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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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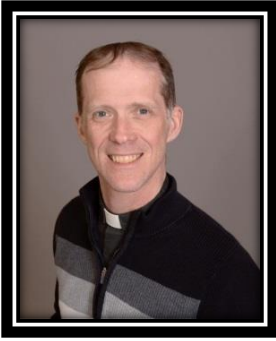
Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine 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.

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

➡ **Tithing envelopes for 2021 are available to pick up!**



Abiding in Christian Community as a Child of God With Pastor Eric

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. - Romans 8:29

Honor everyone. Love the family of believers... - 1 Peter 2:17

³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." – Mark 3:34-35

If you ask me what I appreciate the most about being a Christian, then I would reply that I appreciate being a part of a community of faith that is bound in love. Most of us do not get to choose our family for better or worse. In fact, I believe that just having family to belong to is more of a blessing with every generation. The traditional nuclear family of the past has blown up to become much more complicated and confusing at least for “little old” me. For children and adults family relationships provide security, support, guidance and acceptance which is harder to find. Christians are a family in which we have brothers and sisters, elders and a wonderful divine and attentive parent and a way cool older brother, Jesus. When I was baptized, I became a part of this sacred family with all of the support, security and acceptance that I could need to live a full and abundant life. And yes, it’s not the perfect family and sometimes it’s not the family that I want but I am reminded every day that it’s the family that I so desperately need.

During Lent 2021 we will be focusing on what it means to be a part of a community at a time when being together is so difficult and so desperately needed for our own health and sanity. Jesus talks about family upheaval in the context of his way of life and teaching (*Luke 12:49-53*) and I expect challenges from disagreements to rebellions in learning to live authentic and godly lives together which is why we have such amazing gifts like forgiveness, hope, reconciliation and love to help





listen, mend, heal and grow through it all. Christians hold high standards for life together which is why God is with us no matter what happens as the wise and discerning Holy Spirit which calls, gathers, enlightens and sets us apart with a new birth into a great big family.

Neal Sadler in When Jesus Calls shares a little thought about but necessary function of a Christian community and a family in general, *“When I was in seminary, Carolyn and I heard Billy Graham speak at a banquet. I remember one thing he said that night, though. He said that if he had his ministry to do all over again, he wondered that if rather than preaching to the masses as he had done, whether it would have been more effective to choose just 12 disciples as Jesus did, pour his heart into them, and encourage them to do the same. Maybe that would have made a bigger impact on the world. I don’t know. Billy Graham has had quite the impact. But the point he was making was that the most critical thing we can do in ministry is to pour our lives into people. Making disciples is the most important task of the church. But it’s so easy to become distracted. Toilets overflow, roofs leak, computers crash, copiers breakdown.”* Neal reminds us that we are together to do just that – pour ourselves into someone else – share in faith, life, hurts, hopes, joys and sorrows – support one another and challenge one another in the ways of Christ. It does not fall on one person and everyone has something to contribute to helping disciples and “children of God” grow.

“In Community” is the theme for this Lent journey. I pray that we might not only think about what a gift our community is to others but what God is calling us into community for. In the wake of so much change this past year, I am thankful for family and community.

Let us pray. Gracious Father, thank you for this community of faith at Palestine Lutheran and for my family in Christ Jesus. Lead and guide me in ways to pour my life into others and help them grow in bonds of love and kinship so that they may experience the blessing of family and community in you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Study and Prayer Opportunities

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| <p>Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.</p>  | <p>ZOOM Dawn Dialog with Jesus Reflection and prayer on Gospel text for the Day <i>"Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)</i> Material will be emailed with the announcements for you to review on your own.</p> |
| <p>Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.</p>  | <p>ZOOM Bible Study The topic for discussion will be "Marked for Life" the first three weeks. During Lent we will study with Lutheran World Relief request for needs. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. You can participate either by audio (phone) or video (computer). Have your Bibles in hand.</p> |
| <p>Wednesdays @ 7:00 a.m.</p>  | <p>Men's Bible Study in the Council Room</p> |
| <p>Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon</p>  | <p>ZOOM Power of Prayer An invitation was emailed out to enter into prayer together every Wednesday. You can email in a prayer request or call the church with a special request. We will pray together for 30 minutes. Join once or every Wednesday! If you would like an invite, call or email Pastor Eric.</p> |



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

Epiphany Week 5

Focus: *How might God call you to serve this week?*

“He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.” Mark 1:31 (NRSV)

Read Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration of our Lord

Focus: *How does a disciple listen to Jesus?*

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.” Mark 9:7(NRSV)
Read Mark 9:2-9 aloud.

Lent Week 1

Focus: *What temptations will you face this week?*

“And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.” Mark 1:12 (NRSV)

Read Mark 1:9-15

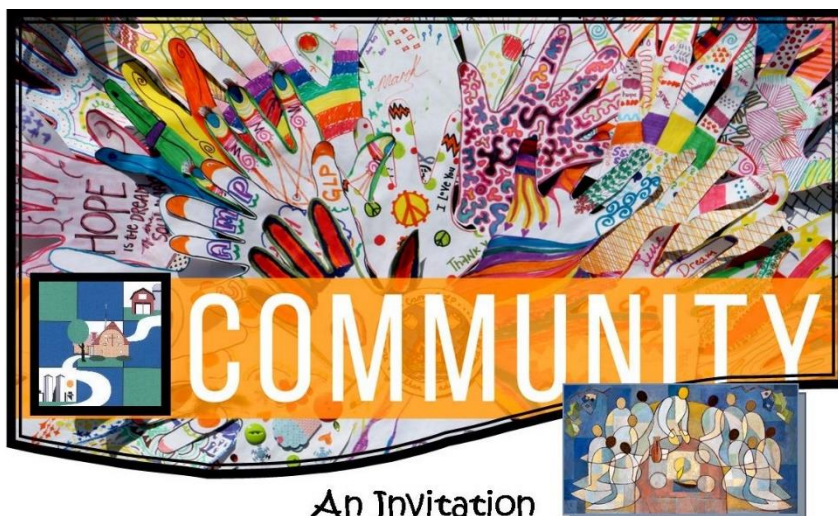
Lent Week 2

Focus: *What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?*

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34 (NRSV)

Read Mark 8:31-38

JOURNEY INTO LENT AND HOLY WEEK



We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

From the ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday worship service is February 17th @ 7:00 p.m.

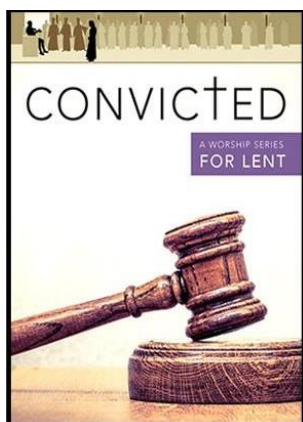
➡ Lent and Easter handbooks will be available to pick up and will be available on the website by Sunday, February 14th.

PALESTINE LUTHERAN LENT SCHEDULE & THEMES 2021



Sundays in Lent

Theme: Created for Communion



Mid-Week Wednesday Devotions for Lent

Theme: “Convicted”

Ash Wednesday: February 17th – Defamation of Character

Week 1: February 24th – Dereliction of Duty

Week 2: March 3rd – Treason

Week 3: March 10th – Perjury

Week 4: March 17th – Obstruction of Justice

Week 5: March 24th – Rebellion

- ❖ Free-will donations for any Mid-week Meals go towards the host groups projects
- ❖ Worship Mid-week Offerings go towards LWR & Meals from the Heartland (unless otherwise noted)

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS



This Lent, we're putting God's love in action by making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The loss and uncertainty of COVID-19 hit our poorest neighbors around the world even harder. We, ourselves, are restless after a year of wandering in the wilderness of a pandemic. We want to be the hands and feet of Christ for our siblings. We're ready to DO something, and are excited to engage in this project as a community during our Lenten journey this year.

We will be assembling these kits at home during the 5 weeks of Lent. Here's what you will need:

1. 2 Bars of soap (4 to 5 oz. any brand in original wrapping)
2. 1 Bath towel (light-weight maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)
3. 1 Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging)
4. 1 Comb
5. 1 Nail clipper (metal, attached file optional)

Devotions for Offering will go to postage, items to put together additional care kits. Personal Care Kits will be collected on Palm Sunday (3/28)

**Until Your Love
Reaches Every Neighbor**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



LENT MIDWEEK OFFERINGS



We help the hungry here at Home and Around the World.

We also partner with a large network of strategic distributors to send food to locations where we're confident it will reach the right hands. With careful attention to social and political restrictions throughout the world, these are the areas our food is currently distributed:

Domestically: DMARC, Backpack Buddies, Food Bank of Southern Iowa, HACAP Food Reservoir, Heart of Mary Catholic Cluster, JOPPA, Midwest Food Bank (Illinois and Arizona), NE Iowa Food Bank, Salvation Army and Community Pantry in Gallup, New Mexico.

Globally: South Africa, Haiti, Ghana, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Antigua, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Honduras, Mexico, Tanzania, Ukraine and others.



Empowering people to save starving children

PAINTING HISTORY

Mable A. Wee's (Mrs. Harry Wee) first love and focus of her life was Jesus and the Word of God, and all her blessings followed. She was blessed with many talents and she used them all to further the Lord's work in her family, home, garden, and especially Palestine Church! Everything she did, using her talents, was an object lesson pointing to the love of Jesus.

Mable loved people, teaching, sketching, composing music, writing poetry, and painting. She believed everyone should use the talents God gives them and she did that in great measure to further spiritual growth at Palestine Church.

All pictures she painted for the Church are scripture stories for all to visualize. For what we can imagine, we keep in our hearts. "Jesus Blessing the Little Children" helps us remember we are still His children no matter our age. "The Road to Emmas" reminds us Jesus is along and talking with us wherever we are. "Daniel in the Lion's Den" – Well we go through many tough trials in life, especially when we stand for our Godly beliefs, but He doesn't let us go it alone. Our Bible pictures are our life stories forever.

During the War Years (1943-1946) Palestine sent out "The Palestine Pamphlet" every month to our boys overseas telling of all the church activities. Mable would sketch pictures of those activities, write a poem, and sometimes even write music for the poem for every Pamphlet that went out. Her church participation was endless.

Mable would routinely sit out in the field, East of the church, to get a good perspective to paint a picture of the Old Church. Most everyone in the congregation got one of those pictures and some got one of the present church. Very few people

were aware that she painted with the handicap of being “blue/green” color blind all her life.

She would be honored that her paintings are still treasured at Palestine Lutheran Church.

Barb Breining (granddaughter of Mabel)



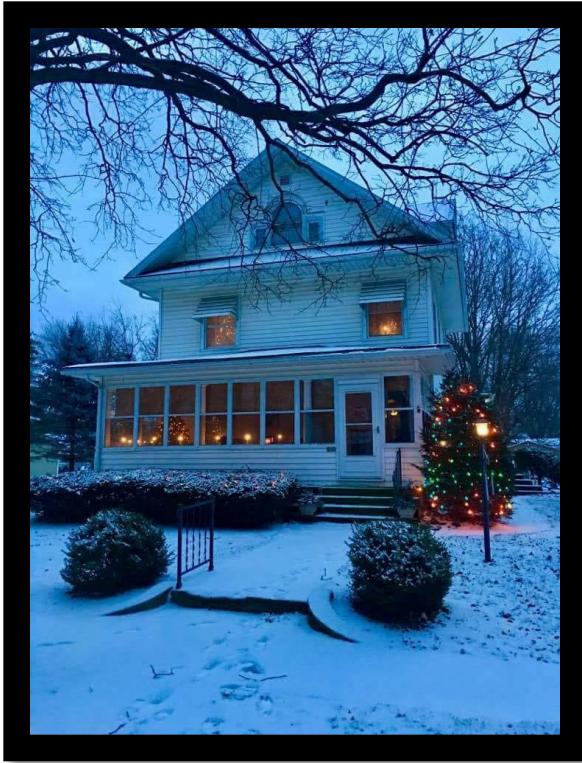
One of many of Mabel's paintings our church is gifted with.

This painting is hung in the conference room.

Huxley History Society

There is wonderful history in their winter newsletter.

Go to <http://www.huxleyhistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Vol-13-issue-4.pdf>



*(we remember in more recent years caroling
on the front porch at Christmas time)*

There is a huge write up about the Maland Property including how they had to sell the property along with a nice write up from the new owners. There is a nice display of the Maland Family memorabilia in the Hub located in the 3C's building.



- 1 Hol, Alyssa
- 3 Johnson, Evelyn
Hauge, Michael
- 6 Thomas, Alexander
Twedt, Grant
- 7 Elliott, Trice
- 8 Nelson, Richard
Saveraid, David
- 9 Larson, Alvina (100th)
Shelton, Tom
- 11 Shelton, Gabe
Shelton, Kristin
Van Pelt, Alise
- 13 Cast, Bernadine
Kopaska, Deb
- 15 Larson, Virgil
- 16 Brendeland, Anita (92nd)
Kam, Melinda
Ness, Toni
- 17 Stowe, Deb
Williams, Matthew
- 18 Gotta, Nina
Saveraid, Katherine
Thomas, Caroline
- 20 Dykstra, Avery
- 22 Lewis, Aubrey
Rasmussen, Cheryl
Sample, Justin
Thomas, Cindi
- 24 Medici, Stacy
- 27 Larson, Aaron
- 28 Simmons, Dean

29 Dykstra, Travis



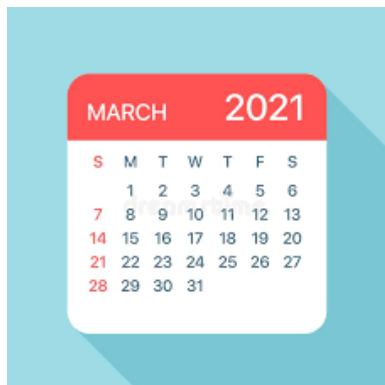
- 14 Deidre Qual & Merlin Lyon
- 16 Jason & Melinda Kam
- 24 Leonard & Sue Larson


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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)



| SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| 31 Epiphany Week 4 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship | 1 |
| 7 Epiphany Week 5 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion | 8 |
| 14 Transfiguration 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Lent & Easter handbooks available | 15 |
| 21 Lent week 1 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 10:45 – 11:30 First Communion class | 22 |
| 28 Lent week 2 8:00 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 – 11:30 First Communion class | 1 March |

February 2021

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURS. | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|--|
| 2 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study | 3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9  Blood Drive 3-7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study | 10 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation | 11 | 12 | 13 Daddy/ Daughter Dance @ Riverside 6-8 p.m. Register online in advance |
| 16 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study | 17 ASH Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service | 18 | 19 | 20 Council retreat & monthly meeting |
| 23 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Lent Bible Study | 24 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. ZOOM Palestine Prayer Time 5:30 p.m. Light dinner ? 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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Looking ahead: First Communion classes in March are on March 7th & 28th



Agenda – Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 10, 2021 @ 8:00 AM at Palestine Lutheran Church

Kristin Shelton, Jean Saveraid, Brad Lewis, Tim Wilson, Hailey Clark, Jent Pote, Pastor Klimpel, Deidre Qual, Nels Dovre, David Eisenmann, Brent Emerson, Chris Richter

A quorum was established.

Devotions: Nels

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: (This was from 2020. It has been a great year. Exciting things to come with increased attendance, new families, and other couples. We are ending the year in the positive for the budget. No major changes to the budget.). What a year. There is so much to be thankful for within our church. We have been blessed because of the work that we have been able to do because of the Derecho. This work had been put off for years. it has strengthened relationships and in true Palestine style, people show up when they are needed. Our goal is to not only be the church, but be in the church this year.

Minutes of the previous meeting- Jean Saveraid motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. Unexplainable support for the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Deidre read the written report. Brad Lewis motioned to approve. David Eisenmann seconded. All coughed their ayes accordingly.

General Fund : \$3,773.98

Checking Balance Total: \$25,983.35

Pastor's Report: Pastor Klimpel — See attached report. Been very positive to be in person. Year of Surprises. What does church look like going forward.

New business:

1. Review and Approve 2021 Budget
 - Motion to Approve recommendation of raises for the staff of 3%. David Eisenmann motioned. Jen Pote seconded. All were 100% behind the vote.
 - Motion to Approve recommendation of 2021 budget. Nels motioned. Kristin seconded. Tim allowed everyone to vote as one to support the motion.
2. Set council retreat date February 20th. March 6th. (9-2PM)
3. Annual Meeting agenda items. Rock group lunch after.
4. Nominating Committee - check in.

Unfinished Business:

1. Construction Update. Sanctuary is complete except for punch list. North Fellowship hall is complete except for Casework and

Punchlist. West Fellowship hall is similar. Basement is moving along.

Motion to Adjourn & Adjourn with Lord's Prayer: Nels motioned to adjourn. Chris Richter showed up at 9:00 to second.

Next Meeting: February 20th, 2020. At the retreat

Treats- None

Devotions- Nels



MINUTES

Palestine Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 24, 2021

Call to Order by Kristin Shelton, President

A quorum was established by Mark Pote.

- An attendance sheet was passed around and is noted in the file of who was there. Online it was noted that Donna and Dennis Millang, Laura Young, Holly and Tim Wise, Alvina Larson, Roger Larson, Bob & Oriett Snider, Henry and Jan Rumbaugh, Allan and Debra Kopaska, Robin Doty, Scott & Alyssa Johnson, Diane Larson, Bill and Sandy Harleen, and Merle Brendeland attended and participated via Facebook.

Vote for electronic participation by members:

- Candi Engler motioned to allow electronic participants by members attending online as voice read by Brad Lewis

monitoring Facebook. Seconded by Doreen Blackmer. A unanimous vote was taken. Motion passed.

Devotions by Kristin Shelton.

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Secretary Minutes Previous Year:

- Motion on the floor to approve the Secretary's minutes from the 1-26-20 meeting by Nels Dovre. Seconded by Bruce Hartman. Motion passed unanimously.

Congregation Minutes Previous Year:

- Motion the floor to approve the Congregational minutes from the 9-20-20 meeting by Chris Richter. Seconded by Deb Moore.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Klimpel gave a moving report about the ups and downs of 2020.

Elections:

1. There was a motion on the floor from Nels Dovre to allow for a unanimous consent ballot that all of the positions on the floor would be voted on at once by the congregation. Seconded by Bruce Hartman. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A unanimous vote approved all the nominees on the ballot with the addition of the nominating committee being: Deb Moore, Bruce Hartman, Chris Richter, Matt Williams, & Jen Pote along with the addition of our Riverside Bible Camp delegate being Erika Williams.

Treasurer's Report:

- Read by Kristin Shelton. A motion to approve the report was made by Haylie Clark, seconded by Leonard Larson. Motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

Audit Committee Report:

- Brad Lewis gave the audit committee report that said that all relevant books were in order. Mike and Brad still needed to go through many of the smaller accounts. The general fund and the Palestine checkbook was in order.

BUDGET:

- The budget was presented by the finance committee and Brad Lewis. Jean Saveraid motioned to approve the budget and McKenzie Shaffer seconded. Motion passed unanimously to approve the budget for 2021.
- Brad Lewis motioned that the funds received from the Keith and Arlene Wee Estate (designated to be used for maintenance) would be used to pay for the basement renovation. The remaining balance will be set up in an endowment to pay up to 4% of its balance to the church maintenance fund annually. Greg Saveraid seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Chris Richter motioned to tear down the balcony walls to patch where the walls were, to touch up the stain in all areas, and to place the carpet up to the tile. Bruce Hartman seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Lyle Martin motioned to form a committee to be named the "Choir Loft Committee." This committee is tasked to determine what to do with the organ, the organ chimes, where to place the piano, recommend whether to have pews or chairs, recommend sound system upgrades, and investigate riser platform options in the balcony for the choir. This committee is to have a recommendation for the church by June 30, 2021. Nels Dovre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Basement flooring was discussed. The Restoration Committee is to be tasked with giving a recommendation of a combination of carpet tile and concrete floor throughout the basement.

Old Business:

1. Kristin Shelton recognized many work groups and the Council for all their deeds and work throughout the year. A big thank you was given to Pastor Klimpel, Nels Dovre, Mindy DeVries, and Brent Emerson for going up and above to make all the services happen.
2. Where are we with COVID? Kristin asked for discussion from the congregation on their feelings about fellowship and Sunday school. No motions were made, but Council is now tasked with how to integrate fellowship back in by March and to make recommendations on how to get Sunday school going ASAP.

Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Saveraid. Seconded by Chris Richter. Motion passed unanimously.

Lord's Prayer:

- We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



First Communion Class

This year first communion classes will be held after church (10:45-11:30) on February 21st, February 28th, March 7th, and 28th (this avoids spring break Sundays). The class is designed for the 5th grade level, however, if your child is younger and you feel they are ready to participate, that is fine. Class will meet in the conference room. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend along with their child.

If you have questions or want to enroll your child in the class, you can email the church office at palestinelutheran@gmail.com.



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Anita Brendeland, Darrell Brown, Dick Brown, Penny Brown, Joan Carson, Alisha Cox, Bev Echtenkamp, Jackie Greene, Dolores Hauge, Christa Hartsook, Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Ardell Lundgren, Merlin Lyon, Mary Martin, Loree ness, Deidre Qual, Shannon Tope, Joyce Volz, Sarah JoAnn Young, Phil Zeller
Family and friends of: Angie Claude, Arlene Wee, Judy Smith, Sharon Mortenson, Valerie Brendeland, Sue Ihle, Ralph Kalsem, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Jimmy Young, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, John Johnson, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Harold Long, Brian Sykes, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz



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1-800-373-7748

www.RiversideLBC.org

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



Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp - Youth Camp

Registration is open for Riverside 2021 Youth Camp. Early Bird pricing ends February 15th. Visit their website at www.riversidelbc.org

Upcoming Riverside Events:

January 30th – Mother-Son Night – *register online in advance*

February 13th – Daddy-Daughter Dance – *register online in advance*

March 5th- 7th – Marriage Retreat



DONATIONS WANTED!

Collecting all denim or heavy cottons you would like to dispose of!

The Quilters are taking some heavier material to a person in Fort Dodge that makes rag rugs. If you are in cleaning mode and wish to dispose of these items you may have, please drop off to the Quilters room (formerly the Confirmation room) in the church by February 15th!

Thank you!



The ROCK Group is organizing a new Palestine cookbook!

Submit your recipes (pictures are welcome!) to McKenzie Shaffer at kenziek399@gmail.com





Ballard Clothing Pantry

March is Palestine's month to staff the Clothing Pantry at Ballard Creek in Huxley.

Open:

Sundays 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays 4-6 p.m., Saturdays 10-noon

When you sign up, include your phone number in addition to your name, and check to see who has the shift before and after yours. If the previous person hasn't arranged to give you the key, call him/her. Likewise, when you are done with your shift, arrange to pass the key to the next person. The Clothing Pantry is a valuable service for many people in our community. It stays open only because of generous volunteers.

Please consider this important opportunity to serve our community. See Deb Moore for more information. (515-460-1037)

The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.
Please consider staffing at least one shift.



**Tuesday, February 9th
3-7 p.m. @ the church**

Sign up one of two ways:

- ♥ By calling Deb Moore at 515-460-1037
- ♥ Via the LifeServe website: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

By Appointment only



We welcome our new brother in Christ – Spencer Scott Wise.

Spencer is the **son** of Timothy Scott Wise Jr. and Holly Ann Wise. He is the brother of Hunter Wise. His

baptismal sponsors are Lora Young and Travis Young.



† We welcome **Spencer**
into the Lord's family as
a child of God!

Born December 19, 2019

Baptized January 10, 2021



*We appreciate hearing from so many people over
the holidays. It warms our heart!*

Ardell and Vivian Lundgren



Dear Members of Palestine,

Thank you for the scholarship for the coming year. I'm excited to continue my educational journey at the University of Iowa working towards my PharmD degree. Thank you for your continued support, can't wait to see you all soon!

Thanks again,

Ellie Twedt

To Palestine,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship money. I look forward to continuing my education at UNI. I am excited for this new adventure. Thanks for all the support through the years.

Thanks again! I appreciate it!

Kaylee Van Pelt

Dear Palestine Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the \$100 scholarship. This money will be greatly appreciated as I afford the U of Iowa next fall!

Nolan Schonhorst



SNOW Removal

Volunteers Needed for Parking lots and drives (including parsonage drive) and sidewalks! Of course, you can just show up as well!

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Go to this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com:

<https://signup.com/login/entry/7670201095322480117>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

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 (www.plchuxley.com) and the church Facebook page (Palestine Lutheran Church). **Sunday morning worship service cancellation will be made no later than 8:30 a.m.**



Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building bright futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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

Building a Bond

Julie had made a promise years ago: If anything happened to her friend, Julie would take care of her son, Jacob.

When Jacob's mom passed away and he had no place to go, Julie stepped up. Her six children had grown up and moved out of her home, and she had the resources and space needed to care for Jacob. She became a mentor through LSI's Host Homes program. The service enables Iowans with disabilities to move into a private family home and live with a specially-selected mentor instead of living in a shared space with roommates and several staff members.

Jacob moved into Julie's home last December and now, the two are thriving. Jacob is learning to take care of himself and build the life skills he needs to feel more confident and independent. He is learning to cook and enjoys looking up new recipes to try, especially meatloaf.

"It's a great opportunity. You're changing their lives," Julie says. "You get to know each other more personally. We have a lot of discussions and heart-to-hearts."

Jacob is finishing his senior year of high school. He enjoys learning new things and visiting new places, and he dreams of the day when he and Julie can go on more trips. Once it is safe to do so, Jacob is determined to visit more zoos and take a trip to Canada.

"It's good," Jacob says of his Host Homes match with Julie. "She makes me laugh."

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