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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."

Cracked Pots and Messy GraceWith Pastor Eric

Reformation month! "The Lord be with you." If you're a Lutheran then you know what to respond with – **"And also with you."**

October is the month in which we celebrate the Holy Spirit in the gift of reformation, transformation and justification. When you read our mission statement you don't read the term "Lutheran" in its wording although our core beliefs and interpretation support each letter.

If someone asks you "what's a Lutheran anyway?" then you would respond? How about with a story that speaks a really powerful Lutheran message. It goes like this...

Inside my heart, there is a broken pot. It has always been broken—broken since the moment God knit me together in my mother's womb. It does not mean that I must be ashamed, only that I am always in need of healing.

There are times when I forget that I am broken; when I think that I need no one else, and can do everything on my own. But I usually find that, when I forget that I am broken, I end up standing alone.

At church we tell stories and sing songs about the broken pots in our hearts. We call on God and one another, and find that, gathered together in love, where God comes and meets us, we feel more whole.

In this life, my pot will never be mended. Instead, the cracks are where the light shines in. God's work takes place in and through my brokenness, and in God's movement in and through me, I am bound together.

Everyone's pot is broken - Yours and mine and Mother Theresa's. You may feel that your pot is shattered, scattered across the floor and you will never feel whole again. The good news is that God is shattered and scattered with you. That's who Christ is: the pot that was shattered and scattered across the world and across time so that we would never be alone, gathering our shattered pieces to be made whole so we can be vessels filled with God's love to be poured out into the world.

The story we tell in church is funny, because it's backwards and upside down. It tells us that it's through the brokenness that we find liberation. That in all those pieces of ourselves, shattered and scattered, God finds us and frees us from all that binds us. It doesn't mean that life will get any easier. But it does mean that we're free, and that we're never alone.

Do you identify with this story in your own life and spirit? We are not alone. God is present and we don't have to work our way to God. God meets us in our brokenness in the midst of our need and the places we don't expect God to be to bring gifts of love, hope and forgiveness. What do you think about being a "Lutheran Christian"? Pretty-cool!

Lutheran Theological Themes

Freedom: Faith gives us the freedom to live in the world in all of its messiness. God's acts have freed us from works to prove our worth and goodness to God and thus freed us for works of love and justice for our neighbors.

Justification: God doesn't need our religious acts, but the world needs our human acts. We're right with God because of Jesus not anything we do.

Theology of the Cross: In Christ God is revealed to be most present in those places that seem most Godforsaken

Paradox and Tension: The world is not going to all fit together nicely; all our questions will not be answered, our doubts will not turn to certitude through the lens of faith. Faith helps us see God present when the world doesn't make sense and gives us courage to live with and through our questions and doubts.

Incarnation and Embodiment: We don't work our way up to God. Through Christ God meets us in material, embodied, fleshly, elemental ways like in bread, wine, water, and spoken word.

Saint and sinner: We're all on the same page. We can all be Christ to each other one moment and in the next (or sometimes in the same moment) deny Christ and our neighbor.

Vocation: We don't separate ourselves from the world to become holy. God gives us all gifts to share with the world. These may not be seen as "special" or "holy" gifts. The gifts we are given call us into the mundane tasks of everyday life. This is also where God meets us: in the word we eat, the word we drink, and the caring and compassionate words and acts we share with one another.

Palestine Lutheran Church ***Worship & Study Opportunities- October 2015***



Call in number to listen to worship services: 597-3994
[Please be sure to put your phone on mute or sounds from your home will be carried to all phones that have dialed in for the service.]

Saturday, October 3

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

9 a.m. Cluster 1 Women of ELCA Fall Gathering @ Fjeldberg, Huxley

Sunday, October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

Blessing of the Animals

10:45 a.m. Sunday School; New Member Orientation

Monday, October 5

2 p.m. Women of ELCA Bible study

7 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Eisenmann's

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, October 10

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Anointing for Healing – St. Luke

9:30 a.m. Worship: Chaplain Katherine Werner preaching

Temple Talk about Riverside Bible Camp

10:45 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Study – Cross Talk

Monday, October 12

7 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Eisenmann's

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

6:30-8 pm Confirmation

Saturday, October 17

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Bishop Michael Burk preaching

Milestone Ministry presentation of Bibles

10:45 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Forum with the Bishop

Monday, October 19

7 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Eisenmann's

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation

Friday, October 23 thru Sunday October 25

Riverside Junior (4th – 6th grades) Fall Recharge

Saturday, October 24

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @ Ballard Creek

Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship: Rite of Confirmation; Holy Communion;

Reading of Faith Statements

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, October 26

7 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Eisenmann's

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, October 31

7 a.m. Tri County Men's Bible study @
Ballard Creek

Daily Discipleship themes which will be
used for Wed. 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

October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Mark 10:2-16

Living in Christ: Love

October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Mark 10:17-31

Living in Christ: Sacrifice

October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Mark 10:35-45

Living in Christ: Serve

October 25 Reformation Sunday –

Primary Text: John 8:31-36

Living in Christ: Be Freed

November 1 All Saints Sunday –

Primary Text: Matthew 5:1-12

Living in Christ: See God



*Children are
dismissed from
worship during
the last hymn
for Sunday
School – they*

*follow Nels and Pastor Eric out and
have their snack in the basement area.
Teachers will rotate to meet children
for opening. Parents are welcome to
accompany children if desired.*

Thank you to teachers who signed up to
teach this fall!



The ROCK group will be volunteering at Center
Grove Orchard on:

Saturday October 3rd from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Sunday October 4th from 12 pm - 4 pm

Sunday October 11th from 12pm - 4pm.

ROCK still have tshirts for sale for \$15 select sizes and
colors available as long as supplies last.
Also, you may pick up shirts that were previously ordered.



The Youth Council is sponsoring a
Fun Event for our Family of Faith
@ Palestine. Sunday, October 4
from 6-8 p.m. we will go to
Center Grove Orchard. Cost is \$ 3
for student; \$9 for adult and

includes hayrack ride, bonfire, s'mores & hot cider. Sign up in Fellowship
Hall and give your money to Kari Sandquist. All are welcome!



October 11th, 18th and 25th Sundays – You can donate
books you've read OR books that have been "hanging"
around that you haven't read for the **BOOK LOVERS**
BASH here at Palestine church Sundays, November 1st
and November 8th.

Great way to get some winter reading! "Bring some, take some."

Any genre – religious, romance, history, scifi, western, etc. Children and
adult books can be donated. On November 1st & November 8th (if any
are left) at fellowship time after church you can take home some "new"
reading material.

So bring books to put in our donation boxes the last 3 Sundays of
October and plan to pick out books you haven't read the 1st two Sunday
in November.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand September 20, 2015
 Checking Account \$ 9,101.61
 General Fund \$ 1,806.64
 Designated Funds
 Improvement 3,008.74
 Building Addition 1,550.00
 Technology 1,300.00

Building Addition Loan Update

The principal balance due on the loan is \$21,400.43 after the July 15th payment.
 The next loan payment of \$5,473.01 is due October 15, 2015.

Church Council 2015

Pastor Eric Klimpel
 President: Brad Lewis
 Vice President: Mike Thomas
 Secretary: Jacob Huxford
 Treasurer: Deidre Qual
 Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council:

Mark Doty	Kristin Shelton
Nels Dovre	Jeff VanPelt
Bruce Hartman	Matt Williams
Cynthia Johnson	Lora Young
Laura Kepler	

Looking Ahead:

November 7 – Ballard Community Meals
 from the Heartland packaging event
 November 7 – Kumla Kometh
 November 24 – Community Thanksgiving
 Worship
 December 16 – Christmas Caroling
 December 20 – Christmas Program



Volunteer schedule

Greeters

10/4 Jeff & Kim VanPelt
 Jean Saveraid
 10/11 .. Marge Sheldahl
 Tom & Kristin Shelton
 10/18 Jodi & Justin Sample
 Liz & Ordean Johnson
 10/25 .. Ron & Rose Locker
 Tim & Julie Huxford

Acolytes –

10/4
 10/11 ..
 10/18
 10/25

Lectors -

to be contacted

Ushers

Richard Nelson, captain Dick Cast
 Andrew Larson Justin Sample

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

to be contacted

Offering Counters

Cindi Thomas, Nancy Fausch,
 Brad Lewis

Altar Ministry

Melanie Fausch, Holly Twedt

Mowing

Sept 28-Oct 4
 Oct 5-11
 Oct 12-18
 Oct 19-25
 Oct 26-Nov 1

Watch for sign up for snow removal☺

Deliver Food Pantry donations for Oct.

"October is **Autumn colors** month at the food pantry - please donate items having the colors of orange, brown, red – canned oranges, canned sweet potatoes, spaghetti-o's, carrots, ramen noodles, canned pumpkin, red beans & rice, etc. "
 Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

Notes from the Council:

Over the summer, the Council met 3 times. Twice informally and once formally. Our goal was to carry a light mood while tackling some of the challenges in our church. Open discussions led to some very fun meetings. All three of these topics have set on the agenda or under the rug since I have been on Council.

In the next few months we would like to discuss these topics with the congregation in a "town hall" style forum.

Topic One -- The Kitchen.

As we all know, this can be a hot topic... The kitchen is the center of many of the various events that define our church. Kumla is our heritage, VBS is our future, Funerals, Sunday School, Fellowship, Quilting, Valentine's dinners all are affected by the Kitchen.

Here are the bullet points as I see them.

1. The kitchen is in need of updating. We have a stove/oven with hood that is out of date, not safe, and inefficient.
2. We have upper set of cupboards that need some work in stability.
3. From an aesthetic view, we are outdated.
4. From a practical view, we are very well designed.
5. A dishwasher would be a nice luxury as would some other upgrades.
6. We have \$27,000 appropriated through Memorials. We are not being good stewards of that money currently.
7. We have 5 quarterly payments left to make on the addition.

This is what Council would like to propose.

1. A committee made up of Marge Sheldahl, Roger Moore and Matt Williams be formed by the end of the year with a strategic plan for the coming year on planning.
2. Nothing, I mean nothing would be started Construction wise until at least January 2017, once the Addition loan is paid off.
3. The Committee for the rest of this year will identify the events that need to be observed, what groups use the kitchen, and gather the information that will be needed to begin the education process
4. Over the course of the first 6 months of the next year the committee would observe, learn, discern, the mission of the Kitchen.
5. Over the last 6 months the committee would get a design from an outside Kitchen Design firm that meets the wants and needs of the Mission of the kitchen. This would all be presented at the 2017 Annual meeting. We would need to hold another

meeting in Early to mid 2017 to finalize any plans if any...

I hope this process will eliminate some of the "Extra discussions" that have inhibited the Kitchen from being brought its full purpose. The kitchen is the life of the church. We need to remember that as we discern the Missions, wants and needs of the Kitchen...

Topic Two --- The Parsonage

What to do with the Parsonage? There have been a lot of ideas on the table

1. Should we be Landlords and rent it out
2. Should we sell the Parsonage.
3. Should we bulldoze and make it into farmland.
4. Should we bulldoze and Lease 99 years to the Funeral Home
5. Should we sell just the house and have it moved then build a Parking Lot.
6. Should we investigate a "Vicar" and let them live there.
7. Should we try and find a Maintenance Person and let them live there.
8. Should we try to make this into a Youth hang out.

The Idea that Council really liked and would like to investigate more is the "Vicar" idea. At the Town Hall meeting we would definitely like the input from the congregation.

Topic Three -- The Supreme Courts Recent Ruling on

Same Sex Marriage

The Supreme Court recently ruled about the legality of Same Sex marriage. How does that affect us at Palestine Lutheran Church. We have the unique opportunity to ask the Bishop on October 18th, we hope. Council discussed this at great length. We have researched it, and feel like we have a grasp on how it affects us. We believe it really doesn't. But we also feel we need to clean up our criteria for non-member weddings. I know this is a hot topic. I know that not everyone is going to agree. That is OK. I don't agree with a lot of things. But we can respect each other for their beliefs. I know that the opinions and beliefs that came from the Council Members on this topic were honest, genuine and caring. I truly believe that.

Whether or not we are comfortable with this topic, we need to talk about it. I believe we still have unfinished discussions from the earlier decisions made on this topic.

I look forward to leading these discussions over the next few months. We are looking at these dates:

October 18th, November 22nd, and December 13th. Those dates are not firm. We will keep everyone

updated...Thank you

Brad

**Minutes -- Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
August 31st -- Sunday -- 8:00 AM
(August & September Meeting)
[not yet approved]**

Attendance: Lora Young, Deidre Qual, Mike Thomas, Bruce Hartman, Matt Williams, Nels Dovre, Laura Kepler, Dick Kepler, Cynthia Johnson, Pastor Eric, Brad Lewis, Kristin Shelton

Devotions -- Laura Kepler gave a devotion on abundance.

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections -- To provide the leadership to bridge the next year. The summer has gone fast. We discussed the positive impact of mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Minutes of the previous meetings-A motion was made to approve by Lora Young. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report -- Deidre- Check register and bank agree.

Total-\$13895.21

General Fund-\$7901.11

Building Addition-\$665

Benevolence-\$715

Improvement Fund-\$3008.74

Technology Fund-\$1300.

We received our rent payment from Monsanto.

Mike Thomas motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Nels Dovre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report -- Pastor Klimpel provided a summary of his first summer at Palestine. Meetings have decreased in the summer. Each service he planned for outside was impacted by the weather. Highlights included: Meals from the Heartland with KICK, pool party with the youth where we had to have chocolate because it was so cold, Prairie Fest Worship service, Golf outing with the BBQ, Pastor's mother was here to visit and she liked Iowa and Teri's family also visited, his family went to the Iowa State Fair, Confirmation (we are up to 12 Confirmands) and Sunday School prep (Backpack Blessing), Merlin Echtenkamp's funeral was August 29th and the left over pie from Prairie Fest Pie Social was shared which was good because Merlin loved pie. Fall planning is beginning for choir, small group planning, pictorial directory, youth council will be meeting this week, and committees meeting have begun to pick up, 3 new member families, upcoming Baptisms (Jax Clark 9/27 & Little girl Dykstra).

Old business:

1. Participation in Prairie Fest -- Update, Next year-We will approach Global & Mission Outreach Committee about taking this on.
2. Kitchen Committee -- Matt Williams (Council Liaison), Roger Moore, Marge Sheldahl
 - a. Goal is to have a plan by the end of next year to present to the congregation on the mission of the kitchen, funds, and Code compliance
3. Potential funding of a Youth Leadership training for Nels and Kari-see New Business #4.
4. Small Group next steps. -- Town Hall style meetings one time per month in October, November, December. Round Table discussions. Bishop is coming on October 18th.
5. Potential of a "Vicar"- We would have an intern for a year who could possibly live in the parsonage. This would help in giving back to Seminary and they are looking for churches to take Vicars. A Vicar is an intern from the seminary.
6. Update from Christian Ed -- Kristin Shelton-
7. Establish a task force for Membership updates. Evangelism Committee will address this.

New Business :

1. Transfer -- Christine Marie (Larson) Heintz to Memorial Lutheran Church, Nevada -- information sent August 10. Kristin Shelton motioned to approve the transfer and Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Baptism -- Jax Jameson Clark scheduled September 27, 2015. Son of Dax & Haylie Clark. Mike Thomas motioned to approve the baptism and Cynthia Johnson seconded the motion passed unanimously.
3. Library is looking to have a book exchange at church. Cynthia Johnson motioned to approve the book exchange. Mike Thomas seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Nels Dovre and Kari Sandquist would like to attend Youth Leadership training. We discussed how many people would go and how we would pay for it. A motion was made by Matt Williams to approve up to a \$1000 to come from the general fund for three people to attend. Mike Thomas seconded the motion. . Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting--October 4th @ 8:00 AM
October Devotions- Matt Williams

Motioned to adjourn by Bruce Hartman, seconded by Mike Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.



shirt. Be at the church at 8:45 a.m. as we need to be in Story City by 9:20. We will go to Pizza Ranch after church for lunch before we head back to Huxley.



Then, that evening we are excited to **go to Center Grove Orchard** for an evening of fall fun from 6 - 8 p.m. There is a rumor that Nels might bring his guitar (shhh!) Sign up in Fellowship Hall and give money to Kari Sandquist or a KICK advisor. \$3 for a student. \$9 for adults.

Wednesday, October 21st we will be making senior tea ornaments at the church from 6:30 - 8 with pizza provided. Hope to see you there!

Friday the 23rd through Sunday the 25th is Fall recharge at Riverside. We have four of our KICK members signed up already and hoping for more. This is a great mini camp to get a taste for what actual camp would be like. KICK will pay half of the \$70 fee. Go to Riverside Bible Camp's website: riversidelbc.org for more information. Turn in registration and \$35 check made payable to Riverside Bible Camp to Lesa Lewis or Lori Schonhorst or Jody Calvert by Sunday, October 4th.

Mark your calendars for some important December dates:

Wednesday, December 16th we will be Christmas caroling!

Sunday, December 20th will be the Christmas program!

Contact any KICK advisor for more information:

Jody Calvert, 515-451-3332, jodycalvert18@gmail.com,

Lesalewis5@gmail.com, lesalewis5@gmail.com,

Lori Schonhorst, 515-321-2833, ljschonhorst@gmail.com



On Saturday, September 19th, the **confirmation class** had an apple pressing activity that resulted in the production of 120 gallons of apple cider. The congregation brought apples and containers for the apple cider and the group had some apples donated from Hall orchard of Madrid, Iowa. The next day, the class brought the



apple cider in to the congregation and had a free will donation to support a future confirmation trip which added up to over \$400. There was juice left over which will be served at events like the Christmas program and the Christmas caroling activity.



October

- 1 - Evans, Allen 'Pete'
Morford, Lily
- 2 - Johnson, Hannah
Ness, Taylor
- 3 - Twedt, Holly
- 4 - Ness, Paul
- 5 - Johnson, Ethan
Kochheiser, Sue
Larson, Jacob
- 8 - Jim Gotta
Locker, Rose
- 10 - Hill, Heather
- 13 - Morse, Monica
- 14 - Brendeland, Mabel
Moore, Roger
- 15 - Tesdell, Lee
- 17 - Brendeland, Deb
Davis, Sheri
Engler, Benjamin
Halverson, Wanda (94th)
- 18 - Shaffer, Luke
- 19 - Larson, Nickolas
Lindsey, Tate
- 20 - Sheldahl, Lisa
- 21 - Fausch, Nancy
- 23 - Emerson, Julie
- 24 - Millang, Dennis
- 25 - Larson, Diane
Larson, Zachary
- 27 - Harmon, Jennifer
- 28 - Lewis, Sienna
- 30 - Engler, Annabelle
Mitchell, Tammy
Schmidt, Chandler
- 31 - Shaffer, Sam

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

Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 – Rick & Lisa Sheldahl
- 8 – Eric & Janell VanGorp (10th)
- 20 – Steve & Connie Lee
- 22 – Scott & Megan Brendeland
- 23 – Charles & Mary Brendeland
- 24 – Kevin & Jill Rahner
- 26 – Tom & Jenny Gallagher
- 28 – Dax & Haylie Clark

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during September: Anita Brendeland; Karen Esk; Merlin Lyon; Deb Ness; Elsie Price; Lorraine Sorensen; Bob Wetzler; Kaye Winter

- Krishna & his family of India, child sponsored by Palestine's Sunday School students.
- Those impacted by flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.

A Note of Thanks

Friends at Palestine Lutheran Church,
Thank you for partnering with us in the ministry of education through your support of Kelli Jo Emerson with an EPIC scholarship!
Yours in Christ,
The Luther College Community



The **Palestine Piecemakers** are back at making masterpieces. We continue to welcome donations of fabrics, curtains, sheets, batting, and money, of course.

This past year was a super success – thanks to our ladies and the congregational youth and parents at our Thrivent Action Team workshops. The Thrivent grant money provided us with batting. Our scouts searched basements, attics, garage sales, estate sales, retail stores, and their own closets to provide us with other materials. We completed 152 quilts to disperse as follows:

- 124 quilts to Lutheran World Relief
- 6 quilts to Riverside Bible Camp auction
- 6 quilts to project Linus
- 2 quilts to local Cancer Kid auction
- 2 quilts to local Children-in-Need
- 12 quilts to keep for future needs

The Riverside Bible Camp netted \$550 from our quilt donations.

We “sew” appreciate our generous Palestine people and our Thrivent partnership. May God continue to blanket us all with His blessings!

Cross Talk – Bible Studies on Mutual Conversation and Consolation

Some hopeful outcomes for this time and study:

- 5 weeks of conversation and study
- Talk at home, the Fellowship Hall, at Bible Study, in Small Groups
- Move into conversations about ministry at Palestine, mission, town-halls, forums, about family and faith that matters most
- Sharing and listening for health and healing
- Get to know people more...
- Increase understanding and trust in the community

A flyer with an introduction for this study is posted throughout the church.

Pastor is preparing a bulletin insert each week to give us something to think about and some conversation starters.

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

Lutheran College Fair & Workshop–

Sunday, Oct. 11 @ Faith Lutheran, Clive
Registration 5:30 p.m. All families attending receive 4 application fee waivers to use when applying to our colleges/universities. More info @ lutherancolleges.org/events

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN: WE DID IT!

We did it! YOU did it! Together we reached the financial goal of raising \$15 million to fund global malaria programs! THANK YOU! Working with our Lutheran companions and partners, malaria programming has taken place throughout 13 countries in Africa. By working together, we have brought about lasting change.

In the Southeastern Iowa Synod we raised **\$824,914.25**.



Tuesday Wellness Checks

Stop in any Tuesday between 9 – 11 AM and a Ballard Creek nurse will provide a complimentary wellness check!

- Blood Pressure
- Weight
- Temperature
- Blood Sugar (if Diabetic)

Stay for a cup of coffee afterwards. . .the pot is always on!

Ballard Creek Assisted Living, 908 N. Highway 69,
Huxley, IA 50124 597-2555

LUNCH & LEARNS FOR THOSE AGE 60 & OLDER

YOU ARE INVITED! Please join us! @ **Madrid Home**, 613 North St, Madrid

RSVP: Space is limited RSVP necessary to guarantee your lunch. RSVP with Angela Tharp @ 795-3007 or email at atharp@madridhome.com


Cost: Free-will donation to *Madrid Home Communities ACTS Fund*

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monday, October 12

Topic: FAQ of Retirement Communities

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monday, November 9

Topic: Are You Prepared to Benefit?



susan g. Komen
FOR THE **cure.** IOWA

State Capitol Grounds
October 3rd 2015
Register Online
@ www.komeniowa.org
Donations –
online is the best way



What: a 5km fundraising walk for the work of NAMI

Where: Iowa Farm Bureau Lake, 5400 University Avenue,
West Des Moines, Iowa

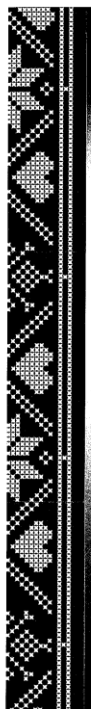
When: Saturday, October 3. Check-in time 8:30 am; official
walk start time 10:00 am

Why: to raise awareness about mental illness.

NAMI of Central Iowa team is “Stepping Out of the Shadows”.

You may join the team by calling NAMI-CI office (292-9400)

or by going online www.namiwalks.org/iowa



Bethesda Lutheran Church
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Scandinavian Coffee

BAKE SALE & GIFT SHOP


Friday, October 9th

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Avenue
Ames, Iowa

A free-will donation
is gladly appreciated!

Supplemental funds provided
by the Story County Chapter of
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



St. Petri's 27th Annual Turkey Supper is Saturday, October 24th, 5:00-7:00 pm. Served family style, the menu is roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, home grown sweet corn, coleslaw, cranberry relish, dinner roll and homemade pie. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for 4-10 years and under 4 are free. St. Petri is handicap accessible through the north door. Carry out is also available at the north door. Address is 804 Grand Ave, Story City. Please call 515.733.4623 if you have any questions.

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

Slow Faith by Liv Larson Andrews

Gather Bible study September 2015 – November 2015

In the fall of 2015, **Liv Larson Andrews**, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, Wash., brings us a three-session study on speed and slowness, examining how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed. Liv lives with her spouse and young son and dreams of hosting the first ever lectionary-based cooking show.

SLOW FAITH

Session 1 Sabbath Keeping

Session 2 Make Haste O Lord

Session 3 Tempo Giusto

The Second session **MAKE HASTE, O LORD** (found in the October Gather magazine) has as its focus verse – My times are in your hand. Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. (Psalm 31:15)

Overview: “We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.” – Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

Last month we observed God’s call to us to slow down. We examined the gift of the Sabbath, a built-in break from a culture dominated by increasing speed. We compared the Sabbath teachings in Exodus and Deuteronomy to learn about why Sabbath rest is important.

But what about slowing down too much? Can we go overboard in that direction? When is God telling us to hurry up and take action? When might we wish God would speed up a little?

This session will glean the rich testimony found in the psalms to explore the limits of “slow faith.” Countless prayers arise from the psalmist’s voice asking God some version of the question, “How long?” How long will we suffer? How long will you be silent? How long will we experience grace? Ancient cries in the psalms echo forth to the present day. How long will the nations quarrel, ignoring the suffering of their people? How long will my child be sick? How long must I wait for work?

In addition to finding an ancient prayer companion in the psalmist, we also discover a source of hope and encouragement. Nearly every psalm that cries out to God in frustration or pain also ends with some kind of affirmation: “Yet, O God, I will trust in you.” What can we learn from that faithful refrain? How is trust formed in the context of longing or suffering?

The theme for the October *Gather* magazine is **SLOW FAITH**. All time is holy and human beings are meant to live in sacred sync with God’s rhythms.

Prepare Your Palates, Kumla Kometh!

Plans are underway for the 26th annual Kumla supper on November 7th.

Opportunities abound to share your talents for this annual event. Sign up sheets will be available on the counter in Fellowship Hall during October allowing you to choose the task you most enjoy! ☺



Cluster 1: Women of the ELCA FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Fjeldberg Lutheran Church

209 N 2nd Ave, Huxley

9-9:30 am Registration (\$5) and coffee

Program: Reach Out Theme

Guest Presenter: John Claes, Lutheran Services of Iowa
Business Meeting & Lunch following the program



CALLING ALL PALESTINE WOMEN

At the September Salad Supper the possibility of offering another time for Bible study/Service/Fellowship for women in addition to the current afternoon time was brought up. If you would be interested in this let Marge Sheldahl know. Watch and listen for the time and place to meet and explore the possibilities. Some books for possible studies were mentioned.

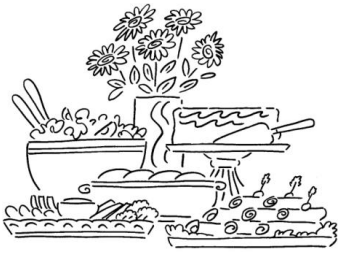
SEIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL RETREAT (one day retreat)

The East Side Fall Retreat will be held once again at Camp Wyoming Owl’s Nest-9106 42nd Ave., Wyoming, IA on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

The day starts at 9:00 a.m. with juice, coffee & sweet rolls. In addition to Bible study the movie “Miss Representation” will be our feature program.

Cost: \$10 (which includes lunch). Registration due October 20 – Registration form available in the Fall Directions newsletter of the SE IA SWO (available online) or forms are also available in the church office.

FUNERAL MINISTRY



Funeral Lunches

When a funeral gets scheduled at Palestine and the deceased's family requests that a luncheon or reception be served, an e-mail is sent out to those church members who have asked me to contact them. Generally, I am requesting donations of food and/or kitchen help. The use of e-mail makes this process very quick and easy. I have the master list of e-mail addresses to send out funeral notifications, but I know that I don't have the address of everyone who might be willing and able to help out.

On the counter in the fellowship hall is my master list of contact information. **Please check it for your name by the end of October.**

1. If you currently are not receiving an e-mail (or phone call) about funerals scheduled at Palestine and would like to have the opportunity to help out when food or workers are needed, please add your name and contact info to the list. Even if you are unable to provide for or help at every funeral, you can receive the notification and decline to provide for any particular event – I know we all have busy schedules. If you don't have e-mail at home or work, you can give me a call and ask that I notify you by phone when a funeral gets scheduled. My e-mail address is blackmer@hughes.net and my phone number is 685-4042.
2. If you are on the list and I have some information listed incorrectly or you no longer wish to be notified of funerals, please indicate the change(s).

Thank you for helping in this important ministry at Palestine.

Doreen Blackmer
Funeral meal coordinator



The Palestine Cemetery Committee would like to install more flags at the cemetery. Flags can either be a memorial or a gift. Cost will be \$120 for flag and pole complete.

Please designate if memorial or gift.

Make checks payable to Palestine Cemetery and mail to church: Palestine Lutheran Church

1375 HWY 210, Huxley, IA 50124

Be sure to include your name and contact information if we have any questions.



"All Are Welcome!"

The Senior Choir invites all members and friends age high school thru adult, to join them in singing an anthem during worship!

Plans are being finalized as far as

the date they will sing in October. Watch & listen for announcements. Let the church office know if you want to be added to the Sr. Choir email list.

We will rehearse @ 8:30 prior to worship that day.

Please contact Laurie Biedermann for additional information or questions.....

laurie.biedermann@gmail.com 1-563-880-8479

From the Archives – Palestine Press October 2010

Linked Together

A few years ago at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win.

All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. Every one of them. One girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line.

Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why?

Because deep down we know that one thing: What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What truly matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

Summer 2015 Recap

Where has the summer gone? Another incredible summer here at Riverside has come and gone. Our theme of "Transformed" resonated with so many people. We learned how to "Unplug" from the things of this world, in order to "Anchor" into Christ as our solid foundation. Then through the power of the Holy Spirit, our minds were "Renew"ed, and we were able to "Rise Up" and "Go", in order to advance the Kingdom of God. Our week theme verse was Romans 12:2, which says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." God transformed so many lives this summer, and we know that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the lives of so many people, as our campers continue to grow as a part of local churches all over the Midwest. We had just over 1600 campers come to Riverside this summer, and there were over 900 kids who heard about Christ on Day Camps throughout the state as well.

We know that God transformed so many lives, through families in host homes on Day Camp, campers living and playing together for a week on site at Riverside, families learning together at Family Camp, counselors living in a Christ centered community for the summer, day campers who never had been to church before going to a Day Camp, and countless other impacts we don't even know about. Praise God for His faithfulness!



Fourteenth annual **Riverside Fall Golf Classic!** This year's event will be held at the prestine Ames Golf and Country Club on October 2 (rescheduled due to weather). Check in will begin at 10:30

AM, Lunch at 11:00 AM, with play beginning at 12:15 PM.

Join us for a great day of golf for, while helping Riverside build its future. All donations will be used to help build Riverside's new swimming pool and restore the historic chapel. Lunch will consist of grilled burgers and brats, with ice cream sundaes after the round. As always, there will be awards and prizes at the conclusion of the day.

Fall Recharges



WHAT'S A RECHARGE?

recharge - (n): The process of reloading or refueling a power source with it's proper fuel. ie: your fuel tank, your batteries, your mind, your heart.

A Recharge is a super fun weekend event at Riverside during the fall that is like a whole week of camp smashed into 40 hours! You'll have a ton of fun! Cool music, wonderful friends, great food, games, activities, free time, small groups, carpetball, foosball, awesome counselors, fabulous skits, and a "no homework guarantee"!! Everything begins between 8:00-9:00pm on Friday night and ends at noon on Sunday. You'll have a ton of fun!

THEME:

This year's theme for fall recharges is **ALL IN** – Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it **all in** the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." NIV

Additional Information

Fee: \$70 (A \$25 deposit is required to register, balance may be paid upon arrival. The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. If registering less than one week before the recharge, please add \$5)

- Arrival is from 8:00-9:00pm on Friday, please do not arrive before 8:00pm.
- Recharge ends at noon on Sunday.
- You may want to bring some extra money as the camp store will be open selling candy, soda, t-shirts, and other great camp gear.
- Please bring your Bible, pen or pencil, paper or notebook, sleeping bag or bedding, flashlight and warm clothes for lots of outdoor activities.
- Please DO NOT bring cell phones, Game Boys, CD or MP3 players, any type of electronics, expensive jewelry, or food.

Dates for Fall of 2015

- October 2 – Riverside Fall Golf Classic
- October 3,4 - [Mother-Daughter Ride With the King](#)
- October 23-25 Juniors (Grades 4-6) Fall Recharge
- November 6-8 Junior High (Grades 6-9) Fall Recharge
- Nov. 13-15 Junior High (Grades 6-9) Fall Recharge
- Nov. 20-22 Senior High (Grades 9-12) Fall Recharge

The Lutheran – The current issue of the Lutheran is available on the table in Fellowship Hall. Coming up in the October edition of *The Lutheran*:

The Reformation. Start thinking about the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 by reading *The Lutheran's* October issue. In the cover story, read "Then & now" to learn about the role women played during the Reformation and what that legacy means for today (to help your discussion of this article, visit www.thelutheran.org and click on "Study guides" on the left-hand side). And go deeper into Martin Luther and the "church mothers" by reading the "Deeper understandings" column.

What is 'Lutheran'? Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton asks this question in her October column for *The Lutheran*. What we eat, what hymns we sing, what jokes we tell, what color we are ... none of this binds us together or makes us Lutheran, she says. Our theology must define us. And it's all about God's grace.

We are the church. The Lutheran is a resource for congregations. In the October issue, **think** about "5 things that happen when you get a new pastor" ... **learn** how one congregation shares the good news over the "airwaves" ... **find out** how one pastor solved the small-town struggle by visitation and a different kind of preaching ... and **consider** having your youth design Christmas Eve bulletins.

Witness and more. The Lutheran is a resource for adult forums and individual study. In *The Lutheran's* October issue, discuss "Witness" with columnist Peter Marty, who says this lexicon of faith means revealing your part in the story of who Jesus is in the world. Think about ways to observe Halloween. And ponder redemption with a college professor who is working on behalf of a death row inmate.

Our members at work. In the October issue of *The Lutheran*, **visit** Roanoke College, where three students raised awareness of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle ... **discover** how a community stayed connected while fire threatened Holden Village ... **learn** how an ELCA-affiliated social ministry organization uses a furry friend to bring cheer to seniors ... **meet** an ELCA pastor who wrote the book on discovering her Jewish heritage ... and **travel** to France with an ELCA member who took a walk and raised money for ELCA World Hunger.

Coming up in future issues of The Lutheran:

- **November cover story:** Investment—how has the philosophy of giving changed among younger members?
- **Special higher education section:** a ministry for women from ELCA companion churches, a couple provides care to under-graduates attending Montana State University and more.
- **Bread:** North Dakota couple starts bakery & provides free communion bread.
- **Brain power:** Can neuroscience help us better understand how kids develop an understanding of God and the church?

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens



Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And

for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag. We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demand for hats, coats, gloves and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. And if you've ever been a child, had a child or known a child, then you also know it doesn't hurt to have a few extra pairs around!

Your church has likely received or will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to participate in LSI's coats and mittens appeal. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org.

A Fresh Start for Sophia

Sophia is funny, creative, brave and smart. But in junior high, she heard none of those words from her peers. Instead, when she was 12, a classmate said to her, "Why are you still alive? I wish you were dead."

That's when she started cutting herself.

"Other kids at school threatened me on a daily basis, and the teachers didn't do anything to stop it," said Sophia, now 18. "I didn't want to walk home by myself after awhile."

Things fell apart for Sophia during seventh grade. Her grades slipped and she started acting out. A rocky home life didn't help matters. Sophia spent the next five years in and out of treatment centers, shelter care and foster care, and eventually she was placed at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly.

"I didn't have a lot of family support, so Bremwood became my family," she said. "They built up my self-esteem as much as they could when I didn't have any."

"Before Bremwood, I didn't care about wanting to be successful or happy or stable," she added. "I would self-harm multiple times a day with anything I could find. I'm doing better with it, but it's still a struggle sometimes."

Sophia completed treatment at Bremwood, and she is now attending community college with plans to eventually study social work and business. LSI staff are so proud of Sophia – she was named "Student of the Year" at her GED graduation ceremony this past spring!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.