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bringing soups for our local food pantry!**



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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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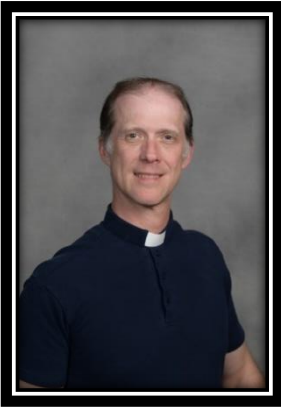


Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
PO Box 189
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.



Asking once more “What’s Next?” for Us -
----- With Pastor Eric

“As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he was the Messiah...” - Luke 3:15

“John the Baptist has sent us (John’s disciples) to you to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” (Jesus answered) - Luke 7:19-20

We are at the beginning of a new year and have completed our January annual meeting. We have read the reports and considered the numbers. We have considered the ballots and looked over the new leadership structure for this new year of ministry. We have prayed and reflected on the changes and emotional investments over time. The question remains before us, “What’s next?” What a great question to put on our prayer list right up front. It is forward thinking with expectation and not too far removed from the present. This year we will journey with Jesus through the eyes of Luke’s gospel. Luke is all about God’s Kingdom present and future in our church. He emphasizes three things which we have seen already at the beginning of Jesus’s baptism: **prayer, The Holy Spirit,** and “the people.” All three themes are connected and essential to Luke’s take on the good news story, which is our story.

Luke wrote a two-volume work on the God’s love – the Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts – kind of a before and after Christ Jesus’ death and resurrection and the spreading of the gospel. In this article I invite you to think about “**the people**” which is you. The people drive this narrative for Luke. Throughout the gospel of

Luke, we will see the people asking questions, filled with expectation and introspection. The people will produce disciples to follow Jesus, and the interactions that will define Jesus's ministry, like John the Baptist, Zechariah, Mary, the lepers, Zacchaeus, Jairus, the widow of Nain, and many others even Paul himself in Acts is among **"the people."** In Luke's gospel, the act of waiting, questioning and expecting is deployed by the posture of a general group like the crowds, and the disciples of John – which are not passive but active and sometimes featured!

As this year moves on, I would like you to intentionally consider yourself in the role of "the people" as we hear these texts read, studied and preached, and understand that you **"the people"** have a calling to participate in the ongoing ministry of Jesus right now and into the promised future. You are the people in this good news story today. In baptism, God saved you and filled you with God's Spirit and opened the lines of communication directly for prayer (conversation with God), and the power to drive God's story of salvation onward. God's story includes both the story of Palestine Lutheran which is your spiritual family and your individual story as God's child and light in the world. Ask the questions! Be the hope of Jesus! Pray to the Holy Spirit to show and empower you! Participate in the family and church that God has placed you in "actively participating and supporting and reaching out in Christian love to all"

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, stir us to seek you in what's next for us and lead us into action, so that we might grow to trust in you in all things and matters of life. Grow our community to reflect your love and zeal for all people in mercy and grace, with the Father and the Son, one triune God now and forever. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Life By His Word Bible Study Series: Paul's Missionary Work and Epistles – Study of ROMANS

This Bible study provides discussion questions, application, and summary insights. Each chapter and book of Paul's Mission Work and Epistles is explored, offering a rich and full approach to study and devotion. Each lesson is divided up in easy to use one-page handouts. The study includes teaching materials and student materials in two formats: PDF to print directly and RFT for customization. Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall at church.

Men's Bible Study

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

Food Pantry Ministry

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. Volunteer at the pantry! Contact Merle Rasmussen vikinggames@huxcomm.net

R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group will typically meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

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 February 16th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Fenceline Brewpub in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124

New Member Orientation Meetings

February 9th 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



Join our “Souper Bowl of Caring” month where we will collect donations of cans of chunky-style soups or monetary donations for the

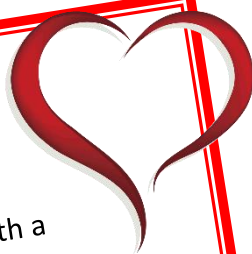
Food Pantry. We will have a collection spot in the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, Feb 2.

R.O.C.K. GROUP'S Valentine's Day RAFFLE BASKET

Treat your Valentine to a cozy date night with a charcuterie-style basket!

Tickets are \$10 each.

Sales will be in north fellowship hall after worship Sunday, Jan. 26th, Feb. 2nd. (OR see a ROCK member or leader for a ticket). **Drawing will be held Sunday, Feb. 9th.** You do not need to be present to win.





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

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Focus: *Love is the Greatest*

“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13 NRSV)

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

5th Sunday of Epiphany

Focus: *The Resurrection of Christ*

“For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures...”

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NRSV)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

6th Sunday of Epiphany

Focus: *The Resurrection of the Dead*

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”

(1 Corinthians 15:20 NRSV)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

7th Sunday of Epiphany

Focus: *The Resurrection of the Body*

“What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” (1 Corinthians 15:50 NRSV)

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50



You are invited to attend a
Community Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 8th 7 – 10 a.m
@ Trinity Methodist Church, 102
Lynwood Dr., Huxley

Free-will offering. Funds raised will be supporting our local Food Pantry.

If you are willing to donate items needed or work a shift for this event, please use the sign up on the email announcements or here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948A9AA2CABF94-54476790-community#/>

COLD-WEATHER FUN SHARING!

Through February you are invited to bring puzzles (500 piece or less) and put on the table in the North Hall and exchange it for another puzzle on the table. Make sure that you have all the pieces and a picture.

Any left-over puzzles will be donated to our local assisted living facilities.



MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK IN OPPORTUNITY for 6th - 9th graders!

This night is packed with fun, fellowship, and faith-filled activities designed to bring young people together in community.

When: February 21, 2025, starting at 6:00 PM and ending at 7:00 AM the next morning.

Where: Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny, IA

How? Use this registration link to sign up! <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9505678> **Register by February 10th. \$25**

Chain of survival



AED & CPR Training was held January 5th

In an effort to provide an on-going effort to provide a safe and healthy environment in our church and community, we had 12 attendees get certified. Mark Pote provided pizza – thanks!



**EMERGENCY
NUMBERS**

If you have not provided your emergency contact to the office, please do so soon! Provide your contact(s), their phone number, and their relationship to you. Thank you!

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GIVE BLOOD at Palestine Tuesday, February 6th 2-6 p.m.

Sign up one of two ways:

- Calling Kim Van Pelt at 319-541-0817
- Via the LifeServe website:

https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/188731
www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Appointments are encouraged, but walk ins are welcome



February 2025



- 1 Hol, Alyssa
- 3 Johnson, Evelyn
- 6 Thomas, Alexander
Twedt, Grant
- 7 Elliott, Trice
- 8 Nelson, Richard (82nd)
Saveraid, David (72nd)
- 9 Shelton, Tom
- 11 Shelton, Gabe
Shelton, Kristin
Van Pelt, Alise
- 13 Cast, Bernadine (93rd)
Kopaska, Deb
- 15 Larson, Virgil (83rd)
- 16 Kam, Melinda
Ness, Toni
- 17 Williams, Matthew
- 18 Thomas, Caroline
- 20 Dykstra, Avery
- 22 Lewis, Aubrey
Sample, Justin
Thomas, Cindi
- 24 Medici, Stacie
- 29 Dykstra, Travis

- 16 Jason & Melinda Kam
- 24 Leonard & Sue Larson

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



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

Feb. 8th Richard Nelson

See mailed newsletter for address



Feb. 13th Bernadine Cast

See mailed newsletter for address

Feb. 15th Virgil Larson

See mailed newsletter for address



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
26 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Music with Nels 3:30 – 6 p.m. Riverside Family Sledding & Pizza (pre-register) 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	27	28 10:00 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
2 4 th Sunday of Epiphany 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg No choir – Mindy gone 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Installation of Council <i>Music with Nels</i>	3	4 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
9 5 th Sunday of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> "Cookie Sunday" <i>New member orientation</i>	10	11 10:00 a.m. Area Pastors' Study  2 – 6 p.m. Blood Drive 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
16 6 th Sunday of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	17 	18 10:00 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship in Madrid (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
23 7 th Sunday of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i>	24	25 10:00 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

ALTAR GUILD: Jen Pote & Lesa Lewis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
February 2nd: David & Vallery Eisenmann
February 16th: David & Vallery Eisenmann

USHERS: *needed*

OFFERING COUNTERS: Holly Twedt

GREETERS* , **:
Feb. 2nd: Nancy Fausch; Bill & Sandy Harleen
Feb. 9th: Matt & Erika Williams; Jean Saveraid
Feb. 16th: Dick & Helen Kepler; Greg & Christa Hartsook
Feb. 23rd: Louise Larson; Tim & Shannon Wilson

*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.

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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FEBRUARY 2025

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>29</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb. 1</p> <p>Daddy-Daughter Dine and Dance @ Riverside 3:30 – 5:30</p>
<p>5</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 – 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser @ Trinity Methodist</p>
<p>12</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>
<p>19</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Sat. Lock in @ Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny 6-9th graders. Pre-Register. See emailed announcements.</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>26</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10: 30 a.m. Green Hillls Devotions (<i>Pastor</i>) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Marriage Retreat at Riverside through March 1 – pre-register →</p>	<p>March 1</p>



COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes can be found in the mailed newsletter.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Tracy Blackmer, Kristy Brownfield, Adrienne Brown, Crystal Hughes, Betsy Johnson, Alice Kahler, Gemma Lynch, Judy McKinney, Cindy Peterson, Andrew Polich, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Pastor Stubbs, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family and friends of: Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve, Krisha Barrett, Dick Cast, Cheryl (Ness) Shranklen, Marge Sheldahl, Sandy Wirtz



Thank you all for being involved in Sandy's Celebration of Life! Palestine Lutheran Church and its members were very important to Sandy, she valued each one of you. Your support has truly made a difference during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Garry Wirtz & Family*



Scholarships

Palestine awarded four \$200 scholarships to those seeking higher education after high school.

The recipients were:

Brayden DeVries, Sienna Lewis, Derrick Rhoads, & Megan Rowedder

Thank
YOU!

Dear Palestine,
I wanted to reach out and say thank you for the scholarship money again this year. It is really appreciated. I just completed my

first semester at Buena Vista and things are going really well. Thank you for the support as I continue my education.

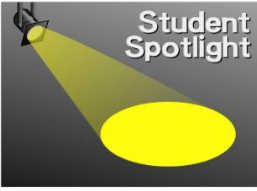
Thank you,
Megan Rowedder

THANK YOU

Palestine Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It will go towards my college education, where I will study forensic biology. The support you have given me all my life is something I will always cherish.

Thank you so much,
Sienna Lewis



COLLEGE/MILITARY UPDATES:

This month we are featuring:

Sarah Hartman



Hello, my name is Sarah Hartman. I am majoring in pre-athletic training with a minor in psychology at Iowa State. I am a junior. This fall semester I have had the chance to work with the Iowa state football team on the sports medicine staff. I was lucky enough to get to travel with the football team and be with them at the Pop Tarts Bowl.

This coming semester I am really excited to work with the Iowa State track and field team. I have also started to apply for graduate school to further my education and hopefully get my Masters in athletic training.



2025 Chili Cook-Off Winner: Lesa Lewis



Thank you to everyone that brought their chili to share and thank you to everyone that supported the R.O.C.K. Group by voting with a monetary donation.



3001 Riverside Rd.
Story City, IA 50248
<http://www.riversidelbc.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

➔ **Daddy-Daughter DINE & Dance Sunday, February 1st**

This day is a day for dads and their daughters to dress up in their best to enjoy a 'fancy' dance and a meal together at Riverside! Our Riverside team will prepare a magical space in our Dining Hall with lights, sparkles, and glitter - a time for dads and daughters of any age to enjoy! Actually, we want to also invite and encourage grandpas to bring granddaughters, or uncles to bring nieces, too! This will be a great opportunity to celebrate this special family bond, right here in a Christ-centered setting. Let us treat you this February!

3:30 - 5:30pm at the Riverside Dining Hall

Cost = \$30 for adults, \$5 for children

➔ **MARRIAGE RETREAT February 23-25, 2024**

A weekend dedicated to you and your spouse.

We would love to host you and your spouse for a weekend away together at Riverside! This will be a memorable weekend for you as a couple and all you need to do is show up - we'll worry about all the details. God has blessed us with our spouse and He desires for us to invest time in strengthening and celebrating this union. We are going to have so much fun with Enrique & Martha Ochoa, our speakers for this retreat.

COST: \$245/couple for onsite lodging

\$195/couple for commuters



Ballard Clothing Pantry

March is Palestine's month to staff the Clothing Pantry. There will be a sign up in fellowship hall in February to sign up for shifts. The Clothing Pantry is a valuable service for many people in our community. It stays open only because of generous volunteers.

Please consider staffing at least one shift.

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