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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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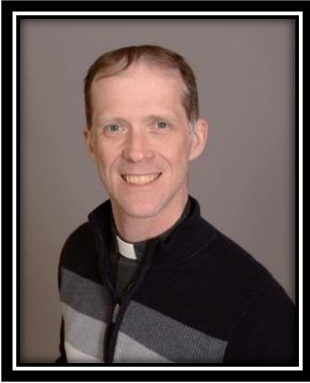
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Tithes & Offering

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.

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



Laying Down the Burdens at the Cross With Pastor Eric

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 9:4

²²Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 55:22

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

While I was on vacation this Summer in New York, I had an opportunity to challenge an extremely competitive young nephew to a contest. The challenge involved two phases. The first phase was to carry the object in an outstretched arm as long as possible. The object was a pencil. My nephew said, "No problem! A pencil weighs nothing." Each of us had a pencil outstretched in which ever hand we chose. We could not drop our arms or switch hands at any time. The second phase involved opening a can of soda while holding the pencil. Guess who won the challenge.

Jesus talks about sharing our burdens, or laying them down at the foot of the cross. We tend to think of burdens as big, heavy and massive stresses in our life; however, we forget that many of our most challenging and exhausting stresses come from burdens as small as pencils. They don't seem like much at first but over time they can get heavy especially when we don't get any rest from bearing them. When

we come to church or sit with our family around worship or Bible Study, or kneel at Holy Communion, we are laying down our burdens at least for a while to receive rest and refreshment. Sometimes God removes those burdens on the spot, and sometimes God lightens them for us as we pick them up again to continue living.

Summer is a great time to find rest from your daily burdens. You can take some vacation time or just a few moments in the summer warmth with family to have fun. It is okay to enjoy something new or pleasant with other people and put down your burdens for a bit.

Here is what my nephew and I learned from the challenge.

1. Pencils get heavy and feel much bigger when you hold them out in front of you for a long period of time much like our small stresses when we don't set them down to rest.
2. We found it hard to accomplish other desired or necessary tasks while holding a pencil in one hand especially as it got more annoying and painful to hold it. We can lose focus on what is important to us when holding onto stressors all the time.
3. We do not have to put down or carry our burdens alone. We can ask for help from others especially God (*never said that we could not ask for/get help ☺*)

If you thought that I won the contest then you would be right. I won because I had my brother hold the can while I opened the soda with one hand. My nephew tried to do the same thing by himself and got frustrated enough to drop the pencil and shake up the can quite a bit.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, may we lay down our burdens before you, so that we might have rest for our souls and bestow upon us your grace, your help, and your strength for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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

Pentecost Week 10

Focus: *How do we turn to Jesus as our bread for daily living?*

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35 (NRSV)

Read John 6:24-35

Pentecost Week 11

Focus: *What does it mean to be filled with the promise of eternal life?*

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” John 6:51 (NRSV)

Read John 6:35, 41-51

Pentecost Week 12

Focus: *How does the sacrament of Holy Communion connect with you in Christ?*

“Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.” John 6:57 (NRSV)

Read John 6:51-58

Pentecost Week 13

Focus: *To whom do we go for life and eternal life?*

“Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’” John 6:68-69 (NRSV)

Read John 6:56-69

Pentecost Week 14

Focus: *How does the content of our heart impact our behavior?*

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” Mark 7:14-15 (NRSV)

Read Mark 7:1-23

GET INVOLVED

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. **Watch email announcements for date and location!**

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

Zoom Bible Study for August
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

Men's Bible Study:

Join us every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. in the North hall.

Dawn Dialog with Jesus:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on 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.

Food Pantry in Huxley:

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. To volunteer at the pantry contact Jackie Rasmussen @ catsrus@huxcomm.net

Prairie Festival Community Worship:

Join us Sunday, August 29th @ 10 a.m. Railroad Park in Huxley. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.



CHOIR PRACTICE IS BEGINNING AGAIN!

Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
beginning
Sunday, September 12th

ORGAN/SOUND SYSTEM/CHOIR LOFT/BALCONY COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the last annual meeting a committee was formed to discuss and provide several recommendations for some issues in need of update once the restoration from the derecho was complete. Members on the committee include Deb Moore, Lyle Martin, Robin Doty, Leonard Larson, Mindy DeVries, and Nels Dovre.

Here is an update on our progress so far:

1. The organ is working and we have a technician that will be able to service it for the foreseeable future.
2. We have a quote for upgrades/repairs to the sound system.
3. The sound system upgrades will require a few alterations to the music loft and the balcony.
 - A sound cabinet in the music loft (formerly known as the choir loft) and placement of a subwoofer under the music loft.
 - An audio visual desk in the balcony.
 - Additional electric outlets and sound input boxes in the music loft and balcony.
4. The sound system update requires an electrical update for the church- which is way past due.
5. Additional alterations to the music loft (formerly known as choir loft) will be recommended by the committee, including the privacy rail, the grand piano, the lectern and seating in the choir loft.
6. Additional alterations to the balcony have been considered and will be discussed at a later date.

Confirmation 2021 Trip Adventureland & Lock In





5	Tracy Blackmer	2	Russ & Mindy DeVries
	Tony Ness	4	Ken & Louise Larson
6	Amy Larson		Roy & Elaine Paradise
	London Roelfs	6	Kevin & Jeannie Williams
7	Vallery Eisenmann	13	Jim & Nina Gotta
	Laura Kepler	14	David & Vallery Eisenmann
8	Arlyce Engles		Adam & Molly Wuebker
10	Taylor Larson	15	Tim & Shannon Wilson
12	Alyssa Johnson	16	Bob & Oriett Snider (35 th)
	Drake Klingbeil	18	Justin & Jodie Sample (20 th)
16	Garry Wirtz (80 th)	21	Allan & Deb Kopaska (45 th)
17	Tyler Roelfs	22	Penn & Laurie Hill
18	Jim Biedermann	23	Christian & Mary Kate Russell
	Chris Richter	26	Chris & Amanda Richter (15 th)
19	Denise Elliott (70 th)	27	Brad & Lesa Lewis
	Sarah Jensen (40 th)	29	Andrew & Cally Larson
	Allan Kopaska (65 th)		Charles & Evy Sheldahl (35 th)
	Megan Rowedder		
21	Dominic Hansen		
	Mary Kate Russell		
	Maryn Tatarniuk (1 st)		
26	Brinley Dykstra		
	Janice Rumbaugh		
27	Leonard Larson		
	Jacob Williams		
28	Greyson Johnson		
	Karina Kelso		
	Chloe Shelton		
29	Noelle Hartsook		
	Charles Sheldahl		
30	Ian Minnihan		

If there is a record of error or omission, please let the office know at
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 or 515-597-2624.



Altar Guild: Teri Klimpel and
Jen Pote

Communion Assistants:

August 1st:



August 15th: Communion at
the rail; Bruce Hartman

August 22nd: Helen Kepler &
Laura Kepler

September

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SUNDAY	MONDAY
1 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion (Livestreamed)	2 Online Quilt Auction begins at Riverside Bible Camp
8 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship (Livestreamed); New Member Class in conference room	9
15 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion	16
22 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 9:30 a.m. Worship; Blessing of the Backpacks (Livestreamed) 166 th Anniversary Celebration & Blessing of Renovations with congregation photo and meal to follow service  Blessing of the Backpacks 	23
29 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog ZOOM 8:00 a.m. Worship (Livestreamed) 10:00 a.m. Prairie Fest Community Service 5:30 p.m. A Night @ Riverside fundraiser	30

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	4 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time	5	6 7:08 p.m. Iowa Cubs game	7 Riverside 5K and Live Quilt Auction!
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31 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent meeting	1 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time	2	3	4



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Tonya Crees, Bev Echtenkamp, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Phyl Hughes, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Merlin Lyon, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Linda Nordstrom, Roy Paradise, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil 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, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dovre



FALL BOOK BASH

September 5th and 12th

Bring your used books and puzzles!

September 19th and 26th

Browse and take home books and puzzles!

Books that don't get picked will be taken to Half Price Books and money from that will be used to buy new books for the library!



GUEST SPEAKER

WILLIAM Holmes
aka “Will Keeps”

Will and his wife, Jai, visited our church July 18th. Will shared his musical talent as well as a condensed version of his childhood story and how that led him to help other young troubled school-aged kids. His vow to get them on the right path with his “Starts Right Here” movement is empowering. His passion to do the right thing and to lead with his heart was an inspiring message to all of us.

His new building is located at 455 SW 5th in Des Moines. Many asked how we can help his mission. As he is building his relationships and network of volunteers he will reach out to us as needs arise.

Feel free to visit his website www.willkeeps.com for more information. There is a donation tab if you feel pulled to help monetarily. He mentioned he is happy to give tours of his building, but you should schedule that ahead of time. There is a contact tab on his web page you can fill out.



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www.riversidelbc.org

Riverside 5K & Quilt Day - AUGUST 7, 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, August 2

Online auction bidding begins

Friday, August 6

5-7:30pm Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

Saturday, August 7

7:30-8:15am 5K Walk/Run Registration and Check-In

8:30am Riverside 5K Walk/Run with snacks/beverages to follow

9:30-11:30am Riverside Pool will be open for 5K participants!

10-11:30am Chapel open to view quilts and place online auction bids
(results will be known before 1:00pm)

11:30-12:30pm Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)

1:00pm Live Quilt Auction under the tent by the Dining Hall!

Mother-Daughter Overnight 2021

Our Mother-Daughter Ride with the King overnights continues to be big hits! This event involves lots of “horse time,” learning how our faith connects with horses, trail rides, and horsemanship, and terrific fellowship with the other attendees as we spend an overnight together. Mothers and daughters of all ages are welcome; the daughters must be in 3rd grade or older. *NEW THIS YEAR – Stay Friday as well for \$25/person!*

Mother-Daughter RWTK Saturday-Sunday August 28-29

Mother-Daughter RWTK Saturday-Sunday September 11-12

Mother-Daughter RWTK Saturday-Sunday October 2-3

Cost is \$200 for mom and daughter, additional daughters may be added for \$80 per daughter. Registration costs cover lodging on Saturday night, all programming, horse-related activities, as well as Saturday supper, snacks, and Sunday breakfast. For more information, call camp at 515.733.5271 and ask for Hilary, or email Hilary at hilary@riversideLBC.org



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Please join us

FOR A FUNDRAISING
EVENT UNDER THE TENT

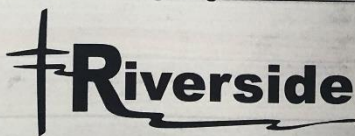
A Night at Riverside

Come and celebrate all the great things God is doing at Riverside,
including you - the supporters who help to ensure Riverside
will impact hearts and lives for generations to come.

Casual/business casual attire.

AUG 29 2021 Sunday : **5:30 PM**
: Enjoy live music,
: appetizers & dinner
: under the stars.
: Tickets are \$100 per person or
: \$800 to reserve an 8-person table.

Purchase tickets at
RiversideLBC.org/night-at-Riverside.



Our Mission:

To know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all.

Thank you
**to all those that have mowed the church,
parsonage, and cemetery!**
It is very appreciated!



thank
you!

Thank you to the quilt club for the beautiful quilt. I know the amount of time and effort that goes into creating these quilts is tremendous and I am very grateful to have one to remind me of home this fall. Thank you to the ROCK Group, as well as Nels and McKenzie for the gift cards. Your leadership has been

tremendous and I have so many wonderful memories with the ROCK Group. Thank you to my church family for all the support over the years. I am so grateful to grow up in this community of faith and look forward to coming back to visit next year.

Sincerely,

Nolan Schonhorst



Thank you for your donation to Food At First this year! We are very grateful for your support!

-The Food At First Team



Please sign up on the clip board in fellowship hall.

Duties include: Greeting people, handing out bulletins, assisting with seating and communion, passing offering plate, taking head count for attendance, etc.

If you are willing to help with coffee and lemonade after worship services, please sign up on the clip board in fellowship hall!



IOWA CUBS

Join us Friday, August 6th

7:08 p.m. game with fireworks afterwards!

\$5 per person – bring a friend!

Meet us at the game or we will meet around 6 p.m. at the church to carpool. Email the church @ palestinelutheran@gmail.com by July 29th to reserve your tickets.



Celebrating 166 Years of God's Faithfulness



SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

Holy Communion Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Blessing of the Renovations "We're Back!"

Followed by a Meal and Congregational Photograph

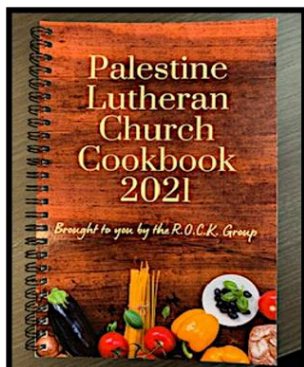


Blessing
of the
Backpacks



**Sunday, August
22nd**

**Bring your
backpack or
lunchbox with
you to worship**



**The R.O.C.K. Group has the
new Cookbooks!
\$15 each**

**Pick one up and pay on Sundays after
worship service!**

*Proceeds will be used to furnish the renovated youth room in the
basement.*



August 2021

LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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.

Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal

Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety.

During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school.

That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online.

Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.

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