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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."

Appreciating Our Complicated Lives

With Pastor Eric

I used to be a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves. I received my training at the Chaplain Officer's Basic School in Columbia, South Carolina at Fort Jackson. My training class consisted of men and women from various Christian denominations and a few other religions. Our mission as Chaplains in the Army is to provide for the spiritual care of soldiers and their families. Over a period of eight weeks I trained at being a field chaplain on and off the battlefield to include memorizing army regulations, learning the vast networks of logistics and tactics and working within battlefield scenarios which were based on actual events.

The battlefield scenarios were the most strenuous of our training exercises. Cadre would give us a story scenario which involved a chaplain having to make a choice under battlefield conditions while weighing out spiritual beliefs, army regulations and soldier's needs. One scenario involved a chaplain during the Vietnam War who was assisting in a forward medical aid camp which became overrun by the Viet Cong. According to the Geneva Convention (*basis for determining war crimes*), chaplains were considered unarmed non-combatants who were to be treated as prisoners of war. Therefore, chaplains are not allowed to carry firearms in combat and instead have chaplain aides who guard them. In the scenario, the chaplain aid was already dead, and there was a strong possibility that all wounded soldiers would be shot while other soldiers might be captured. However, the Viet Cong were known to take no prisoners as well. As the chaplain, would you pick up a weapon and defend the wounded, or take your chances and hope that they capture you and take you prisoner with others in order to care for the prisoner's needs. If you picked up a weapon, then you might defend the wounded but you could still be court marshaled for breaking the convention rule. The class was usually divided in such scenarios and most of us admitted that the unique situation would most likely dictate the response from us regardless of our denomination's guidelines or desired intentions.

I think about these exercises often when faced with discussions about many issues like immigration, racism, gender bias, and economics. Life is more complicated than my single little brain can comprehend. I believe that we should listen to other's stories and experiences, ask questions and debate the rough edges where our stories intersect, or collide. Paul tells his church communities to speak the truth in

love which means we should listen in love as well. May God open our ears, eyes and hearts to one another's stories in love and with respect, so that we might appreciate and learn in Jesus' name. Amen.



Palestine Lutheran Church
Worship & Study Opportunities-
August 2018

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

Wednesday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 4

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

Sunday, August 5 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion

Monday, August 6

2 p.m. Palestine Women of ELCA Bible study

Wednesday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 12 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Summer hymnfest

Wednesday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 19 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship: Holy Communion; Blessing of Backpacks & lunch boxes

Wednesday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 25

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

Sunday, August 26 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Brief Worship @ Palestine – devotion

9:30 a.m. Community Worship @ Ballard Middle school as part of Huxley Prairie Fest [NOTE: change of time]

Wednesday, August 29

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

7:00 p.m. Confirmation parents meeting

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

August 5 11th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: John 6:24-35

The Choices of Discipleship: *Life or Death?*

August 12 12th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: John 6:35, 41-51

The Choices of Discipleship: *Filled or Hungry?*

August 19 13th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: John 6: 51-58

The Choices of Discipleship: *Connected or Disconnected?*

August 26 14th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: John 6:56-69

The Choices of Discipleship: *Focused or Uncertain?*

Sept 2 15th Sunday after Pentecost –

Primary Text: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Living in Christ: *Start from the Inside*



The choir is on break over the summer. The choir is scheduled to begin a new season on September 9th at 8:30 a.m. Do you love to sing? We are a welcoming choir that loves to use our voices for praise. We would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in singing a solo (or small group) OR playing an instrument for worship, please let me know! Maybe you have a favorite hymn you would love to sing. Or a duet with your son or daughter.

Maybe you play violin, or trumpet, or piano, and have a song you would like to share. I can accompany any style of music, and I would love to work with you. If you are interested, come talk to me at church, send an email to mindydevries@yahoo.com, or give me a call: 515-729-7992.

~Mindy DeVries

Confirmation Parent Meeting - Wednesday, August 29th @ 7pm - material will be emailed in advance to parents and confirmands going into 7th or 8th grade for the coming school year - please contact Pastor Eric with any questions (ericklimpel@gmail.com) and to confirm your child's participation this year. Tentative start date for this school year will be: Wednesday, Sept 12th - There might be a kickoff event with area Lutheran congregations on Sept 5th? To be determined.



Ice Cream Social – Palestine Lutheran Church

5:30-8 p.m. Railroad Park, Friday August 24th



Evangelism/Fellowship committee needs pie and brownie donations for the Prairie Fest booth held.



Donations raised will be used for upcoming fellowship activities.

Community Worship Service

9:30 a.m. @ Nord-Kalsem Park (NOTE: change of time)

Our Prairie Fest worship service on August 26th will be with the churches of the Ballard Ministerial Alliance at Nord Kalsem Park. (Ballard Middle School is the weather location). A

special offering will be received.

Note: Palestine will have a short worship service @ 8 a.m. at church that Sunday.



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday – September 9, 2018



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The 2018 dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 9. Mark your calendars today! Watch and listen for ways you can be involved.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!



Children's Church will begin September 16th.

Kids will go to class immediately following the Children's Message and return during the Sharing of the Peace. Kids will go to the choir loft following the service to let their joyful voices be heard.



Children's Church Teachers Needed!

We need teacher volunteers to help our kids learn about all the exciting things that happen in the Bible.

- Rotational model – we pair teachers up so you don't have to teach every Sunday
- Our teachers' manuals are very clear – little to no prep time required

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Siepker or Erika Williams

Important Christian Ed dates:

August 19 – Blessing of the Backpacks- bring your backpack to church and receive a special blessing to start out the school year!

September 9 – Rally Day – watch for announcements about how your family can participate in exciting service projects for "God's Work, Our Hands"

September 16 – 1st day of Children's Church

THIRD WORD MINISTRY

Building relationships
within our church family

"Third Word" Ministry – Comes from Jesus' third word from the Cross - ***"Jesus said to his mother: 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple: 'This is your mother.'"*** **John 19:26-27** - A ministry whose goal is to build relationships between individual families of all generations within the family created by Jesus at Palestine Lutheran Church. We will pursue this ministry in three ways: pray partners, servant events, and table fellowship.

Prayer Partners – In our desire to build community and help people connect in meaningful ways. The Council and Fellowship Evangelism Committee are planning to match up four families to be prayer partners for the next twelve months. **Prayer Partners** – endeavor to pray for each other, check-in regularly, celebrate times of joy (*birthdays, anniversaries*) and sorrow, be encouraged to invite into aspects of life (*sporting events, plays, etc.*) and sit with each other in worship. **If you are interested in participating but unable to commit at this time, then please email the church office (plc@huxcomm.net), call (515-597-2620), or leave a note in the church copy room by August 12th. Otherwise, we will match up families and let people know before we begin on September 9th (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday).**

Confirmation Class Thanks the Congregation for Support

Another successful confirmation trip is in the books! The students would like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire congregation for the financial support, prayers and good thoughts. The trip, which was taken in June, was eye-opening and fun. Watch for a presentation about their adventure in August.



Pictured: Brent Emerson, Sarah Hartman, Josie Jensen, Chloe Shelton, Whitney Larson, Luke Hartsook, Colby Calvert, Lucas Ness, Jamie Ness

KICK – Kids in Christ's Kingdom (3rd thru 6th grades)

Meals for the Heartland outing Wednesday, August 15th from 6-8 at their location. Everyone ages 5 and up are welcome to help package meals. Invite friends! RSVP to Lori Schonhorst or on KICK Facebook page.

History of the ELCA

A merger of three Lutheran churches formed the ELCA in 1988. They were The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and the Lutheran Church in America.

Now 30 years later, the ELCA is a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

We trace our roots back through the mid-17th century, when early Lutherans came to America from Europe, settling in the Virgin Islands and the area that is now known as New York. Even before that, Martin Luther sought reform for the church in the 16th century, laying the framework for our beliefs.

Elected Leaders in Congregations #inthisTogether

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please join me for an evening of conversation and fellowship.

As a leader elected to serve on the council of your congregation, I look forward to visiting with you about the hopes and challenges that we face together in the mission that God has entrusted to us. I will do my best to ground our conversation in this year's synod theme, "The WATER & The WITNESS." But mostly I will be listening for the points of connection in the stories you share, striving to identify new ways that we can help one another. After all, we really are #inthisTogether.


Pastors, deacons, and other ministry staff will have gathered earlier the same day for worship, lunch and conversation. I am confident that after gathering with you and taking full advantage of your perspective, our connections will be stronger and the possibility of a bolder witness to the good news of Jesus Christ will be enhanced.

Please come to the location and time listed below that works best for you.

Christ is with you,

Michael L. Burk

Bishop Michael L. Burk



<p>Thursday, August 9, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm Memorial Lutheran Church Nevada, IA</p> <p>Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm St. James Lutheran Church Johnston, IA</p> <p>Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm Redeemer Lutheran Church Bettendorf, IA</p>	<p>Thursday, August 30, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm First Lutheran Church Fairfield, IA</p> <p>Thursday, November 8, 2018 6:30-8:00 pm Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church Cedar Rapids, IA</p> <p>Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm First Lutheran Church Maquoketa, IA</p>
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Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand July 15, 2018	
Checking Account	\$ 10,092.82
General Fund	- \$ 10,411.00
Designated Funds	\$ 20,503.82
Benevolence	
Building Improvement	2,120.00
Technology	3,384.00
Kitchen	,715.00
Parsonage	913.84
Confirmation	838.50
Evangelism/Fellowship	363.97
Piano Fund	2,454.09
ROCK	10.00
Maland Fund	4,704.83
VBS	- 135.41
Principal balance for building improvement loan	\$ 3,584.64
(as of July 15, 2018)	

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, Aug 12th, 2018 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



GATHER AT THE GARDEN

Whether you have a green thumb or not, you are welcome to join us at the church garden on **Tuesday evenings starting at 7pm**. We'll be tending to the garden, weeding and gathering produce for the local food/clothing pantries. If Tuesday evening doesn't work in your schedule, check with Roger Moore regarding which tasks are most needed to be completed. Remember, anyone can stop out anytime and take what they'd like from the garden.

Palestine Lutheran Church Council Meeting

[not yet approved]

July 8, 2018 Sunday - 6:00 PM

Pastor Eric Klimpel, Laura Kepler, Lora Young, Cynthia Johnson, Jean Saveraid, Jeff Van Pelt, Brad Lewis, Nels Dovre, Dick Kepler, Tim Wilson, Deidre Qual, Kristin Shelton.

Devotions – Tim Wilson-recap on our Council Retreat.

Read Vision and Mission Statements-

Goals and Reflections-Goal reached today as the Kitchen Proposal passed.

Minutes of the previous meeting-Tim Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from June; Lora Young seconded the motion.

Jeff Van Pelt moves to approve minutes from previous meeting
Laura seconded the motion. Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Deidre

July 2018 PLC Checking Account	
Benevolence	\$ 135.00
Building Improvement	2120.00
Confirmation	574.17
Evangelism/Fellowship Committee	363.97
General Fund Checking	-6715.27
Kitchen	5,715.00
Maland Fund	4,704.83
Parsonage	913.84
Piano fund	2454.09
Rock Group	10.00
Technology Fund	3384.00
VBS	1318.00
Total PLC Checking Account	\$ 14977.63

Nels Dovre moves to approve treasurer's report.
Kristin Shelton seconded the motion.

Pastor's Report -- Pastor Klimpel

Refer to pastor's report in newsletter.

New business:

1. Baptism to approve-Mason Kam and Carolyn Tatarniuk- Brad Lewis motioned to approve the baptisms of Mason and Carolyn. Nels Dovre seconded the motion.
2. Roof Repairs: Hedrick is fixing 2 spots on lower roof on new addition (a new roof would be \$25,000) and will look steeple that is leaking into the sanctuary. Estimate is \$2000-2500.
3. Building loan has been extended 1 year- Balance is \$3600; rate is 6.25%.
4. Nels updated on Service Week that the ROCK kids did.

Unfinished Business:

1. Kitchen committee – Thank you for your work!!
2. Review need for catch up funds event.
3. Parsonage Update-Parsonage Committee met a month ago. At this time, they discussed becoming a landlord. The Lutheran church in a surrounding town is successfully renting their parsonage utilizing a rental/property company out of Ames. They will be further researching how much we would get and what we would need to do to update the parsonage to rent it.
4. Coffee enhancement update-Tim Wilson
 - a. Won't be meeting until August

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Kristin Shelton motioned to adjourn.
Tim Wilson seconded the motion.

Next meeting – August 12th, 2018 8:00 AM

August Devotions – Dick Kepler

August Treats - Cynthia Johnson

Palestine Lutheran Church Congregational

Meeting [not yet approved]

Sunday July 8, 2018 10:45 AM



August 2018

Volunteer schedule

Greeters

- 8/5 Lynae & Josh Kruse
Donna & Dennis Millang
8/12 Holly & Wade Twedt
Doreen Blackmer
8/19 Jen & Mark Pote
Chris & Rich Nelson
8/26 Jean Saveraid
Holly & Tim Wise, Hunter

Acolytes –

to be contacted

Lectors –

- 8/5
8/12
8/19
8/26

Ushers

- Robert Snider, captain
Dick Cast
Roger Moore
Andrew Larson

Sunday Fellowship

Families who greet also serve beverages for fellowship.

Communion Assistants

- 8/5 Bob & Oriett Snider
8/19 Brent & Julie Emerson

Offering Counters

Brent Emerson, Jeannie Williams

Altar Guild

- Helen & Dick Kepler
Vivian & Del Lundgren

Mowing volunteers

- July 30-Aug 5
Aug 6-12
Aug 13-19
Aug 20-26
Aug 17- Sept 2

Deliver Food Pantry donations for August

"August is **Baby, You're Mine** month at the food pantry - please donate baby items- wipes, diapers, talcum powder, toiletries, baby food, formula." Sponsored by Palestine Mission Outreach Committee.

Looking Ahead

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday – September 9, 2018

Fall programming resumes in September

1. Children's church begins 9/9
2. Palestine Piecemakers
3. Choir begins 9/9

Saturday, August 4 –

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Quilt Auction & 5K Run

- 8:30 am – Riverside 5K
- 9:30 – 11:30 am - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

The 2018 quilts available to view online.

Call to Order by Vice President Jeff Van Pelt

Opening Prayer- Pastor Klimpel

New Business:

Item 1

Motion to approve the Plan put forth by the kitchen Committee presented to the congregation on June 24, 2018. An attachment of this plan will be noted in the minutes of this meeting

Kitchen Remodel Meeting

Quorum established by Brent Emerson

Brad Lewis motions to move forward with plan to remodel the kitchen

Nels Dovre seconded motion.

Discussion:

Cleared up shelving situation in North East Corner

Item 2

Motion to approve the use of up to \$70,000 for the Kitchen Plan

~ \$22,200 from memorial committee

~ \$30,000 Maland Fund

Current balance of kitchen fund \$5,500

Discussion:

Questioned about being short \$12,300. Cleared up that we are approving more than currently budgeted to have a buffer.

Brad Lewis motions to approve funding

Lyle Martin seconded motion to approve funding

Final Vote

Item 1	Item 2
75 yes	75 yes
1 against	1 against

Jean Saveraid motions adjourn meeting. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion.

Close with Lord's prayer.

August

- 2 - Lowell Brendeland
- 5 - Tracy Blackmer
Tony Ness
- 6 - Amy Larson
London Roelfs
- 7 - Vallery Eisenmann
Laura Kepler
- 8 - Arlyce Engles
- 10 - Taylor Larson
- 12 - Alyssa Johnson
Drake Klingbeil
- 16 - Garry Wirtz
- 17 - Tyler Roelfs
- 18 - Chris Richter
- 19 - Denise Elliott
Sarah Jensen
Allan Kopaska
Megan Rowedder
- 21 - Mary Kate Russell
Dominic Kopaska
- 24 - Robby Keltner
- 26 - Brinley Dykstra
- 27 - Leonard Larson
Del Lundgren
Jacob Williams
- 28 - Greyson Johnson
Chloe Shelton
Karina Snider
- 29 - Noelle Hartsook
Charles Sheldahl
- 30 - Ian Minnihan



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

AUGUST WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Russ & Mindy DeVries
- 4 - Ken & Louise Larson (45th)
Roy & Elaine Paradise
- 6 - Kevin & Jeannie Williams
- 13 - Jim & Nina Gotta
- 14 - David & Vallery Eisenmann
Adam & Molly Wuebker
- 15 - Tim & Shannon Wilson
- 16 - Bob & Oriett Snider
- 18 - Justin & Jodie Sample
- 21 - Allan & Deb Kopaska
- 22 - Penn & Laurie Hill
- 23 - Kyle & DeAnn Jolly (10th)
- 26 - Chris & Amanda Richter
- 27 - Brad & Lesa Lewis
- 29 - Andrew & Cally Larson (20th)
Sam & Andi Shaffer

Vacation Bible School allowed 40 students entering first thru sixth grade and 10 preschoolers to "Seek First". The team from Riverside lead started and ended each day with a skit that involved traveling the world. We explored a different continent each day and learned about seeking ourselves, others, and

God. Service project for VBS was collecting food items for Backpack Buddies. Offering collected at the closing program was given to Backpack Buddies. The week wrapped up with an evening celebration including a meal provided by Thrivent. Thanks to all the volunteers from both Palestine and Fjeldberg for making this event possible.



Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during July: Anita Brendeland; Valerie Brendeland; Joan Carson; Kim Fears; Jackie Greene; Bruce Hartman; Kai Johnson; Ralph Kalsem; Sandy Kalsem; Pastor Eric Klimpel; Janella Kammin (Jody Calvert's mother); Rob Larson; Merlin Lyon; Elias Samuel Moore; Ruth Schonhorst; Shannon Tope; Arlene Wee; Randy Young; Sarah JoAnn Young

- Our Compassion International child a 6 yr old boy Roberto Junior Perez Barreto in Columbia.
- Those impacted by hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, storms, tornadoes, drought & wild fires.
- Those impacted by terrorist attacks around the world & also here at home.

We extend our prayers and sincerest Christian sympathy...

...to family and friends of **Wesley Schonhorst** (grandfather of Doug Schonhorst)

May the risen Lord give his strength & comfort to his family in their time of loss.

We extend our prayers and best wishes...

...to **Ellen Huxford** and **Garrett Longnecker**. who were married at Palestine on Saturday, July 14.

May God be with them as they begin their married life together

A Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary after church on June 10. It is so nice to be remembered with a card or kind words. Thank you to our kids and grandkids for all their help.

Virgil & Diane Larson

A Note of Thanks

Dear Members of Palestine:

I would like to thank the church for paying for part of my Riverside week-long camp that I went to in June. I loved all the music, and my camp counselor. Alfonso was awesome. Thank you so much.

Brayden DeVries



The ROCK group recently participated in a week of service (June 25th – July 1st) where we visited a few local community organizations and donated our time to help those in need. Our focus for the week was homelessness and poverty. We started the week with a 30 hour fast, which lasted from 1pm Sunday, June 24th until 7pm Monday, June 25th. On Sunday night, we had a movie/game night. Then we met at the church on Monday for some activities to pass our fasting time. Each of us took on the challenge of buying a meal for a family of four with a budget of only \$10 at Fareway. We ended up preparing one of these meals to break our fast on Monday night and donated the rest of the meals to Central Iowa Shelter Services' (CISS) food pantry. World Vision, an international humanitarian organization, provides some educational videos about famine and poverty so we watched some of their videos, discussed the perception of those that are homeless, made t-shirt handbags to donate to CISS, and had some worship and quiet time on Monday evening before breaking our fast.

On Wednesday, a few of us went to CISS to serve lunch to their clients. They offer housing, education, and health care to the homeless in Des Moines. After we served lunch, we got a tour of the facility, including their garden and greenhouse, food pantry, and clothing pantry. They said that they are in need of socks and disposable razors year round, so we may have a sock/razor drive in the near future.

We had planned to visit Joppa on Thursday, but will be rescheduling for a day in July when more youth will be able to attend. On Friday, we packaged meals at Meals from the Heartland, and we spent Saturday morning gardening at the Blackmer's Gardening for Good Farm. We planted

cucumbers and squash that will be harvested later this year for the Food Bank of Iowa.

Austin Participated in the ELCA Youth Gathering the same week. Here is a little more information about his experience:



The ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston really showed the power of youth and the good they can do. Every day, my group and I would meet with over 30,000

other teens to worship, listen to speakers, and explore the different ways that God provides for us.

Throughout the week, we participated in many different activities. On Thursday we went to the activity center, which was full of fun games and interactive ways to learn about our faith. On Friday we had Synod Day, where we worshipped and discussed with other groups from around the nation. On Saturday we had our Community day, where we drove out to a poor community and painted addresses on the curbs and met with the residents. We even got to speak to the mayor of Houston! Sunday was the final day of the gathering. We all gave our goodbyes to Houston and headed out. But before we left, we stopped by NASA to see the sights!

Overall, the trip to Houston was much more than just a trip: it was an event that revealed to me the overwhelming influence that our youth have on society, and when done right, they can do amazing things. God worked through us this week, and I am proud to have helped him reach the residents of Houston!

-Austin Klimpel

The ROCK group thanks you for all of your continued support and prayers!

From the Library (submitted by Deb Moore):



Let's face it.
As Christians,
we would like
to think that
our lives
would be
difficulty free,

because we have faith, and we're good people.
But we all have times in our lives that we simply
have to pass through, whether they're health
issues, money issues, issues of loss, or difficult
circumstances.

The books below are memoirs by people who've
faced things head-on, as Christians, and made it
through to the other side.

**No Place to Hide: A Brain Surgeon's Long Journey
Home from the Iraq War**, by W. Lee Warren

This memoir chronicles Dr. Warren's assignment
with the Air Force National Guard in Balad, Iraq in
2004. Dr. Warren's expertise as neurosurgeon
and as a Christian were challenged during his time
in a tent hospital, serving both U.S. military men
and women, and also Iraqi soldiers and civilians.
His ability to serve as many wounded as possible,
the questioning of his faith and wondering what
life would be like once he returned home, are
dealt with openly and honestly in this book.

At times, this book was difficult to read. But....I
kept thinking, surely if he could serve, and endure
what he shared, I could keep reading. It was
worth the effort.

**Fly a Little Higher How God Answered a Mom's
Small Prayer in a Big Way**, by Laura Sobiech

A person never thinks his/her son might be
diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an aggressive bone
cancer, at the age of 17, and that he would die at
18. This is the reality Laura Sobiech faced.

Her son, Zach, decided not to undergo aggressive
surgery that might have saved his life when
chemotherapy did not. The surgery would have
been a long shot and would have meant losing his
leg and hip, meaning he'd not be able to walk.

Zach opted for living life as normally as possible in
the time he had left.

At that point, his mom surrendered him to God,
and said "Okay, Lord, you can have him. But if he
must die, I want it to be something big. I want
someone's life to be changed forever."

Zach, who always had a heart for music, went on
to write songs, share his story with many, and
create a CD of his music, all while being a "normal
kid," going to high school in Stillwater, MN, dating,
and spending family and friends time.

This book was an act of heroism. Laura Sobiech
shares all of her emotions, along with the events
of Zach's last year of life, and how that affected
the family in many good ways, but also in some
difficult ways. She and her family somehow
managed to have that normal life – not always
easily – that Zach so wanted.

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NOTE: One of the books A Little Higher refers to a
cd/dvd. The Library has this CD "Fix Me Up" by
Zach Sobiec and friends called "A Firm
Handshake." Teri Klimpel recently listened and
watched it. The music has a folksy style with
beautiful harmonies. The songs are uplifting and
soulful. A very meaningful follow-up to the book.
It is with the CDs in the library – the shelf above
the wooden "check out station". The CD case
includes a DVD.

Both books are either featured in the library as
new books or are on the "Biography" shelf
alphabetically by title. If you can't locate it, it's
possibly checked out. Do feel free contact any
library committee member for assistance. (Doreen
Blackmer, Laura Kepler, Teri Klimpel, Sue Larson,
Deb Moore, Phyllis Prichard, Shannon Wilson)

We have a suggestion box and the library is
interested in what people might want us to add to
the library.

PALESTINE WOMEN OF ELCA Bible study August
6, 2 p.m.

In Summer 2018, Anna Madsen will present a three-part study on prayer.

Session one (June): the paradoxes of prayer (1 Samuel 12:16-23)

Called to pray, but for what purpose? Can we persuade God with prayer? Do we actually encounter God in prayer? Is the practice of prayer intended for the sake of the one praying or for the One to whom we pray? The Bible references all of these scenarios; however, each comes with biblical, theological and practical questions. In this first session on prayer, we'll investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice.

Session two (July): the practices of prayer (Psalm 19:14)

Jesus taught us how to pray by way of the Lord's Prayer. But both in Scripture and in the Christian tradition, people of faith have developed a wide variety of ways to come before God. In this session, we'll look at different ways to pray, what each might offer and how knowing an array of prayer styles can enrich our devotional life.

Session three (August): the products of prayer (Romans 8:26-28)

It is indeed true that many results of prayer are intangible—and even impossible—to discern. But it is also true that prayer can demonstrably change the brain, reduce stress levels and, some studies say, appear to correlate to otherwise inexplicable healing in those for whom people have prayed. In the final session of this series, we will investigate the effects of prayer personally, communally and on the mission of the church.

Gather's summer Bible studies are available to download for free to try on your own or to study as a group. You can find them on Women of the ELCA website under publications → gather → Bible study.

SESSION OBJECTIVE for the August study (*the practices of prayer*) is to explore forms of prayer and deepen other forms of prayer participants have already found to be particularly powerful in their own lives.

The theme for the July/August 2018 *Gather* magazine is **LET US PRAY** Our prayers—our communications with our Creator—affect us as individuals, our communities and the very mission of the Church.

School is right around the corner! But imagine being a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. This time of year can be extremely stressful. They are afraid they won't be able to concentrate or fit in at their school. They worry about adjusting to a new classroom routine or making new friends.

Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services? Our therapists work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families in their own homes to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or 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.

A Loving Bond for Landon

Seven years ago, Ashley was eager to welcome her first child, Landon. While Landon was a perfectly behaved newborn, Ashley began feeling overwhelmed when his behavior changed as he grew. Landon stopped napping. He began throwing tantrums and lashed out when Ashley tried to help him. Ashley was desperate for a relationship with her toddler, but Landon always pushed her away. She turned to LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services.

Peggy, Landon's LSI worker, began visiting their home to help Landon develop the coping skills he needed to control his anger and guide him back to being the happy child he once was. Peggy and Landon began taking walks together, visiting the library, and playing games. When the family moved to a new home, Peggy made sure Landon was comfortable in his room and encouraged him to use it as a safe space when he needed to be alone.

Peggy and Landon have been working together for years and Landon, now 7, knows he has a support system to turn to on the rough days.

"We would truly be lost without Peggy," Ashley says. "Now Landon gives hugs, lets me know when he's angry and – the biggest gift of all – I occasionally hear, 'I love you, Mom'."



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

CRITICAL NEED! LifeServe Blood Drive,

Wednesday, August 8, 2-6 PM: Summer is often a difficult time for donors to commit to giving. At the same time, the need for blood during the summer remains constant. LifeServe anticipates a critical need for blood in August and has asked Palestine to host a special blood drive. Please consider donating.

Deb Moore will sign up donors in the fellowship hall after Sunday services. She can also be reached at 515-460-1037. You may also sign up online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or by calling the Blood Center directly: (800) 287-4903.

If you can't commit, but find you are free to donate that day, remember that walk-ins are always welcome. Bring a friend!



Family to Family Class is a free 12 session educational program for family, significant others and friends of adults living with mental illness. It is an evidence-based program taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there. It not only provides critical information and strategies for taking care of the person you love, but you will also find out that you are not alone and there is hope!

When: Mondays September 10 - November 26th

Where: NAMI CI Center - 416 Douglas Ave, Ste #205, Ames

When: 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Registration required by August 31 to ensure we have the materials ready for the first class. - 515-292-9400 or namiofci@gmail.com



Sundays, September 2nd and 9th – 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, September 16th and 23rd.

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

Any genre – religious, romance, history, sci-fi, western, etc. Children and adult books can be donated. On September 16th & 23rd at fellowship time after church you can take home some "new" reading material.

So bring books to put in our donation boxes the first 2 Sundays of September and plan to pick out books you haven't read September 16th & 23rd.

Help Us Create School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The best time to buy supplies for the school kits is in late summer or the fall when school supplies are on sale. You can help by donating one or all of the items on the list available in the work room. Bags with a list are available



in the work room (area outside of offices) for you to fill if you want. ?s talk to Oriett.

Guidelines: Please give new items only. Do not donate items with any religious symbols; decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic military

symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Lists of items needed for personal care kits, baby care kits and Fabric Kits are available near the collection boxes for the school kits. The next shipment for LWR quilts and kits is in October.

Kitchen Timeline

July 8 – Congregational Meeting – approved kitchen project. Minutes of meeting appear in this month's newsletter. Architectural renderings of the kitchen renovation plan are available in Fellowship Hall.

July 15 – work began – cupboards were emptied.

July 18 – demolition began

Thank you for your patience during the renovation process.

Thank you to the kitchen committee for all their work!

Brad Lewis, chair; Cynthia Johnson; Roger Moore; Jean Saveraid; Marge Sheldahl; Kristin Shelton



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Upcoming Events

August 4 – Riverside 5K and Quilt Auction

August 14 – Public Mime

September 1 – McDermott Retirement Celebration

September 14 – Riverside Fall Golf Classic (registration due by August 18th)

The theme for **Summer 2018** is "Seek First" with our theme verse coming from Matthew 6:33! We're excited to learn all about the Kingdom of God, what it looks like to seek God's way and not our own, how Jesus seeks us, how we live a life focused on loving others, and how in all situations, we can trust God to provide!

Check out Riverside's website to find a detailed schedule that has information about which weeks of camp are full and which still have room for campers. We look forward to seeing all of those smiling faces at Riverside this summer!

The **Quilt Auction** is Riverside's largest annual fund raiser and the donations are great gifts to the general ministry of Riverside! We thank the Lord and all of you who give so generously!

We are very thankful to be able to welcome ALL campers to Riverside regardless of their financial situations. The result is a great reminder of how gracious our God is and how faithful are His followers!

Please come and support the ministry of Riverside by purchasing a quilt! You take home a beautifully handmade quilt AND you will have given to God's work! We are so thankful to those of you who make quilts that abundantly bless Riverside and the campers!

The Quilt Auction is Saturday, August 4, 2018!

- 8:30 am – [Riverside 5K](#)
- 9:30 - 11:30 - Riverside Pool will be open for swimming!
- 10:00 – 12:30 – Quilt Previewing in air-conditioned chapel
- 10:00 – 12:15 – Silent Auction bidding (baby quilts/small items) Results will be known before 1:00.
- 10:30 – Brief outdoor worship
- 11:30 – 12:30 – Lunch served in the Dining Hall (free will offering)
- 1:00 – Quilt Auction in air-conditioned chapel

RLBC 75th Anniversary history video on youtube
<https://youtu.be/iZh6LCnmS6I>

About the 2018 Golf Classic

It's time to sign up for the fifteenth annual Riverside Fall Golf Classic! This year's event will be held at Ames Golf & Country Club on **September 14th**. Check in will begin at 9:30 AM, with play beginning at 10:30 AM. You will be able to enjoy lunch while you play.

Registrations are due by August 18.

Join us for a great day of golf with friends that will be helping Riverside build for the future. Lunch will be provided as you play, with ice cream sundaes after the round. As always, there will be awards and prizes at the conclusion of the day.

Sponsorship and Registration

Sponsors are still needed for this event. Sponsor opportunities include Event Sponsors, \$1000; Lunch Sponsors, \$1000; and Hole Sponsors, \$500. All sponsors receive recognition, your sign on a hole, and registration for 4 or 8 players, 4 players for a hole sponsor and 8 players for a lunch or event sponsor.

The registration fee of \$100 per person includes lunch, golf, cart, and prizes. Just mail in the form found by clicking the link above to register. This event is just one of the ways Riverside works to accomplish its mission of making Christ known to all. Thank you so much for your support with this event!

Please call Dave McDermott at 515-733-5271 with questions or for more information. See you on the course!

Join Us To Celebrate

Dave & Jan McDermott's Retirement!

There will be an open house at the Riverside Dining Hall from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, with a program at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 1. No RSVP is required. We hope to see lots of friends, campers, families, supporters, and past staff to help us celebrate what God has done the last two decades through the McDermott's! Please plan on joining us for this joyous occasion, as we celebrate all God has done through his servants.

We are collecting financial contributions for a gift to the camp in honor of Dave & Jan's retirement. If you would like to contribute, or if you cannot attend the event and would like to mail a card or note, please send all correspondence **by August 1st** to:

**Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp
c/o McDermott Retirement
3001 Riverside Rd.
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