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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."

Expecting to Recognize Jesus this Year

-----With Pastor Eric

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water.

Among you stands one whom you do not know, *the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." - John 1:24-27*
While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them *and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? – Luke 24:36-38*
I was discussing an idea with a few of my colleagues in ministry recently. Would we recognize Jesus when he reappears again? Throughout the Gospel accounts, I read over and over about how Jesus is recognized among his followers. ***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, then I am there among them..." (Matthew 18:20).*** When you clothed the naked, fed the hungry and gave a drink to the least of these, then you did so for Jesus?! I am constantly reminded of the depictions of Jesus in art throughout the centuries; however, do we really believe that we know what Jesus looks like? I do not think that physical appearance is any guarantee of recognition. In fact, I do believe that it is possible to miss him, walk by him, or ignore him, especially if we are not expectantly looking for him around the corner, in the alley, at the lunch table, in line at Starbucks, or in the shelter. When I was in college, my roommate and I decided to go home and surprise our parents on spring break. We traveled from Austin, Texas to Kingston, New York in two days and told nobody that we were coming. I had my roommate drop me off a block away so that I could walk up to the house. Little did I know that my father saw me and did not recognize me so he started to call the cops. I walked into the garage and unlocked the door. As I walked into the kitchen my mother carefully walked in with a fire-poker in her hand. She stared at me, as I smiled and said, "Surprise!"

She looked like she was about to swing the poker and scream and I threw up my hands and said, "It's Eric mom!" My parents did not recognize their own first born son!! I did look a little different but not enough to get busted by the cops and then go to an emergency room with a poker sticking out of my head! ☺ My parents did not recognize me because they were not expecting me (at all!) We need to remain expectant and read the Scriptures and learn about Jesus. In other words, spend time with Jesus in prayer and study...learn his values, mannerism, how he thinks? I believe that we will recognize him and get glimpses of him at times of trouble...because that is where we are told to look for him...but Jesus is everywhere!!

I encourage you to move into this New Year with eyes wide open. Get involved in the community of faith and get to know people like yourself who believe in, or want to believe in, an ever present God in Jesus. Expect to see him! Ask to see him! Work alongside him through this community and with it! You will recognize him!

Let us pray. Gracious Lord Jesus, who comes among us as one we do not always recognize, help us to see you more clearly in our life and in the activity of those around us, so that we might grow to know you and believe more deeply in your promise of being a loving and helping presence always, and move us to share that witness with others; in your name we pray. Amen.

Palestine Lutheran Church **Worship & Study Opportunities –** **January 2019**



The "dial in" number for the worship service is no longer available.

Wednesday, January 2

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

NO Confirmation – Christmas break

Saturday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 6 *Epiphany of Our Lord*

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church; We Have a Star to Guide Us: Service for Epiphany Day; Blessing of the Church and Homes for Epiphany

Wednesday, January 9

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

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13 *Baptism of Our Lord*

9:30 a.m. Worship: Children's Church; Affirmation of Baptism with a Litany using The Small Catechism

10:45 a.m. Orientation Group Event

1-6 p.m. ConFest @ Faith Lutheran Church, Clive

Wednesday, January 16

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

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 20 *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Children's Church

Wednesday, January 23

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

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 27 *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

9:30 a.m. Worship: Children's Church

Wednesday, January 30

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

Daily Discipleship themes which will be used for Wednesday 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

Jan. 6 Epiphany of Our Lord –

Primary Text: Matthew 2:1-12

No study is available for this text thru Daily Discipleship.

Jan. 13 Baptism of Our Lord –

Primary Text: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Imperatives of Discipleship: *Baptize!*

Jan. 20 2nd Sunday after Epiphany –

Primary Text: John 2:1-11

Imperatives of Discipleship: *Believe!*

Jan. 27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany –

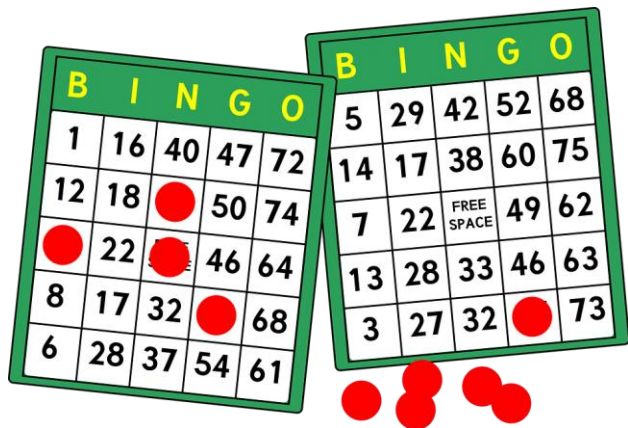
Primary Text: Luke 4:14-21

Imperatives of Discipleship: *Fix your eyes on Jesus!*

Feb. 3 4th Sunday after Epiphany –

Primary Text: Luke 4: 21-30

Imperatives of Discipleship: *Be open!*



KICK is planning a bingo/lunch fun day after church Sunday, January 20th! Free will donation for lunch.

A Big ROCK Thank YOU!

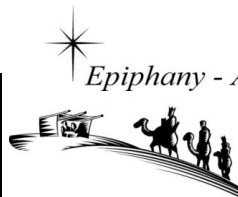
- ☆ The ROCK Group would like to thank the entire congregation for their continued support of the Christmas Extravaganza. Whether you baked cookies, donated items for sale, purchased cookies or prayed for our event, all support is greatly appreciated. We were able to raise about \$1800!

SAVE THE DATE - February 10 is the date for the ROCK Valentine Dinner. Watch for reservation forms that will be available online and at church.



A Note of Thanks from the Confirmation Class

Thank you for your support of the meal we served following the Christmas Program on December 16th. We received \$758.50 in freewill donations which will go to support our activities - including our every other year trip to Chicago.



Epiphany - A time of Celebration

"Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." Matthew 2:2

God revealed Jesus through a star. Epiphany is a time when we celebrate that God is with us, that we have seen God in Christ Jesus, that we know God is real. During the midst of the dark, cold winter, marvelous light shines in our lives. We not only see the light and observe the life of Christ, but through our baptism we become part of the Body of Christ and let our lights shine.

Epiphany Greek επιφάνεια: "manifestation" or "appearance"

On the day of Epiphany, January 6, the church celebrates the revelation of Christ to all nations as represented by the magi who come to worship Jesus. The church calendar recognizes the season of Epiphany from January 6 until the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday which is celebrated as the Transfiguration of our Lord. The length of the season of Epiphany varies and is determined by working backwards through the season of Lent from the moveable date for the celebration of Easter.

Color of the Season

- White, a color associated with the festivals of Christ and suggesting gladness, joy and light for the day of Epiphany, the first week after the Epiphany when the Baptism of our Lord is celebrated, and the last week of the season of Epiphany when the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.
- Green, the color used for times when festival or penitential colors are not appropriate. Green is reminiscent of living plants and suggests spiritual growth. Green is used in the season of Epiphany beginning with the second week after the Epiphany until the week before the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.

At Home

- Since the end of the Middle Ages, families & communities have gathered at the main entrances of homes and dwelling places for a blessing on the Day of Epiphany with readings, prayers and by inscribing the door lintel with the year and the letters, C, M, and B (20 + C + M + B + 10). The letters represent the names of the magi whose visit to the child Jesus is recalled on the festival of the Epiphany of our Lord. Church tradition since the seventh century names the magi Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar even though the narrative of Matthew chapter 2 does not dictate the number of magi or their names. This yearly ritual reminds the inhabitants of a home that their lives reflect the light of Christ & seeks the revelation of the blessing of God in their lives.
- Stars are a traditional symbol of the festival of Epiphany. Make stars to decorate above the crèche. Bake star cookies. Use the opportunity to talk about how we seek Christ in the world.
- Encourage all family members, even the youngest and the oldest, to use the gifts God has given them in service that reveals the light of Christ in the world.

January 2019

Volunteer schedule

Greeters

- 1/6 Donna & Dennis Millang
Joyce Carlson
1/13 Mike & Holly Larson/family
Tim & Shannon Wilson/family
1/20 Jim & Nina Gotta
David & Vallery Eisenmann
1/27 Bill & Sandy Harleen
Kim & Jeff Van Pelt/family

Acolytes –

- 1/6
1/13
1/20 Grant Twedt, Derrick Rhoads
1/27

Lectors -

- 1/6
1/13
1/20
1/27

Ushers

- Roger Moore, captain
Casey Huxford
Mark Doty
Tim Wise

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

- 1/6Helen Kepler, Laura Kepler
1/20Lora Young, Dennis Millang

Offering Counters

- Doreen Blackmer, Joyce Carlson

Altar Guild

- Vivian Lundgren, Donna Millang

Snow Removal

- Sidewalks
 - Drives & Parking Lots
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Deliver Food Pantry donations for Jan

"January is Souper Bowl month at the food pantry – please donate canned soups, crackers, and other soup-related items."

Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee

Looking Ahead:

- February 9th SE Iowa Synodical Women's Winter Retreat "Bad Girls of the Bible" @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Knoxville
February 10th ROCK Valentine Dinner
February 14th Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline @ Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
February 19th Blood Drive @ Palestine
February 19th LSI & 3 IA ELCA Synods – Lutheran Day on the Hill: Annual day of advocacy to uplift needs of our neighbors
Church Council Retreat – date & location to be determined

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA

NOTE: Palestine Women will be on 'Winter Break' during the months of January, February and March.

In the Gather magazine– Winter 2019: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. Over the course of this four-session study by Julie A. Kanarr, we will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. Their conversations beckon us to explore and grow in faith.

The Rev. Julie A. Kanarr serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. An avid outdoorsperson, she enjoys sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping.

Session one: Come and see: Seeking and finding faith (Jan/Feb Gather)

In this session, we meet John the Baptist, who bears witness to Jesus. As the circle of Jesus' disciples grows, we share in the invitation to "come and see." At the wedding in Cana and during the cleansing of the temple, we reflect on how the character of God is revealed in Jesus.

Session two: By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus (Jan/Feb Gather)

In this session, we meet Nicodemus, who comes to Jesus at night with questions of faith. We meet the Samaritan woman who talks with Jesus in the middle of the day about religious practice. We meet a royal official who seeks healing for his dying son and a paralyzed man who has waited 38 years for healing. We sit with the crowd that is fed by Jesus and struggles to understand his teaching, chewing on Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life."

Session three: Friends for life in Christ (March Gather)

In this session, we meet a woman caught in adultery, a man born blind, and Jesus' friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Through their stories, we come to see how Jesus meets us with mercy, healing and hope in the face of judgment, rejection and grief. We share in Jesus' final conversation with his disciples before his arrest, where he shows us his love and prays for us.

Session four: Seeing the risen Christ (April Gather)

In this final session, we encounter the Risen Christ through his appearances to Mary Magdalene, Peter, the Beloved Disciple, and Thomas. We reflect on how the risen Christ remains present among us, blessing us and inviting us to come and see and to live in his name.

The theme for the January/February 2019 Gather magazine is – What can we learn about God from Jesus' life and ministry?



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 2019 – 10:45 a.m.

“God is at work through the people of Palestine Lutheran Church! Thank you for your faithfulness and service. Thank you for your kindness and expressions of Christ’s love. May God bless you richly in the New Year!” *taken from a previous annual report*

The Annual Meeting gives us the opportunity to review the last year at Palestine and to look forward and plan for the future.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 27 immediately following church (10:45am). A meal will follow, watch for details regarding the meal.



**LOOKING BACK
ON THE YEAR**

Deadline for submitting annual reports is January 2 to be sure copies of the report will be available to be picked up on January 20th.

SNOW REMOVAL - Volunteers needed

1. Parking lots & drives
2. Sidewalks

Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall. ?s check with Mike Larson

Special thanks to the many of you that have helped in past years.



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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand December 15, 2018	
Checking Account	\$ 30,332.70
General Fund	\$ 9,876.76
Designated Funds	\$ 20,455.94
Benevolence	320.00
Building Improvement	- 238.11
Technology	3,384.00
Kitchen	413.24
Parsonage	- 176.26
Confirmation	790.42
Evangelism/Fellowship	871.68
Piano Fund	13,906.84
Maland Fund	1,084.13
ELCA Disaster Fund	50.00
ROCK group	50.00
Principal balance for building improvement loan	\$ 3,584.64
Principal balance for general fund operating loan	\$ 13,200.00
(as of December 15, 2018)	

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, Jan 6, 2019 at 8 am

Church Council 2018

Pastor Eric Klimpel

President: Matt Williams

Vice President: Jeff Van Pelt

Secretary: Ellen Longnecker

Treasurer: Deidre Qual

Financial Sec'y: Dick Kepler

Council:

David Eisenmann

Laura Kepler

Jean Saveraid

Tim Wilson

Nels Dovre

Cynthia Johnson

Brad Lewis

Kristin Shelton

Lora Young



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

also be canceled. If weather hits when school is not in session, a message regarding cancellations will be put on the church answering machine (515/597-2620) and also on our church website www.plchuxley.com. We will notify the following radio/TV stations if worship or other events are to be canceled WHO, KCCI, KRNT, & WOI. For smaller functions phone trees will also be utilized.

Special NOTE: Please use your own judgment regarding traveling in severe weather conditions.

Minutes - Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting
[not yet approved] **December 2, 2018 Sunday**

Pastor Eric, Matt Williams, Jeff Van Pelt, Tim Wilson, David Eisenmann, Cynthia Johnson, Brad Lewis, Laura Kepler, Lora Young, Dick Kepler, Kristin Shelton, Jean Saveraid, Deidre Qual, Nels Dovre, Ellen Longnecker

Devotions – Matt W.

Read Vision and Mission Statements

Goals and Reflections

Nominations committee- Job well done at working towards finding potential candidates for the new year.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Jeff Van Pelt moved to approve minutes of the previous meeting November 4, 2018
Kristen Shelton seconded to motion.

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

500\$ paid towards General fund loan

December 2018 PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 280.00
Building Improvement	-268.11
Confirmation	790.42
ELCA Disaster Fund	50.00
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	871.68
General Fund Checking	4,797.36
Kitchen	17,914.34
Maland Fund	1,084.13
Parsonage	673.08
Piano fund	3,906.84
Rock Group	50.00
Technology Fund	3,384.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 33,533.74

Lora Young moved to approve treasurer's report. Jean Saveraid seconded the motion.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Klimpel presented his report.

New business:

1. Annual meeting planning-January 27, 2019
 - a. Meal – ROCK group
2. Compensation/Lease agreement for Nels.
 - a. All looks good!
3. Council retreat planning.
 - a. Possibly in February 16th
4. New directory.
 - a. Targeting for March
5. Sanctuary alterations:
 - a. Removal of some front pews.
 - b. Additional video screen.
 - i. Left side and choir loft
 - c. Piano considerations.
 - d. Lighting In sanctuary
 - i. Change to brighter bulbs

Unfinished Business:

1. Nominating committee – Update
 - a. Members: McKenzie Shaffer, Kari Sandquist, Aiden Lewis, Greg Hartsook, Jean Saveraid, Bruce Hartman
2. Finance and audit committee meetings.
 - a. Meeting December 2, 2018
3. Parsonage – update.
 - a. Final to-do's
 - i. Remove fridge from garage
 - ii. Fire and Carbon monoxide alarms
 - iii. Radon test done again to make sure mitigation is working
4. Kitchen committee – Update.
 - a. All is good!
5. ROCK group trip update – Nels
 - a. Going to use church credit card to purchase plane tickets- church will be reimbursed once funds are fundraised.

Brad Lewis motioned to approve ROCK using the church's credit card up to \$10,000 to purchase plane tickets. Kristen Shelton seconded the motion.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting – January 6, 2019

January Devotions – Lora Young
Treats – Laura Kepler

Nels motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laura Kepler seconded the motion.

January

- 1 - Clark, Haylie
Doty, Reagan
- 3 - Engles, Ryan
- 4 - DeHaven, Darren
Schonhorst, Lori
- 5 - Sheldahl, Tracy
- 6 - Hartman, Sarah
- 9 - Hartman, Angie
Klingbeil, Kent
- 11 - Rhoads, Tracy
- 12 - Elliott, Lowell
Friedrichsen, Tom
- 13 - Larson, Missy
- 14 - Kopaska, Escher
Sheldahl, Mollie
- 15 - Cast, Richard
- 17 - Stowe, Deb
- 18 - Hartman, Bruce
Williams, Kevin
- 19 - Richter, Eden
- 20 - Huxford, Casey
- 22 - Johnson, Cynthia
- 25 - Anderson, David
Larson, Colton
- 27 - Kopaska, Melissa
- 29 - Rittgers, Harold
- 30 - Johnson, Tyler
Lewis, Lesa
McKinney, Judy

**JANUARY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 – Pastor Eric & Teri Klimpel
- 27–Tom & Cindy Friedrichsen

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

Thank you...

...to everyone who had a part in making the 49th Annual Senior Member Christmas Event special Sunday, December 9 – Nels & preschool thru 6th grade students for providing music & the KICK group for the ornaments they made, those who made the delicious food & served it and also thanks to our super seniors that were able to attend.

...to the KICK group for organizing Christmas Caroling December 12.

...to the KICK group for a special Christmas Program – “The Midnight Miracle” which they performed December 16th.

...to the KICK advisors – Jody Calvert, Lesa Lewis and Lori Schonhorst – for all their work in making these events possible.

Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during December: Deb Bollmeyer; Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Adrienne Brown; Joan Carson; Alisha Cox; Grady Greco; Jackie Greene; Kai Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Elias Samuel Moore; Chuck Ostermeier; Oriett Snider; Marvin Sorensen; Shannon Tope; Arlene Wee; Randy Young; Sarah JoAnn Young
Family & friends of Kim Fears
Family & friends of Duane Haglund (father of Lynae Kruse); Brett & Dan Van Ersvelde; Rod Wilson (father of Mindy DeVries)

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare. Human services providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees striving to build new lives.

These are all issues faced by Iowans. Join us to make sure they are heard at the Iowa State Capitol.

Please consider joining Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 19. Visit www.LSIowa.org/advocacy next month for event details, online registration, and an online toolkit for your congregation.

If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again. We hope this year's schedule will also allow you more opportunities to connect with legislators. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Building a New Home

After spending almost 20 years in a refugee camp in Nepal, Narayan and Chandra are grateful for the life they have built for their family with support from LSI's Refugee Community Services.

After marrying in the camp, Narayan and Chandra resettled to Des Moines in 2009. Everything was new. Everything was different. Their child, Aaman, was a newborn, and they found themselves overwhelmed with medical bills. Chandra desperately wanted to pursue her medical career. At the time, it seemed impossible.

But LSI helped Chandra enroll in college classes. Narayan started volunteering at LSI as an interpreter. Later, he became a full-time case manager with LSI, where he continues to lift up former refugees by connecting them to resources, educational activities, and supporting them as they pursue citizenship.

“LSI supported me and allowed me to provide for my family. It helped us establish ourselves in Iowa,” he says.

Chandra now works as a lab assistant in an Iowa pediatric clinic. Narayan and Chandra have become homeowners and feel confident, independent, and established in their new community.

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

A Note of Thanks -

We received the following note after Non-perishable Food & personal care items were delivered to the Huxley Food Pantry that had been collected here at Palestine as part of Ballard Community Thank-Offering in conjunction with the Community Thanksgiving Worship.

Palestine Lutheran Church

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Huxley Food Pantry, I thank you for your generous donation of food and personal care items. We were able to get the bulk of the items out on the shelves by the time the Food Pantry opened the next week. Our clients are very appreciative of the personal care items and cleaning products as those things can be expensive. Laundry detergent is a prime example. While I can buy food items from the Food Bank for pennies a pound, they do not carry the items you provided. You are indeed living generously! Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Jackie Rasmussen

Food Pantry Director



Bethany Life

Palestine is a member congregation of Bethany Life. Below is a brief description of the services they provide as well as their mission statement. Marge Sheldahl serves as Palestine's delegate to Bethany Life.

Bethany Life offers a full continuum of care for older adults. Our services include At-Home wellness and education, skilled care, assisted living, independent living, and long-term care. Located in Story City, Iowa (a short drive from Ames), Bethany Life has been a part of the community since 1914.

Our Mission: Bethany Life's mission is to help elders thrive in their life journey, living in a Christian environment of hope and compassion.



Thanks to all who helped make the holidays brighter at the Madrid Home by supplying resident gifts or wrapping supplies and by wrapping gifts or helping at the resident Christmas party. You all helped everyone enjoy Christmas a little more, especially those who don't have family close by.

Are you caring for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease? Madrid Home Communities offers noon luncheon support groups at the Cedars in Madrid and at Ballard Creek in Huxley that you can attend. They are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Cedars and the fourth Wednesday of the month at Ballard Creek at noon. Please R.S.V.P. to Carol Mallory by noon the Tuesday before the event at 515-249-2637 so they know how many extra lunches to fix.

There are some new faces at Madrid Home Communities. Stop in at the Cedars in Madrid to welcome Kristen Canham, the new administrator there. Also, stop in to Ballard Creek to meet Jill East, the new Senior Director of Assisted Living. You can also head to the Madrid Home to meet Caitlyn Booms as the Director of Dining Services. While you are there, stop in to say hi to Kathleen Niedert, the interim Executive Director and Chaplain Marshall Felderman who replaced Carla Were when she retired. Let's welcome them all to the area. Finally, the Madrid Home now has Blue Stone Therapy Solutions providing various kinds of therapy for residents, so you might see some of these new faces in the hall, as well.

The Madrid Home maintains a fund called ACTS (Assistance with Compassion to Seniors) Fund that serves to help pay the bills when a resident's financial resources run out. Several employees give regularly out of their paycheck to this fund. In 2018, the charity care needed by residents exceeded expectations and the fund ran out. If interested and able, please consider a donation to this fund to help provide care for needy residents. If you can help, you can send a check to the Madrid Home Communities at 613 W. North St., Madrid, IA 50156-1023 with the designation "ACTS Fund." Thank you for your consideration and if you have questions, see your Madrid Home Representative or call Matt Hau, Madrid Home Communities CFO at 515-795-3007.



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rlbc@riverside.org

www.RiversideLBC.org

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

Online registration is now open for Summer Camp 2019! Check out what dates work best for your summer schedule, and get signed up today! A copy of the summer 2019 master calendar is available on the counter in Fellowship Hall or check it out online.

Mother-Son Pizza Game Night – About MSPGN

Who: Moms (or grandmas/aunts/friends) & their sons

What: Pizza, games, and fun!

Where: Riverside Dining Hall **When:** Saturday, January 26 from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

How Much: \$10 per person; \$30 maximum per family

Riverside provides this program to create a great way for moms and their sons to come to camp to play and just enjoy hanging out with each other. There is time to eat pizza, play games, and have plenty of fun.

Each year we have a special theme, (we will announce the theme closer to the event) Moms and sons are invited to dress accordingly!

About Daddy-Daughter Dance

Every daughter is a princess of the King! Sparkles will be everywhere, all around the lit-up dining hall, as well as on lots of sparkly dresses and many, many sparkly eyes as the daddies and their princesses dance the night away! What a joy it is to watch 200+ daddies and daughters swirling and twirling, laughing, and enjoying each other to the fullest! The evening is filled with dance music by a DJ, snacks, and pictures. Dance instructions for group dances are included with the night.

Daddies, plan to bring your princess(es) to the Riverside Dining Hall on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 pm! Let's treasure those daughters of all ages!

Who: Dads (or grandpas/uncles/friends) and their daughters

What: Dancing and Snacks

Where: Riverside Dining Hall - 3001 Riverside Rd. Story City, Iowa

When: Saturday, February 16 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

How Much: \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family

Registering online or calling the office ahead of time is very helpful; however, walk-ins are welcome.

Marriage Retreat

Join us March 1-3, 2019

God's Word is powerful and we believe it affects lives and marriages! Throughout this weekend, couples will enjoy time together with rest, worship, creative skits, laughter, time with our speakers, lots of fun, great food and great fellowship. Arrival is Friday evening, and the retreat ends with a brunch on Sunday.

Please pray about coming to the Marriage Retreat this year!

This weekend offers a great opportunity to bring along some friends who you would like to grow alongside.

A marriage retreat also makes for a great Christmas or Anniversary gift.

Housing Options and Fees

\$150 - Riverside housing - couples stay in individual cabins or rooms.

\$120 - Commute - sleep at home, or make your own reservation at a local hotel, and attend all of the programming at camp.

Possible Story City hotels - Comfort Inn 515.733.6363 or Viking Inn 515.733.4306

*Fee includes all meals and programming for the couple

REGISTER: Register by calling the office at 515-733-5271, or you can register online today! Couples arrive Friday evening and the retreat ends with a brunch on Sunday at 11:30. You DON'T want to miss this weekend!

Meeting the Need

Riverside has many needs and you might be the one that God is calling to help fill that need! Your gifts are appreciated! If you would like to give any of these items, contact our office!

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| •Gas Golf Carts | •Instrument and microphone |
| •Car, Minivan, 15-passenger van | cables in good condition |
| •½ or ¾ ton pick up | •DJ box (in good condition) |
| •Kayaks & Kayak paddles | •Microphone stands |
| •Polyurethane or lightweight aluminum canoes | •Plastic Storage Tubs |
| •Life vests | minimum size of 12" x 20" x 14" - clear sides preferred) |
| •Grass/alfalfa large/small, round or square bales (without | |
| •Canoe rack trailer | foxtail) |
| •Pool cues (in good condition) | •Hay |
| •Copy paper | •Kid-sized western saddles |
| •Disc golf discs | (in good condition) |
| •Black or blue ink pens | •Rags, Dishcloths |
| •Vinyl medical gloves (not latex) | |
| •Triple antibiotic cream | |
| •Wireless microphones | •Music stands |