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Reaching out in Christian love to all!


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Mission Statement:

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

Our Vision:

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



Pastor Eric will be doing limited 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.

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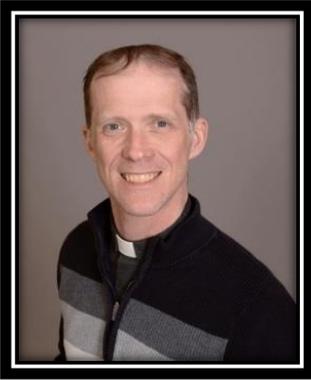
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A graphic with a golden sunburst background and the text "Tithes & Offering" in a stylized font.

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
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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.
4. Text **GIVE** to 515-207-6435.
Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.



Following the Good Shepherd into Abundant Life _____ With Pastor Eric

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish **abundantly** far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. – Ephesians 3:20

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it **abundantly**. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. – John 10:10-11

I am reminded of a story about a man who was riding in a hot air balloon and fell asleep. Awhile later and he woke up surrounded by some clouds. He looked out over the vast horizon and become concerned when he did not see any familiar landmarks. He happened to have a two-way radio with him, and he called a friend on the ground who was able to track him down. He asked his friend on the ground, “Where am I?” The friend replied, “You are in a hot air balloon.” How often do we ask such life orienting questions and get replies that are not wrong but not very helpful at the same time?

We are heading into the Easter season full of life-orienting questions. May is not only the month of Easter but the month of graduations and celebrations. We grieve endings and prepare for new adventures into life. Some of us will become empty-nesters and others will be moving into new routines and relationships within the family while still at home. Jesus does not leave us

without some reliable and noteworthy resources to help navigate into helpful answers. First, Jesus promises to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). This is no small thing. We have Jesus living within and around us via the Holy Spirit. We can go to him about anything and at any time for guidance and direction. Second, Jesus promises us forgiveness and new life (Ephesians 1:7, Acts 10:43). It's okay, even encouraged, to take some risks and try new things and let go of some old things because death has no dominion over us. Therefore, we do not need to fear failure or disappointment or death. God promises in the resurrection of Jesus to be life eternal. Third, Jesus gives us His Word in Scripture and in the community of faith (Luke 11:28, Psalm 1, Matthew 4:4). We have access to teachings and gifts of life in the Bible. I am not suggesting that the Bible answers every question in a direct way, but I believe that the Bible inspires and enlightens us with what we need to know to keep thriving in the moments of life both challenging and affirming. Plus, we have the community of faith, the church, to help us address and translate some more direct 21st century questions.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. In times of transition fear creeps into our minds and keeps us from following where Jesus leads. I pray that you and I will journey into Easter with open eyes and willing feet to follow our shepherd before anyone or anything else because he leads to life in abundance.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, who gave us Jesus the way, the truth, and the life eternal, captivate our attention in this season of Easter, so that we might follow your lead especially in times of transition and life-orienting change. Prepare us for the good that you have in store each day, so that we might receive it with thanksgiving, faith, and joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Dawn Dialog with Jesus

Sundays at 8 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on Gospel text for the day “Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20). An invitation is in the weekly email announcements. Daily Discipleship will be attached in the Wednesday email announcements for the following Sunday.

Men’s Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the council room.

Power of Prayer

Wednesdays at noon via ZOOM. An invitation is emailed out to enter into prayer together every Wednesday. You can email in a prayer request or call the church with a special request. We will pray together for 30 minutes. Join once or every Wednesday! If you would like an invite, call or email Pastor Eric.

ZOOM Bible Study

Thursdays in May @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Zoom - Introducing **THE STORY** – a video curriculum gives groups the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what they experience in the places where God’s Story intersects with our Story in daily life. Discover together where your story aligns with God’s Story and get encouragement and hope along with an overview of the Bible “God’s Word”. **We will have two books option to participate – “The Story: Getting to the Heart of God’s Story” (participant’s guide) by Randy Frazee, and “The Story: The Bible as one continuing Story of God and His People” Forward by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee.** If you need help purchasing these books, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

New Member Orientation Meetings

Typically 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.



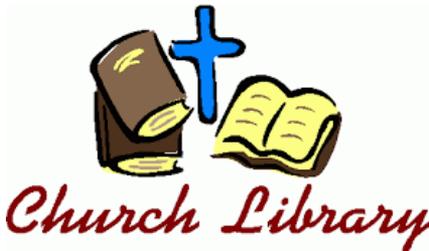
Join us Sunday, May 15th 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. at the Fenceline Beer Lab, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*Drop in if you would like ☺*)

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays May 4th and May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in North Fellowship Hall – for teens 7th-8th grade.

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)



The library committee has purchased some new items for both kids and adults for the church library. Watch for a book display featuring the new materials or head on into the library to check one out today!



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

Third Sunday of Easter

Focus: Jesus asks you, “Do you love me?”

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” John 21:15 (NRSV)

Read John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Focus: What does it mean to listen to Jesus?

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28 (NRSV)

Read John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Focus: How can I show my love for God by loving people?

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34 (NRSV)

Read John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Focus: How do you show your love for God by keeping God’s word in your life?

Jesus answered, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14:23 (NRSV)

Read John 14:23-29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Focus: How do I pray as Jesus?

[Jesus prayed:] “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.” John 17:20 (NRSV)

Read John 17:20-26



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Anita Brendeland, Penelope Brown, Joan Carson, Matt Carver, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Julie Gentry, Dolores Hauge, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Roger Larson, Merlin Lyon, Lynzee Makowski, Thomas McBride, Matthew Moore, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Kathy Saveraid, Shelton Family, Rachel Sinclair, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope
Family & friends of: Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dovre, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary Lou Hoover



**We welcome
our new
sisters in
Christ:**

**Hadlee Sue Nobiling &
Carlee Jo Nobiling**

(Baptized 4-17-22)

Hadlee and Carlee are the daughters of Jeremy and Courtney Nobiling. Their baptismal sponsors are Mark and Jen Pote.



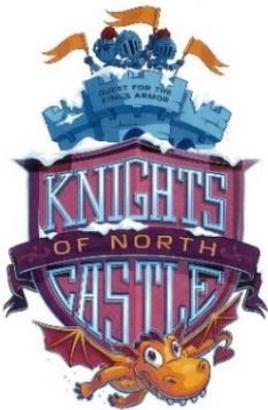


SIGN UP!

To MOW!

If you are willing to mow the church and parsonage, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall! SERVICE HOURS are

happily given to high schoolers that want the volunteer hours!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us as we travel to the North Castle!

- Our quest will take place **June 12th-16th** from 6-8 p.m. @ Palestine
- Registration is open for 4-year old preschool – 5th grade (completed grades)! Click on this link: [VBS 2022](#) or go to bit.ly/VBSfor2022
- Seeking volunteers – many different roles to fill. Contact Candi Engler (volley_602@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Our quest will take place **June 12th-16th**, from
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Palestine Lutheran Church.

Happy Birthday

May Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Paradise (89th)
- 2 Nels Dovre
Candi Engler
- 3 Tim Huxford
- 4 Sarah Young
- 5 Dobbin Wilson
- 6 Luke Ness
Joe Thomas
- 8 Ethan O'Loughlin
- 10 Nicole Larson
- 11 Brooke Dykstra
Cory Larson
- 13 Mike Thomas
- 15 Ethan Johnson
Kris Polich
Palmer Schaudt
- 17 Tom Gallagher
- 19 Bill Harleen
Henry Larson
- 21 Holden Elliott
Kelli Jo Emerson
Olivia Thomas
- 22 David Eisenmann
Deb Moore (71st)
- 23 Miles Gallagher
- 24 Violet Sickels
- 26 Nolan Larson
- 29 Caden Van Pelt
Stella Klingbeil
- 30 Isaac Larson
Josie VanGorp
- 31 Casey Tatarniuk



May Anniversaries

- 5 Jacob & Jordan Huxford
- 6 Matt & Erika Williams
- 14 Lucas & Adessa Schaudt
- 15 Dick & Bernadine Cast (62nd)
- 27 Henry & Jan Rumbaugh (55th)



Let's shower Elaine Paradise with birthday cards!

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



ALTAR GUILD: Pat Martin & Jen Pote

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
May 1st: Brent & Missy Larson
May 15th: Bruce Hartman

OFFERING COUNTERS: Doreen Blackmer, Cindi Thomas, Holly Twedt

GREETERS* , **:

May 1st: Jason & Melinda Kam; Jeff & Kim Van Pelt

May 8th: Andrew & Kris Polich; Tim & Julie Huxford

May 15th: Darin & Katie Madson; Dennis & Donna Millang

May 22nd: Mark & Robin Doty; Greg & Christa Hartsook

May 29th: Eric & Teri Klimpel; Scott & Alyssa Johnson

*Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship

**All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

June

2022

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		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. <i>No dawn dialog</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Last day of children's church	2	3
8 4th Sunday of Easter <i>**Cookie Sunday</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 8:30 a.m. No choir practice (Mindy gone) 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Orientation in Conference room	9	10
15 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; <i>Recognition of Graduates & Teachers</i> 5:00 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline	16	17
22 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Orientation in Conference room	23 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	24
29 7th Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog with Jesus Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship	30 Memorial Day	31

MAY 2022

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	5 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	6	7
11 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	12 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	13	14
18 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters	19 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	20 Synod Assembly 	21
25 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Place flags by veteran's gravestones @ cemetery	26 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	27	28
1 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12 p.m. Zoom Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters	2 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	3	4



These minutes are not yet approved.

Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 3, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

Attendance: Hailey Clark, Brad Lewis, Pastor Klimpel, Chris Richter, Dr. Eisenmann, Leonard Larson, Deidre Qual, Deb Moore, Kristen Shelton, Greg Saveraid, Jen Pote

Absent: Julie Emerson, Candi Engler, Kent Klingbeil

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Leonard – Psalm 118:8 having faith

Treats: Haylie (Hy-Vee Market)

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections:

Drive in-person attendance and final push for Church updates

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve: Kristin Shelton

Second: Leonard Larson

Unanimous vote of approval

Treasurer’s Report:

General Fund Balance: \$12,161.68

Total Checking: \$92,661.78

Issues

Motion to approve: Brad Lewis

Second: Leonard Larson

Unanimous vote of approval

Pastor's Report:

See attached report. Highlights: Lent services attendance, Dedication of cemetery sign, Nobiling baptisms, Blackmer wedding, Synod assembly, Ashley graduates May 1st.

New Business:

Soap Offering

Offering to go to Gardening for Good

Baptism of Carlee and Hadlee Nobiling

Motion Kristin Shelton

Seconded by Dr. Eisenmann

Vote Unanimous vote of approval

New Members: Elaine Mohr, Quinn and Norma McBride

Motion to approve: Brad Lewis

Seconded: Deb Moore

Vote: Unanimous vote of approval

Create a PO Box and get rid of the mailbox

Kent Klingbeil rented the farm ground

Old Business:

West Windows, updated quote?

AV finalization (before June)

Cemetery Clean up of fake flowers. Had a complaint.

Plumbing Project. Sink in sacristy Room needs replaced. Building

Committee has under control.

Storage set up in the basement needs upgraded. Figure out pews (tabled ... Ha!)

Closing Statements:**Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn: Jen Pote

Second: Kristin

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 5/1/22

Devotions: Kent Klingbeil

Treats: Jen Pote

The Palestine Piecemakers have been busy!



They have donated so far this year:

- 62 quilts to Lutheran World Relief
- 7 quilts to graduating high school seniors
- 15 quilts to John Stoddard Cancer Center
- 4 or 5 quilts for baptisms

**Thanks, Palestine, for supplying the local
pantry with donations!**



FIRST COMMUNION MAUNDY THURSDAY



*Seven of our church family received their
First Holy Communion!*



PALM SUNDAY



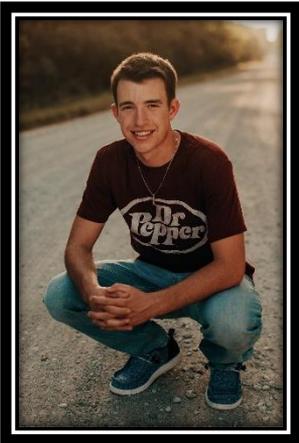


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES!



Andrew Brokofsky

Andrew has been offered a couple of apprenticeships after high school with some local trade unions.



Colby Calvert

Attending University of Iowa



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Sarah Hartman

Sarah's plans are to attend ISU in the fall. She wants to become an athletic trainer.

Josie Jensen

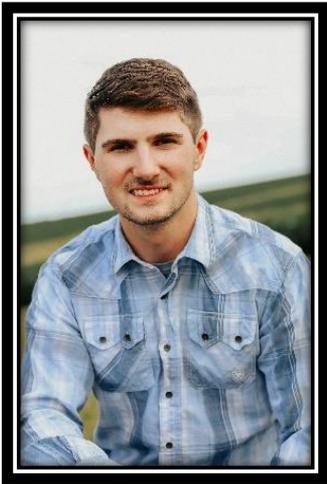
Josie will be attending the Aveda Institute in Des Moines



Ashley Klimpel

Graduating from Grand View University with a degree in video game design and graphic design.





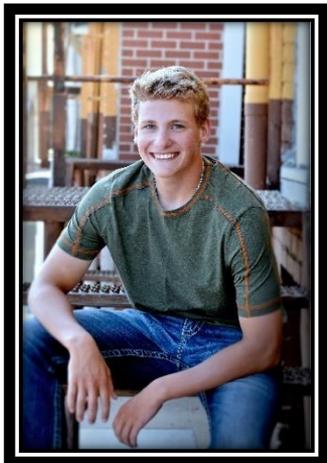
Henry Larson

Henry will attend DMACC in the Fall with plans to transfer to ISU in the Construction Engineering program.



Whitney Larson

Whitney will leave August 1st for basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After that she will head to Fort Lee, Virginia to train to be an Automated Logistical Specialist for the National Guard.



Lucas Ness

Luke is going to the University of Iowa and majoring in Military Studies and Accounting. He will be in the Air Force ROTC program and when done with school wants to be a pilot.



May 2022 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Mother's Day!

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

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2021, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to nearly 500 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Education for Every Parent

As a parent educator for LSI, Lindsay spent every day visiting families in their homes and teaching parents how to meet their child's developmental needs and help them thrive.

When she left LSI and welcomed her new son, Patrick, into the world, Lindsay wanted some extra support for her family. And she knew just where to turn.

LSI Early Childhood Services provide evidence-based curriculum that builds on each family's individual strengths and ensures they have the education and resources they need to achieve their personal goals and keep kids on track with their developmental milestones.

Each week, Lindsay was able to meet with her LSI parent educator, Amy, and get a fresh perspective on the best ways to help her son succeed. Together, they worked on setting nutrition goals for Patrick, and Lindsay is now getting ready to help her son learn to walk and talk.

For years, Lindsay was able to educate and empower Iowa families through LSI Early Childhood Services. Now, she gets to experience the programming from the other side, and it's given her a new outlook on how valuable the education and resources are to parents of young children.

"I want to thank everyone who has supported LSI," Lindsay says. "This programming is for everyone. Just having the opportunity for in-home visiting is awesome. I want to thank everybody for donating because I love this program."

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