



Reaching out in Christian love to all!


Palestine
Lutheran Church

1375 Highway 210

Huxley, IA 50124

515-597-2620 (Pastor)

515-597-2624 (Office)

FAX: 515-597-2621

palestinelutheran@gmail.com

www.plchuxley.com

THE PALESTINE PRESS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

Rev. Eric Klimpel, Pastor

515-597-2620

936-444-3895 (cell)

ericklimpel@gmail.com



Nels Dovre, Youth Liaison

319-331-7368 (cell)

dovren@gmail.com

**Pastor Klimpel will be on
VACATION July 13-21ST!**

In case of emergency, call:

- Pastor Erick Swanson @ Fjeldberg Lutheran (319) 850-3852 **July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 21st.**
- Kathleen Lotz @ Memorial Lutheran in Nevada **July 18, 19, & 20th** -watch email announcements for phone #

Mission Statement:

“Palestine Lutheran Church exists to proclaim and live God’s Holy Word, to nurture and support our membership, and to enable us to live our faith in our daily lives. As we are nourished, we are called to reach out to our communities, our spheres of influence, and to the wider world through the church-at-large.”

Our Vision:

Palestine Lutheran Church will be a haven for all generations, a people worshipping and growing continually in relationship with Jesus, inspired by God’s Word; a living example of stewardship, a loving and caring fellowship that reaches out in Christ-centered faith and love to the world.



Pastor Eric will be doing visitation for members who would like to have one. Please contact Pastor Eric if you would like to have a visit. You do not have to wait for him to call. Call 515-597-2620 or email ericklimpel@gmail.com

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page(s)

Pastoral Care & Vacation Dates	2
Pastor’s Monthly Report	4-5
Daily Faith Practices	6
Prayer list for May.....	7
Get Involved!	7-8
Birthdays and Anniversaries	9
Monthly Calendar	10-11
Council Minutes	12-13
Birth Announcement	14
Synod Assembly Update	14
Thank you	15
VBS Thank you and pics	16-17
LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story	18-19

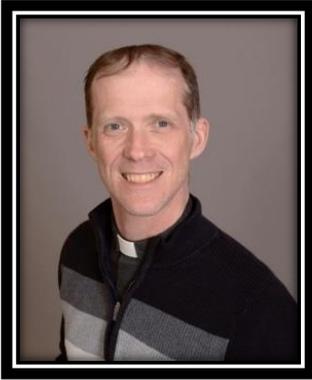


Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**

Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.

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



Emerging from a Wilderness Time

..... With Pastor Eric

*As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you, who will prepare your way; the
voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight,'" John the baptizer*

*appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins. Mark 1:2-4*

*He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was
with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Mark 1:13*

*Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God
directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it
according to the pattern he had seen. Acts 7:44*

I believe that we have been wandering through our own wilderness this past year. The wilderness is a place of stripping us to the core and a place of formation. Jesus wandered in the wilderness after his baptism in order to forge a mission and purpose with God. Israel wandered in the wilderness to test and define a relationship with God before entering the promised land. Paul wandered in the wilderness from the time he was blinded in the calling of Jesus to the day Ananias arrived to give him back his sight, and then again after that for a little longer in the Negev. We have been in the wilderness since March 2020 with a pandemic and Derecho damage in order to strip us to the core and testify to our relationship to God and one another.

This summer seems like an arid wilderness with its hotter than usual temperatures and draught conditions which give us more cause to

reflect on our relationship and dependence on God, our families and our community. In wilderness times, we get unsettled and tested because we become more vulnerable and less comfortable about so many things in life. We are still in the process of emerging from our latest wilderness journey. And we must now start asking “who/whose are we now?” along with other questions of identity. We have our baptisms to help ground us when we ask these questions of identity and faithfulness.

Over the next few weeks, I invite you to consider what you have learned about yourself and your relationship with God. Chris Richter in our Reaching Out Event challenged us to start healthy habits to start small and add a little more day by day to reach your goals. Maybe journaling in letter form with God, or establishing a new prayer time, or reading and reflecting on the Word of God might be a way to reflect and consider these formative questions.

We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School this June and I learned about the importance of sharing God’s love with others and myself. I liked the message about sharing God’s love through kindness. We get to know others by spending time talking with them and helping them in little ways or big ways. We can show ourselves kindness as well by taking time to refresh and letting God take the burden of “*having to say yes all the time*” (which is why we have a community to help us). Sounds good to me!

Let us take a moment to reflect and maybe start a healthy habit, or orient our attitudes with kindness, and come out of this wilderness time renewed and refreshed for a *post-wilderness* year together.

Let us pray. Gracious God, whose love abides in the wilderness, create in us renewed spirits and refresh our life with your Spirit, so that we might continue our journey with faith, love and gratitude for all that you have done for us and so we might share your love with others in Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.



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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *When people find out you are a Christian, how are you received?*

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’” Mark 6:4 (NRSV)

Read Mark 6:1-13

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *What sacrifices do you make to follow Jesus Christ?*

“King Herod heard of [the healings], for Jesus’ name had become known.” Mark 6:14 (NRSV)

Read Mark 6:14-29

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *What does it mean to be a healthy disciple of Christ?*

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’” Mark 6:31 (NRSV)

Read Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus: *How does the generosity of Jesus overflow to our generosity towards others?*

“Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also, the fish, as much as they wanted.” John 6:11 (NRSV)

Read John 6:1-21



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Ardell Lundgren, Merlin Lyon, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phill Zeller

Family & friends of: Angie Claude, Judy Smith, Sharon Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Ralph Kalsem, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Jimmy Young, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Harold Long, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Duane Taylor, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren

GET INVOLVED

Griefshare Support Group Summer Session:

A support group for those who are wrestling with loss and grief which is Christian affirming and genuine. We will use a 13-week “drop in” curriculum to help guide our reflections together. Sign up on the Griefshare website @ www.griefshare.org for the Huxley site, or email Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com. The first session will begin on July 6th at 7 p.m. with an orientation to the group to determine other dates and times to meet. We will meet in the Palestine Lutheran Conference Room.

GET INVOLVED – Continued . . .

New Member Orientation Meetings:

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after worship in the south conference room. Anyone who would like to inquire about Palestine Lutheran Church and find some insights into its history, people and ministry are welcome. For prospective members, new members and yes, even veteran members! All are welcome! Let the church office know if you are interested so that we can prepare materials (@ palestinelutheran@gmail.com)

Theology on Tap:

Gathering for adults who want to fellowship, relax and solve the world's problems together while creating some potential new ones. We will take time to fellowship around God's Word and grow together as a community. You are encouraged to bring a beverage and a snack to share with the group. **First meeting will be at David and Valerie Eisenmann's homestead Sunday, July 11th from 7 – 8:15 p.m.**

Thriving Beyond COVID: Let Go, Trust God, Rise Up!

Zoom Bible Study for July On Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

A Resource Designed to Utilize the Biblical Witness and Directed Conversation to Release Burdens, Promote Faith, and Empower Greater Kingdom Impact (*In four sessions*)

Created By: Pastor Jeff Linman, Franklin, NC /

www.ThrivingBeyondCovid.org





- 1 Jax Clark
- Charlie Rhoads
- Marshal Sheldahl
- Michelle Sieper
- 2 Julie Huxford
- Emmett Johnson
- 3 Mitchell Peterson
- Deidre Qual
- Jean Saveraid
- 4 Dolores Hauge (85th)
- 6 Melanie Fausch
- Kevin Rahner
- 7 Holly Larson
- 9 Shane Harmon
- Annika Larson
- Jacob Saltzman
- Tim Wise
- 10 Lori Edwards
- Amber McKenna
- 11 Kevin Rowedder
- 13 Sandy Harleen
- 14 Leslie Harris
- Jamie Ness
- 15 Kiley Calvert
- 16 Brent Larson
- Donna Millang
- Ila Russell
- Kari Sandquist
- 17 Jenny Gallagher
- Greg Hartsook
- Gus Madson
- 18 Merle Brendeland
- Roger Larson
- Aldo Medici

- 20 Brayden DeVries
- 21 Paris Hitchcock
- 22 Henry Sandquist
- 23 Apollo McKenna
- 24 Ron Locker (83rd)
- Matt Sieper
- 25 Deb Ness
- Benjamin Williams
- 27 Scott Johnson
- Shannon Wilson
- 29 Josie Jensen
- Teri Klimpel
- Abbie Larson
- Pat Martin
- 30 Shelley Klingbeil
- 31 Taylor Sample



- 1 Paul & Deb Ness
- 14 Tracy & Doreen Blackmer
- Kevin & Melissa Kopaska
- Garrett & Ellen Longnecker
- 15 Doug & Lori Schonhorst
- 17 Shane & Jennifer Harmon
- Wade & Holly Twedt
- 20 Tom & Kristin Shelton (25th)
- 22 Nels & Allison Dovre
- 25 Dennis & Donna Millang



ALTAR GUILD:

Nancy Fausch & Cindi Thomas

Communion Assistants:

July 4th: Dennis & Donna Millang
 July 25th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh?

USHERS: We want you back!

Sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall or email the Church office to sign up online.

Food Pantry Ministry - Help

serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends.

Volunteer at the pantry!
 Contact Jackie Rasmussen (catsrus@huxcomm.net)

2021 AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

www.free-printable-calendar.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY
27 <i>5th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion (Livestream) New Member Orientation in Conference room	28
4 <i>6th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestream); Holy Communion 	5
11 <i>7th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; (Livestream) New Member Orientation in Conference room 7 – 8:15 p.m. Theology On Tap @ Eisenmann’s	12
18 <i>8th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; (Livestream) Pastor on vacation → Newsletter deadline for August	19
25 <i>5th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion(Livestream) New Member Orientation in Conference room	26

JULY 2021

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	30 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	1	2	3
6 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	7 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	8	9 Confirmation Adventure-land and Lock-in at church 	10
13 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study Pastor on vacation 	14 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	15	16	17
20 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study 	21 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group	22	23	24
27 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	28 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time	29	30	31



Agenda - Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Sunday, June 6th, 2021 @ 8:00 AM at Palestine Lutheran Church
(these minutes are unapproved at this time)

Kristin Shelton, Jean Saveraid, Brad Lewis, Tim Wilson, Hailey Clark, Jen Pote, David Eisemann, Brent Emerson, Chris Richter, Candi Engler, Kent Klingbeil...

A quorum was established.

Devotions: President Madam Kristin Shelton led us.

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: Clean up feels like it is finally done. We are hosting VBS and have 46 kids registered so far.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Chris Richter motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. Waning support, but the minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Qual was absent. Candi Engler motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. All nervously approved the report.

General Fund : (-\$6,375.88)

Checking Balance Total: \$27,475.84

Pastor's Report - Pastor Klimpel is on vacation in the fine resort haven of Houston, Texas. No report as Pastor was ready to get the Rock out of Dodge.

New business:

1. Worship Committee recommending a late celebration of our 165th Anniversary. June 27th... (*update after meeting - anniversary moved to August 22nd*)
2. Is there interest in a Mission/Roots trip to Norway next year?
3. Phone update. Need new phones-cordless with 2 lines. (Cost \$188.95)
4. New Parsonage repairs (Where are we on floor? Appliances have been installed). Does Lease need updated? Jean, Chris and Tim would like to inspect and do install on Wednesday?
5. Create a Church item's check out list. Who monitors it? Secretary? Create master Calendar, and master check out list. Not Electronic.
6. Forming a Historical Committee? Ideas?
Helen Kepler, Nancy Fausch, Sandy Harleen, Deb Moore, Jean Saveraid. Jean Saveraid will head up committee
7. Retired teacher's club using our facility.

Unfinished Business:

1. Revisit the Parsonage/ Parsonage Update
 - A. Landscape Cleanup/ Overhaul (Update landscaping)
2. Updating property Committee

Motion by Hailey Clark to ask Mark Pote to head up the property committee seconded by Jen Pote

 - B. Tree Situation — tabled

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

Next Meeting: July 11th, 2020. Sunday BBQ? At Tim Wilson 6:00 PM Treats? Devotions?



Marcus Tyler, born on 6/4/21, weighing 9 lbs 4 oz, and 21.5 inches long! Big brother, Palmer, and big sister, Julianne, adore him!

Congratulations to the Schaudt family!



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

2021 Synod
Assembly
Update

The 34th Assembly of the Iowa Synod was held online on Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22, 2021, under the theme "Baptized and Set Free." 270 Assembly voting members gathered via zoom and visitors were able to access a livestream. 53% of voting members were lay persons and 47% were rostered ministers.

➡ Our own Pastor Klimpel, Deidre Qual, and Joyce Carlson participated in this assembly via zoom. We thank them for their time and representation of Palestine Lutheran Church!

There are books in fellowship hall with the assembly results. Feel free to borrow one if you would like!



Thank you to my
loving and caring
Church Family for
cards & greetings

for my 99th Birthday
May God who walked
with us yesterday,

Lead us through today &
Guide us into the tomorrow
that may be given to us.

May God continue to bless us
and keep us in His care

With Appreciation

Love & Prayers

Leona Larson



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The voyagers successfully learned the Power of Faith, Kindness, Thankfulness, and Hope in June! To Mars and Beyond was a galactic adventure involving videos, music, crafts, recreation and

bible stories. We had 60 voyagers join the mission and about 35 volunteers help navigate the cosmos. We could not have done it without EVERYONE'S help! THANK YOU so much to all that donated food, supplies, time, and talent!

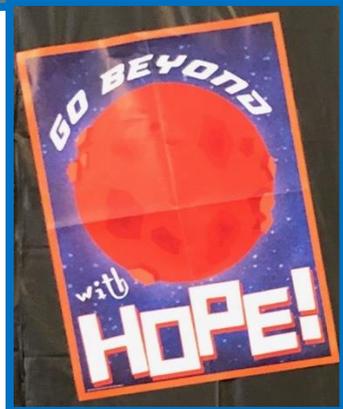
Anyone interested in helping launch next year, let us know. Planning will start in July! Contact Candi Engler if you are up for the next VBS challenge!

Volley_602@hotmail.com



Vector Verse: "Glory to God to is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Ephesians

3:20



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED





July 2021 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or [563-676-2065](tel: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.

Hali's New Life

Hali grew up in a home surrounded by addiction. Her own struggle with substance use and trauma continued for more than 20 years but when she learned she was pregnant with her son, Apollo, she knew she needed a change. After giving birth, Hali entered treatment and when she was ready to return home, LSI Early Childhood Services were there to provide support and walk alongside her.

Her LSI worker, Gretchen, provided parenting education and resources, all while empowering Hali and making sure Apollo had a healthy home. Gretchen helped Hali keep track of Apollo's growth to ensure he hit all his important developmental milestones.

More than a year later, Hali is thriving. She is now in college and is also a sponsor to other women who are on the same path to recovery. At home, Hali is busy keeping up with Apollo as he is learning to walk, and she is excited to see him continue to grow.

"Gretchen has given me a lot of hope. She's always had my back," Hali says. "She's my go-to person for any resource and it's nice to have her in my corner."

Palatine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
Huxley, IA 50124-8110
Address service requested