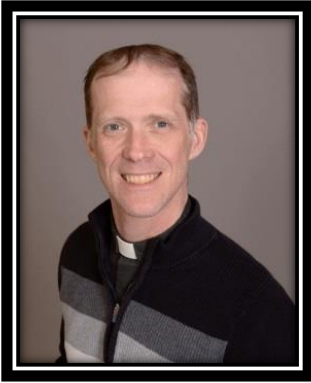
Our Vision:

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.

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Tapping into Purpose in a New Season With Pastor Eric

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." – Luke 10:30-37

In trying times when life and limb are at stake I find myself gravitating towards the bigger questions of my existence, "What is my purpose?"- Types of questions. I find myself much more aware of my spiritual life and I am glad to have a belief system that affords me a very present and attentive God to converse with about these questions. I am thankful to have the Holy Scriptures in, with and through which the Living Word of God speaks.

When I talk about “purpose” for my life on earth as a Christian, I go right to the scriptures to stoke my conversations with God. Over and over again I come up with the teaching of Jesus about loving God with my whole being and likewise loving my neighbor as myself. The parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke’s gospel account gives me plenty to chew on as I try to make sense of this current state of the world. How do Christians live out their purpose to love God and neighbor? Well, here are some conversation starters inspired by this parable that might open us up as a community of Christ followers as we wrestle with how to be a church in times of pandemic.

Someone I consider to be a Good Samaritan during this season of pandemic is...

Stopping to help someone today is risky because...

When I risk helping someone, I feel...

Maybe it is not so hard to define purpose and live into it. I believe that one way to conquer fear is to have a strong sense of purpose. My prayer for all of us is that through pray and conversation with God’s Word we might passionately tap into God’s call to “go and do likewise” as we are able individually and together in whatever new or renewed ways that God provides.

Peace

Pastor Eric



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter *Focus: An Instrument of Acceptance*
“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 (NRSV)

Read John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter *Focus: An Instrument of Courage*
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” John 14:1 (NRSV)

Read John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter *Focus: An Instrument of Change*
“If you love me, you will keep the commandments.” John 14:15 (NRSV)

Read John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter *Focus: An Instrument of Wisdom*
“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” John 17:11 (NRSV)

Read John 17:1-11

Pentecost *Focus: Be Open to the Spirit*
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.” John 7:37 (NRSV)

Read John 7:37-38

PALESTINE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship & Study Opportunities –May 2020

Sunday, May 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)
- 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5th

- 6 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6th

- 12 p.m. Palestine Prayer Time (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Confirmation (Zoom)

Sunday, May 10th

- 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus (Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)
- 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday, May 12th

- 6 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 13th

- 12 p.m. Palestine Prayer Time (Zoom)
- 7 p.m. Confirmation (Zoom)

Sunday, May 17th

- 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus (Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)
- 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Tuesday, May 19th

- 6 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20th

- 12 p.m. Palestine Prayer Time (Zoom)

Sunday, May 24th

- 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus (Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)
- 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 27th

- 12 p.m. Palestine Prayer Time (Zoom)

Sunday, May 31st

- 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus (Zoom)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream)





Remember in Prayer

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

Laura Aust, Dianne Blackmer, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Alisha Cox, Bev Echtenkamp, Lowell Elliott, Jackie Greene, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Ardell Lundgren, Merlin Lyon, Roger Moore, Loree Ness, Deidre Qual, Jody Schuman, Shannon Tope, Marissa Vermeer, Joyce Volz, Nova Lynn Walte, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller,

Family & friends of: Valerie Brendeland, Angie Claude, Bonny Erickson, Wanda Halverson, Sue Ihle, Ralph Kalsem, Donna Keiser, Sharon Mortenson, Mark Richter, Dean Simmons, Judy Smith, Don Trautner, Arlene Wee, Charles Brendeland



A big thank you to Palestine volunteers who signed up to staff the Ballard Clothing Pantry in March:

- Doreen Blackmer
- Linda Cochran
- Robin Doty
- Lori Edwards
- Jim and Nina Gotta
- Cynthia Johnson
- Pastor Eric and Teri Klimpel
- Louise Larson
- Dennis and Donna Millang
- Deb Moore
- Chris Nelson
- Kris Polich
- Jean Saveraid
- Holly and Lora Young





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

Summer 2020 Update

You have been in our prayers and continue to be in our prayers as our whole nation journeys through this COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of these uncertain times, we have had to make some tough decisions regarding our summer programming (see below for details). Please continue to keep the camp, staff, volunteers, and faithful supporters in your prayers! We place our hope and trust in our great God who is faithful, true, and shows His power over sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus, which we just celebrated this past weekend. We know He has a plan, and we trust that plan will be seen in the months to come. Jesus is alive!

Riverside has been leading Christ-centered camp experiences every summer since 1943. Over those 76 summers, God has used His camp to change the lives of hundreds of thousands of His kids. The past several summers we have continued to see God lead an increasing amount of campers here, along with staff from all over the world, for a fun, engaging, life-changing, Holy Spirit-filled week of camp. There is so much to celebrate and be grateful for, for all that God has done here in this place!

Over the past several weeks, we have paid close attention to the reports of the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updates and guidelines from our governor and from our national leaders. Our state has been directed by federal and state officials to limit gatherings of people in close communities so that we might care for the health and well-being of all people. Our communities have also seen schools move to online education models, congregations gathering for worship, small

groups using technology for meetings, and large community events being cancelled/postponed.

Here at Riverside, we have had discussions with local school administrators, local doctors, pastors, parents, and ministry leaders to gain their thoughts, insight, and wisdom in regards to summer camp 2020. All of these conversations have been centered around people and how God is leading us to best love and serve people. The well-being and safety of our staff, campers, families, and communities are our highest priority.

It was our great hope that this current reality wouldn't impact the summer of ministry at Riverside, but we believe the risks are too great. Therefore, based on the information that we have available to us today, the leadership staff and Riverside Board of Directors have made the following decisions:

- Cancellation of all onsite summer youth programs for summer 2020.
- Cancellation of onsite family camp for summer 2020.
- Cancellation of all offsite summer programs, including Day Camps and Adventure Camps.

As difficult as this decision is to make, the heart of this decision is our desire to do what is best for the people and communities we are so blessed to serve. The financial impact of this decision may be great, yet we continue to trust in God's provision through individuals and congregations that have so faithfully given to this ministry for years.

A note to campers— We have been praying and preparing for your week of camp this summer since September of 2019; our prayers for you continue without ceasing! We are so sad to not have the opportunity to experience a Christ-centered, incredibly fun, life-changing week of camp with you this summer. When we think of summer camp, it is the joy of serving you that is such a blessing for us. As you hear this news, know that we feel and experience your sadness with you.

Know that God is with you, that He loves you, and that He desires to spend this whole summer (and your whole life!) with you. Be looking for ways to connect with Riverside through technology this summer. Our team is excited to connect with you in some different ways. We look forward to welcoming you here again very soon!

A note to parents— We have been praying for you and your family since September and our prayers continue without ceasing for you. I (Chris) have an eight-year-old son, Joshua, who has been looking forward to his first camp experience all year long. His sadness and pain is real.

Take time to listen and be with your kids in their grief. While we recognize your sadness, we also hope that you recognize it is out of an abundance of care for your children, your family, and community that we make this difficult decision. The trust that you place in us is something we do not take for granted.

This is the Lord's camp; it's His. We will continue to follow His lead and seek His will and way as we look toward the future. We fully believe that God will use this time to continue to strengthen the ministry and witness of Riverside for 76 years and more to come! While this might be a pause in some ways, here is what we are doing as we look toward the summer:

- Continuing our mission, "To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all."
- Pursuing and developing new and creative ways to connect with campers, families, and congregations this summer and beyond. Look for more information on this to come!
- Looking at what smaller retreats we may be able to offer during the summer that are in compliance with government recommendations.
- Working with our Ranch Team to develop individual and small group riding lessons programs throughout the summer with safety protocols in place.
- Open to small church groups or families for retreats with certain cleaning and safety protocols.
- Using this time and space to be good stewards of the Lord's resources and making enhancements to His camp for the future.

- Continuing to pray for you and with you.

Many of you have already paid registration fees for this summer. For this summer only, we have changed our refund/transfer policy. We ask you to consider the following options:

1. Donate full or partial amount to the ministry of Riverside. While your child might not be attending camp, the Christ-centered ministry of Riverside continues. The revenue provided through summer camp accounts for almost 50% of our annual operating income for the entire year of ministry. Your giving helps us continue this ministry with our great year around ministry team and using this unforeseen time to make many enhancements to the grounds and facilities for excellent camp experiences in the future.
2. Transfer your fees to a Fall Recharge or Summer 2021. Transfer your balance to register for a Fall Recharge weekend in 2020 or to a Summer 2021 week of your choice.
3. Receive a full refund. You will receive a full refund back on your card or via paper check.

* Please send an email to summer@riversideLBC.org with your decision. *

We are so thankful for your continued partnership in the Gospel. As we continue to pray for you, we ask that you continue to pray for the ministry of Riverside.

God bless you,

Chris Dahl, Executive Director
Jon Anenson President, Riverside Board of Directors

[Please see our website for the official PDF and update.](#)



May Birthdays

1	Elaine Paradise
2	Nels Dovre
	Candi Engler
3	Tim Huxford
4	Sarah Young
5	Dobbin Wilson
6	Luke Ness
	Joe Thomas
10	Nicole Larson
11	Brooke Dykstra
	Cory Larson
13	Mike Thomas
15	Kris Polich
	Ethan Johnson
17	Tom Gallagher
19	Bill Harleen
	Henry Larson
21	Holden Elliott
	Kelli Jo Emerson
	Olivia Thomas
22	David Eisenmann
	Deb Moore
23	Miles Gallagher
24	Violet Sickels
26	Nolan Larson
29	Caden Van Pelt
	Stella Klingbeil
30	Isaac Larson
	Josie VanGorp
31	Casey Tatarniuk

May Anniversaries



- 5 Jacob and Jordan Huxford
- 6 Matt & Erika Williams
- 14 Lucas & Adessa Schaudt
- 15 Dick and Bernadine Cast (60th)
- 31 Joyce Carlson & Pat Murphy

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



Second Annual Palestine Piecemaker Outing

June 4th

All are welcome to join us!

We are planning an outing to
Colonies Thursday, June 4th

Enjoy a fun day of quilting in the
morning followed by a picnic and
traditional Palestinian lunch. You will
enjoy the play "The Old Creamery Theatre".



**Postponed to
later in the
summer!**

You do NOT have to be a quilter to join us. All are welcome! Contact
Cynthia Johnson (515-229-7434) or Louise Larson (515-231-5648) with
questions and information.



VBS 2020 -

Join us on a journey to Mars and Beyond as
we explore what power can take us!
Our mission is to reach the 21st-25th from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Palestine.

**TO BE
DETERMINED**

Registration details will be posted in Spring 2020.

Seeking volunteers! Contact Andi Engler
volley_602@hotmail.com if you are ready to accept this mission.

Tithes & Offering

We will still accept your offering! You can still give without being physically present two ways:

1. Mail check to:

Palestine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
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2. 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. You can sign in if you already have an easy tithe account or click on the "give now" tab to just donate. The nice thing about setting up an account is you can see your totals at any time. You do not have to set up recurring if you open an account. You can give whenever you want. You can pay by debit or credit card. It does charge the church a small fee if you use a credit card, FYI.

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



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

*We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near.
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."
ELW 635*

Lutheran World Relief Issues
Facemask Challenge
Join the 75,000 Face Mask
Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening
vulnerable communities, and
Lutheran World Relief urgently
needs cloth face masks to send to
them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide
love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around
the world.



Vulnerable communities are defenseless against
COVID-19

Reach neighbors in need without leaving home. The masks
you sew in your living room will provide love and
protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the
world. How many will you make? Add your pledge to the
online challenge.

Not all heroes wear capes. Some make face masks.

Many people in developing countries don't have the option of social distancing or frequent handwashing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now says cloth face masks, along with hand washing and social distancing may help reduce transmission.

We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help us reach men, women and children in vulnerable communities.

After all, Lutheran World Relief was founded 75 years ago to help neighbors around the globe who were suffering during World War II. What will be our generation's legacy during this time of crisis?

1. Make a pledge. Fill out the online form to tell us how many masks you pledge to make.
2. Make your masks. A simple pattern, a handful of materials and basic sewing skills are all you need. Videos on lwr website.
3. Make your bundles. Please bundle your masks in groups of 25, put your bundles in a box and write "Masks" on the package.

Go to <https://lwr.org/masks> for all the information you need!



SUNDAY	MONDAY
3 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) Recognition of Children's Church Teachers and end of school 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	4
10 5 th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	11
17 6 th Sunday of Easter 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) Recognition of Graduates 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	18
24 7 th Sunday of Easter 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	25
31 Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream) 4 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	

MAY 2020

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 6 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	6 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 7 p.m. Confirmation (Zoom)	7	1	2
			8	9
12 6 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	13 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 7 p.m. Confirmation (Zoom)	14	15	16
19 6 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	20 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	21	22	23
26	27 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	28	29	30
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PALESTINE PRAYER TIME

Wednesdays @ 12 noon via Zoom.

An invitation will be sent out beginning in May to enter into prayer together every Wednesday. You can email in a prayer request or call the church with a special request. We will pray together for 30 minutes.

Join once or every Wednesday! If you would like an invite, call or email Pastor Eric.



Reminder, confirmation students are checking in via Zoom on:

Wednesday, May 6th

And

Wednesday, May 13th

At 7:00 p.m.



DAWN DIALOG WITH JESUS

Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. starting May 10th

Zoom reflection and Prayer 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 will be sent on email to those interested in discussing the Sunday morning texts using the Daily Discipleship material.

Daily Discipleship will be sent out with the Wednesday announcements for the following Sunday beginning May 6th for May 10th discussion.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Saturday March 28th at Engineered Performance in Ankeny

Meeting Called To Order

President Kristin Shelton called the meeting to order on Saturday, March 28th, 2020 @ 12:00p.m.

In Attendance

Brad Lewis , Kristin Shelton (Remote), Pastor Klimpel, Candi Engler(Remote), Chris Richter(Remote), Cynthia Johnson, Tim Wilson, Deidre Qual, Nels Dovre, David Eisenmann, Brent Emerson(Remote), Hailey Clark

A quorum was established.

Devotions —

Brad gave a devotion on anxiety and how Paul taught to overcome by turning your faith to God.

Read Vision & Mission Statements

Read chorally by all who were present and on their laptops

Goals and reflections

Goals were established to keep things going as smooth as possible. Reflected on how to make live streaming go well

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes have been provided in the newsletter. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th, 2020 meeting made by Brad Lewis. Seconded by Candi Engler. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Deidre Qual. Deidre reported verbally the information. The general fund has \$10,528.05, Improvement \$2131.29. Parsonage fund is at \$7866.46. Overall Checking account of \$31,159.19

Last week's giving was way down, but we will get E-tithe report at 1st of the month that could be better.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the treasury report as motioned by Nels Dove with a second by Kristin Shelton.

Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report

Pastor handed out his hard copy report. Topics were: Council retreat is postponed until a later date. Live streaming. Huge thanks to Joe Russell, Nels and Brent Emerson for all their work getting us up and running on the live streaming. Remote Communion. Maundy Thursday. Importance of reaching out to all in the church and checking on them.

Old Business

1. Update on Technology. Live Streaming is getting better. A few flaws, but things are progressing. Thanks again to Mindy, Nels, Brent, Pastor and Joe Russell for all their work on this during difficult challenges.
2. Lent donations will go to ELCA World Hunger and in kind donations to the Back Pack buddies.
3. VBS sign is going to be delayed

New Business

1. Covid 19 update. We are still following our Blizzard guidelines. Continue to build everyone up. Find out who is needing help. We discussed ideas to still have communion.
2. Maundy Thursday will still be broadcast Live Stream but the 1st communion participants has been postponed to a later date.
3. Pre recording services. Council asked Staff to start having a prerecorded service to have a back-up if live streaming continues to have difficulties...
4. Approve the baptism of Caroline Thomas. Tim Wilson motioned to approve, Hailey Clark seconded. The motion passed Unanimously...

Next Meeting

May 3rd. 8:00 AM.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn the meeting by Nels Dove with a second by David Eisenmann.

Motion carries unanimously.

Next Devotions -> Tim Wilson. Treats — Kristin Shelton

The council recited the Lord's Prayer in unison.

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LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2019, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 1,282 parents of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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.

Raising Healthy Families

As a child, Morgan had endured trauma no one should experience. Addiction, divorce, and difficult family relationships all surrounded Morgan in her childhood home. When she found out she was pregnant for the first time with her daughter, Sophia, Morgan was determined to never repeat the past she grew up with.

She decided to enroll in LSI's Early Childhood Services.

Every week, her LSI worker, Ashley, would bring age-appropriate toys and games for Sophia to play with. She provided Morgan with educational resources to help her track Sophia's development and make sure her daughter was hitting all her important milestones. When Morgan welcomed her second child, Nolan, Ashley was with her every step of the way. It was Ashley who noticed that Nolan had developed a speech delay, and she helped Morgan connect with a speech therapist to correct it early.

Sophia is now in preschool and loves telling her mom about her teachers, friends, and the new songs she learned at school. Nolan is an active two-year-old who is learning new words every day. Morgan is currently finishing her Registered Nursing degree, and she dreams of working in emergency care at a hospital after graduation. And all the while, Ashley has been there to cheer them on.

"She's been more than a worker, she's been a friend when I've needed someone the most," Morgan says. "Being a new mom is hard. Having that extra person there, who doesn't judge you, who doesn't see your flaws, who is just there to help you – you can't put a price on that."

LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

We tried the website livestream and had to switch to Facebook livestream, so check both until it's all figured out!



Go to our Facebook page

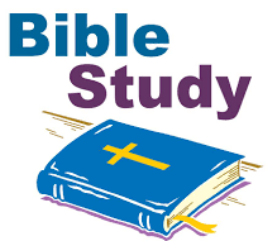
<https://m.facebook.com/PalestineLutheranChurch/>

OR



Go to our website at www.plchuxley.com

Click on the Livestream tab in the upper right.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY @ PALESTINE IN MAY

An invitation will be sent to all congregation members on May 1st and will begin Sunday, May 3rd. Our topic will be **“Making Smart Choices.”** As Christians, our challenge is to choose a life that is consistent with principles we see in our faith community. We will take a look at scriptures and consider our own values as we examine how to live life in balance. Study is based on a small group study from the **Intersection Series**. We are continuing our Zoom Bible Studies through May 24th. Pastor Eric will host the meeting on:

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
and
Sundays at 4pm.

We can accommodate up to 100 people for a 40 minute meeting time.

You can participate either by audio (phone) or video (computer).

Have your Bibles in hand.

ZOOM is a social media platform which gives us a way to meet and connect without being physically together in the same space. ZOOM is popular right now and Pastor Eric would like to be more proficient with it, so this Bible study will help 😊



We collected \$1,100 for World Hunger with our special Lenten worship giving (mid week & family jars)! Our goal was \$1,000. Thank you!

We donated 450 pounds of food and items to Backpack Buddy Plus collection for our local community!

Easter Resources Available at Palestine between April 30th and May 31st

We will make Easter resources available in the North Hall by the church office which can be picked up M-F 8am to 1pm

Or in the West entrance of the church. We will attempt to make some available on-line so please check email and website periodically.

List of resources:

- **Easter Magic** - *Coloring pages and activities for children for the Easter season*
- **The Stations of the Resurrection** - *Devotions and prayers to counter the Stations of the Cross*
- **Easter tide Devotions for Children** - *A 50 day journey of coloring and fun around Easter story themes*
- **Pentecost** - *Candlelight devotions with coloring pages to prepare us for the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost*
- **Easter tide the Way of Promise** - *Devotions and reading related to the traditional preparations for an new Easter life with God!*
- **Prayer Cube for Easter** - *Role every meal and pray the prayer.*
- **Prayer - Faith Practices** - *Ideas and prayers for family prayer and individual prayer*

BALLARD COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Coronavirus Response

Local Resources for Food or Supplies:

1. Fareway – reserving 8-9 a.m. hours for customers who are 65 and over, expecting mothers, those living with a serious chronic medical condition, and anyone with an underlying medical condition that increase the susceptibility to serious illness from COVID-19
2. Huxley Food Pantry – open Weds 6-7 p.m. at Fjeldberg Lutheran, 209 N 2nd Avenue
3. Cambridge Food Pantry – open Tues 6-7 p.m. at Cambridge United methoidst Church, 215 N 2nd St.
4. Slater Food Pantry – Tuesday mornings 10-11 a.m. and again from 7 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights at the Bethlehem Lutheran, 411 3rd Avenue
5. Ballard Schools – Grab and Go meals MWF from 11-12:00. Offered to all children 18 and under. Available for pick up in the parking lot or bus lane at each participating location. Monday and Wednesday meals will include 2 days of breakfast and lunch items. Friday meals will include 3 days of breakfast and lunch items.
 - Slater Fire Department: 307 Main St., Slater
 - Slater Baptist Church: 601 Story St., Slater
 - Cambridge Methodist Church: 215 2nd St., Cambridge
 - Kelley City Park: Corner of Grace St. and Giddings, Kelley
 - Ballard Middle School (front driveway): 509 N Main Ave. Huxley
 - Ballard Plaza: Hwy 69, Huxley
 - New Horizons Mobile Home Park: 511 E 1st St, Huxley
6. A wide range of other resources – financial, medical, transportation, child care, etc. – can be found on the United Way of Story County website: www.uwstory.org

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For Essential Workers

Our community keeps operating because some folks continue to show up to work every day – health care workers, day care providers, essential city workers, etc. If this is you, please take advantage of any of the resources below:

1. Community meal – please feel free to stop by any of the following locations to pick up a homemade casserole.
 - a. Trinity United Methodist Church, 102 Lynwood Drive, Huxley
2. Food fund – once per week, you can place a takeout order for up to four people in your home for free.

*Contact Trinity United Methodist Church for more information
515-597-2625*

Delivery

We know some people -- immunocompromised, elderly, or children home alone during the day -- may not be able to get to the resources they need. If you would like to have any of the following delivered to you, please call 612-812-6782 to make arrangements. (At least 24 hours notice preferred, though we will do our best in an emergency)

1. Groceries or prescriptions. In Cambridge, you can sign up for grocery delivery here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45aea729a2fa7-grocery>
2. Takeout from restaurants.
3. Food pantry or school meals.

To Help

If you would like to volunteer to deliver foods or other goods, please email your name, contact info, and availability to traci.kirtley@gmail.com, or coordinate through your home church, if appropriate.

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Online Mental Health Resources:

We have provided a few online mental health resources below.

We encourage you to share these with family, friends, and others in the community.

<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/covid19/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

<https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2020/NAMI-Updates-on-the-Coronavirus>

<https://afsp.org/taking-care-of-your-mental-health-in-the-face-of-uncertainty/>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/tips-social-distancing-quarantine-isolation-031620.pdf>

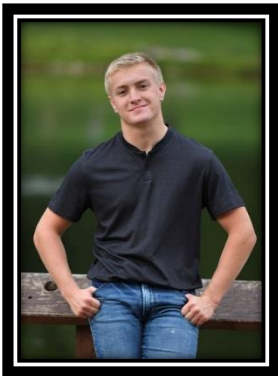


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Maggie Larson

Planning to attend DMACC
majoring in Architecture
Playing softball on
scholarship



Aiden Lewis

Planning to attend ISU
majoring in Engineering
Playing Rugby



Ellie Twedt

Planning to attend
University of Iowa
majoring in Pharmacy
Running in cross country
and track



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Cheryl Blackmer

Biology major at University of Iowa

Planning to continue with graduate degree



Jennie Huxford

ISU Graduate

Bachelor degree

Majoring in Statistics

with minor in Business and Data Science

THANK YOU TEACHERS

Preschool 3 & 4 year olds:

Katie Madson
Alyssa Johnson
Teri Klimpel

Kindergarten & First Grade:

Shelley Klingbeil
Erika Williams
Shannon Wilson

Second & Third Grades:

Amanda Richter
Christa Hartsook
Haylie Clark

Fourth, Fifth, & Sixth Grades:

Holly Larson
Lesa Lewis
Michelle Siepker

K.I.C.K. Advisors (3rd-6th grades):

Jody Calvert
Lesa Lewis
Lori Schonhorst

R.O.C. K. Leaders:

Nels Dove
McKenzie Shaffer

Confirmation Leaders:

Pastor Klimpel
Brent Emerson
Roger Moore

Christian Education Committee:

Michelle Siepker
Julie Emerson
Christa Hartsook
Kristin Shelton
Erika Williams

1ST Communion Class Doreen Blackmer





Hey everyone,

I want to thank you and your churches for all the support during this time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as the weeks continue to pass. I am happy to report that with the latest batch of face masks we have from Palestine Lutheran, we now have enough facemasks for the duration. I know many in your churches worked hard on this. The response was a huge encouragement. I also want to thank you all for other supplies donated. We received several boxes of gloves, face masks, activities books, cards, etc. Some of which I don't even know for sure where it came from.

Many of my colleagues here who aren't church attenders were surprised by the size and speed of the response. Please pass along our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped.

We can still use activities books, and cards and letters are a big encouragement. Also, if any of you would like to send a personal message to one of your church members here at the Home, feel free to send it to me, and I'll show it to them on an ipad. If anyone would like to skype or make a phone call I'm happy to facilitate that as well. Let me know.

I'm praying for you. I'm looking forward to working with you in the months ahead as we begin to pick up the pieces from this. Be safe! God bless you.

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Romans 5:8

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