

## The Palestine Press

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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."

#### **Celebrating Second Place .....With Pastor Eric**

I had a poster in my room when I was a kid that had a runner in the desert alone and following the footprints of another. The caption on the poster said, "*Nobody remembers who comes in Second!*" This poster haunted me throughout my running career in High School and still does from time to time some decades later. I am a hyper competitive person by nature which is one reason why I have never coached sports. I enjoy healthy competition when it raises everybody's game and I believe that winning at anything involves how you play and who else is a part of the process.

When Jesus invites us into discipleship – "following him" – he sets up some ground rules which include denying self, taking up your cross, and then following. Following Jesus is a way of life which puts you second and the other first. Have you ever heard a football, softball, volleyball rally in which the team and supporters shout "We're number two! We're number two!" Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first among you must be servant of all." The measure of our success comes in the lifting up of others especially those who are in need because at one time or another we have been that other person to somebody.

Even when we are competing with others what is our higher goal which plugs into the idea of good sportsmanship – we play hard to make the other team better. We play fair to test ourselves and the other team - in this higher goal everyone wins. During John McCain's funeral, both Presidents Bush and Obama said that campaigning against John McCain made them better presidential leaders. I resonate with those statements as a mark of being the disciple of Jesus – at our best we make one another better while accepting "*who we are,*" and "*who the other is*" at the same time.

Leonard Bernstein, the celebrated orchestra conductor, was asked, what is the hardest instrument to play. He replied without hesitation: "Second fiddle. I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm or second French horn or second flute, now that's a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony." Maybe we need to play a really awesome second violin in the lives of those around us. Helping other people be their best selves is hard even "cross bearing" when the world says that it should be about you alone. Nobody loses who has friends!

***Let us pray. Heavenly Father, who gives everything and more so that we might endure, strive and thrive in a broken world, awaken us daily to the call to follow Jesus and lift up others in love so that we might rejoice in truly winning in all that matter with others along the way, in Jesus' name. Amen.***

**Palestine Lutheran Church**  
**Worship & Study Opportunities-**  
**October 2018**



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

Monday, October 1

2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study

Tuesday, October 2

6:30-8 pm GriefShare @ Sr Center in Slater

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 7 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church; Presentation of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles

11 a.m. Blessing of the Pets and their Caretakers.  
behind the parsonage next door to the church  
(east side)

Tuesday, October 9

6:30-8 pm GriefShare @ Sr Center in Slater

Wednesday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, October 12 thru Sunday, October 14

Riverside Fall Jr recharge (grades 3-6)

Saturday, October 13

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

Sunday, October 14 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Children's Church; Baptism of  
Havannah Roelfs

10:45 a.m. Orientation Event

Tuesday, October 16

6:30-8 pm GriefShare @ Sr Center in Slater

Wednesday, October 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, October 19 thru Saturday, October 20

Confirmation Renewal at Lutheran Lakeside Camp

Saturday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 21 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church

11 a.m. Living Out Our Callings in the Workplace

Tuesday, October 23

6:30-8 pm GriefShare @ Sr Center in Slater

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, October 26 thru Sunday, October 28

Riverside Fall JH recharge (grades 6-9)

Saturday, October 27

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

8:30 am-3 pm SE IA SWO Fall Retreat @ St. Paul

Lutheran Church, Davenport. Voices of the  
Villages: Multicultural Fair

Sunday, October 28 Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Affirmation of  
Baptism

Tuesday, October 30

6:30-8 pm GriefShare @ Sr Center in Slater

Wednesday, October 31

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

**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](http://www.elca.org) → Resources → Downloadable

Resources → Bible Studies

**Oct 7** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 10:2-16

**Living in Christ:** *What does God intend for marriage?*

**Oct 14** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 10:17-31

**Living in Christ:** *Sacrifice*

**Oct 21** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –

**Primary Text:** Mark 10:35-45

**Living in Christ:** *Serve*

**Oct 28** Reformation Sunday –

**Primary Text:** John 8:31-36

**Living in Christ:** *Be Freed*

**Nov 4** All Saints Sunday –

**Primary Text:** John 11:32-44

There is not a study available in Daily Discipleship for this text. We will have a study!

# THIRD WORD MINISTRY

Building relationships  
within our church family

## Third Word Ministry Update

What do we do now that we know who is in our family group?

We want to thank everyone who has sought out their group members and made some initial contacts!

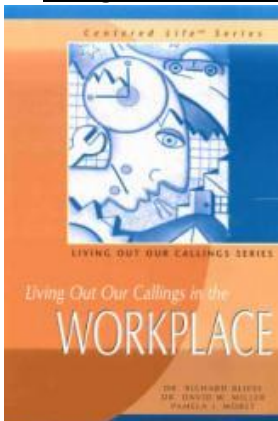
We hope that these introductions continues. Three items are available to help you connect:

- 1) *Update directory with contact information (copies available at ministry table)*
- 2) *Wall picture directory at the main (east entrance) and west entrances of the church with names and faces to help people connect*
- 3) *Third Word information table in the Fellowship Hall for those looking for resources, or have questions*

Now we hope that you will remember your group members in your prayers at meals, at bedtime, in church, or in the silence of your heart.

Along the journey, we will give people encouragement and opportunities to connect with your family groups at church and outside.

## Living Out Our Callings in the Workplace - (Session 1



**on October 21 @ 11 am)** - Five session reflection and discussion on what it means to be called to live out our faith wherever we are. Why is it that so many have trouble taking the most important aspect of their lives - their faith - into the realities of the world? How does and can the church support the variety of workplaces that make up our congregations and

communities? Those questions and others were the focus of the 2005 Mid-Winter Convocation at Luther Seminary. These five sessions are based on the presentations given at that convocation. **(Book available on October 1 at the church - one per family).**



## Blessing of the Pets and their Caretakers - Oct 7th

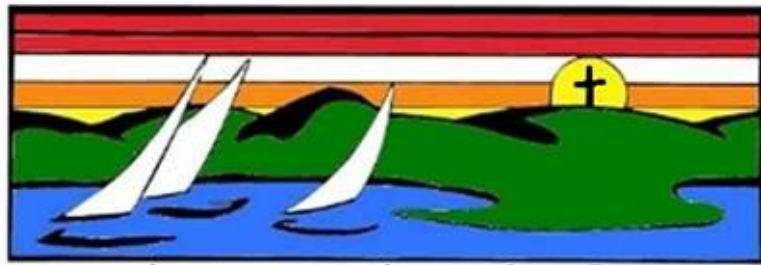
at 11:30 am behind the parsonage next door to the church (east side). Park in the lot across the street.

Bring your pets (horse, dog, parrot, guinea pig, etc.) for a blessing service and fellowship. Please have all pets leashed, crated or caged. This is a traditional worship service offered around the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi because Francis was a champion of creation and all of earth's creatures.

As part of the Festival of All Saints on November 4 we will be remembering the faithful who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant in the past 24 months. During the Prayers of Intercession Pastor will read from a shepherd's book



submitted. He has used this book on each All Saints' Sunday during his ministry. If you have the name of a spiritual friend, mentor, family member or co-worker that you want to include in the prayers on All Saints Sunday please print the name in the book on the table in the North Hall; email their name to the church [PLC@huxcomm.net](mailto:PLC@huxcomm.net) or to Pastor Eric at [ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com). We will also include names in the bulletin of those members of Palestine who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday and also the newest saints in our church family who were baptized this past year.



## Lutheran Lakeside Camp

Confirmation Renewal

*October 19th - 21st, 2018*

Confirmation is an incredible time of spiritual growth, self-learning and scriptural engagement for young people. **Lakeside is Partnering in your Ministry** in October, we will explore all the things that make us Lutherans and how the Reformation shaped our beliefs.

### Confirmation Corner

Confirmation Installation was September 9th.

Please keep this year's class in your prayers –

*Nick Larson, Kiley Calvert, Megan Rowedder,  
Alise Van Pelt, Derrick Rhoads, Grant Twedt,  
Kasey Larson, Charlie Rhoads, Lucas Hartsook,  
Emma Sample, Chloe Shelton*

*Guides – Brent Emerson, Roger Moore,  
Pastor Eric Klimpel  
Youth Council Support – Robin Doty and  
Jamie Ness*

Confirmation Class - Wednesdays in October 3,  
10, 17, 24, 31  
from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the North Hall at Palestine  
Lutheran

### KICK Upcoming Events:

Kids in Christ's Kingdom (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades)



Sunday, October 7th -

6-8 p.m. Center Grove Orchard Family Night  
Hayrack ride, corn maze, bonfire with smore's and  
cider, and jumping mats. \$9.95/person. Please  
rsvp to Lesa on facebook page or sign up in  
fellowship hall . Pay when you arrive about 15  
minutes early so we can take a group photo out  
front! Arranged by KICK all are welcome to attend!

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> -

Riverside Fall Jr. Recharge (grades 3-6)

Sunday, October 14th - Wheelchair

pushing at Bethany Manor! Sign  
up on KICK Facebook page.



Wednesday, November 7th - Ornament making

6 - 8 p.m. at the church!

Saturday, November 10 - Kumla serving help needed!

Contact any KICK advisor with questions!

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### Bible Presentations to Third Graders –

October 7th during worship



# October 2018

## Volunteer schedule

### Greeters

10/7 Jamie & Tony Ness  
Monica Ewing  
10/14 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt  
Tom & Kristin Shelton  
10/21 Callie & Andrew Larson  
Tracy & Kyle Rhoads  
10/28 Holly & Tim Wise  
Deb & Allan Kopaska

### Acolytes –

10/7 Luke Hartsook, Charlie Rhoads  
10/14 Nick Larson  
10/21 Grant Twedt, Derrick Rhoads  
10/28 Megan Rowedder, Alise Van Pelt

### Lectors -

10/7 .....  
10/14 .....  
10/21 .....  
10/28 .....

### Ushers

Rich Nelson, captain  
Jacob Huxford  
Mark Doty  
David Eisenmann  
Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

### Communion Assistants

10/7 ..... Leonard & Sue Larson  
10/21 ... David & Vallery Eisenmann  
10/28 ...

### Offering Counters

Cindi Thomas, Nancy Fausch, Brad Lewis

### Altar Guild

Melanie Fausch, Holly Twedt

### Mowing volunteers

Oct1-7  
Oct 8-14  
Oct 15-21  
Oct 22-28  
Oct 29-Nov4

### Deliver Food Pantry donations for Oct

"October is **Autumn colors** month at the food pantry - please donate items having the colors of orange, brown, red – canned oranges, canned sweet potatoes, spaghetti-o's, carrots, ramen noodles, canned pumpkin, red beans & rice, etc."

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

### Looking Ahead

November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends  
November 10 – Kumla Kometh  
November 9-11 – Riverside Fall JH Recharge (grades 6-9)  
November 16-18 – Riverside Fall HS Recharge (grades 9-12)  
November 20 – Community Thanksgiving Worship  
December 16 – Christmas Program, music starts @ 4:30 pm

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Balance on hand September 19, 2018

Checking Account \$ 43,383.75

General Fund \$ 5,885.59

Designated Funds \$ 37,498.16

Benevolence 530.00

Building Improvement 255.89

Technology 3,384.00

Kitchen 25,295.19

Parsonage 851.12

Confirmation 790.42

Evangelism/Fellowship 890.47

Piano Fund 3,906.84

ROCK 510.00

Maland Fund 1,084.23

Principal balance for building improvement loan

\$ 3,584.64

Principal balance for general fund operating loan

\$ 14,000.00

(as of September 19, 2018)

## **Next Council Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 7th, 2018 at 8 am**

### **Church Council 2018**

Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Matt Williams

Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt

Secretary: Ellen Longnecker

Treasurer: Deidre Qual

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council:

Nels Dovre

David Eisenmann

Cynthia Johnson

Laura Kepler

Brad Lewis

Jean Saveraid

Kristin Shelton

Tim Wilson

Lora Young



The Kitchen is nearing completion! The appliances have arrived, the cabinets are in, the electricians have been

finishing their work, flooring will soon be going in, countertops are ordered.

A celebration and dedication is being planned! Watch and listen for details. As is appropriate for a kitchen dedication, plans are underway for a meal.

## Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

[not yet approved]

September 16, 2018 Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Present – Pastor Eric, Brad Lewis, Kristin Shelton, Cynthia Johnson, Dick Kepler, Deidre Qual, Jeff Van Pelt, Matt Williams, Lora Young, Laura Kepler, Nels Dovre, Jean Saveraid, David Eisenmann, Ellen Longnecker

Devotions – Nels

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections

Gods work our hands Sunday what a great success  
41 people participated

Minutes of the previous meeting

Kristin motions to approve previous minutes

Jeff Van Pelt seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

June July 2018 PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 500.00
Building Improvement	235.00
Confirmation	790.42
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	890.47
General Fund Checking	873.17
Kitchen	-2,204.81
Maland Fund	1,084.23
Parsonage	851.12
Piano fund	2,454.09
Rock Group	510.00
Technology Fund	3,384.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 9,368.58

Lora Young motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Tim Wilson seconded to the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Klimpel

Refer to pastor's report

New business:

1. Approve Baptisms – Gus Milo Madson (9/23) and Havanna Roelfs (10/14) Sarah JoAnn Young (9/30)

Jeff Van Pelt motions to approve baptisms. Jean Saveraid seconded to the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Approve confirmation covenant.

Nels Dovre Motions to approve the confirmation covenant. Laura Kepler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Audit committee member suggestions.

Lyle Martin

Mike Thomas

4. Discuss general fund deficit.

Stewardship committee will try to meet to discuss a plan week of 9/17.

5. Rock Group

Thinking of going to Costa Rica June 29-July 6  
\$1400 a person if buy tickets soon!

Unfinished Business:

1. Kitchen committee – Update.  
Going good  
Cabinets are in  
Electrician coming in this week to finish  
Counter tops will be in in around two weeks

2. Parsonage - Update.

Nels and Allison will know by end of Sept if they will move in this fall. Otherwise will be early Spring. Looking past Nels and Allison- Would like to have plan for when they move out.

3. Coffee enhancement update-Tim Wilson  
Looking into new coffee appliance(s)

4. Piano investigation update.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Jeff Van Pelt motions to adjourn meeting. Lora young seconded the motion.

Next meeting – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

October Devotions – Tim Wilson

Treats – David Eisenmann

## October

- 1 - Evans, Allen 'Pete'  
Morford, Lily
- 2 - Johnson, Hannah  
Ness, Taylor
- 3 - Twedt, Holly
- 4 - Ness, Paul  
Saveraid, Grace
- 5 - Johnson, Ethan  
Kochheiser, Sue  
Larson, Jacob
- 8 - Gotta, Jim  
Locker, Rose
- 10 - Calvert, Colby  
Hill, Heather
- 13 - Morse, Monica
- 14 - Brendeland, Mabel  
Moore, Roger
- 17 - Engler, Benjamin  
Halverson, Wanda (97<sup>th</sup>)
- 19 - Larson, Nickolas
- 20 - Sheldahl, Lisa
- 21 - Fausch, Nancy
- 22 - Baldwin, Seth
- 23 - Emerson, Julie



- 24 - Millang, Dennis
- 25 - Larson, Diane  
Larson, Zachary
- 27 - Harmon, Jennifer
- 28 - Lewis, Sienna
- 30 - DeHaven, Hayden  
Engler, Annabelle  
Pote, Jen  
Schmidt, Chandler  
Wise, Hunter
- 31 - Shaffer, Sam

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

## Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

### OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Rick & Lisa Sheldahl
- 8 - Eric & Janell Van Gorp
- 22 - Scott & Megan Brendeland
- 23 - Charles & Mary Brendeland
- 24 - Kevin & Jill Rahner
- 26 - Tom & Jenny Gallagher
- 28 - Dax & Haylie Clark

## First Day of School

A mother asked her son what he learned on the first day of school. "Not enough," he answered. "I have to go back tomorrow."

## Well, you asked!

Sunday School teacher: Why did Moses cross the Red Sea?

Pupil: To avoid Egyptian traffic.

## Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during Sept.: Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Adrienne Brown; Joan Carson; Kim Fears; Jackie Greene; Bruce Hartman; Kai Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Sandy Kalsem; Janella Kammin (Jody Calvert's mother); Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Elias Samuel Moore; Ruth Schonhorst; Marvin Sorensen; Shannon Tope; Arlene Wee; Randy Young; Sarah JoAnn Young  
Family & friends of Wesley Schonhorst, Don Moore, Arnold Larson

- Our Compassion International child a 6 yr old boy Roberto Junior Perez Barreto in Columbia.
- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms,

We extend our prayers and congratulations to...

...Tyler & Sarah Roelfs and London, Ramsey & Priya as they welcome their newborn daughter and sister, **Havannah** (born June 26, 2018)

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...

...to family and friends of **Duane Haglund (Lynae Kruse's father)**

May the risen Lord give his strength & comfort to his family in their time of loss.



The Ballard Ministerial Association will be offering a GriefShare Support Group this fall. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the

Slater Senior Center, 305 Main Street, Slater (next to the Fire station). Pastor Emily Peasley, Slater Sheldahl Methodist Church, Pastor Eric Klimpel & Kris Polich from Palestine Lutheran Church, will be facilitating this group. Questions contact: [ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com) or call 936-444-3895.

GriefShare is a network of 12,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Learn more about GriefShare at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Support and encouragement for your grief journey.**

**The care you need. Information you can trust.**

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. Often, friends and family want to help you, but don't know how. That's the reason for GriefShare. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

GriefShare is a support group that offers 13 seminar topics (which began September 11<sup>th</sup>). Each session is "self-contained". Topics & description available on website.

## In the Gather magazine

### Fall 2018: Repentance by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

Repentance is one of the most powerful acts of a person or a church, making possible not only forgiveness but also reconciliation. This three-part Bible study by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni will explore how we as Lutheran Christians understand the role of repentance in our faith, especially as we understand God's grace to be unearned and freely given.

The Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni is a graduate of California Lutheran University and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Ordained in 2007, Meghan has served congregations in Illinois and Colorado. She is currently a full time Ph.D. student and mom to three.

**September:** Session one – Time after time: Turning to God

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of—for when we turn to God, we find grace. What does it mean to (re)turn to God with all our hearts, and how do we do it?

**October:** Session two – If I could turn back time: Turning to others

When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give away half of his wealth to the poor and to make amends with those he had defrauded. Why? In the Gospels, Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and the community. What does repentance look like in our relationships?

**November:** Session three – Turning points: Turning as the church to the world

The word repentance often refers to an invitation that brings people into the church. But what happens when the church turns outward to the world? When the church has been complicit in abuse, racism, anti-Semitism and other attitudes and practices that lead away from God's reign, what happens when the church repents?

The theme for the October 2018 *Gather* magazine is – Repentance brings us face-to-face with those affected by our actions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Southeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Fall Retreat is October 27 @ St Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport.  
 Program: Voices of the Villages: Multicultural Fair.

## Scandinavian Coffee -

**Saturday, October 6, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

*A Family-Friendly Event!*



- Scandinavian Pastry Buffet (free will donation) Come taste . . .

Tea Rings, Lefse, Spritz, Kringla, Rosettes and more!

- Serving Bethesda Blend Coffee and Tea
- Assortment Boxes to go!
- Krumkake Demonstration (see how this special cookie is made!)
- Swedish Meatballs for Lunch!

Bethesda's annual Scandinavian Coffee event is on a new day this year! Be sure to note it on your calendar. The entire church is decorated stem-to-stern with authentic Scandinavian decorations, and heritage treasures. Organized by Bethesda's Women's Ministries, approximately 150 volunteers, many in vintage Scandinavian costume, welcome guests to sample scrumptious pastries, sip hot coffee, and shop for baked goods and handmade crafts. Including behind-the-scenes, over 350 people volunteer in preparation of the Coffee — 35 committees in all! More than 1,550 cups of coffee are served each year.

## Southeast Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Fall Retreat

### **Voices of the Villages: Multicultural Fair**

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2136 Brady Street,  
 Davenport, IA**

Learn about the Culture and Christian practices in different areas in the world. Speakers from Asia, Africa, Hispanic Countries and the USA.

Registration fee: \$12 including meals Registration forms available in Directions newsletter available online thru SE IA Synod website or get a form from the church office.



**Community Events** - Check bulletin board & counter in Fellowship Hall for additional announcements & information.

### **Thank you for Helping Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief**



We have gathered 37 complete school kits! They will be shipped October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any kits or items you have before that date and place them on the counter in the workroom (area outside of offices). ?s talk to Oriett.

### **Blood Drive October 9**

We count on your support so consider giving blood – A Blood Drive will be **at Palestine on Tuesday, October 9 from 3-7 p.m.** You may schedule an appointment to donate blood by going online [www.bloodcenterofiowa.org](http://www.bloodcenterofiowa.org) or by calling 1-800-287-4903.

Previous donors will be contacted by email or phone.

To be eligible to donate, donors must be at least 16 years of age (16 and 17 year old first time blood donors must have a signed parental/guardian consent form). Donors must weigh at least 120 pounds and be in general good health. An ID pre-printed with the donor name is required at registration. Donors are encouraged to eat a good meal and drink plenty of water before donating blood.

### **Wheelchair Pushing at Bethany Manor**

212 Lafayette Ave, Story City

We will be pushing wheelchairs on Sunday mornings, October 7 & 14, to make worship services possible and meaningful for residents at Bethany Manor.



You need to arrive about 9:20 a.m. It is helpful to have 4-6 wheelchair pushers so that it goes smoothly. Sunday School classes are very welcome and are encouraged to participate. A sign up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall in September. KICK has signed up for the 14<sup>th</sup>.



Every second Sunday of each month Pastor Eric invites those who are interested to an **orientation group event**

after worship in the conference room (*see sign in fellowship hall*). At this event, I will present Palestine for the curious and wondering among us :) If you have questions and want to know more about the congregation, being Lutheran, being a participant, then please feel free to participate. I will present you with some information to consider along the way.

Peace, Pastor Eric, Palestine Lutheran



### **The situation:**

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. Currently, the Lutheran Disaster Response staff, network, and other partners are monitoring the paths of Hurricanes Florence, Helene, Olivia and Tropical Storm Isaac.

Right now, Hurricane Florence poses the greatest threat as it barrels towards the Carolinas and other Southeastern states, causing mass evacuations, threatening strong storm surges along the coasts and flash flooding throughout the area.

### **Our response:**

As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from the hurricanes. Lutheran Disaster Response is assessing the situation and coordinating with synods and affiliated social ministry organizations in the areas that are in the path of these storms.

Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those in path of these hurricanes.

### **What you can do:**

**Pray** Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of Hurricane Lane. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

**Give** Gifts designated to "[Hurricane Response](#)" will be used to assist those affected by these hurricanes until the response is complete.

**Connect:** To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Pick up a [bulletin insert](#) on the counter in Fellowship Hall for Hurricane Florence.
- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow @ELCALDR on [Twitter](#).

In 2018, NAMI will promote the theme “CureStigma” throughout all awareness events, including Mental Illness Awareness Week which takes place from Oct. 7–13.

**Why this cause is important:** One in 5 Americans is affected by mental health conditions. Stigma is toxic to their mental health because it creates an environment of shame, fear and silence that prevents many people from seeking help and treatment. The perception of mental illness won’t change unless we act to change it.

**Campaign manifesto:** There’s a virus spreading across America. It harms the 1 in 5 Americans affected by mental health conditions. It shames them into silence. It prevents them from seeking help. And in some cases, it takes lives. What virus are we talking about? It’s stigma. Stigma against people with mental health conditions. But there’s good news. Stigma is 100% curable. Compassion, empathy and understanding are the antidote. Your voice can spread the cure. Join NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Together we can #CureStigma.

**Blog: Sharing the Bounty in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** by Pastor Gloria Keiser Dove, written in 2015 when she worked as assistant to the Bishop in the SE IA Synod

How many congregations are working on a fall stewardship program/campaign? As we look around at the browning fields and the harvest of crops, it is a natural time to reflect on God’s bounty. Even though fewer and fewer of us live on farms, our connection to the harvest is powerful. We don’t survive if it weren’t for the cycle of planting, growth, death and harvest. Thank you to the farmers and gardeners among us! If you farm, or if you’ve paid attention to farm equipment, you will have noticed that the methods for bringing in the crops has changed a lot! I remember my Dad telling stories of hitching up the horses to pull the wagon while he and his father hand picked and husked the ears of corn. When he began farming, he had a four row planter and an open cab tractor. He had a two row combine. Over the years, the size of the equipment and the size of the fields has grown. Now combines pick up to twelve rows, and measures the moisture, yield and other information on its onboard computer!

So too, are the ways in which we collect financial gifts in our congregations. Some of you remember bringing your financial gifts after the harvest was in, as well as chickens and vegetables for the pastor’s family during the rest of the year. Now, while many of us still use offering envelopes and checks, we are also using online giving, Simply Giving or other forms of automatic transfers, giving kiosks for those who use debit cards, printed squares in bulletins and newsletters – There are a lot of options!

Any time of year is a good time to reflect on our financial gifts that we bring to God’s work through our congregations. After all, we receive God’s mercy and grace year round. It can be complicated to think about how much – and how – to give. God calls us to give a tithe, or ten percent, of our income, and more as we are able. But, it doesn’t need to be complicated.

## **Luther and Lutheranism**

### **Martin Luther (1483-1546)**



Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town

Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course — both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His 95 Theses or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

From ELCA website: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/ELCA-Teaching/Luther-and-Lutheranism>

## Warming Hearts with God's Love & a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Often, children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto: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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### A Loving Companion

When Tatyana came to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, she was lonely. She lost her mom at a young age, and her father was incarcerated. She didn't have anyone to look up to, and the only way she knew how to cope with trauma and anger was by yelling and hitting. When she began seeing her LSI therapist, she wasn't comfortable talking about her difficult past.



Then she met a new friend, Max. Max is a three-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, and a friendly face to everyone he sees on Bremwood's campus. Thanks

to a generous donation by a local church and through a partnership between LSI and Retrieving Freedom, Max is now the official therapy dog at Bremwood.

Max has been working with Tatyana for over a year now. He sits on the sofa next to her during every therapy session, which makes her feel safe talking to her LSI team. Tatyana practices calmly giving Max commands like "sit" or "stay," which is teaching her that her voice is heard without needing to yell. She is using a calmer voice when she talks to others on campus too.

The children and teens at Bremwood love seeing Max each day. And when more children like Tatyana walk through the doors for the first time, Max is there, ready to be a friendly face and let them know they will be loved and cared for at LSI.

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**RIVERSIDE RECHARGE 2018**  
**GROUNDING: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Fall Recharges  
Jr Recharge (grades 3-6) October 12-14  
JH Recharge (grades 6-9) Oct 26-28 or Nov 9-11  
High School Recharge (grades 9-12) November 16-18

**Register online [RiversideLBC.org](http://RiversideLBC.org)**  
**Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, IA**

**recharge - (n):** The process of reloading or refueling a power source with its' proper fuel; ie: your fuel tank, your batteries, your mind, your heart.

A Recharge is a super fun weekend event at Riverside during the fall that is like a whole week of camp smashed into 40 hours! You'll have a ton of fun! Cool music, wonderful friends, great food, games, activities, free time, small groups, carpetball, foosball, awesome counselors, fabulous skits, and a "no homework guarantee"!! Everything begins between 8:00-8:50pm on Friday night and ends at noon on Sunday. You'll have a ton of fun!