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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."

Playing Musical Chairs of Change

-----With Pastor Eric

***Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them."
Matthew 18:20***

I used to love to play musical chairs at parties because I never sat in the same chair twice. I thought about that game the other day. I was reading an article by the Alban Institute about "***promoting effective change***" in a congregation. I read the article as a part of my continuing education course on congregational leadership. You might agree that change is a fact of life whether you like it or not. I prefer to respond proactively to change and embrace it as a healthy part of a maturing life. In this article I came across the "three chair" dynamic of change. One chair is for those who are for a particular change. They see the need for a particular change and are informed enough to perceive the benefits over the cost. Another chair is for those who are resistant to a particular change. They are not convinced that the change sought is necessary, or worth the risk over against whatever benefits it might generate. There will always be people sitting in these two chairs for every change even if "me" is in one chair and "myself" in the other. I think that these chairs are important when addressing any type of big decisions in the community. Many times the dialog that should be happening between these "chairs" does not happen well. People talk passed one another and little listening occurs.

Now the third chair comes into the conversation. Who will sit in this third chair? The people who sit here are the curious ones. They ask questions of the other two chairs like "*what would it be like if...*" The third chair might serve to help clarify the needs of everyone concerned and imagine a process or an outcome that might meet those needs. The "three chair" dynamic involves conversation to which I would add prayer and yes, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19

I have learned that over 70% of change failures are due to organizational issues and only 14% are attributed to budget or inadequate resources. Jesus was so right when he taught that when the community of faith comes together in agreement then anything is possible. Let's keep the lines of communication open and have our town-halls and our round tables. Let's keep having the leadership retreats and Bible studies. Let's keep asking questions, praying the whole way and engaging in actions that promote effective change for God's glory as the music plays on...

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, open my spirit to prayer, my minds to share, and my heart to care as I enter into times of change within my community and in myself. May I always seek and find unity in you and your purpose for me. Amen.



Round Tables -
Beginning in the Fall we will be offering adult enrichment time after worship with organized

presentations and discussions about topics of interest, both spiritual and practical in nature.

To help us plan for these opportunities we are asking you to complete a survey available both on-line (we can email you a link) and in the Fellowship Hall from which our topics and interests will be collected. We will publish and arrange for speakers and topics with enough notice to prepare adequately. If you have an particular interest which you would like to share or know more about, then please consider offering it for the community. We would like you to begin thinking and praying about this right now and look for a survey in the next few weeks.



Palestine Lutheran Church

Worship & Study Opportunities-

June 2016

Call in number to listen to worship services: 597-3994
[Please be sure to put your phone on mute or sounds from your home will be carried to all phones that have dialed in for the service.]

Wednesday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 4

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

Sunday, June 5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

Monday, June 6

2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study

Wednesday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 9 thru Saturday, June 11

Confirmation Group trip to Chicago

Saturday, June 11

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

Sunday, June 12 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

Monday, June 13 thru Thursday, June 16

Vacation Bible School - **RELEASED**

Wednesday, June 15

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

Saturday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 19 5th Sunday after Pentecost

FATHER'S DAY

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

Wednesday, June 22

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

Saturday, June 25

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

Sunday, June 26 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Reflection Time in Conference Room

Wednesday, June 29

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

NOOMA®

Sunday morning ADULT REFLECTION TIME

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. NOOMA films are created and produced by Flannel, a nonprofit organization. We are a group of people committed to giving everyone a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus.

We will have prayer, a 12-14 minute short video, and 30 minute discussion about the topics. Handouts will be provided via email and before the class for consideration.

Participants will choose from the following topics to study this Summer after church – survey available in Fellowship Hall or online with a brief explanation of what these questions will explore.

1. Where's God when life isn't going like we want it to?
2. Could love be the most misunderstood and misused word in our vocabulary?
3. Do our lives even matter?
4. Do we get so wrapped up in religion that we miss out on what's important to God?
5. Why are we so afraid of silence?
6. If God really cares about us, why don't we have what we want?
7. Why is it sometimes so hard to forgive?
8. What does God see in us?
9. Can we really love God without loving others?
10. What do we do when our past catches up to us?
11. Are our lives in tune with God's plan for the world?
12. How do we deal with the pain we suffer when we lose someone we love?
13. Is it possible that God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing to others?
14. Is our physical breath actually a picture of a deeper spiritual reality?
15. Do we get so hung up on debating and defending our faith that we miss out on the point of it?
16. Is anger the issue, or is the real problem what you get angry about?
17. Can we become so consumed with the past that we can't see the beauty of today?
18. Are we so concerned with what others think that we miss out on being who God created us to be?
19. Does prayer really help?
20. Are we so busy that we miss out on what we're supposed to be doing?
21. Do we try so hard to be something we are not, that we miss out on how to truly live?
22. Why do we often feel empty even when we get what we want?
23. What do we do when there aren't nice, neat answers?



The **confirmation youth** will be going to Chicago, Illinois June 9th through the 11th for a learning and fellowship experience.

Confirmation Group

Donation boxes for a confirmation service project are available in Fellowship Hall & North Hall. The confirmation kids will be taking these donated items to a child care facility where they will be doing a service project at when they go to Chicago in June. **Deadline to bring donations – June 5.** We received a request for items to help supply the kindergarten students that are 'graduating' from the Children's program with needed school supplies for this fall. We are therefore shifting our emphasis from personal care items to gathering school supplies. You may still bring personal care items you have already purchased and we will deliver them. Below is the list we received -

- Box of Crayons 24/Pkg
- No. 2 Pencils
- Pink Eraser
- Package Washable Markers 8/Pkg
- Glue Sticks
- Bottle of School Glue
- Tissue Box
- Hand Sanitizer
- Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
- Pencil Box
- Plastic Pocket Folders with Brads
- Wide Ruled Spiral Bound Notebooks
- Primary Composition Notebook




Along with the above supplies another priority would be 21 book bags. We have 9 boys and 12 girls graduating this year.

†Riverside
COMING THIS SUMMER!

LUKE 4:18-19

RELEASED

RIVERSIDE DAY CAMP/VBS 2016



WHERE: Palestine Lutheran Church	TIME: Preschool-K 9-11AM Entering 1 st - Entering 6 th 9-2
DATES: June 13-16	Riverside Bible Camp Story City, Iowa 515-733-5271 www.RiversideLBC.org

Registration forms available in Fellowship Hall or online www.plchuxley.com under the calendar/forms button.
 Costs include all the meals and supplies for your child for the week.

- ☐ \$20/child with a maximum of \$50/family **PRIOR** to May 27, 2016.
- ☐ \$30/child with a maximum of \$70/family **AFTER** May 27, 2016 or at the door.

HELP NEEDED -

- Vbs- food sign up sheet is in the back on the table!
- Help save toilet paper rolls for vbs.
- Any confirmation students or high schools students wanting to help that week.... Please let Michelle know as we have a need for helpers!!



Book Review

Quiet Strength

by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker

I enjoyed reading Quiet Strength very much. Tony Dungy was both honest and open about his doubts, frustrations, disappointments, and joys. His faith gave him strength to carry him through the ups and downs of his life. In the book, he shares his journey from being fired as Tampa Bay's head coach to winning the Super Bowl with the Colts. He wasn't always sure what God's plan was for him, but he knew God was always with him. I encourage you to read it – you can find it in the church library.

By Teri Klimpel



The new "Friends" coordinator for Madrid Home Communities is Amanda Thompson and that she would be glad to work with anyone who has time or talent to volunteer at the Madrid home (795-3007).

One of the interest groups I participated in at Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly was "**Hunger Network**". We discussed hunger issues, how congregations are addressing these issues and what resources are available to help individuals and congregations advocate for the hungry. One suggestion for being an effective advocate was to get to know your state representatives so that they are aware of the hunger issues that are important to you. It was also noted that Bread for the World provides sample letters that can be sent to your National Congressional representatives urging them to support specific legislation that will benefit the hungry. Their website is www.bread.org. You can also check the ELCA website at www.elca.org/advocacy for ways you can show your support for hunger problems and other social issues. If anyone has questions or suggestions about ways our congregation can get involved, please talk to me or any of the Mission Outreach Committee members.

Joyce Carlson
Mission Outreach Committee

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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand May 17, 2016

Checking Account \$ 14,004.34

General Fund \$ 6,140.80

Designated Funds

Benevolence 775.00

Improvement 2,557.49

Technology 1,736.00

Confirmation Class 2,709.55

Water to Thrive 35.50

Kitchen 50.00

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, June 5, 8:00 a.m.

Volunteers are **needed mowing** around the church & parsonage.

Church Council 2016 Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Matt Williams Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt

Secretary: Jacob Huxford Treasurer: Deidre Qual

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

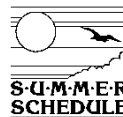
Council: Mark Doty

Nels Dovre Jean Saveraid

Bruce Hartman Kristin Shelton

Cynthia Johnson Tim Wilson

Laura Kepler Lora Young



Oriett's summer work schedule (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

2016 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

Drawn to the Light of God

The 29th Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held May 6-7, 2016, at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Coralville, Iowa. 365 voting members and 66 visitors gathered under the theme, Drawn to the Light of God, with an eye toward how Christ, the Light shines in our varied ministries and in every corner of our lives.

Visit the synod's website: www.seiasynod.org/assembly for details about the assembly and to access videos, photos, & texts. A summary of the Assembly & 2017 synod budget are available on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

The 2017 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod will be held May 19-20, 2017, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, IA.

Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
[not yet approved]
April 30, 2016-- Saturday – 1:50 PM

In Attendance: Pastor Eric Klimpel, Matt Williams, Dick Kepler, Laura Kepler, Bruce Hartman, Jeff Van Pelt, Mark Doty, Deidre Qual, Nels Dovre, Cynthia Johnson, and Tim Wilson. A quorum was established.

Devotions – Pastor Eric Klimpel

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections – Feedback from “Children’s Church”

Minutes of the previous meeting –

- Was noted a Treasury Report Change: \$884 listed under Riverside Living Water Fund, Should have been Water2Thrive.
- Jeff Van Pelt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Bruce Hartman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Deidre

PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 160.00
Building Improvement	2,457.49
Confirmation	2,595.64
General Fund Checking	4,521.29
Technology Fund	1,350.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 11,084.42

- Laura Kepler moved to approve treasurer’s report, Mark Doty seconded it. Motion passed unanimously

Pastor’s Report -- Pastor Klimpel

- See his report

Unfinished Business:

1. Property Committee. Mike Larson has agreed to chair the committee
2. Special Offering for Southeast Iowa Synod. In the past the Synod has designated special offerings for specific areas. This year the special offering will be designated for general ministries of the Synod. It was decided Palestine will hold an offering for this on Sunday May 8th, with Pastor informing congregation on Sunday May 1st.
3. Choir Director. Worship Committee met and approved the hire of Mindy DeVries under expectation of the current job profile. The plan will be for Mindy to start at the end of August on a six month trial period.

- Motion by Mark Doty to approve the hire under the above circumstance. Second by Nels Dovre. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion by Mark Doty to amend the Council Meeting Agenda to state Choir Director, vs. Music Ministry/Director. Second by Nels Dovre. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Membership Status List – Cynthia stated has been updated from all feedback.
 5. Video screens-update. The screens will be installed no later than three weeks, in time for VBS.
 - Tim Wilson motioned to approve spending up to \$4,000 for project, taking first from the Technology Fund, and then General Fund. Jeff Van Pelt Second. Motion passed unanimously.
 6. Parsonage Update. After much discussion, it was decided to form a Parsonage Committee to continue the direction for use of the Parsonage in our mission. It was decided the committee would consist of one council member, (Tim Wilson) one Property Committee, one Evangelism Committee, and one Mission and Outreach Committee. It was also noted there may be a potential need for the new Fjeldberg Pastor to need temporary housing, and our Parsonage would be a potential.
 - Motion by Bruce Hartman to give the newly formed Parsonage Committee direction to investigate requirements for a short term lease, for the new Fjeldberg Pastor. Second Mark Doty. Motion passed unanimously.
 7. Kitchen Committee Update. Committee has yet to meet, but need to get something on the calendar.

New business:

1. Town Hall Meeting. Next town hall will be planned for May 22nd. Planned topic will be reviewing our Vision/Mission Statement.
2. Sound Proofing Mitigation – Nels Devore will be looking into options and report back.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Adjourn with Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting – June 5th 8:00 a.m.

June Devotions – Jake Huxford

Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wed. 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

June 5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Luke 7:11-17

Stories of Discipleship: *A Dead Man's Story*

June 12 4th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Luke 7:36-8:3

Stories of Discipleship: *A Forgiven Woman's Story*

June 19 5th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Luke 8:26-39

Stories of Discipleship: *A Confused Man's Story*

June 26 6th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Luke 9:51-62

Stories of Discipleship: *An Apostle's Story*

July 3 7th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Stories of Discipleship: *A Harvester's Story*

A Graduation Prayer

Father, I have knowledge, so will You show me now
 how to use it wisely and find a way somehow
 to make the world I live in a little better place,
 and make my life with tis problems a little bit easier
 to face?

Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my
 days, and show me how to serve Thee in effective
 ways.

So my education, my knowledge and my skill may find
 their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
 that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom
 comes from You.

Amen

Congratulations to our recent graduates -
 As fellow members of this community of faith
 we rejoice with you and want you to know of
 our pride and excitement as you move from
 this accomplishment into the next phase of
 your life. We also want you to know that
 wherever you go and whatever you do, you are
 going forward with our prayers for God's
 continued guidance, power, protection, and
 strength.



June 2016

Volunteer schedule

Greeters

6/5..... Tim & Shannon Wilson
 Brent & Julie Emerson
 6/12... Ken & Louise Larson
 Klimpel family
 6/19... Cynthia Johnson
 Rose & Ron Locker
 6/26... Moica Ewing
 Tom & Kristin Shelton

Acolytes –

6/5...
 6/12..
 6/19..
 6/26

Lectors -

6/5.....Helen Kepler
 6/12..... Youth
 6/19.....Erika Williams
 6/26.....ROCK group

Ushers

Ken Larson, captain Orville Hauge
 Merle Brendeland Jennie Huxford

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

6/5..... Helen & Laura Kepler
 6/19... Lora Young

Offering Counters

Cindi Thomas, Nancy Fausch, Brad Lewis

Altar Ministry

Helen Kepler, Donna Millang

Mowing (church & parsonage grounds)

May 30-June5
 June 6-12
 June 13-19
 June 20-26
 June 27-July 3

Deliver Food Pantry donations for June

June is Clean Sweep month at the food pantry – please donate
 cleaning products.

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee



June

- 1 - Karlee Emerson
- 2 - Kaylee VanPelt
- 3 - Lyle Martin
- 4 - Jennie Huxford
- 5 - Ramsey Roelfs
Leona O. Larson (94th)
- 6 - Kim VanPelt
- 7 - Elman Sheldahl
- 8 - Shania Schmidt
- 9 - Mindy DeVries
Madeline Schonhorst
- 11 - Russ DeVries
- 12 - Pastor Eric Klimpel
- 13 - Ashley Klimpel

Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

- June 1 - Ron & Rosalie Locker
 3 - Clint & Christie Huffaker
 5 - Jack & Jean Bair
 7 - Cory & Amy Larson
 8 - Virgil & Diane Larson
 Stacie & Aldo Medici
 9 - Jeff & Kim Van Pelt (15th)
 12 - Dave & Christy Mueller
 Matt & Michelle Siepker

- 15 - Colton Hill
Nolan Schonhorst
Taylor Wuebker
- 17 - Ciara Elliott
Casondra DeHaven
- 19 - Janell VanGorp
- 20 - Mary Brendeland
Candi Engler
- 22 - Kasey Larson
Brooks Wuebker
- 24 - Nathan Moore
Sandy Wirtz
- 26 - Vincent Peterson
- 28 - Sue Larson
Harriet Sheldahl (91st)
- 29 - Kenneth Larson
- 30 - Shirley Saveraid
- 14 - David & Jean Saveraid
- 16 - Melanie Fausch &
Ryan Peterson (15th)
- 22 - Mark & Robin Doty (25th)
- 23 - Kari & Tom Sandquist
- 24 - Robert & Lindsey Hays
- 26 - Ben & Candi Engler
- 30 - Warren & Grace Johnson

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 May: Anita Brendeland; Omar Brendeland; Alisha Cox; Ruth Hennick; Grace Johnson; Ordean Johnson; Diane Larson; Roger Larson; Merlin Lyon; Deb Moore; Deidre Qual; Katherine Saveraid; Lorraine Sorensen; Bob Wetzler

- Krishna & his family of India, child sponsored by Palestine's Sunday School students.
- Those impacted by flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East, in Nigeria, Kenya, Bangladesh & the Philippines.
- Syrian refugees.

We extend our prayers and congratulations to...

... **Russ & Mindy DeVries** as they welcome their newborn daughter, **Maizy Kay DeVries** (born April 27). She was welcomed to the family by brothers **Brayden, Kaedence** and **Carter**.

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

Monday, June 6, 2:00 p.m. Bible Study.

In the June issue of the Gather magazine we begin a 3 session Bible study *The Heart of the Matter—Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliation* by Angela Shannon. Session 1 is **Treasure in clay jars**. The scope of this Bible study is broad. We are dealing with expansive topics such as love, forgiveness and reconciliation in light of the fact that we are earthen vessels or clay jars. In community we learn practical ways to live out our baptismal covenant to "live among God's people."

Practical tips for clay jars engaging in the ministry of reconciliation in daily life:

1. Remember God is love, active and present (1 John 4:16b).
2. Know that you are a Child of God.
3. Act as an ambassador for Christ and minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20)
4. Ask God for a spirit of humility. Outdo one another in showing honor.
5. When you feel fear rising, stop, pray and breathe. The breath is God's constant gift to us. A good breath oxygenates the brain and brings clarity. When we are angry or fearful, we tend to breathe and think shallowly.
6. Remember that God's majesty is present in the messiness of conflict ordering our chaos, much in the same manner as God brooded over the waters at the dawn of creation (Psalm 46, Genesis 2:1).
7. As angry as you are at a person or a group of people, remember God created and loves them just as God created and loves you (1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:20-21).
8. Speak the truth in love, but speak the truth. Set ground rules for respectful communication. Each person must take responsibility for their words and actions (Proverbs 15:1).
9. Cultivate curiosity. Ask questions. Ask, "How did we get to this point?"
10. Pray for one another in sincerity.
11. Remember wisdom is conflict's shadow gift. Experiencing a conflict and emerging from it teaches us how to disagree in love.

The theme for the June 2016 *Gather* magazine is **TREASURE IN CLAY JARS**. From Adam and Eve to Jacob and Esau to Paul's interactions with the early church, conflict has always been a part of our human story, allowing us to be receptacles of God's healing grace.

In July - Session 2: Seeking God. Next session we look at how congregations can seek healing and reconciliation in the midst of conflict.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Women's Organization

Gathering/Convention is June 24 & 25, 2016 at St John Lutheran Church, Ely, Iowa.

**The 29th Annual Gathering/Convention
of Southeastern Iowa Synodical Women's Organization
June 24 & 25, 2016
The theme is "*Growing in Grace*"**



Bible verse of 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen

Place: St. John Lutheran Church, 1420 Walker St, Ely, Iowa

Key Note Speaker: Martin Luther, portrayed by Don Rothweiler of Ankeny, Iowa

Registration: Form available in Fellowship Hall or online in Directions summer 2016 newsletter Fee \$55 for Fri & Sat, \$ 60 after June 1; \$10 Fri only; \$45 Sat only

Lodging: AmericInn 8910 6th St SW Cedar Rapids, 319-632-1800 Block under SE Iowa WELCA \$79.00 +tax (breakfast included)

Offering: ½ CWO, ¼ Heart of Iowa, ¼ Human Trafficking

Projects: Piggy Bank- Banks have been given to the ladies of the synod. Table with a pig trough.

Heart of Iowa – School supplies, diapers, socks, underwear, etc.

Vendors: SERV store, Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, Lutheran Services of Iowa, Triennial Table, Missions Table

Friday, June 24 – Friday Girls Day/Night Out

2 pm Tea with Katie – A Bold Life of Faith Katarina von Bora Luther

4 pm Tanzania Trip – Binta Mama by Kara Califf and her mother

6 pm Dinner catered by St John Lutheran Church – lasagna, garlic bread, toss salad, ice cream sundaes. Cost: \$7

Fellowship, Entertainment (Trivia Questions – Myths of Luther) & Evening Vespers

Saturday, June 25

8 – 8:45 am Registration and Refreshments

Bible study with Bishop Burk on 2 Peter 3:18

Keynote speaker Martin Luther portrayed by Rev Don Rothweiler

Business meeting

Worship Communion

Workshops: Heart of Iowa, Cedar Rapids – treatment center for women & their children

Hymns of Luther by Peggy Brown of Des Moines

Human Trafficking

Lutheran 101 – What it means to be Lutheran

Salad lunch by Cluster 3 Women of ELCA

This is a fragrance free Gathering.



Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items listed below. **Guidelines:** Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols; decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

- ☐ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ☐ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ One pencil sharpener
- ☐ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ One 2½" eraser
- ☐ One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks) – bags are available in the choir/confirmation room or Oriett has a pattern you can sew your own.

Please place items in marked boxes in the choir room. In July bags with a list will be available in the choir room for you to fill if you want. ?s talk to Oriett

Happy Father's Day!



Many of the boys and young men that Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role

model in their lives.

Recently, at a gathering of mentors and mentees, a few of these children introduced their mentors to each other. When a boy from Beloit spoke, you could hear the quiet pride in his voice.

"This is Josh," he said simply. "And he's the mentor I've always wanted."

As you celebrate Father's Day with your family or by remembering someone who served as a father figure or mentor for you, remember what you have to give to others around you: a word of encouragement, a listening ear or the gift of your time and presence. You may be surprised how much it means.

You provide all these things and more through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Building Confidence from Legos

Once a week Beloit becomes an imagination station of Legos, robotics and computer programming. That's what happens when the passions of LSI mentors and LSI clients align.

Tom first learned about LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center through a mission event at his church. Together, he and LSI's volunteer staff began exploring the idea of creating a robotics group at Beloit.

"You're playing, but you're also learning," said Tom. "I enjoy helping them experiment and learn what is or isn't interesting to them. It's a great opportunity to match up their interests and passions."

As a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity, the group also helps youth practice problem-solving skills they can use in the classroom. Many schools now offer robotics as an extracurricular activity. LSI hopes this activity helps youth at Beloit feel a sense of belonging with their peers when they are introduced to STEM subjects in the future.

"Our kids love going to this program," said Angie, an LSI caseworker. "They like it because it is out of the ordinary, and they get to use their imagination, too. It's something they are able to create and see the end result."

On this day, Daniel, age 14, has just learned how to make his "robot" move.

"I built that," he says with a huge grin.

And thanks to LSI donors and volunteers, he's building a bright future, too.



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

Upcoming Events in 2016:

May 7 – Lil Cowpoke May 25-27 – Leadership Training
May 14 – Volunteer Work Day (rain date)
May 29-June 10 – Staff Training June 12 – 1st Day of Camp
June 9 – Program Review
July 5-8 – Family Camp
Aug. 6 – Quilt Auction & 5K Aug. 26 – Golf Outing
Aug. 12 – Last Day of Camp
Aug. 27-28–Mother/Daughter Ride with the King
Sept. 17-18 – Women's Retreat
Oct. 1 – Ride with the King (3rd – 5th grade)
Oct. 21-23 – Junior High Recharge
Oct. 14-16 – Juniors Recharge
Nov. 4-6 – Junior High Recharge
Nov. 18-20 – Senior High Recharge
Dec. 4 – Riverside Christmas Party

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Summer 2016: Released

Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2016! You can head over to our [website www.RiversideLBC.org](http://www.RiversideLBC.org) to learn more about all of our camp offerings, dates, theme, and what it is like to be a camper at Riverside! Riverside Times



booklet available on table below bulletin board in Fellowship Hall which includes a registration form. At registration there is a \$125 non-refundable deposit.

We are excited to see what the Lord will do in the lives of our campers, families, and staff, as we see God's love "Released" into the world through Jesus Christ and now through us. Our theme verse comes from Luke 4:18-19 and says, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." We can't wait to dive into this passage and our theme of "Released" even more this summer!

Discounts

MEMBER CONGREGATIONS - Campers from member congregations will receive a \$15 per week discount. Palestine is a member congregation.

ATTENTION PALESTINE YOUTH & FAMILIES – To support youth involvement in church sponsored camps and activities, the congregation provides financial support. Palestine pays \$75 of the fee for Alpha Camp (1st timers) & \$160 for other campers at Riverside. Please check with church office for details.

SIBLINGS DISCOUNT See website for details

Riverside 5K - Check out new Team Challenge

Saturday, August 6

Attention all runners, walkers, and supporters of Riverside! Come support youth who may not be able to afford to come to a life changing week of camp, by participating in our [Riverside 5K Run/Walk](#). This is a great event for the whole family and is perfect for all ages and abilities, as there will be a Kids Fun Run after the 5K. You can even cool off following all of the running and walking by taking a dip in our brand new pool, or you can make a day out of it and stick around for all of the Quilt Auction fun later in the afternoon!

New this year is the R5K Church Team Challenge, where churches will be competing on teams to win the inaugural R5K Church's Cup! Just get a group of 3-5 people to each run or walk the 5K course, and enjoy some fun competition. Even if you are not affiliated with a church, you can still form a team. You just won't be eligible to win the Cup. The top 3 finishers on your team will count towards your team score, and all of the runners on the top two teams, regardless of affiliation, will all receive prizes! It adds a whole new element of fun to the Riverside 5K!

Even if you are not on a team, you can still come enjoy the beautiful scenery by the river, as you run or walk through the 5K course. Every participant receives a R5K T-shirt, snacks and food, drinks, and water. There will be awards presented for the top finishers in each age category for both men and women after the race is over. The race starts at 8:30 am on Saturday, August 6, and registration is \$25. Thanks to generous contributions, every dollar from the registration fee will go towards supporting camperships! Head over to our [website](#) for a detailed schedule, information on the day's events, and to register. Talk with your family, friends, or church community and get signed up today! We look forward to seeing you in early August.

Quilt Auction

Mark your calendars for August 6th! Following the Riverside 5K in the morning will be our annual Quilt Auction. God continues to bless Riverside with fantastic supporters who come out in full force to make sure that every person who wants to come experience the love of Christ at Riverside can, regardless of their financial situation. Come enjoy the silent auction, lunch, and the live auction, as quilters from throughout the midwest show off their incredible works of art. Head over to the [Quilt Auction](#) page on our website for a full schedule of the day. We look forward to having plenty of bidders at the Quilt Auction, as well as an abundance of beautiful quilts. If you would like to donate a quilt you have made, be sure to call us at the office. We will have pictures of all of the quilts available online once we get to the week of the quilt auction.