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Lutheran Church

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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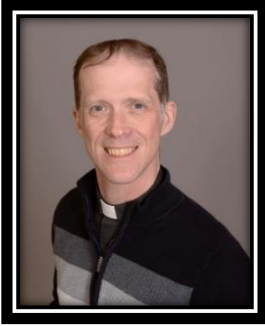


Tithes & Offering

Palastine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palastine Lutheran Church
1375 HWY 210
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**
Go to our website www.plchuxley.com and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our “Reaching out in Christian love to all” statement.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

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



Questions on the Lent and Holy Week Journey

.....With Pastor Eric

**The law indeed was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1:17**

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will make you free." John 8:31-32

¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

"I don't cheat, I don't kill, I don't curse, I don't disrespect my parents, I don't lust, I don't covet...but I do lie." I have heard this joke for years and it always gets a chuckle, and then a slight awkward pause. I suspect that the reason it's so funny is the same reason for the awkward pause. We know inside that there is truth in it. Lent and Holy Week are church seasons in which we find opportunities to confront the truth that we can fool some of the people some of the time especially ourselves but not all the people all the time especially ourselves and never God. As a fellow human being, I know the stress and bondage that we put ourselves in when trying to be someone else. Our society has made this a priority concern in the arena of sexuality, gender, mental health and illness, race, and nationality. Perhaps part of the problem comes from how we frame the truth. What do I mean?

Well, I am a bit slow in embracing some of the concerns around truth and freedom in our society today. I do believe that "the truth sets

me free”; however, neither “your truth” nor “my truth” does this. Perhaps these categories (*terms?*) are simply another form of bondage. If I am pressured or compelled to receive and take a position that I am not ready to take, then am I free? Maybe? Some might argue that I am merely afraid to leave the confines of what’s familiar “that familiar cage” nevertheless the door is open! Holy Week provides a vivid encounter with “truth” specifically Jesus as **the** truth, and every year I enter this encounter with new questions and emotions.

I enter Holy Week this year with the question of “what does it mean to love?” Do I have to agree with you to love you? Do I have to embrace “your truth” to love you? Is loving someone a “zero sum” experience all the time in faith, lifestyle, and values? Maybe you might enter this season with the same question(s)? Here are some nuggets that I have kept from past reflection:

1. Love is words and actions.
2. Love involves meeting people “where they are as they are.”
3. Love involves challenging “yes” and “no” decisions.
4. Love involves sacrifice.

Love exists in community, for community. Love needs presence, attention, patience, and dialog to grow, deepen and thrive. If you ask me, why do we need the church, then I believe the church exists to love and be loved, show love, model love, give love, wrestle with love –God’s love in Jesus Christ. I might say the same regarding truth...”my truth” does not save and “your truth” does not save, God’s truth does save! God’s truth sets us free, truly free! I invite you to reflect upon this with me in Holy Week this year.

Let us pray. Open my heart, my mind, my soul to your truth, O Lord, so that I might dwell in it with my whole being, live into it and share it as I am able by your Spirit, for Jesus sake. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm during Lent on Zoom - One of the greatest frustrations of the Christian life is having to wait for God to act. We wait, sometimes for years, for our prayers to be answered, for our deepest longings to be fulfilled. Some devoted Christians get stuck in dead-end jobs even though they feel certain they could serve God in greater ways if only He would open the opportunity. Why doesn't He? Some wait for a godly spouse, some couples wait for the gift of children, and some, who have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord, wait in disappointed bafflement as their work seems to yield no fruit. Why?

As Christians, we yearn to serve the Lord, to step forward and obey Him like the great heroes of the Bible, but we are confused, waiting for clear orders, kept at a distance by the invisible barriers of God's silence, His inaction, or His unhurried pace. In "When God Takes Too Long", Joseph Bentz examines the mysteries of God's timing and shows Christians how to thrive in the midst of one of life's greatest frustrations--waiting. He offers those who have been discouraged by a life of waiting a chance to alter not only their perspective on waiting, but also their actions in response to it, transforming this frustration into a positive force that will enrich and change their lives.

"When God Takes Too Long" addresses:

How not to wish (or wait) our lives away

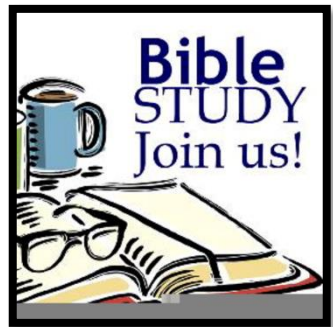
How to better understand the nature of time

How to master the discipline of waiting

How to cast off the boundaries of time to view our lives from an eternal perspective

If you need help purchasing books *if needed*, then please contact

ericklimpel@gmail.com



Youth Confirmation Ministry

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. April 12, 19, 26 in the Conference Room @ Palestine Lutheran Church – For youth in 7th & 8th Grade – Classes on the Small Catechism with the goal of confirmation at the end of a two-year ministry of service, discussion and fun. Questions? Contact Pastor Eric Klimpel @ ericklimpel@gmail.com

R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group typically meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. In April this is Holy Week, so refer to McKenzie's emails.

New Member Orientation Meetings

April 23rd after worship in the 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)

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)

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 for the next one April 23rd, 2023 from 5 – 6:15 p.m. at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up!* 😊)



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

Palm/Passion Sunday

Focus: *This week how might you be an instrument of God's giving?*

"The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.'" Matthew 21:9 (NRSV). Read Matthew 21:1-11

Easter

Focus: *This week how might you be an instrument of life?*

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'" Matthew 28:5-6 (NRSV). Read Matthew 28:1-10

2nd Sunday of Easter

Focus: *This week how might you be an instrument of prayer?*

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 (NRSV). Read John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

Focus: *This week how might you be an instrument of serenity?*

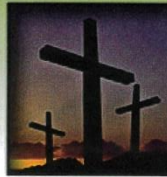
"When [Jesus] was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight." (Luke 24: 30-31 NRSV). Read Luke 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter

Focus: *This week how might you be an instrument of acceptance?*

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10 (NRSV). Read John 10:1-10

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
 April 2nd
 @ 9:30 AM
Procession of Palms
Narrative
Reading

Prayer @ Gethsemane
 April 5th
 @ 7:00 PM
Community Prayer
Candlelight

Maundy Thursday
 April 6th
 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion
Confession
Foot-washing
Stripping the Altar


Good Friday
 April 7th
 @ 7:00 PM
Service of Shadows
Stations of the Cross
 @ 5:30 PM

Easter Vigil
 Saturday @ 7 PM
Easter Sunrise
 @ 7:00 AM
 Easter Eggs @ 9:00 AM
Easter Festival
 @ 9:30 AM

Holy Week and Special Offering

Holy Week Special Offering & Easter Special Offering— **Lutheran Disaster Response** to help with disaster recovery from local (Hurricane, Flood, Draught relief) to world-wide (Turkey earthquake recovery) along with in-kind donations of food for the local Ballard Food Pantries.

Write check to Palestine Lutheran Church and put "Easter Special" in memo section.

Please designate "Easter Special" on your Offering to go towards Lutheran Disaster Response 



Bring back your Bee Hive's by Sunday, April 2nd!

Returned hives are eligible for the bee raffle on Easter!



Mindy DeVries



CHOIR NEWS & NOTES

On Palm Sunday, April 2, the Senior Choir invites children to sing "Hosanna" with us for a Processional right at the beginning of worship! We would like to do a walk/sing through at 9:10 on this date, so if you would like your children to be involved, please have them in the Sanctuary at 9:10 to practice logistics. Ask Mindy or Nels if you have any questions! We look forward to putting this together!

**You don't want to miss our
special guests!**

Palm Sunday



***FRED AND
BARNEY***

***Weather permitting, of
course. Courtesy of the
Richter family.***

April 2, 2023



April 2023



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|----|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Mason Kam | 2 | Mike & Holly Larson |
| | Derrick Rhoads | 18 | Garry & Sandy Wirtz |
| 2 | Logan DeHaven | 19 | Marvin & Lori Edwards |
| 3 | Marlys Hartman (85 th) | 23 | Tyler & Sarah Roelfs |
| 5 | Alisha Cox | 24 | Andrew & Kristine Polich (30 th) |
| 6 | Craig Fausch | 26 | Mark & Jen Pote (15 th) |
| 7 | Cindy Friedrichsen | 30 | Jessica (Blackmer) & Brian Green (1 st) |
| 9 | Cheryl Blackmer | | |
| 11 | Marvin Edwards | | |
| 12 | Brookelyn Rahner | | |
| | Wyatt Sandquist | | |
| 15 | Todd Schmidt | | |
| 18 | Garrett Jensen | | |
| | Maggie Larson | | |
| | Katie Madson | | |
| 19 | Margo Baldwin | | |
| 22 | Wayne Reinhart (72 nd) | | |
| | Carolyn Tatarniuk | | |
| 27 | Maizy DeVries | | |
| | Emma Sample | | |
| 28 | Bob Snider (76 th) | | |
| 29 | Olivia Ewing | | |
| 30 | Ruth Evans (70 th) | | |

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



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

April 3rd Marlys Hartman (85th)

See mailed bulletin – I don't like to put personal info on web

April 16th Randall Betz (90th)

See mailed bulletin – I don't like to put personal info on web

Randall and Kay, along with their children Marla, Jon and Brian were members at Palestine from the early 1960's to early 1980's.



ALTAR GUILD: Donna Millang and Melanie Fausch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

April 2nd:

April 6th: Dennis Millang

April 9th: Sunrise: R.O.C.K.

Festival: Helen & Laura Kepler

April 16th: Jeff & Kim Van Pelt

OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis

GREETERS*, **

April 2nd: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh; Dick & Helen Kepler

April 9th: Teri Klimpel; David & Vallery Eisenmann

April 16th: Ben & Candi Engler; Ethan O'Loughlin

April 23rd: Tim & Shannon Wilson; Marlys Hartman

April 30th: Brad & Lesa Lewis; Dave & Phyllis Prichard

*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.

May 2023

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>2</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. Council mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:10 a.m. Sr & kids' choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels 10:45 a.m. First Communion class 11-1 Brunch @ Bethany</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>9 Easter!</p> <p><i>He is RISEN</i></p> <p>7 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service; Holy Communion Breakfast (R.O.C.K. Group) 9ish a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m. Festival Worship Service; Holy Communion</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4H</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>No choir – <i>Mindy gone</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels New member orientation 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Theology on Tap</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>May Newsletter deadline</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels 2:00 p.m. Piano Recital (Mindy DeVries) Public invited!</p>	<p>MAY 1</p> <p><i>Happy May Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Gethsemane Prayer Service</p>  <p>Jesus Prays in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-34</p>	<p>6 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion; First Communion</p> 	<p>7 2:00 p.m. Passion of the Christ movie. 5:00 -6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service</p> 	<p>8 Candlelight Vigil w/Holy Communion @ Fjeldberg Lutheran church</p> <p>Easter Vigil</p> 
<p>12 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Spring Blast @ Riverside grades 2-6 Piano Recital: (Heather Beam) Church reserved 2-4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Annual Riverside Gala (rsvp required)</p>
<p>19 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Assoc. Mtg 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>20 12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Assoc. Mtg</p>	<p>21 Dad & Me Retreat @ Riverside 21st-22nd</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>26 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Meals from the Heartland Huxley Packaging Event</p>
<p>3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>



These minutes have not yet been approved.

**Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
3/5/23 Council Agenda**

Attendance: Haylie Clark, David Eisenmann, Julie Emerson, Candi Engler, Pastor Eric Klimpel, Kent Klingbeil, Leonard Larson, Brad Lewis, Jennifer Pote, Chris Richter, Kari Sandquist, Greg Saveraid, Kristin Shelton.

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Sandquist, Spend time in God's presence. Start and end your day with God. Depending on the season of life, how you commune with God may change and evolve. Psalm 31.

Treats: Pote Coffee Cake

Vision and Mission Statements Read: Yes

Goals and Reflections: Fail to prepare, prepare to fail
Richter has been meeting with mentor/business coach, those discussions have provided insight into how structure retreat ("advance" rather). We need to be sure we're listening with eyes, heart, feel the energy of room. Cannot get passive on how we listen. Our backs are not against the wall right now and thankfully, we have an opportunity for transformative change.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Larson
- Second: Pote
- Vote Yes

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Checking: \$20,148
- Total Checking: \$39,982
- Issues +/-: None mentioned.
- Motion to approve: Pote
- Second: Engler

- Discussion
 - Richter prefers dead trees to alive trees.
 - Qual requested feedback on the format of the financial report. None mentioned.

Pastor's Report: *Pastor provided*

New Business:

- Council Retreat: "Advancement" day, Sunday May 7. 1pm start time. Lunch TBD, maybe at McGee's in Ankeny.
- Landscaping Day: Need to freshen up the grounds, Richter will get with Mark Pote to coordinate a day. Need to keep Julie Huxford included in discussions. Might be some broken glass on the front marquee sign. Sunday April 2 is primary, Saturday April 8 is backup.
- Pre-packaged communion: Want to get feedback from the Council. For those unable to approach the altar, should we commune in the pew? A driving reason to continue to use prepackaged communion is to burn through 100+ packages that are still on hand. 2-3 people still use them. We should speak with those people that use the prepackaged before discontinuing.

Old Business:

- West Windows: Contractors were back out to measure. Windows are in. Rough plans to get done in the next few weeks. Blinds have not been planned for yet.
- Flooring plans: Continue with carpet over concrete. Desk is for electronics in the future.

- Sound Update: Desk upstairs is intended to be used for sound.
- Pew solution: Plans to put pews into the upstairs when new windows are installed.
- Fish Fry : Set to have the council host for March 31 of Lent. Estimated cost is \$600 total. Motion Saveraid & 2nd Eisenmann. Pote to announce at today's service and put out sign-up sheets.
- Steak fry: Might consider steak fries instead of potatoes. Beef dinner for kick off to Sunday school, will coincide with Sunday school start, usually Sunday after Labor Day.

Closing Statements:

Youth has slightly exceeded fundraising goal. 14 kids going to Costa Rica.

- Kitchen needs: Free-will donation for fish fry could go to help fund? Need to replace oven racks, some pans need to be replaced. Is there money left in the kitchen fund? The kitchen funds were merged with the building improvement funds. Salt & pepper shakers and salt & pepper are some additional needs.
- Shelton to create sign up genius. Irish stew, potato soup, desert & bread
- VBS:
 - Engler: Could we use Thompson gift for VBS? Will need some more money this year compared to last year due to changes in the resources that were gifted last year, not the case this year.
 - Larson suggested some youth events to use the Thompson funds for include bowling, ICubs, Sleepy Hollow, Boone skiing, science center and others to organize youth events.

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Eisenmann
- Second: Sandquist

Close with Lord's Prayer

- Next Meeting: April 2
- Treats: Larson
- Devotions: Shelton



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

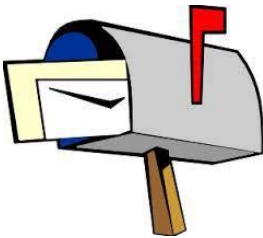


**After sunrise service. Free-will offering.
*Sponsored by the R.O.C.K. Group.***



**Easter Egg Hunt,
Easter morning 9ish
*Courtesy of Christian Education
Committee***

NEW P.O. BOX!



Please note we now have a post office box. There is not always someone here to check the mail and we have had some mail stolen; therefore, we decided to get a box.

When mailing, please mail to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
PO Box 189
Huxley, IA 50124 -8110



NEW BOOKS!

Books Bought for Library 3/18/23

Story of Easter - follow Jesus from Palm Sunday Easter in this illustrated board book.

The Parables of Peanuts – by Robert Short. This books sheds more light on the Christian faith and how it is to be lived than many more “serious” theological works with hundreds of cartoons featuring your favorite Peanuts characters. This book’s wise observations are as timeless as they are timely.

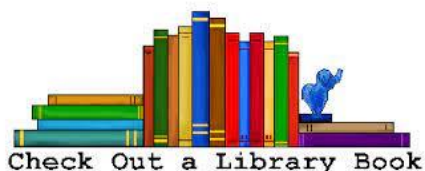
City on Our Knees – by Toby Mac. These are people’s stories that have inspired Toby Mac, that he wants to share to inspire others.

Confessions of a Crappy Christian – by Blake Guichet. Blake Guichet uses her story to help people embrace the truth that we can’t do it all perfectly and gives us the wisdom, guidance, and hope to move into a fuller, deeper, and freer walk with Christ.

It’s Okay Not to Be Okay – by Sheila Walsh. Sheila Walsh gives encouragement and practical guidance to provide the tools needed to start again, discovering that through Christ you are always enough.

Worried About Everything Because I Pray About Nothing – by Chad Veach. This book is about how to live with peace and purpose instead of stress and burnout.

The Senior – by Mike Flynt. Flynt stepped back in time to become the oldest player in college football history. He discovered the courage and faith needed to whisk away the dark clouds of guilt and regret and prove that age is only a number.



Check Out a Library Book



Remember in Prayer

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

Adrienne Brown, Penelope Brown, Lori Edwards, Will Keeps, Marcia Kisner, Lynzee Makoski, Helen Miller, Deb Ness, Doris Ness, Henry Rumbaugh

Family and Friends of: Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Norma Dovre, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Mary Lou Hoover, Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, Bruce Halverson, Kevin Klingbeil, Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid



**Meals from
the Heartland**

Empowering people to
save starving children

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29th

for a packaging party right in Huxley! More details to follow, but many people are needed to make this local event happen!

May is National Mental Health month.



A representative of NAMI is going to come talk during our worship service on Sunday, April 30th.



3001 Riverside Rd, Story City, IA 50248

1-800-373-7748

www.RiversideLBC.org

“To Know Christ and make Christ known to all.”

UPCOMING EVENTS



Youth Camp

Registration is open for Riverside
2023

Youth Camp. Visit their website at
www.riversidelbc.org

Spring Blast

April 15th 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.
(2nd - 6th graders)

*K.I.C.K. will reimburse the \$35
registration fee for 3-6 graders!*



Annual Gala

Saturday, April 15, 2023 5:30-
9:30pm

At Gatherings Event Venue

1024 6th St, Nevada, IA 50201

Tickets: Please RSVP by March 31.

Price: \$125/person

Entire table reservations available.

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/the-gala>



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS
SUMMER 2023**

Join us as we gather courage like Daniel . . .

June 18th-22nd from 6-8 p.m. @ Palestine
Registration details will be provided soon!

Seeking volunteers – many different roles to fill. Contact Candi Engler (volley_602@hotmail.com) if you are interested.



*A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped staff the Ballard Community Clothing Pantry in the month of March: Doreen Blackmer, Robin Doty, Lori Edwards, Bruce & Marlys Hartman, Julie Huxford, Cynthia Johnson, Pastor Eric & Teri Klimpel, Louise Larson, Lyle & Pat Martin, Norma McBride, Dennis &*

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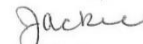
Dear Members,

On behalf of the Huxley Food Pantry, I thank you for your recent donation to the Pantry. We rely a great deal on the community to help keep our shelves stocked. Our demand remains high, but our donations have also increased. We really do live in a generous community!

And thanks to Pastor Eric (and anyone else) for delivering the food and shoveling the snow at our front door!



Sincerely,



Jackie Rasmussen
Food Pantry Director
(515) 597-3105



TWO FISH FRY'S DURING LENT!

Mark and Jen Pote organized Palestine's first Fish Fry during lent Friday, February 24th. The proceeds were donated to the youth programs.



Then, they did it again Friday, March 31st! Thanks to everyone who donated time and/or food to make this a huge success!



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

At LSI, we work tirelessly to provide crisis childcare, in-home visits and parenting classes to families across Iowa through our Early Childhood Services. In these services, we provide Iowa parents the support they need to provide a healthy, stable home for their children.

Through our Family Centered Services, we help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable. We also provide therapy services to adults, children and families to help build healthier, more secure homes.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thanks to the support from faith-based organizations across Iowa...

...a young mom now has the education and resources she needs to create a better life for her and her family,

...a person with a disability learned to be a little more independent,

...a former refugee found a new home in Iowa and has found new ways to successfully support their family.

All of these successes are possible with the support we receive from congregations and people like you! LSI is proud to provide these essential services to people all across Iowa.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

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