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Reaching Out in Christian Love to All

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.

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."

Considering "Sacred Space" this Easter -----

With Pastor Eric

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Matthew 27:51 (Mark 15:38)

and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Matthew 27:40

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

The religions of the world are full of sacred spaces where the divine meets the earthly. The Hindu temple is built in the form of a man. The outer court raised on pillars and open on all sides is the human body, the inner court with its wide spaces is the human mind, the shrine room is the human soul. Man moves within himself into himself and there finds the presence of God.

The Muslim mosque, too, is built in the form of a man. The central dome is man's head and the minarets are his hands upraised in prayer. Man comes to God through an act of adoration and submission. The Buddhist Dagobah, too, is built in the form of a man. Its figure is that of a man in the posture of meditation: legs crossed the body erect, and the head held straight and unmoving. The approach to reality is by way of inner withdrawal from the world. (*Adapted from sermon by Daniel T. Niles*)

The Christian church, too, is built in the form of a man, a man stretched out upon a cross. And this has made all the difference. The church does not ask its followers to find their way, or to discover truth within. The church says one man, Jesus of Nazareth is that way, is the truth. He is life. We put our faith in him knowing and being known.

I have spent many years observing sacred spaces like worship sites, temples and yes, campfire rings at

church camp. I believe that we each have spaces in our lives that we consider sacred, or holy – set a part with special meaning and purpose for us. I have experienced the muddy pasture at a county fair as a sacred space. Why? It was not the space itself but the conversation that I had in it with a special woman who was in the midst of a cancer fight. In fact, this woman, Michelle, was the nurse who helped bring my son, Austin, into the world.

Church buildings are sacred spaces not because of what they look like but because of what happens when people gather together in them. Easter season proclaims that God is no longer separate from the world bound up in a building or temple complex. God is free in the world with us in very intimate and surprising ways. God is with us in the people who meet us every day in elevators and at gas stations, lunch rooms and yes, cow pastures at county fairs. Sacred spaces are everywhere that God surprises us with “burning hearts” within us just like those disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Take a few moments this month of Easter to consider the “sacred spaces” in your life. Give thanks to the Lord for those places where you grew in faith, hope and love and especially for those whom you met there. Amen.

Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wednesday morning Men’s Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday). They are available on the ELCA website–

www.elca.org → Resources → Downloadable Resources → Bible Studies

April 7 5th Sunday in Lent –**Primary Text:** John 12:1-8

Prayers of Discipleship: *To Lavish Our Devotion Toward Christ*

April 14 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday –

Primary Text: Luke 22:14-23:56

Imperatives of Discipleship: *To Experience the Depth of God’s Love*

April 21 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day –**Primary Text:** Luke 24: 1-12

Prayers of Discipleship: *To Proclaim the Good News*

April 28 2nd Sunday of Easter –

Primary Text: John 20:19-31

Prayers of Discipleship: *To Believe With a Trusting Heart*

May 5 3rd Sunday of Easter –**Primary Text:** John 21:1-19

Prayers of Discipleship: *To Love Jesus*



Palestine Lutheran Church

Worship & Study Opportunities – April 2019

The "dial in" number for the worship service is no longer available.

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship

Saturday, April 6 7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, April 7 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship: Guest Preacher: Erika Uthe

(Evangelical Mission Director for SE IA Synod)

Holy Communion; Children’s Church

5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Eisenmanns

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship

Saturday, April 13

7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

9:30 a.m. Worship: Children’s Church; Blessing of Quilts

11:00 a.m. Adult Study for Lent: Faces of Christ

Wednesday, April 17 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible study

NO Confirmation class – attend 2 worship services during Holy Week

7 p.m. Gethesame Prayer “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Worship: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” – 1st Communion, washing feet, strip the altar as the darkness grows around the life of Jesus and his followers.

Friday, April 19 Good Friday

2 p.m. Passion of Christ (movie)

5:30-6:45 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship @ Slater United Methodist Church

Saturday, April 20 7 a.m. Tri County Men’s Bible study @ Ballard Creek

2-5 p.m. Easter Prayer Vigil – Silent Saturday – “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Sunday, April 21 The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service: Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship: Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, April 27

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

9 a.m. Spring Cluster 1 Women's Gathering @ Feldberg,
Huxley

Sunday, April 28 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m. Worship: Contemporary Music Service;
Children's Church



Sunday, April 21
8 a.m. Breakfast
served by the
ROCK group;
freewill donation
to support their
mission trip to
Costa Rica.



Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Egg hunt for youth at
Palestine sponsored by The
Christian Education Committee.
Sunday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m.
Come help us celebrate new life
this Easter by hunting for eggs

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA Bible study April 1, 2 p.m.

**In the April Gather magazine we conclude the 4
session [Winter 2019 Bible study.](#)**

Session four: Seeing the Risen Christ, coming to faith.

In this session, we encounter the Risen Christ
through his appearances to Mary Magdalene,
Thomas, Peter, the Beloved Disciple and others.
Through their stories, we reflect on how the Risen
Christ remains present among us, blessing us and
inviting us to live in his name.

The April 2019 edition of Gather focuses on
"What can we learn about God from Jesus' life and
ministry?"

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Beginning Easter
Sunday and continuing
through the Easter
Season, we will be

collecting a special offering for NAMI, the National
Alliance on Mental Illness.

NAMI advocates for effective prevention, diagnosis,
treatment, support, research, and recovery that
improves the quality of life of persons of all ages
who are affected by mental illness. Whether you are
an individual or family affected by mental illness,
NAMI offers programs to support, educate, and
advocate. Thanks to donations and grants, NAMI is
able to offer these programs and classes free of
charge to the people who need them. Each program
is evidence-based and led by trained volunteers who
have been affected by mental illness, either
themselves or a loved one.

NAMI has local affiliates across the country. NAMI
Central Iowa with an office in Ames offers resources
and support across the region including Boone,
Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Madison,
Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, and Warren Counties.

Palestine has chosen NAMI this year as part of the
Roadmap outlined during the Council Retreat in
2018.

*"We will seek to promote awareness about mental
illness by inviting guest speakers into the community
to educate and personalize the way of life for those
living with mental illness. We will seek to engage
local support ministries and agencies in order to
learn more and interact with helping hands. We
believe our society is struggling to engage with the
mentally ill and Jesus calls us to love, accept, and
encourage those who live with it."*

More information about NAMI and its impact will be
coming via a temple talk by Becca Snider on Easter
Sunday.

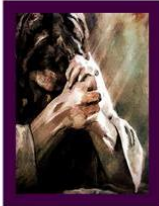


HOLY WEEK



BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS—PASSION SUNDAY (Sun, April 14 at 9:30am)

We enter Jerusalem with Jesus to shouts of Hosanna! He knows the suffering that awaits him there, yet he does not turn back.—Blessing of the Quilts, Passion Prayer Observance, Blessing of Crosses, Passion Reading according to Luke



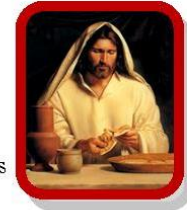
Beneath the Cross of Jesus—Gethsemane Service (Wed, April 17@7:00pm)

Jesus struggles in prayer with God—seeking strength and help for what he must do. We accompany him while asking the same of our Heavenly Father in the silence of the Mount of Olives.—Candlelight prayer, Painted Stones

Beneath the Cross of Jesus “Home”—Maundy Thursday

(April 18 @ 7:00 pm) - Our Lord eats the Passover one last time with his followers.

He institutes a holy act in the Supper for forgiveness of sin and washing of feet for a servant's heart. We will strip the altar as the darkness grows around the life of Jesus and his followers. First Communion will be celebrated & washing of feet



BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS—GOOD FRIDAY (April 19

@ 7:00 pm—Slater United Methodist Church, 401 Story St., Slater, Iowa)

When Jesus is on the cross, he accepts the power of death upon himself and does not turn away from it. We, too, must face death when it comes and not turn away from it, knowing that his salvation awaits us on the other side. Joint service with Slater Methodist and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The Passion of the Christ (Movie) - begin our journey at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Stations of the Cross will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Worship Experience will begin at 7:00 p.m. @ Slater Methodist Church

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL “THE SILENT TOMB” (April 20 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

From the silence of the tomb comes a voice of hope, a promise of life in the midst of death—something is happening! Silent Prayer Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY!

(April 21 @ 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.)

The Tomb is empty! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Time to Celebrate!

Easter Breakfast @ 8:00 am & Egg Hunt @ 9:00 am

Severe Weather Policy:

When school is canceled because of the weather, all church functions will be canceled.

If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be on the church **answering machine** (515-597-2620), the **church website** (www.plchuxley.com), and the **church facebook page**.

We will notify the following **radio/TV stations** if worship or other events are to be canceled WHO, KCCI, KRNT, WOI. For smaller functions phone trees will also be utilized.

Special Note : Please use your common sense regarding traveling in severe weather conditions.

- ***Continue to check television/website/facebook beginning the evening before severe weather. For Sundays morning worship – a decision on service cancellation will be made no later than 8:30 am.***
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- ***Discussion between Pastor, Council President, Vice-President and Nels (by the church) – if cancelled the following will be notified:***
 - A - Church Website and Facebook – Christa Hartsook, then Julie Emerson***
 - B - Church answering machine (email if possible) – Oriett Snider, then Pastor Eric***
 - C - Television/Radio Stations – Nels Dovre, then Pastor Eric***
 - D – Phone Tree – Contact Mindy DeVries, and older members***

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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand March 17, 2018	
Checking Account	\$ 30,940.88
General Fund	\$ 7,636.30
Designated Funds	\$ 23,304.58
Benevolence	- 547.00
Building Improvement	1,631.89
Technology	3,384.00
Kitchen	923.42
Parsonage	1,041.68
Confirmation	1,548.92
Evangelism/Fellowship	871.68
Piano Fund	13,906.84
Maland Fund	1,084.13
ROCK group	- 605.00
Lent Offering	64.02
Principal balance for	
building improvement loan	\$ 3,584.64
Principal balance for	
general fund operating loan	\$ 9,200.00
	(as of March 17, 2018)

Next Council Meeting –

Council Retreat April 6 – 9 am to 3 pm
@ Lutheran Church of Hope, Ankeny

Church Council 2019	Pastor Eric Klimpel
President: Kristin Shelton	Council: Nels Dovre
Vice President: Tim Wilson	David Eisenmann
Secretary: Ellen Longnecker	Brent Emerson
Treasurer: Deidre Qual	Candi Engler
Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler	Cynthia Johnson
	Brad Lewis
	Jen Pote
	Jean Saveraid

Minutes Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

[not yet approved] Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 @ 8:00 AM

Present Members - Kristin Shelton, Tim Wilson, Pastor Eric, Nels Dovre, Cynthia Johnson, Deidre Qual, Dick Kepler, Jean Saveraid, Candice Engler, David Eisenmann

Devotions – Kristin Shelton

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections – Increasing our use of Easy Tithe; pray for better weather; how can we better communicate cancellations

Thank

Minutes of the previous meeting

Tim Wilson motioned to approve previous minutes. Deidre Qual Seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

1. Taking a hit from two snow days

Jean Saveraid motioned to approve treasurer's report. David Eisenmann seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Klimpel - Lent and Easter Overview See pastors report

New business:

1. New Council 2019 Orientation – Binders given out and updated
 - a. Questions and Expectations
 - b. Meeting overview (format) and time
 - c. Check contact information
2. Topic Orientation for Council Retreat in April 6th
 - a. Three year planning
 - b. Group planning
3. Council will be serving Lenten meal on March 17th – walking tacos

Unfinished Business:

1. Council retreat planning update- April 6th @ Hope Lutheran, Ankeny
2. Parsonage – update.
 - a. Improvement needs.
3. New Directory – Target April '19. Evangelism/Fellowship Preparing in process
 - a. Robin is helping with looking at a variety of "new" ways to update the directory.

4. Kitchen committee – Update.
 - a. Looking into where plates can be donated.
5. ROCK group trip update - Nels
 - a. Looking into more ways to fundraise.
6. Sanctuary alterations:
 - a. Additional 2 video screens
 - a. One for choir and one on the left side.
 - b. Piano considerations – Update.
 - c. Lighting In sanctuary – Mike Larson looking into LED's.
 - d. Removal of some front pews.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Kristin Shelton motioned to approve meeting. Jean Saveraid seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Next Meeting April 6th from 9-3 at Hope Lutheran Church in Ankeny
Devotions- Pastor Eric

God Doesn't Take Snow Days

In spite of the cancellations due to weather, God's work continues to be done in and through Palestine Lutheran Church:

- ***Pastor Eric visits our elderly and shut-ins at least three days each month***
- ***Pastor Eric and our Prayer Chain continue to attend to the many pastoral care needs with hospital visits, phone calls and emails***
- ***Those who could still gathered for worship each Sunday along with weekly Bible study, youth programing and fellowship***
- ***The ministry of our mission partners: Riverside, Bethany Manor, Ballard Creek Senior Living (Madrid Home), Back Pack Buddies, Local pantries continues and relies on our ongoing support***

God's work continues at all times and in all circumstances. Your general fund offerings support the above and the many other ways Palestine reaches out in Christian love to the world. Thank you for your continued support of Christ's ministry here at Palestine for the sake of the world!

April is Paper Trail month at the food pantry – please donate paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates & bowls, plastic silverware.

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach

June 10-13 Vacation Bible School!

VBS will be held jointly with Fjeldberg Lutheran Church.

It will be at Fjeldberg this year with staff from Riverside leading the program. Get the date on your calendar, more information will follow. Watch for volunteer opportunities - If anyone has an interest in helping with food, classroom chaperoning or planning, please contact Michelle Siepker.

We are excited to see what God will do in the lives of our campers, families, and staff, as we "Press On" towards what God has called us to. Our theme verse comes from Philippians 3:13-14 and says, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Our desire is that this summer camp experience allows students and families to seek Jesus Christ out in all things and to see the kingdom of God enter into their lives on a daily basis!

Registration forms will be available soon!

SNOW REMOVAL – Thank YOU!



Special thanks to those that have helped clear the abundant snow this winter!

- Thanks go out to Merle Brendeland, Andrew Larson, Cory Larson, and Leonard Larson who cleared the parking lots.
- Thanks also to the many who used a shovel, broom or ice melt to make the sidewalks safer for those coming to church.



THANK YOU!



2019

Volunteer schedule

Greeters

- 4/7 Troy & Jody Calvert
Julie & Tim Huxford
- 4/14 Brent & Julie Emerson
Greg & Christa Hartsook
- 4/21 Matt & Erika Williams
Wade & Holly Twedt
- 4/28 Donna & Dennis Millang
Joyce Carlson

Acolytes –

- 4/7
- 4/14 Grant Twedt
- 4/21 Megan Rowedder, Alise Van Pelt
- 4/28 Nick Larson, Derrick Rhoads

Lectors -

- 4/7
- 4/14
- 4/21
- 4/28

Ushers

- Leonard Larson, captain
- Dennis Millang
- Jacob Huxford
- Bruce Hartman

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

- 4/7Jean Saveraid, Jen Pote
- 4/18 ...Doreen Blackmer
- 4/21 ...Julie Huxford, Nancy Fausch

Offering Counters

Brent Emerson, Jeannie Williams

Altar Guild

Teri Klimpel, Donna Millang

Mowing volunteers

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Deliver Food Pantry donations for April



April Birthdays

- 1 – Mason Kam
Derrick Rhoads
- 2 – Logan DeHaven
- 5 – Alisha Cox
Doris Ness
- 6 – Craig Fausch
- 7 – Cindy Friedrichsen
- 9 – Cheryl Blackmer
- 11 – Marvin Edwards
- 12 – Brookelyn Rahner
- 15 – Todd Schmidt
- 18 – Garrett Jensen
Maggie Larson
- 19 – Margo Baldwin
- 22 – Wayne Reinhart
Carolyn Tatarniuk
- 26 – Valerie Brendeland
- 27 – Maizy DeVries
Emma Sample
- 28 – Bob Snider
- 29 – Olivia Ewing
- 30 – Ruth Evans



APRIL

- 2 – Mike & Holly Larson
- 18 – Garry & Sandy Wirtz
- 19 – Marvin & Lori Edwards
- 21 – Lowell & Denise Elliott
- 23 – Tyler & Sarah Roelfs
- 24 – Andrew & Kristine Polich

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

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during March:
 Deb Bollmeyer; Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Alisha Cox; Marvin Edwards; Lowell Elliott; Grady Greco; Jackie Greene; Ralph Kalsem; Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Elias Samuel Moore; Loree Ness; Chuck Ostermeier; Jan Rumbaugh; Bob Snider; Oriett Snider; Marvin Sorensen; Shannon Tope; Don Trautner; Nova Lynn Walte; Arlene Wee; Sarah JoAnn Young; Phil Zeller
 Todd & Ashley Millang and their newborn twins, Maxwell & Matthias. [Grandsons of Dennis & Donna Millang]
 Family & friends of Doris Halverson.
 Family & friends of Annie Marchesano; Kim Fears; Brett & Dan Van Ersvelde

A Card of Thanks

Thanks for all the cards wishing me well and also the birthday cards. You are a caring people.

Bernadine Cast

THIRD WORD MINISTRY

Pork & Potluck! **April 7 following worship**

It's a potluck with pulled pork sandwiches provided. Please bring chips, salad or dessert to share.

Building relationships
within our church family

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee is hosting a potluck on April 7th after church as part of the Third Word program. Pulled pork made by Tim Wilson will be served and everyone is invited to bring chips, salads and desserts.

EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER WORSHIP



Blumsters will be offering Easter lilies at a cost of \$15 (tax included). The plants will be delivered to church for Easter Sunday worship. You may sign up for plants with Julie Huxford or Tracy Sheldahl in Fellowship Hall or call (515) 597-2200. Please let them know (at the time you order) if you are placing the plant in memory of or in honor of someone.



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



Online registration is now open for Summer Camp 2019! Check out what dates work best for your summer schedule, and get signed up today! A copy of the summer 2019 master calendar is

available on the counter in Fellowship Hall or check it out online.

Discounts Available for summer camp!

1. Palestine pays \$75 for Alpha Camp (1st timers) and \$160 for other campers at Riverside. Check with church office for details.
2. **Member Congregations** (NOTE: Palestine is a member congregation)
Campers from member congregations will receive a \$15 per week discount.
3. **Siblings Discount**
Families who are sending more than one camper to Riverside will receive the following discounts. The first camper will be charged the full fee. The second camper will receive a \$30 discount. Each additional camper will receive a \$50 discount. (The Siblings Discount is not available for Alpha Camp.)

2019 Riverside Gala

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp is once again hosting an elegant gala to continue the work God has done through Riverside. We are holding the 2019 Riverside Gala at the **Gateway Hotel & Conference Center** in Ames, Iowa on **Saturday, April 6**. Join us for live music by Tim Patrick and his [Blue Eyes Band](#), a delicious meal, dancing, and silent and live auctions! Proceeds will be used to create scholarships that will enable kids to attend camp this summer and also help to support the ongoing needs of the ministry at Riverside!

Location: Gateway Hotel & Conference Center - Ames, Iowa

2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, IA 50014

Evening Schedule - Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm - Doors Open (Please do not arrive before 5:00 pm. Arriving between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm is ideal.)

5:30 pm - Hors d'oeuvres and Viewing of Auction Items

6:30 pm - Dinner

Live Auction and Dancing to follow

Dress

This is a formal event. While it is a black tie optional event, we do ask you to dress up for the occasion.

Registration

To register, please use the supporting events section of our [online registration](#) or call our office at 515-733-5271. Entrance for the evening's festivities is \$100 per person. However you may reserve an entire table for up to ten people for \$950!

If you are unable to attend the Gala, but would still like to support this great event, we will accept bids on items at the auction over the phone until Friday, April 5 at 5:00 pm. Just call the office and ask to speak with Chris Dahl to place a bid.

Auction Items

There are always a plethora of fantastic auction items for both the live and silent auction at the Riverside Gala. This year will be no exception! Items are still being finalized, but be sure to check back as we get closer to the date of the Gala for an updated list.

Spring Work Day

The Spring Work Day is a great day for volunteers of all skills, ages, and abilities to come help keep the ministry of Riverside alive and well. Every summer, thousands of people will visit Riverside and experience God in amazing ways. We will have lots of jobs for folks of all work abilities. Be a part of making camp a beautiful place for the Gospel to come alive for campers and families this summer, by helping at the Spring Work Day!

Our work day for 2019 is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13 from 8:30-lunch time**. Lunch is provided, but please contact the camp ahead of time so we know how much food to make. You can call the office at 515-733-5271 or email us at RLBC@RiversideLBC.org. We will be meeting at the Dining Hall at 8:30 am. There may be afternoon work opportunities as well.

Rain Date: May 4th

Thanks for the help! Our thousands of campers and guests appreciate it!



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,558 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2017. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI's Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2018, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 14,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

A Life-Changing Service

Amanda felt helpless when her children were removed from their home. She and her husband, Nathan, struggled with substance use, and they could no longer provide a safe environment for their children.

But with help from LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services, Amanda has overcome every obstacle to build a future she only dreamed possible.

LSI connected Amanda and Nathan to parenting and sobriety resources in their community, and their LSI worker, Katie, helped them schedule regular visits with their children.

Knowing Katie was there to cheer them on, even on the bad days, the couple was determined to beat their addiction. It was time to turn their lives around and fight for their family.

Amanda and Nathan recently celebrated two years of sobriety, and all three of their children have returned home. Amanda now also collaborates with the Iowa child welfare system and organizations like LSI to support more families in need of the same care she received.

"I'm grateful that Katie and LSI were a part of our lives. They weren't there to hinder, they were there to help," Amanda says. "I feel accomplished, and I feel really good about where my family is at in our lives. Now I'm just happy to help other families achieve their goals and realize they are not alone."