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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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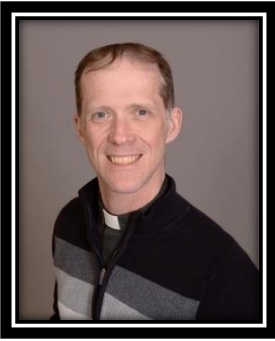


Tithes & Offering

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.
4. Text **GIVE** to 515-207-6435.

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



Taking Stock during Lent 2022 -----

-----With Pastor Eric

Oscar Wilde once wrote, “A cynic is someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.” I

hope that I am never identified as a cynical man. Such a man is negative about everyone and everything people do and tends toward suspicion of every motive. You’ve heard the popular cliché that “*one bad apple can ruin the whole bunch*”? That’s a sentiment on the road to cynicism. I invite you to take these next 40 days of Lent to consider what is of value in your life and compare it with what God seems to value. And as you contemplate value factor in what price you are willing to pay to show that worth (value) in your life.

When Jesus takes his 40 days and nights in the wilderness, after his baptism by John, he does this very thing. Jesus considers what is valuable and what it’s worth for him and for the Father. What price will Jesus pay now and at the end? I believe that Lent is God’s gift to us to keep us from becoming cynical in a world that seems out to get us at every turn where “no good deed goes unpunished.” (*I don’t believe that ☺*). This year’s Lenten journey is a great opportunity to “take stock” and consider priorities and growing edges in our daily walk with God regarding family, work, attitudes, and self. The promise of this journey is resurrection but only after death occurs in some forms or shapes.

“Then Jesus said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

“...and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38)

These two verses from the gospels drop in our laps the question of how much we value Jesus in our living day to day. What does it mean to deny yourself? Well, it means “get real and be honest with yourself about your situation” no excuses, no blame, no rationalizing it away – take a good look in the mirror. And next, talk to the Father, and ask God to show you again how God sees you and what that means for your life. Jesus gives us a new direction to take up your cross but first you will have to let go of some things to carry that cross. When we face death, what is of value in our hearts, in our spirit...to follow Jesus is the last mark of this journey. Jesus goes to die because he must for your sake and mine. Jesus took up his cross for love – not convenience, obligation, or obedience – but love. What we bear in love is never truly a burden because it is of value! At the end comes the promise of new life, God’s gift to us. We are reborn with a perspective that knows the value of somethings, essential things, and the price that is paid for it by God and other’s in our lives – love!

Not one of us is worthy of Jesus and yet Jesus makes us worthy and shows us our worth in the heart of God. I hope that this Lent season gives you a chance to perceive the true value in relationships, vocation, and devotion.

Let us pray. Gracious God, open our hearts and minds this Lent to what is of the most value to us and to you, so that we might reflect, give thanks, let go and orient our journey with you into abundant life for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Dawn Dialog with Jesus

Sundays at 8 a.m. via ZOOM. Reflection and Prayer on Gospel text for the day “Where two or three are gathered in my name, then I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20). An invitation is in the weekly email announcements. Daily Discipleship will be attached in the Wednesday email announcements for the following Sunday.

Men’s Bible Study

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

Power of Prayer

Wednesdays at noon via ZOOM. An invitation is 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.

ZOOM Bible Study

Thursdays in January @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Zoom - Introducing **THE STORY** – a video curriculum gives groups the opportunity to learn, discuss, and apply what they experience in the places where God’s Story intersects with our Story in daily life. Discover together where your story aligns with God’s Story and get encouragement and hope along with an overview of the Bible “God’s Word”. **We will have two books option to participate – “The Story: Getting to the Heart of God’s Story” (participant’s guide) by Randy Frazee, and “The Story: The Bible as one continuing Story of God and His People” Forward by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee.** If you need help purchasing these books, then please contact ericklimpel@gmail.com

New Member Orientation Meetings

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

Theology on Tap

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



Join us Sunday, March 20th 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. at the Fenceline Beer Lab, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*Drop in if you would like ☺*)

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays March 9, 23, 30 @ 6:15 p.m. in North Fellowship Hall – for teens 7th-8th grade.

Ballard Creek Assisted Living Worship

Thursday, March 17th @ 3:30pm – You are invited to come for worship with Pastor Eric.

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)



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

Lent Week 1

Focus: O God, how might I serve you today?

Jesus answered [the devil], “It is written ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Luke 4:8 (NRSV)

Read Luke 4:1-13

Lent Week 2

Focus: O God, what am I to do while on this earth?

[Jesus] said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’” Luke 13:32 (NRSV)

Read Luke 13:31-35

Lent Week 3

Focus: How is God being patient with you?

If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” Luke 13:9 (NRSV)

Read Luke 13:1-9

Lent Week 4

Focus: What does it mean to dwell in God’s grace?

Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found. Luke 15:32 (NRSV)

Read Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Lenten Resources are available in fellowship hall and the guide is also on our website www.plchuxley.com under “About Us” tab, then “Forms” or under the “Livestream” tab in the bottom right.

LENT MIDWEEK OFFERINGS

Collect your change every day and add it to the flower pot at church during Lent. This will go towards Iowa Gardening for Good.



Iowa Gardening for Good is a non-profit formed to help those in need with the following three objectives:

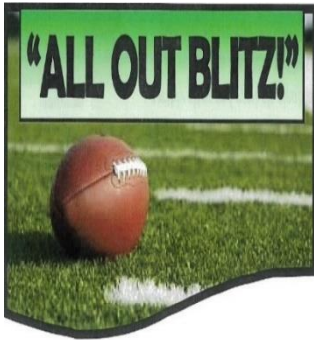
1. Provide fresh produce for food pantries
2. Teach people where their food comes from
3. Provide a framework for people of all ages to perform community service.

Go to their website @ www.iowagardeningforgood.com to learn more!

How to Give?

- Give online “Lent offerings”
- Collect change every day and add it to the flower pot at church during Lent
- Place offering plate during Mid-week services and Holy week services.

IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR LENT



During Lent, the Mission & Outreach Ministry challenges you to “BLITZ the local pantries with items that are always in great demand but not covered by most standard government support services.

We will collect:

- Diapers
- Toilet Paper
- Body Wash & Shampoo
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine hygiene products

Easter Special Offering

During the Pandemic, we have encountered a resurgence in awareness and need for mental health resources and connection. Our community desires to help our neighbors who are hurting in this way. NAMI offers support and education programs for families and individuals living with mental health conditions. NAMI recognizes that the key concepts of recovery, resiliency and support are essential to improving the wellness and quality of life of all persons affected by mental illness. For more information go to: www.namiiaowa.org



Please designate “Easter Special” on your offering to go towards NAMI.



- 1 Kaedence DeVries
Julianne Schaudt
Jeannie Williams
- 4 Benjamin Ewing
- 5 Dave Mueller
- 7 Mark Doty
Andrew Larson
Aiden Lewis
- 10 Brad Lewis
- 11 Chistian Erickson
Lucas Hartsook
- 13 Madeline Sheldahl
- 17 Rebecca Snider
- 18 Ty Siepker
- 19 Hannah Saltzman
Addy Siepker
- 20 Brittany Young
- 21 Blake Edwards
Patti Rowedder
- 22 Kevin Kopaska
Chris Nelson
Mike Rasmussen
- 23 Doreen Blackmer
- 24 Nic Schonhorst
- 25 Jessica Blackmer
- 28 Erika Williams
- 29 Brent Emerson
Helen Kepler (78th)
Rick Sheldahl
Mae Wilson
- 31 Dane Taterniuk

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5th David Ewing & Monica Morse

If there is a record of error or omission, please let the office know at palestinelutheran@gmail.com or 515-597-2624

March

ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler and Pat Martin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
 March 2nd: Dennis Millang
 March 6th: Leonard & Sue Larson
 March 20th: Jen Pote

OFFERING COUNTERS:

GREETERS*, **:
March 6th: Tom & Kari Sandquist;
 Bill & Sandy Harleen
March 13th: Dick & Helen Kepler;
 Deidre Qual
March 20th: Marvin & Lori
 Edwards; Leonard & Sue Larson
March 27th: Wade & Holly Twedt;
 Justin & Jodie Sample

*Greeters scheduled are asked to serve coffee/juice/water during fellowship

**All greeters for the month are asked to bring two dozen treats to share on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



SUNDAY	MONDAY
27 Transfiguration of our Lord 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Umland Baptism; Affirmation of baptism new members	28
6 Lent Week 1 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Saltzman baptism 10:45 a.m. First Communion class	7
13 Lent Week 2 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom No choir practice – Mindy gone 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>no children's church or music after</i> 10:45 a.m. New Member class Spring ahead/Spring Break	14
20 Lent Week 3 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>no children's church or music after</i> 5 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley	21
27 Lent Week 4 8 a.m. Dawn Dialog via Zoom 8:30 a.m. Choir practice 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. First Communion class 10:45 a.m. New Member class	28

MARCH 2022

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRIDAY	SAT.
1	2 7 a.m. Men's Bible 12 p.m. Prayer Time 1 p.m. Quilters <i>No confirmation</i> 7 p.m. ROCK attend worship 7 p.m. Ash Wed; Holy Communion	3 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	4 Riverside Marriage Retreat 4 th -6 th	5
8	9 7 a.m. Men's Bible 12 p.m. Prayer Time 1 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Light meal 6:15 p.m. Conf. 7 p.m. Lent Worship	10 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	11 5:30 p.m. Pilcher/Nissen Rehearsal	12 Faith Sisters High Tea 1-4 p.m. Pilcher/Nissen Wedding
15	16 7 a.m. Men's Bible 12 p.m. Prayer Time 12:30 p.m. Prayer Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters <i>No confirmation</i> 6 p.m. Light meal 7 p.m. Lent Worship	17  3:30 p.m. Ballard Creek Worship 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	18	19
22	23 7 a.m. Men's Bible 12 p.m. Prayer Time 1 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Light meal 6:15 p.m. Conf. 7 p.m. Lent Worship	24 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	25	26 Spring work day @ Riverside
29	30 7 a.m. Men's Bible 12 p.m. Prayer Time 1 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Light meal 6:15 p.m. Conf. 7 p.m. Lent Worship	31 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	1	2

COUNCIL MINUTES

2022 PALESTINE LUTHERAN ANNUAL RETREAT AGENDA 2-13-22



Attendance: Deidre Qual, Pastor Eric Klimpel, Chris Richter, Kent Klingbeil, Hailey Clark, Deb Moore, Candi Engler, Brad Lewis, Greg Saveraid, Leonard Larson, David Eisenmann, Julie Emerson, Kristin Shelton

Quorum Established: Yes

Devotions: Council retreat covered this

Read Vision and Mission Statements.

Goals and Reflections: Divide and Deliver (many hands make light work)

- Increase engagement
- Continue momentum

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- Motion to approve: Kristin Shelton motioned to approve
- Second: Kent Klingbeil seconded.
- A unanimous vote was taken and demanded by President Richter.

Treasurer's Report:

- General Fund Balance: \$23,288.26
- Total Checking: \$104,088.17
- Issues +/-: need to move money into endowment
- Motion to move Kitchen fund with Building improvement

- Greg motioned and Leonard seconded. All motioned to approve.
- Motion to move \$700 from Parsonage fund to building fund.
 - Greg motioned to approve and Candi seconded. All motioned to approve.
- Motion to approve: Leonard motioned to approve Treasurer's report.
- Second: Deb seconded. All voted unanimously.

Pastor's Report:

- See attached report.

New Business:

- Approve Baptism of Mack Umland.
 - Motion to approve: Candi
 - Second: Kristin Shelton. Everyone voted unanimously
- Approve New Members: Ethan O'Laughlin, Niko Pilcher, and Jenna Nissen
 - Motion to approve: Candi
 - Second: Greg Saveraid. All unanimously approved.
- Appoint 2 new auditors
 - Nominations: Tim Wilson and Matt Williams
 - Who will contact (not voluntell)
 - David Eisenmann motioned to approve (pending acceptance): Tim Wilson and Matt Williams
 - Second: Kristin seconded. Motioned passed unanimously
- West Windows – Estimate from Story. Motion to get pricing from Greg S. and Deb Moore seconded.
- Music/loft/mic upgrades – Invite Nels and Brent to upgrade.
- Antique dirt mitigation
- Items that need to be on the radar
- Monsanto will not be renting the ground this year. We need to find a new tenant.

Old Business:

- Mice: Chris updated the council on the plan
- Lights: Add to the loft upgrade
- Ceiling

- Dust on middle ceiling fan

Closing Statements:

Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn: David Eisenmann motioned to adjourn.
- Second: Kristin seconded. All voted in favor to run out.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: 3-6-22.

- Devotions: Deb Moore
- Treats: Candi



We end up throwing a lot of boxes of envelopes out each year. To avoid cost and waste, we would like to price out ordering just the amount we actually want. Please let the office know if you wish to continue receiving offering envelopes by March 31st. You can email palestinelutheran@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Remember in Prayer

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

Tyler Anderson, Jean Bair, Anita Brendeland, Joan Carson, Matt Carver, Tonya Crees, Bev

Echtenkamp, Julie Gentry, Dolores Hauge, Phyl Hughes; Warren Johnson, Kevin Klingbeil, Alvina Larson, Roger Larson, Merlin Lyon, Lynzee Makowski, Loree Ness, Paul Ness, Linda Nordstrom, Roy Paradise, Kathy Saveraid, Shelton Family, Rachel Sinclair, Deidre Qual, Karen Rew, Harold Rittgers, Shannon Tope, Sarah JoAnn Young

Family and friends of: Ralph Kalsem, Dean Simmons, Charles Brendeland, Tanner Houseman, Jimmy Young, Darrell Rout, John Maier, Travis Ellis, Mae Rivard, Doris Ness, Nathan Stupka, Bart Mason, Lowell Elliott, Kaytie Anderson, Debbie Bollmeyer, Linda Lantz, Hannah Tjernagel, Barb Larson, Jackie Greene, Roy Greene, Ardell Lundgren, Judy Fausch, Mary Nienow, Norma Dovre, Sara Prochnow Ojard, Joe Curtiss, Nancy (Ness) Weber, Lilah Hurley, Marlys Larsen, Harriet Sheldahl, Abby Huntrods, Marilyn Saveraid, Eleanor Chabale-Schofield, Mary Lou Hoover



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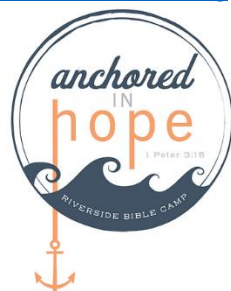
www.RiversideLBC.org

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

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp -Youth Camp

Registration is open for Riverside 2022 Youth Camp.

Visit their website at www.riversidelbc.org



Upcoming Riverside Events:

March 4-6 Marriage Retreat

March 26 Spring Work Day

April 9 Junior's Spring Blast

April 22-24 Men's Retreat



Ballard Clothing Pantry

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

Open:

**Wednesdays 4-6 p.m., Saturdays 10-noon,
Sundays 1-3 p.m. (masks required)**

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.



First Communion Class

This year's first communion classes will be held after church (10:45-11:30) on **March 6th, March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th** (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.



Easter Lilies for Easter Worship

Blumsters will be offering Easter lilies at a cost of \$20 (tax included). The plants will be delivered to church for Easter Sunday worship.

You may sign up for plants by calling Blumsters 515-597-2200 or Tracy Sheldahl's cell phone 515-450-1961. Please let them know (at the time you order) if you are placing the plant in memory of or in honor of someone.

The deadline to order is **Sunday, April 3rd!**

You are Cordially invited to the
Faith Sisters High-Tea Party

Saturday, March 12, 2022
1-4 p.m. @ Cambridge City Center
(snow date – Saturday, March 19th)

Feel free to dress up in period clothing from 20's thru 70's era tea party attire. Break out those feather boas, cat-eye glasses, fur stoles and frilly party hats. Or come as you are!

→ Please bring gently used clothes & accessories/jewelry for the retail therapy exchange.

Sweet treats, games, faith and fun with Mardi Griffith as our speaker.

Please R.S.V.P. 515-220-4251 (Pam)



CALLING ALL FRIENDLY FACES!

We are in need of more greeter families for Sunday mornings!

Duties include:

- Arriving 20 minutes early to greet those coming to worship
- Serving coffee/lemonade after worship service on the Sundays you greet
- Providing two dozen cookies on “Cookie Sunday” (2nd Sunday of the month) for fellowship

Greeting is a great way to get to know your church “family”!

Please email the church @ palestinelutheran@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the list!



The church has 2.5 acres located just north of the East parking lot we would like to rent. Alfalfa was established in 2021.

Rent is \$275/acre with a 3-year contract.

Deadline to rent is March 26, 2022!

Contact Leonard at 515-290-9123 with questions.

**R.O.C.K. Group @ Meals From the Heartland
Wednesday, February 9.**



**They packaged 35 boxes and provided the \$514
donation raised from the chili cook-off!**

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you have never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you have had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves by overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

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.

Helping Kids Thrive

Janey was transitioning from elementary school to junior high, and she was experiencing anxiety about the big jump. She was worried about meeting new kids and new teachers, and she would have panic attacks whenever her mom would wake her up for school. Last year, when kids across the state were already feeling added stress and pressure, she missed weeks of school at a time.

Her family knew she needed extra encouragement and a shoulder to lean on. They found it through LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS), which provide in-home programming for Iowa children and teens with severe emotional or behavioral disorders. Through the programming, families can practice developing skills like healthy communication, anger management, and problem solving.

Through LSI's BHIS programming, Janey was able to build coping skills to help her calm down and avoid overthinking worst-case scenarios about her school day. With her LSI worker, she practiced relationship skill-building – how to build friendships and stay away from others who could make school time hard.

After working on these skills multiple times each week, Janey was able to succeed in her classes. She went from failing several classes due to missing school to recently receiving a certificate showing she was on the honor roll.

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