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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."

Receiving the Gift of Family and Friends

---------- **With Pastor Eric**

[13]No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15]I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16]You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. – John 15:13-16

When I attend graduations, weddings and funerals God reminds me of the importance of friendships in my life, as well as the gift of family. I rely on my family and friends for so much – not only physical needs for daily living but spiritual and emotional support. Jesus needed friends in order to help him meet the challenges and overcome the obstacles. Jesus let his friends in on his true identity and purpose in this world. We need relationships like friendships to help us transition through the many changes life brings our way. God's big promise to each of us is that we are not alone. Jesus is with us always and we rely on that to be true.

At Palestine Lutheran Church, we recognize ourselves as a family in Christ Jesus. We gather around the table to eat together, to pray together, to weep together and rejoice together. I believe that we are better when we are together with Jesus, and I hope that you believe that as well – and I think that you do.

Jesus told Mary, his mother, that John would be her son. When Mary's world was crumbling around her Jesus created a family to support and care for her – she would be a mother to John and John would be a son to her. Our God creates such relationships still – family and friendships – here and we long to continue to recognize and strengthen this movement in helping people connect. I pray that our ministry this year hits the mark with all people in our community – especially Vacation Bible School, and "Third Word" ministries. You are not alone at Palestine Lutheran Church ☺



Palestine Lutheran Church

Worship & Study Opportunities- June 2018

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

Saturday, June 2
7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
Sunday, June 3 *2nd Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion
Monday, June 4
2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study
Wednesday, June 6
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Thursday, June 7
9:15 a.m. Program review @ Riverside – to help perfect the skits for our youth this summer
Thursday, June 7 thru Saturday, June 9
Confirmation Class trip to Chicago
Saturday, June 9
7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
Sunday, June 10 *3rd Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, June 13 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Saturday, June 16
7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
Sunday, June 17 *4th Sunday after Pentecost* –
Father's Day
9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Blessing of VBS participants/volunteers
Monday, June 18 thru Thursday, June 21
VBS at Palestine – **Seek First**
Wednesday, June 20
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Thursday, June 21
6 p.m. VBS Celebration & Closing Program
Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23
SWO Gathering at Windsor Height Lutheran Church, 1240 66th St, Windsor Heights
Saturday, June 23
7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek
Sunday, June 24 *5th Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 a.m. Worship: Blessing of Youth Gathering Ministers; Highlights from VBS
Wednesday, June 27
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, June 27 thru Sunday, July 1
ELCA Youth Gathering – **THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING**
Saturday, June 30
7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wednesday morning Men's Bible study (uses the text for the following Sunday).. They are available on the ELCA website–
www.elca.org → Resources → Downloadable Resources→ Bible Studies

June 3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost –
Primary Text: Mark 2:23-3:6
No Daily Discipleship study is available for this Sunday.
Discussion questions from Working Preacher will be available.

June 10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost –
Primary Text: Mark 3:20-35
No Daily Discipleship study is available for this Sunday.
We will use Daily Faith Practices based on the 2nd lesson:
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 **Focus**: *Don't Lose Heart*

June 17 4th Sunday after Pentecost –
Primary Text: Mark 4:26-34
The Choices of Discipleship: *Growth or Decay?*

June 24 5th Sunday after Pentecost –
Primary Text: Mark 4:35-41
The Choices of Discipleship: *Trust or Fear?*

July 1 6th Sunday after Pentecost –
Primary Text: Mark 5:21-43
The Choices of Discipleship: *Faithfulness or Faithlessness?*



The choir is on break over the summer. Check in the August and September Palestine Press for start-up dates and times for the choir to begin a new season. Do you love to sing? We are a welcoming choir that loves to use our voices for praise. We would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in singing a solo (or small group) OR playing an instrument for worship, please let me know! Maybe you have a favorite hymn you would love to sing. Or a duet with your son or daughter. Maybe you play violin, or trumpet, or piano, and have a song you would like to share. I can accompany any style of music, and I would love to work with you. If you are interested, come talk to me at church, send an email to mindydevries@yahoo.com, or give me a call: 515-729-7992. ~Mindy DeVries



VBS Celebration & Closing Program – 6 p.m. Thursday June 21st with meal @ 6:30 p.m. provided by Thrivent.

Following are those who were commissioned to serve in Palestine's Education Ministry on September 10, 2017. They were asked these questions during that service -
You have responded to the call to teach the children, youth, and family ministries of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?
Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?
Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?
At the same service the congregation committed 'to support them through prayer, encouragement, friendship and participation in education, worship, and service.'

THANK YOU to Palestine Lutheran Church Education Staff 2017-2018

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PK-K
Alyssa Johnson
Shannon Wilson
Julie Huxford

1st-2nd
Lesa Lewis
Christa Hartsook

3rd-4th
Lynae Kruse
Kim VanPelt

5th-6th
Teri Klimpel
Michelle Siepker

Sub – Holly Larson

1ST COMMUNION CLASS Doreen Blackmer

KICK Jody Calvert, Lesa Lewis, Lori Schonhorst

ROCK Nels Dovre, Kari Sandquist, McKenzie Shaffer

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Eric Klimpel, Brent Emerson, Roger Moore

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Michelle Siepker , chair
Julie Emerson
Christa Hartsook
Julie Huxford
Kristin Shelton
Erika Williams

The following prayer was used as part of RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION MINISTRIES IN THE CONGREGATION on May 6, 2018.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these teachers and volunteers. Through them your Word has been made known and faith has been strengthened. Jesus tells us to "Go, baptize and teach." May we continue to carry out this great commission as we know that you are with us always to the end of the age. Amen



The Confirmation class is going to Chicago!

On May 20th during worship we had a commissioning service to send our youth and those working with them forward with our blessing.

The following are going to Chicago June 7th through the 9th to visit the ELCA headquarters, volunteer at The Children's Place, stay at and tour Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (Seminary), see a Cubs game and more!

Pastor Eric Klimpel; Brent Emerson; Jamie Ness
Colby Calvert
Whitney Larson
Sarah Hartman
Chloe Shelton
Josie Jensen
Lucas Ness
Luke Hartsook

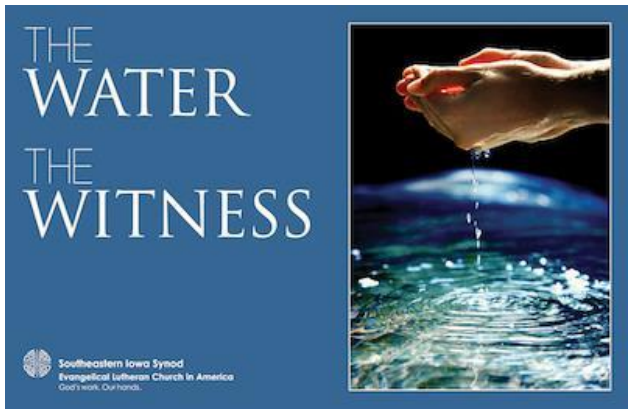
We look forward to hearing about their trip when they return.

Thank you to the congregation for all your support, encouragement, and prayers for the confirmation class. Thanks especially for your support of the various fundraisers they held to be able to fund this trip.

MADRID HOME COMMUNITIES
Serving You with Christian Compassion

Join us for *Family Day*,
Sunday, June 3
after your Sunday Church Service
for a Cookout Style Lunch and Entertainment while visiting your loved one!
Please RSVP with your family!

- Madrid Home – Music with Dave Gray
- Ballard Creek – Petting Zoo
- The Cedars - Magician



The 31st Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held May 18 and 19, 2018, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center Coralville, Iowa. Over 400 voting members and visitors gathered around the theme "The Water and The Witness."

Mikka McCracken, Director of Planning and Engagement with ELCA World Hunger served as the churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA. Bishop Julian Gordy of the Southeastern Synod shared of our connections throughout the nation and in ministry. The primary business of this year's assembly was action on the Synod Governance Proposal and subsequent election of synod council members, the synod nominating committee, the synod consultation committee, and synod discipline committee, as well as several resolutions. As well as the election of voting members to the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Bishop Michael Burk presided over the assembly, including the Friday evening service of Holy Communion. In his report, Bishop Burk provided highlights of our shared ministry since we last gathered in assembly, providing his assessment of ways we share in "The Water and the Witness" talking about congregational vitality and outreach.

Additionally, there was an interactive learning center event on Friday afternoon which allowed assembly participants to learn about partner ministries like Lutheran Services in Iowa, Bread for the World, Peace not Walls, ELCA World Hunger, and more. There were prayer activities, artistic expression, and advocacy work.

354 voting members and 56 visitors were in attendance for elections, business matters, and resolutions. 56% of voting members were lay voting members, 62% of those were female and 38% male.

Randy Willman was elected Synod Secretary. Pastors Christian Johnson, Kathleen Wohlers, Amy Diller Guida and Gemechisa Mosa were elected to Synod Council clergy positions. Marita Rouse, Erik Ullestad, Gloria Smallwood. Ted Sturgeon, Donna Darnall, Mark Witte, Noah Aanestad, Katie Garner, Suah Borsay, and Will Negron were elected to Synod Council lay positions.

Elected to the Synod Nominating Committee were; Kristi Swanson, Pastor Nate Liedtke, John Grunwald, Doug Turley, Linda Kortemeyer, and Pastor Judy Heinrich.

Elected to the Synod Discipline Committee were; Pastor Sarah Trone Garriott, Pastor Joan Swander, Martha Bonte, and Mari Haley.

Elected to the Synod Consultation Committee were; Pastor Elaine Olson and Kathryn Bly.

Elected as voting members to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly were; Pastor Amy Diller Guida, Pastor Zach Johnson, Pastor Dan Kuckuck, Pastor Jealaine Marple, Pastor Joel Nau, Pastor Eliezer Ortiz, Pastor Kathleen Wohlers, Madena Burman, Karrie Anne Burke, Abbie Larson, Holly Knouse, Amanda Stevenson Cosgrove, Britany Thorpe, Gideon Paul, Logan Lee, Isak Werner Anderson, Joe Obleton, and Jon Runaas. Bishop Burk and Heather Miller will also serve as voting members by virtue of their office.

Resolutions adopted included: 1) Memorial on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women: a resolution encouraging those in the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond to recognize, celebrate and memorialize the contributions of ordained women. 2) Peace not walls: a resolution encouraging the synod to memorialize and urge the 2019 Churchwide Assembly and elected officials petitioning for changes in due process, and U.S. foreign aid to protect children. 3) Preventing gun violence, a resolution encouraging individuals and congregations to address issues of gun violence in worship, education, and public discourse. 4) A courtesy resolution of thanksgiving for the assembly and various ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod.

Other business included the approval of the 2019 synod budget and minimum compensation guidelines. Congregations and rostered leaders celebrating anniversaries were celebrated. The synod assembly offering, a culmination of the "The Water and The Witness" buckets project was designated to water-related ministries of the ELCA. More than $56,000 was given by congregations and individuals.

Videos and photos of the event will be posted as they become available in the upcoming weeks on the Synod website http://seiasynod.org/assembly/ .

The 2019 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod will be held **May 10-11, 2019**, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Vacations are great!



We look forward to them all year long. We plan for them, gathering maps, clothes, and camera. We pack, cancel the mail delivery, make sure our pets are cared for, secure our home and we're off! But wait! There is something else to do…**Before you go…**Remember that our congregation's mission and ministries continue while you are away. The congregation's expenses go on as usual. So, before you pack up and head out for vacation, make your offering. You may either mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate before you go. We also now have the option to give online - Just go to our website at www.plchuxley.comand click on the "Online Giving" link on the homepage and you can set up an account to quickly and easily give anytime and anywhere!
Thank you! Have a great vacation!



Track Season Champions

The Palestine Piecemakers team is on track to set a new quilting record. We're on track to cross the 2017-2018 finish line with over 200 quilts completed! This is a new church record! Keeping track of recent donation statistics shows 105 quilts going to Lutheran World Relief, 15 quilts to JOPPA, and 15 quilts to Project Linus during April and May. We're threading our way to victory!

Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief



The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in late summer or the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items on the list available 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.

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.

Lists of items needed for personal care kits, baby care kits and Fabric Kits are available near the collection boxes for the school kits. The next shipment for LWR quilts and kits is in October.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand May 20, 2018		
Checking Account		$ 21,210.47
General Fund		- $ 3,879.34
Designated Funds		$ 25,089.81
Benevolence	145.00	
Building Improvement	3,053.11	
Technology	3,384.00	
Kitchen	5,650.00	
Parsonage	931.79	
Confirmation	3,968.62	
Evangelism/Fellowship	447.37	
Piano Fund	2,454.09	
ROCK	10.00	
Maland Fund	4,704.83	
VBS	341.00	

Principal balance for building improvement loan $ 4,907.75
(as of May 20, 2018)

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, June 10th, 2018 at 8 am

Church Council 2018 Pastor Eric Klimpel
President: Matt Williams
Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt
Secretary: Ellen Huxford
Treasurer: Deidre Qual
Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler
Council:

David Eisenmann	Nels Dovre
Laura Kepler	Cynthia Johnson
Jean Saveraid	Brad Lewis
Tim Wilson	Kristin Shelton
	Lora Young



Oriett's summer work schedule (from Memorial Day to Labor Day) is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8 am to 12 noon. Office phone number is 597-2624.



It's lawn-mowing season! We need volunteers to mow church and parsonage lawns. This is a good way for students to earn service hours. Please sign up for a week or a month to help out. You may use Palestine mowers or your own. The church has a riding lawn mower if you would like to use it – indicate this on the signup sheet in Fellowship hall. Thank you!

Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
[not yet approved]
May 6th, 2018 Sunday - 8:00 AM

In Attendance Pastor Eric Klimpel, Matt Williams, Laura Kepler, Lora Young, Cynthia Johnson, Jean Saveraid, David Eisenmann, Brad Lewis, Dick Kepler, Deidre Qual, Kristin Shelton, Tim Wilson, Jeff Van Pelt

Devotions – Jean Saveraid

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections – Landscape work looks really nice, grass around the church is also looking good.

Minutes of the previous meeting
Jeff Van Pelt Motion to approved, Jean Saveraid Seconded.
Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Deidre Qual

Brad Lewis will be calling a Stewardship Committee meeting to discuss ideas on campaign options to get general fund out of negative position.

February 10 PLC Checking Account	
Building Improvement	2,358.11
Confirmation	3,918.62
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	447.37
General Fund Checking	(9828.17)
Kitchen	5,650.00
Maland Fund	6,999.98
Parsonage	947.20
Piano Fund	2,454.09
Rock Group	10.00
Technology Fund	3,384.00
Total PLC Checking Account	**16,341.20**

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

Pastor's Report -- Pastor Klimpel
Please refer to pastor's report

New business:

1. Discussion of moving $2,500 from Pastor Eric's salary to housing allowance.
   Jean Saveraid motioned to approve. David Eisenmann second
   Motion passed unanimous.

2. Approve Ellen Huxford and Garret Longnecker Wedding
   Jeff Van Pelt motioned to approve. Kristin Shelton second.
   Motion passed unanimous.

Unfinished Business:

1. Kitchen Committee – Brad Lewis stated the committee will try to meet this Wednesday, 5/9/18 to review the designed plan with designer.

2. Parsonage – Tim Wilson presented a summary of numbers showing potential worth of the dwelling should it be sold and moved off grounds, along with estimated costs of filling in basement hole. The summary also showed estimated costs of some updates that need to be made should the parsonage be kept. It was decided Tim will form a Parsonage committee to make recommendation for future of Parsonage.

3. Coffee Enhancement – Tim Wilson stated the idea of removing the front row pews, and shift every pew row up to widen the pew rows, which would eliminate back narrow rows, and allow room for potential future cup holders.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer
Jeff Van Pelt motioned to adjourn. David Eisenmann second.
Motion Passed Unanimous

Next meeting – June 10th 8:00 a.m. at Church
June Devotions – Lora Young
June Treats - Jean Saveraid

Birthdays this Month

June

1 - Karlee Emerson
2 - Kaylee VanPelt
3 - Lyle Martin
4 - Jennie Huxford
5 - Ramsey Roelfs
Leona O. Larson (96th)
6 – Samuel Engler
Kim Van Pelt
Brooks Wuebker
7 – Elman Sheldahl
8 - Shania Schmidt
9 - Mindy DeVries
Madeline Schonhorst
11 - Russ DeVries
12 – Pastor Eric Klimpel
13 - Ashley Klimpel
15 - Nolan Schonhorst
Taylor Wuebker
17 - Casondra DeHaven
18 – Maddison Ewing
19 - Janell VanGorp
20 - Mary Brendeland
Josephine Engler
22 - Kasey Larson
24 - Nathan Moore
Sandy Wirtz
26 – Vincent Peterson
28 - Sue Larson
Harriet Sheldahl (93rd)
29 - Kenneth Larson
30 - Shirley Saveraid

Celebrating Their Anniversary

June 1 – Ron & Rosalie Locker
7 – Cory & Amy Larson
8 – Virgil & Diane Larson (50th)
Stacie & Aldo Medici (5th)
9 – Jeff & Kim Van Pelt
12 – Dave & Christy Mueller
Matt & Michelle Siepker
14 – David & Jean Saveraid
16 – Melanie Fausch & Ryan Peterson
22 – Mark & Robin Doty
23 – Kari & Tom Sandquist
26 – Ben & Candi Engler

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

A Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who offered prayers, condolences and memorial gifts after the death of my father. It's so nice to be surrounded be a community of support when facing difficulties. Thank you, again, for your concern for my fmily.

Doreen Blackmer and family

Please join us for an Open House
Bridal Shower honoring Ellen Huxford
fiancée of Garrett Longnecker
Saturday, June 30 – 2:00 p.m.
Palestine Lutheran Church
Huxley, Iowa
The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond
and Amazon

many thanks –

Palestine Lutheran,
Thank you all so much for the beautiful baptismal chest for Hayley's baptism. It is something she can cherish for years to come.

The Gustafson Family



Volunteer schedule June 2018

Greeters
6/3 Mike & Holly Larson
Matt & Michelle Siepker
6/10 Brad & Lesa Lewis
Julie & Brent Emerson
6/17 Monica Ewing
Louise & Ken Larson
6/24 Cynthia Johnson
Laura Kepler

Acolytes –
to be contacted

Lectors -
6/3 .....
6/10 .....
6/17 .....
6/24 .....

Ushers
Ken Larson, captain
Merle Brendeland
Tim Wise
Jennie Huxford

Sunday Fellowship
Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants
6/3 .....Roger & Deb Moore
6/17 .....Del & Vivian Lundgren

Offering Counters
Cindi Thomas, Nancy Fausch,
Brad Lewis

Altar Guild
Donna Millang, Cindi Thomas

Mowing volunteers
May 28-June 3
June 4-10 ...Aiden Lewis
June 11-17
June 18-24
June 25-July 1

Deliver Food Pantry donations for June

Year of Sharing & Caring - for donations for the Huxley area Food Pantry. "June is Clean Sweep month at the food pantry - please donate cleaning products."

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during May: Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Kim Fears; Jane Gordon; Jackie Greene; Bruce Hartman; Dave Hassebrock; Ralph Kalsem; Sandy Kalsem; Alvina Larson; Merlin Lyon; Lyle Martin, Shannon Tope; Arlene Wee; Randy Young; Sarah JoAnn Young
Family and friends of Dave Huinker; Elinor Christiansen; and Lorraine Sorensen.

- Our Compassion International child a 6 yr old boy Roberto Junior Perez Barreto in Columbia.
- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks around the world & also here at home.
- Syrian refugees.

We extend our prayers and congratulations to…
… Dane and Casey Tatarniuk as they welcome their newborn daughter, **Carolyn Beverly Rae Tatarniuk** (born April 22, 2018 - Weight: 7lb 4oz Height: 19 inches).

…**Travis Young** and **Shayla Netcott** as they welcome their newborn daughter, **Sarah JoAnn Youn**g (born May 4, 2018 – Weight: 6 lb 6.3 oz Length: 19 ½ in)

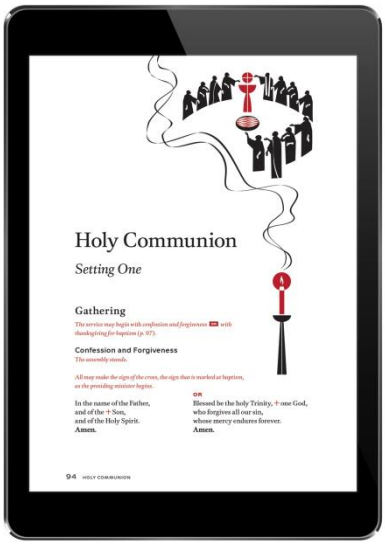
O Lord our God, we thank you for being with these families as they experience the joy of watching new life begin.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy…
…to family and friends of **Elinor Anderson-Christiansen**
…to family and friends of **Dave Huinker** (father of Doreen Blackmer)
May the risen Lord give his strength & comfort to these families in their time of loss.



Continue to pray for the people and communities in Puerto Rico and other areas of the Caribbean involved in long-term hurricane recovery work, especially restoring safe housing, power and clean water; give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

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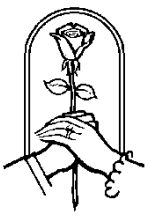
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RECEPTIONIST
Full-Time Mon – Fri
Ballard Creek Assisted Living
Call 515.795.4300 ask for Dawn
To schedule interview

You're Invited



To join in celebrating
Virgil & Diane Larson's
50th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, June 10
During fellowship following worship at Palestine Lutheran Church, their family invites you to join them for a piece of cake, conversation and reminiscing.

all anew
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –
Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA 31st Gathering will be held, June 22-23 2018 at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, 1240 66th St, Windsor Heights, IA 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man will be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are to become new." See the Spring Issue of Directions for additional information and registration form.
http://seiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2018/03/SWOSpring2018.pdf

Hotel Info: Days Inn-1258 8th Street West Des Moines– Phone-515-223-1212 There is a block of rooms reserved under: SWO-mention this when making your reservations, by June 4, 2018 to get the rate of $80.00,plus tax per room. Maybe a bit higher for more in the room.

And like last year the Business Meeting will be on Friday afternoon. So, keep that in mind as you decide to be a delegate.

Gathering Love Gift

Windsor Heights Lutheran Congregation, together with a number of other congregations in the Des Moines area , participate in a program called "Family Promise of Greater Des Moines" and have chosen this for our Love Gift. The house that we use for our week to house and feed the participants is very much in need of a new refrigerator. We plan to ask for donations of money to purchase a new refrigerator. We will put out a box for these offerings at the gathering . This program is active in many areas of the country and has been serving communities since 2002. Here is their Mission Statement: The Mission of Family Promise of Greater Des Moines is "To mobilize our community to help homeless families achieve stable housing and income through compassionate care, hospitality and professional support.

Our key note speaker will be Kellie Markey from "Dorothy's House" a shelter in Des Moines for victims of Human Trafficking .

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA Bible study June 4, 2 p.m.

In Summer 2018, Anna Madsen will present a three-part study on prayer.

Session 1 (June): the paradoxes of prayer (1 Samuel 12:16-23)

Called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? The Bible references all of these scenarios; however, each comes with biblical, theological and practical questions. In this first session on prayer, we'll investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice.

Session 2 (July): the practices of prayer (Psalm 19:14)

Jesus taught us how to pray by way of the Lord's Prayer. But both in Scripture and in the Christian tradition, people of faith have developed a wide variety of ways to come before God. In this session, we'll look at different ways to pray, what each might offer and how knowing an array of prayer styles can enrich our devotional life.

Session 3 (Aug): the products of prayer (Romans 8:26-28)

It is indeed true that many results of prayer are intangible—and even impossible—to discern. But it is also true that prayer can demonstrably change the brain, reduce stress levels and, some studies say, appear to correlate to otherwise inexplicable healing in those for whom people have prayed. In the final session of this series, we will investigate the effects of prayer personally, communally and on the mission of the church.

***Gather*'s summer Bible studies are available to download for free** to try on your own or to study as a group. You can find them on Women of the ELCA website under publications → gather → Bible study.

Gather—the magazine of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—guides you as you live and experience your faith every day. In addition to the regular monthly Bible study, the magazine offers a mix of faith-in-life articles which often amplify the study's message. *Gather* connects Christian women of all ages with like-minded others who are committed to growing in faith and building the kingdom of God—next door and across the globe.

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

Bethany Life

Pastor David Burling receives and accepts call as Chaplain of Bethany Life Ministries in Story City.

After faithfully serving for 28 years Chaplain Sandy Anenson is retiring.

Pastor Burling's final Sunday at Memorial Lutheran in Nevada will be June 17. Farewell Worship & Blessing @ 8:45 a.m. A community open house is being planned on that day from 10:45 am to 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the past 15 years of faith and fun.

Bethany Life Charity Golf Classic 2018 –

Friday, June 22, 2018
Ames Golf & Country Club,
5752 George Washington Carver, Ames, IA
High Noon/Shotgun Start –
$100 per person/2 person best shot

18 holes of Golf with Cart; Lunch from 11-2 pm; Grilled Dinner after Golf; Drink tickets; $10,000 putting challenge; Prizes; Silent Auction

Contact Lynne Melssen at 515-733-3040 or email lynne@bethanylife.org

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NAMI Basics
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Register for NAMI BASICS, a free six-week group education program for parents and family caregivers of children and teens who are experiencing symptoms of a mental illness or who have already been diagnosed. The course is taught by a trained team with lived experience and provides critical strategies for taking care of your child and learning the ropes of recovery. Class begins: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 to July, 18, 2018 (No meeting on July 4th)

Where: NAMICI Center – 416 Douglas Ave, Ste 205
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Contact NAMICI for more information or to register for the class. namiofci@gmail.com or 515-292-9400

CICS 24-Hour Crisis Line 844-258-8858

A crisis is any stress or pressure that has become too great for you to cope with alone. "Crisis" can mean different things to different people. A crisis could be a major loss – the death of a loved one, a divorce, or a serious illness. Or it could be a series of smaller problems that have compounded and become overwhelming. Because crisis can happen to anyone, at any age, at any time, the crisis phone line provides trained, compassionate telephone counselors 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

CICS (Central Iowa Community Services) and Eyerly Ball Mental Health Services are teaming up to create a **mobile crisis response service**. Central Crisis Line will use the new service to provide additional support to people who struggle with depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts and other mental illnesses.

The service is available to all ages. Anyone experiencing a crisis, a concerned relative or care provider, or first responder can access the crisis line. Trained phone responders will assess the situation and deploy the MCRT (mobile crisis response team) if an in-person response is deemed to be necessary or helpful. All services are voluntary.

A trained two-person team will leave as soon as they have been dispatched and will respond to the scene within 60 minutes. On site, the on-call counselors are able to perform crisis assessments and will take the necessary time with the client to:

- Determine if suicidal or homicidal ideations are present
- Determine if de-escalation and stabilization in the field are possible
- Complete a thorough safety plan with the client if they are willing to contract for safety in that moment
- Determine what kind of support systems they have involved

"We are not done after the call is done. So, within 24 hours of that call one of our case managers will follow up with that individual. We'll provide that ongoing kind of support for at least up to 30 days. We are not meant to be their full-time case managers, or take over services for them. It's more just to be able to insure they are getting out to the right resources," said Krystina Engle, Director of Crisis Service of Eyerly Ball. Engle said the idea is to help free-up police officers and emergency room personnel and give assistance to both children and adults.

CICS will respond to phone calls in its region. In-person response is available to the South Region (Jasper, Madison, Poweshiek, and Warren Counties) starting March 26, 2018. Teams will be available for the Central Region (Boone, Marshall and Story Counties) beginning May 29th. Greene County will be added July 1st. A team is being hired to serve the North Region (Franklin, Hamilton and Hardin Counties).

Business Cards with the CICS 24-Hour Crisis Line are available on the counter in Fellowship Hall.



June 27 – July 1 in Houston, Texas

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is "This Changes Everything." Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

Our logo is a visual representation of our theme and the 2018 Gathering experience. It incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God's masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God's grace, through Christ's life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people.

Pastor Eric and Austin Klimpel will be attending the Gathering from Palestine. They will be traveling with a youth from Fjeldberg and a group from Pastor Don Dovre's church – 1st Lutheran Church, Conroy, Iowa.

We send them forth with our blessing. We will have a blessing of Youth Gathering Ministers during worship on June 24th.

NOTE: Palestine Women of ELCA has sent a donation to support Women of the ELCA efforts to help young Lutherans advocate against human trafficking in their exhibit at the Youth Gathering.

LSI
LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA
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Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them.

In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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.

On the Road to Success

As everyone was preparing for the Christmas season last year, Ali was eager to finally give his family a gift he'd been dreaming of: a second car.

After Ali came to the U.S. as a refugee from Somalia in 2014, he dedicated his time to finding a job and building a better life for his family. But he and his wife struggled to keep up with both of their busy jobs and caring for their four children with one vehicle.

"It was a very stressful time for my family, especially when emergencies happened or schedules changed," Ali says.

Ali decided to make it his goal to set aside money for a second car. He used LSI's Refugee Community Services Individual Development Accounts (IDA) program to save the money he needed.

Through the program, Ali has received guidance through basic financial literacy classes and one-on-one coaching to prepare him for the new car-buying experience.

Now, Ali and his family are thriving. They have reliable transportation, and Ali feels confident knowing his family's needs will be met every day.

"I'm very thankful for LSI and this opportunity," Ali says. "It is really good of them to offer this program, and it has made a great impact for my family."

Riverside

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

Upcoming Events

May 27-June 1 Staff Training with Senior Counselors & IOLB at Okoboji
June 3–8 Staff Training at Riverside
June 7 – Program Review
June 10 – Summer Camp BEGINS!
July 5 – Public Mime
August 4 – Riverside 5K and Quilt Auction
August 14 – Public Mime
September 1 – McDermott Retirement Celebration
September 14 – Riverside Fall Golf Classic (registration due

The theme for **Summer 2018** is "Seek First" with our theme verse coming from Matthew 6:33! We're excited to learn al about the Kingdom of God, what it looks like to seek God's way and nor our own, how Jesus seeks us, how we live a life focused on loving others, and how in all situations, we can trust God to provide!

Check out Riverside's website to find a detailed schedule that has information about which weeks of camp are full and which still have room for campers. We look forward to seeing all of those smiling faces at Riverside this summer!

Program Review – Thursday, June 7, 2018, we will greet you at 9:15 am in the chapel with the review to follow. We invite anyone from your leadership and congregation to come and help perfect the skits for our youth this summer. You are then welcome to join us for lunch with our whole summer staff! Please call to let us know how many are coming.

The **Quilt Auction** is Riverside's largest annual fund raiser and the donations are great gifts to the general ministry of Riverside! We thank the Lord and all of you who give so generously!

We are very thankful to be able to welcome ALL campers to Riverside regardless of their financial situations. The result is a great reminder of how gracious our God is and how faithful are His followers!

Please come and support the ministry of Riverside by purchasing a quilt! You take home a beautifully handmade quilt AND you will have given to God's work! We are so thankful to those of you who make quilts that abundantly bless Riverside and the campers!

The Quilt Auction is Saturday, August 4, 2018!

- 8:30 am – Riverside 5K
- 9:30 - 11:30 - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

Summer 2018 Mission Project

Every summer, the Lord leads people from all over the world, and all over the midwest to Riverside. We love how God works in powerful and life changing ways through time here on site and through our Day Camp ministry every summer. A week at camp can be a week that changes lives for the better, not because of a really awesome swimming pool or great worship, but because of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of God's kids.

God does great things in a week of camp and every summer, we want to remind our campers that He can also use us to make a life changing impact in the lives of others. Every summer in recent years we focus on a summer mission project, and summer 2018 will be no different. In Summer of 2017, we collected thousands of pairs of men's socks for Hope Ministries shelters, blessing many men with the practical gift of socks. And now, in summer of 2018, we are excited to partner with several food pantries and food banks in our local area for our "Summer 2018 Seek First Food Drive"!

There are many students in local schools that eat their only full meal each day at their schools--not at home. Resources can be difficult to come by for families, and often times shelves can run close to empty. This summer, we're inviting all of our campers to bring specific items to have an opportunity to bless people with the provision of food. All donations will be distributed weekly to food pantries in the Story County area around Riverside. Here are the details!

What to bring? Peanut butter and jelly (no glass containers please) and canned fruit.

Where do I bring it? We will have a large collection box in the upstairs of the Dining Hall when you come to register.

When do I bring it? Bring your food items with you to camp when you come for check-in on Sunday (Or Wednesday for Wednesday-Friday Alpha campers)

What else can we do? Get involved with your local food pantries in your community and pray for the Lord to bless those who will eat this food, that they would know the incredible love of Jesus Christ in their life.

If you have any other questions about our summer mission, or you'd like to volunteer to help with organizing & distributing food throughout the summer, please contact Program Coordinator, Chris Dahl (chris@riversideLBC.org).

Riverside Times – Summer 2018 with Registration and Health form Available on table under bulletin board in Fellowship Hall

RLBC **75th Anniversary history video** on youtube
https://youtu.be/iZh6LCnmS6I

2018 Riverside Gala

Riverside hosted the 2018 Gala on April 7 at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center in Ames. The event was a great success with 163 attendees attending a Black & White Ball celebrating 75 years of ministry at Riverside! The silent and live auctions raised a total of $42,526.

The gala raised just over $60,000, which ensures that Riverside can continue to provide an incredible Christ-centered camp experience for any child who wants to come to Riverside, regardless of their financial situation. Thank you to everyone who came, donated items, and volunteered to make this even happen! Riverside's Gala is an event that offers elegant food and hospitality and is another way Riverside achieves its mission of knowing Jesus Christ and making Christ known to all.

The 2019 Riverside Gala will be held on April 6, and will once again be at the Ames Gateway Hotel & Conference Center. Please mark your calendar to attend and join others as we celebrate all God does at Riverside.

About the 2018 Golf Classic

It's time to sign up for the fifteenth annual Riverside Fall Golf Classic! This year's event will be held at Ames Golf & Country Club on **September 14th**. Check in will begin at 9:30 AM, with play beginning at 10:30 AM. You will be able to enjoy lunch while you play. **Registrations are due by August 18**.

Join us for a great day of golf with friends that will be helping Riverside build for the future. Lunch will be provided as you play, with ice cream sundaes after the round. As always, there will be awards and prizes at the conclusion of the day.

Sponsorship and Registration

Sponsors are still needed for this event. Sponsor opportunities include Event Sponsors, $1000; Lunch Sponsors, $1000; and Hole Sponsors, $500. All sponsors receive recognition, your sign on a hole, and registration for 4 or 8 players, 4 players for a hole sponsor and 8 players for a lunch or event sponsor.

The registration fee of $100 per person includes lunch, golf, cart, and prizes. Just mail in the form found by clicking the link above to register. This event is just one of the ways Riverside works to accomplish its mission of making Christ known to all. Thank you so much for your support with this event!

Please call Dave McDermott at 515-733-5271 with questions or for more information. See you on the course!

Join Us To Celebrate Dave & Jan McDermott's Retirement!

There will be an open house at the Riverside Dining Hall from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, with a program at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 1. No RSVP is required. We hope to see lots of friends, campers, families, supporters, and past staff to help us celebrate what God has done the last two decades through the McDermott's! Please plan on joining us for this joyous occasion, as we celebrate all God has done through his servants.

We are collecting financial contributions for a gift to the camp in honor of Dave & Jan's retirement. If you would like to contribute, or if you cannot attend the event and would like to mail a card or note, please send all correspondence **by August 1st** to:

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
c/o McDermott Retirement
3001 Riverside Rd.
Story City, IA 50248

June 18-21 **Vacation Bible School**! 9 am – 2 pm;
Preschool 9-11 am

VBS will be held jointly with Fjeldberg Lutheran Church.

It will be at our site this year with staff from Riverside leading the program. Get the date on your calendar, more information will follow. Watch for volunteer opportunities - If anyone has an interest in helping with food, classroom chaperoning or planning, please contact Michelle Siepker.



The theme is "Seek First," coming from Matthew 6:33, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all of these things will be given to you." We pray that every camper who experiences Riverside this summer will come to know the great love of Jesus and what it means to seek first after God and His Kingdom. His way in every aspect of our lives. We will be incorporating an "Around the World theme" to make it even more realistic for the youth we will be impacting.

Pay and Register online at address below.

https://www.easytithe.com/f/f2.asp?formid=439b6988-0a06-4083-9983-7ffca25e426f