

### The bells represent our Advent theme "Born in us Today" Blessing, Renewal, Guidance, and Power



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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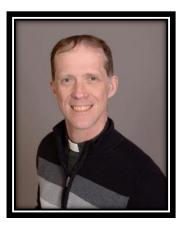
Palestine will accept your offering!

- 1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
- Mail check to: Palestine Lutheran Church 1375 HWY 210 Huxley, IA 50124

#### Give online through Easy Tithe. Go to our website <u>www.plchuxley.com</u> 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.

## Page(s)



Can't Wait to Read that NEW Christmas Catalog for 2022 -----With Pastor Eric

Back when I was a kid, I used to spend extra time hanging around the newspaper box waiting for the Sears and Roebuck Christmas catalog. The delivery came around the end of October every year and I would grab it before my siblings and begin dog-earing the corners in the toy section. I would circle the toys that I wanted for Christmas and number them in order of priority. Believe it or not, I spent hours flipping page after page and dreaming about the wonderful gifts that I might get. Meanwhile, my siblings schemed and scrambled to get their time with this hefty catalog which at times became the source of discontent in our house. I don't know about you, but I get nostalgic about these things. And it is not the toys that I remember but the hoping and planning and reminding that came well before Christmas day!

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If you ask me, the Christmas catalog was my Bible for many years. Now, the Bible is my Christmas catalog! When I make my Christmas list, I spend hours going through the Bible circling what I want for myself or

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someone else or dog-earing each page that helps me appreciate what is truly a gift and not just a passing fancy, like so many gifts.

What would you ask for this Christmas as you look through the Bible this year? You don't have to get all "grandiose" about it, like World Peace! Start a bit closer to home. Remember that God's greatest gift to us came in a humble, and ordinary way. It's okay to be simple and sincere with God and those who love you best.

Go ahead and pray about it. Make a list for yourself and don't be afraid to share it. Look through this year's Christmas Catalogue, the Bibles and discover and unwrap those wonderful gifts with those who need them as much as you do. One of the gifts that I have been eyeing lately is the appreciation of time with family. I hope to get more of that for this season!

# *"Every generous act of giving, with <u>every perfect gift</u>, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." James 1:7*

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift, hear our hearts cry out for the true gifts of love from your good bounty. Open us to the story of your son Jesus, the greatest gift that keeps on giving, and help us to desire and receive the presents of your eternal presence with us in Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



#### Men's Bible Study

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

#### ZOOM Bible Study

**Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm** on ZOOM. We began a four-week study on the theme of Advent with the resource, **"Be Born in Us Today"** in support of our worship theme by the same name. A great way to prepare and learn more about the season in a time when it's not as hectic. You can pick up a book at the church in the fellowship hall.

#### Youth Confirmation Ministry

For youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades – 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 @ <u>ericklimpel@gmail.com</u>

#### R.O.C.K. Group

For high school students. The R.O.C.K. Group will meet the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

#### Griefshare Support Group Fall Session

**Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** in the conference room. For people who have suffered significant loss due to death of a family member or friends and would like a support network to help work through their story. Drop in when you can. The group sessions will conclude on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consult e-news, bulletin, or the griefshare website for more date details. If interested, contact Pastor Eric @ ericklimpel@gmail.com or register on the website @ www.griefshare.org under "locate a group".

#### New Member Orientation Meetings

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** after worship in the south conference room. Anyone who would like to inquire about Palestine Lutheran Church and find some insights into its history, people and ministry are welcome. For prospective members, new members and yes, even veteran members! All are welcome! Let the church office know if you are interested so that we can prepare materials (@ palestinelutheran@gmail.com)

#### Theology on Tap

Gathering for adults who want to fellowship, relax and solve the world's problems together while creating some potential new ones. We will take time to fellowship around God's Word and grow together as a community.

• Join us for the next one in January at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up! ©*)

#### 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)



If you requested offering envelopes, the 2023 ones will be available to pick up beginning December 4<sup>th</sup> in fellowship hall.

## Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website <u>www.elca.org</u>  $\rightarrow$  Resources  $\rightarrow$  Downloadable Resources  $\rightarrow$  Bible studies

#### Advent Week 2

**Focus:** How do you prepare a place for the Lord in your life?

"In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Matthew 3:1-3 (NRSV) Read Matthew 3:1-12

#### Advent Week 3

**Focus:** How are you waiting for the Messiah?

"When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" Matthew 11:2 (NRSV) Read Matthew 11:2-11

Advent Week 4

**Focus:** How do you experience *Emmanuel, God being with you?* 

"All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmauel' which means, 'God is with us." Matthew 1:23 (NRSV) Read Matthew 1:18-25

**Christmas Day** Focus: *The Word Became Flesh* "He (Jesus) is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word." (Hebrews 1:3) Read Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT PALESTINE

**"Born in us Today" advent theme.** Advent materials are available in fellowship hall. Pastor Eric has many resources available to us to prepare for Jesus:

- Advent Calendars, Devotion booklets, Family Devotions and Activities booklets, and the Holiday Resource Guide are all available in front of the sanctuary entrance in fellowship hall.
- Advent Wreath kits will be available November 27<sup>th</sup>. Donation for materials is appreciated.

Each Sunday of Advent you are invited to add a new bell to the "Born in us Bells" ornament that represents *Blessing, Renewal, Guidance, and Power*.

- Our special advent offering will go to LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) along with our Christmas cards (cards due December 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Special offering can be put in the backpack that we put the Christmas cards in or designated on your check in the offering plate "LIRS".

**Blue Christmas:** Tuesday, December 13 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Harvest Assembly

#### **Christmas Eve:**

Nativity of Our Lord; Holy Communion 3:00 p.m. live streamed 5:00 p.m.

#### **Christmas Day:**

Nativity of Our Lord; Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. @ Palestine Christmas Lessons and Carols

#### Epiphany Celebration: Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion



Advent Special Offerings: Hope for the Holidays 2022 with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS).

Why LIRS (Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services)? Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were displaced refugees in Egypt for many years until King Herod's death. During this holiday, we need to remember such families seeking safety. The cards will go to displaced children and remind them that they are not forgotten. Donations will go to education materials and gifts for children along with basic expenses for temporary settlement.

Take a Christmas card and decorate it. <u>USE ONLY</u> your <u>FIRST</u> name and that you are from Iowa when signing the card. You can write a message in English or Spanish. <u>Do NOT</u> put it in an envelope. Place it in the backpack at church. <u>Cards are due by December 1<sup>st</sup></u>.



For more information go to their website at <u>www.lirs.org</u>



- 2 Jill Rahner
- 4 Jody Calvert Jacey Johnson
- 5 Austin Klimpel Travis Young
- 11 Laurie Hill Christy Mueller
- 12 Lora Young
- 15 Owen Williams
- 18 Grant Klingbeil Andrew Polich
- 19 Spencer Wise
- 20 Brian Harleen
- 21 Louise Larson (76) Nikolas "Niko" Pilcher
- 22 Jax Richter
- 24 Whitney Larson
- 25 Tim Wilson
- 27 Marvin Sorensen (89)
- 28 Cody Fausch Ben Larson Rafe Madson
- 29 Max Clark Harold Rittgers (93) Lucas Williams
- 31 Penn Hill Adaline Jolly



- 5 Bill & Sandy Harleen
- Scott & Alyssa Johnson
  Mike & Cindi Thomas (35<sup>th</sup>)
  Cheryl & Mike Rasmussen (30<sup>th</sup>)
- 27 Donna & Mike Lisowski

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:

- 27 Marvin Sorensen (89<sup>th</sup>)
- 29 Harold Rittgers (93<sup>rd</sup>)

DECEMPEN	DECEMBER
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ALTAR GUILD: Melanie Fausch and Helen Kepler

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Julie Huxford, Nancy Fausch Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Roger & Deb Moore Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (3 p.m.): Henry & Jan Rumbaugh Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (5 p.m.): Bruce Hartman Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Lora Young

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Brad Lewis & Nancy Fausch

Greeters\*, \*\* Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Dax & Haylie Clark; Leonard & Sue Larson Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: Brent & Missy Larson; Rich & Chris Nelson Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Drew & Kris Polich; Tom & Kristin Shelton Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: If you are here & can greet, please do!

\*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

#### **JANUARY 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>27</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent No choir 9:30 a.m. Worship No children's church No music with Nels New Member Orientation 6 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. x-mas program rehearsal	28	<b>29</b> 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>4</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels 11:00 a.m. Senior Tea 6 - 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. x-mas program rehearsal	5	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>11</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship Program rehearsal New Member Orientation 4:30 p.m. Christmas program with meal following	12	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas @ Harvest Assembly 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>18</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion Music with Nels 5:00 – 6:00 p.m 4H	19	20 7:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
<b>25</b> Christmas Day! No choir 9:30 a.m. Worship No children's church No music with Nels	26	27

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. Program rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>1</b> 6:30 a.m. Kiwanis 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	2	3
<b>7</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1 p.m. Quilters 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. Program rehearsal 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. meets 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	8 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	9	10
<b>14</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Griefshare	<b>16</b> Jan. Newsletter deadline	<b>17</b> 9 - noon R.O.C.K.'s Christmas Extravaganza! 1:30 - 5 church reserved (private)
<b>21</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters No confirmation	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m. Worship; Holy Communion (livestreamed) 5:00 p.m. Worship; Holy Communion
<b>28</b> 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions No quilting No confirmation	29	30	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve



#### These minutes have not yet been approved. Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 6th, 2022 8:00 A.M.

<u>Attendance</u>: Brad Lewis, Pastor Klimpel, Chris Richter, Dr. Eisenmann, Leonard Larson, Deb Moore, Greg Saveraid, Jen Pote, Hailey Clark <u>Absent</u>: Julie Emerson, Deidre Qual, Candi Engler, Kent Klingbeil, Kristin Shelton

#### Quorum Established: Yes

**Devotions:** Leonard (Turning over to God)

Treats: Dr. Eisenmann

#### **Read Vision and Mission Statements**

#### Goals and Reflections:

 History and Progress — Having both at the same time. (Transferring knowledge/history from older generation to the younger generation)

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Leonard
- Second: Dave coughed his 2nd...
- Unanimous vote of approval

#### Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$4,746.97
- Total Checking: \$18,966.74
- Motion to approve: Jen
- Second: Greg
- Unanimous vote of approval

#### Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's visit to New York
- Joint youth service went "fine"

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- Blessing of the pets and bibles went well
- Confirmands getting approved
- Pie and ice cream at Trinity
- Advent handbook going out this week
- Kumla coming up
- Joining North Polk Ministerial Association
- Budgeting and nomination process

#### New Business:

- History Committee Report Jean Saveraid reported
  - Categorizing 1855-1940, confirmation, Council Reports, labeling in process, Boxes of photos, slides, VCR, Reel to Reel, Decorative China, Christmas gifts, Should we add to the budget? Large Cabinet?
  - Create a History Budget, and then one-time History Capitol improvement (Cabinets, Photosynthesis, computer for archiving, Cloud, digitizing, storage, displays)
- Dave E motioned to Move \$7500 from the Parsonage fund to the Building Improvement Fund to cover the expenses related to the trees and the furnaces
  - Greg S seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

- Sound System Finding the Big Picture of the mission of this project for the Annual Meeting.
- West Windows update (tabled)
- Kumla Dinner/ Fish Fry Update

#### Closing Statements:

#### Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: Greg
- Second: Dave

## Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 12/11/22

- Devotions: Greg
- Treats: Chris



## Remember in Prayer

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

Oaklee Brommel, Penelope Brown, Roger Larson, Lynzee Makoski, Shirley Saveraid

<u>Family and friends of</u>: Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, 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, and Kathy Saveraid



## Weather Policy Reminder

Severe Weather Policy: When school is canceled because of the weather, all church functions will be canceled.

If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be on the church website (<u>www.plchuxley.com</u>) and the church facebook page (Palestine Lutheran Church). **Sunday morning worship service cancellation will be** made no later than 8:30 a.m.





Seníor Tea Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m.





#### **Ornament Making October 26th**



## **K.I.C.K. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### Christmas Program Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.

All KICK kids are asked to bring one dozen cookies/treats for the meal after the program. Thank you!

#### **Christmas Program Rehearsal schedule:**

0	Sunday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
0	Wednesday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
0	Sunday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	final practice after worship
		including pre-k - 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders
Conta	ct any K.I.C.K. advisor with any	/ questions:

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Erika Williams	Shannon Wilson
<b>Erika Williams</b> 515-229-7897	Shannon Wilson 515-450-7002



## Tusen Takk!

Thank you to everyone that provided salads, desserts, peeled potatoes, made kumla balls and helped in the kitchen! We also appreciate those that came to eat or order!

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 9AM TO NOON

Palestine Lutheran Church's Annual

## Christmas Extravaganza! \*

SHOP A VARIETY OF UNIQUE LOCAL VENDORS FOR THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

FILL A SMALL, MEDIUM, OR LARGE DECORATIVE BOX WITH YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GOODIES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

All bake sale proceeds go to the high school youth group for their mission trip to Costa Rica with Rice and Beans Ministries – Summer 2023.

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**Donations requested from the congregation!** McKenzie has a sign-up sheet available in fellowship hall. We have some amazing bakers in our congregation and always look forward to what you create for us to share! <u>Please bring donated items to the church kitchen by Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.</u>!



Confirmation is raffling off this beautiful, festive winter container for holiday porch décor just in time for the holidays! (Created and donated by Julie Huxford – thank you!)

**\$10 per entry** with the winner announced after the Christmas program on December 11<sup>th</sup> (*you do not need to be present to win*). Enter your name and phone number when you purchase raffle tickets after worship service.



Confirmation is fundraising for their upcoming Chicago trip in June 2023 to visit the ELCA headquarters and do service work at the Children's Place. This is usually a bi-annual trip, but due to covid has not happened since 2018.



### **College Scholarships**

Treasurer, Deidre Qual, reminds college students desiring to receive a Palestine scholarship that they **must notify the church office by letter or e**-

mail of their name, address and college or vocational school by December 15<sup>th</sup>. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the Palestine Scholarship Fund. \$100 is given to each qualifying student in December. This fund was set up to help provide encouragement for any student member of Palestine during the first four years after graduation from high school in any year which he or she continues his or her education at an approved college or vocational school. Email: <u>palestinelutheran@gmail.com</u>

Mailing address: 1375 HWY 210, Huxley, IA 50124

Here is a list of Palestine Members who are 85 or older (\*), widowed the last 3 years, and/or homebound to some degree. Please consider sending a Christmas card!

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Mary Brendeland	*Vivian Lundgren
1025 NE Fountain View Ct.	1031 NE Greenview Dr
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*Dick & Bernadine Cast	*Helen Miller
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Ankeny, IA 50021	Huxley, IA 50124
Denise Elliott	*Elaine Paradise
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Huxley, IA 50124	Grimes, IA 50111-2323
*Nancy Fausch	Deidre Qual
52711 310 <sup>th</sup> St	2503 Browning St
Kelley, IA 50134	Ames, IA 50010
*Dolores Hauge	*Harold Rittgers
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	Polk City, IA 50226
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	Madrid, IA 50156
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## LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

#### Merry Christmas from LSI!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Because of your generosity LSI has continued to offer hope and healing to Iowans of all ages. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to your neighbors who rely on these important services!

At LSI we see veterans getting help, children overcoming fear, moms and dads parenting with renewed joy and confidence, new neighbors from foreign lands becoming established and active in their communities, the pride of independence for those experiencing challenges in everyday life. We know parents who feel hopeless, with few resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a forever family.

The spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, allows us to stand together and celebrate this Christmas season.

LSI's annual matching gift campaign gives opportunities to double new and increased gifts through the end of the year. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 563.676.2065 or <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u>.

LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!



## LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

#### Thank you!

As 2022 comes to an end, we reflect back on all those whose lives have been impacted by your gifts.

From Iowa's newest citizens, those you've helped to feel at home in a new country: "Thank you"; from the young first-time mom who has learned how to care for her newborn: "Thank you"; from the teenager who needed some redirection and support: "Thank you".

From the veterans needing help readjusting from trauma they endured: "Thank you"; from the person who was able to receive the kind of mental health therapy they needed: "Thank you".

From the person with disabilities who is able to live as independently as possible with our help: "Thank you"; from the parents who are learning new processes to provide healthy, safe environments for their children: "Thank you"; from the foster parents who are providing care when needed, "Thank you".

From those kids in residential whose lives have come to a turning point with new skills to use going forward: "Thank you!"

And from all of us at LSI that you have encouraged and supported: "<u>Thank you</u>!"

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at <u>www.LSIowa.org</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa</u>.

Palestine Lutheran Church 1375 HWY 210 Huxley, IA 50124-8110 Address service requested