



*New stained glass in library given in memorial*



*Reaching out in Christian love to all!*

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### **Mission Statement:**

“Palestine Lutheran Church exists to proclaim and live God’s Holy Word, to nurture and support our membership, and to enable us to live our faith in our daily lives. As we are nourished, we are called to reach out to our communities, our spheres of influence, and to the wider world through the church-at-large.”

### **Our Vision:**

Palestine Lutheran Church will be a haven for all generations, a people worshipping and growing continually in relationship with Jesus, inspired by God’s Word; a living example of stewardship, a loving and caring fellowship that reaches out in Christ-centered faith and love to the world.



Pastor Eric will be doing 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](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com)

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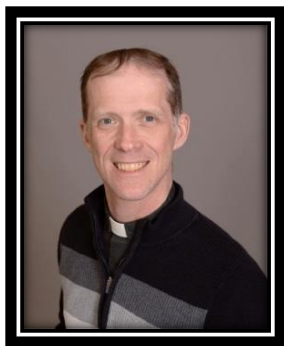


## Tithes & Offering

Palastine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:  
Palastine Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 189  
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**  
Go to our website [www.plchuxley.com](http://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.*



*A Bit of Holy Boredom -----  
----- With Pastor Eric*

***<sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. - Mark 4:38-39***

***<sup>10</sup>Be still and know that I am God! - Psalm 46:10***

I confess that as a youth I found church challenging on Sundays regarding "stillness". I rolled my eyes and yawned with dramatic flair from the pews to let everyone know that I did not want to be there. My parents gave me little if any options and if asked about my attitude I would reply, "It's boring!" Does that sound familiar? I have met adults who say the same thing only with more tact and consideration. They say things like, "*I don't get anything from it, or It does not connect with me, or I am not engaged spiritually by it, etc.*" I like the story shared by Bishop Eaton regarding the Third Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." She shares the following:

"A student came into Professor Will Willimon's office at Duke Divinity School and said that he was "on fire for Jesus." Professor Willimon replied that's wonderful. Do you go to church? He said, "No that's boring." Let me think here...you are on fire for the Lord...Yes, I am Professor Willimon...so you would be willing to

witness for the Lord...Yes I am... you would be willing to suffer for the Lord...Yes I would...You would be willing to die for the Lord...I would...but you can't be bored for an hour at church for the Lord? We go to give honor and praise to God not only to have our needs met...and we should go with the expectation that something will happen on Sundays.”

I think that we all need a dose of boredom to let the dust settle in our lives, to heal from the trauma and exhaustion of pursuing the urgent, and to make meaning out of what we have experienced. Whenever I mentioned anywhere that I was bored, my parents would give me something to do – usually a chore of some kind. And then I became bored and angry...However, there is research at the University of Florida that confronts the cultural stigma of boredom and has demonstrated that moderate doses of boredom can offer a valuable learning opportunity, spurring creativity, problem solving and help seek out activities that have meaning, as well as great reflection time. Some might consider a little boredom as Holy! I hope that we can all find church a bit boring from time to time and recognize the freedom to **just be**...Yawn! I mean, “AMEN!”

## **Sunday, September 8th**

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



Bring your backpack or lunchbox with you to worship. We will bless the teachers and students as well!

# GET INVOLVED

## **Men's Bible Study**

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

## **ZOOM Bible Study**

**T.N.T (Tuesday Night Together) Bible Study** – Tuesdays from 7:00pm –

**8:00pm – Life By His Word Bible Study**

**Series: Paul's Missionary Work and Epistles -**

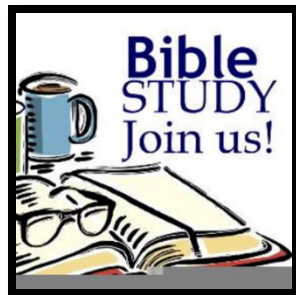
This Bible study provides discussion questions, application, and summary insights. Each chapter and book of Paul's Mission Work and Epistles is explored, offering a rich and full approach to study and devotion. Each lesson is divided up in easy to use one-page handouts. The study includes teaching materials and student materials in two formats: PDF to print directly and RFT for customization.

*“With Life by His Word, the pastor has a Bible study for any hot topic that comes up in the news,” says Rev. Edward Engelbrecht, general editor of The Lutheran Study Bible. “Just think about the chapter of Scripture that addresses the topic, find the chapter study in Life by His Word, and you’re good to go.”*

Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall at church. If you need help securing material, please contact [ericklimpel@gmail.com](mailto:ericklimpel@gmail.com)

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

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



## New Member Orientation Meetings

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto:palestinelutheran@gmail.com) )

## 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](mailto:catsrus@huxcomm.net))

## Theology on Tap

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

➔ **Join us for the next one September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at Fenceline Beer Lab in Huxley, 107 S Main Ave, Huxley, IA 50124 (*No reservations needed, just show up!* 😊)



**Save the date to donate blood:**

**Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 3 – 7 p.m. @  
Palestine.**

**Sign up one of two ways:**

- By calling Kim Van Pelt at 319-541-0817
- Via the LifeServe website: [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org)

*Appointments are Encouraged*



# Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) →Resources→ Downloadable Resources→ Bible studies

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*Focus: How does the content of our heart impact our behavior?*

**“Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”** Mark 7:14-15 (NRSV). Read Mark 7:1-23

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*Focus: How do my actions reflect my trust in Jesus?*

**“She came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.”** Mark 7:25-26 (NRSV). Read Mark 7:24-37

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*Focus: How can I pick up the cross this week?*

**“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”** Mark 8:34 (NRSV). Read Mark 8:27-38

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*Focus: Whom might I welcome today as Christ?*

**“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”** Mark 9:37 (NRSV). Read Mark 9:30-37

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

*Focus: How can we be for Christ?*

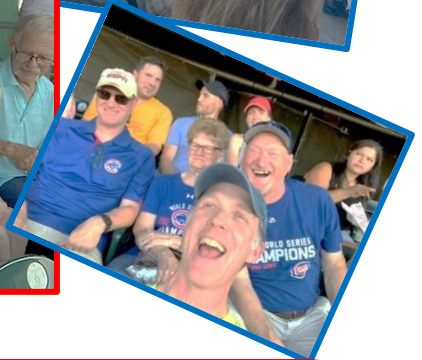
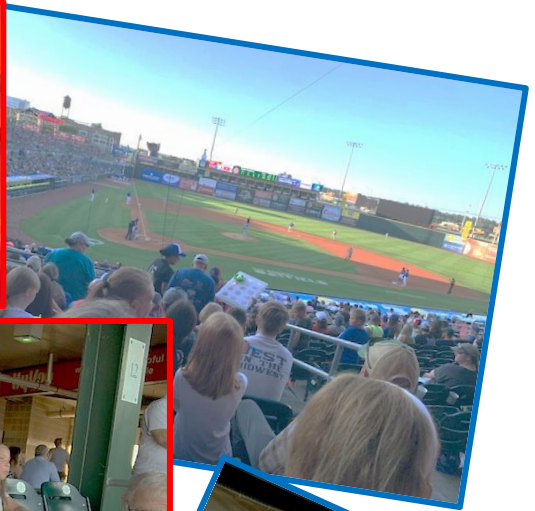
**“Whoever is not against us is for us.”** Mark 9:40 (NRSV). Read Mark 9:38-50



**IOWA CUBS**

**OUTING!**

**Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**BEEF DINNER**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**11:30 – 1:30 @ Palestine**

Cooked by Story County Cattlemen

*More details to follow soon.*



# Thank you



*Thanks to everyone  
that helped donate  
their time and  
equipment to help pick  
sweet corn July 31<sup>st</sup>.*



**20,000 pounds picked  
donated to area food  
banks and corn going to  
two bible camps!**

*Special thanks to Leonard  
Larson family for providing  
seed, planting, and  
arranging the harvest!*



September 2024

# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1 Kirsten Van Soelen
- 3 Teresa Rasmussen
- 4 Zoey Rahner  
Amanda Richter
- 5 Scott Brendeland  
Marge Sheldahl (82<sup>nd</sup>)
- 6 Austin "AJ" Umland
- 8 Robin Doty  
Ashley Harmon  
Darin Madson
- 9 Adam Wuebker
- 10 Kole Swan
- 14 Hayley Gustafson
- 15 Dick Kepler (83<sup>rd</sup>)
- 17 Jodie Sample
- 18 Jodie Atkinson  
Donna Lisowski
- 19 DeAnn Baldwin  
Stanley Hillebo (89<sup>th</sup>)  
Andrew Rasmussen  
Ellie Twedt
- 20 Jeremy Edwards  
Molly Wuebker
- 21 Abrielle Atkinson  
Mack Umland
- 22 Dax Clark  
Brynn Gallagher
- 24 Lydia Kelso
- 26 Tammy Hans
- 27 Oriett Snider (75<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 Rex Clark  
Max Shelton
- 29 Kade Swan
- 30 Jacob Huxford  
Dave Prichard (82<sup>nd</sup>)



Let's shower some  
of our members  
with cards for their  
birthdays!

- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**    **Marge Sheldahl's 82<sup>nd</sup>**  
*See newsletter for address*
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**    **Dick Kepler's 83<sup>rd</sup>**  
*See newsletter for address*
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**    **Dave Prichard's 82<sup>nd</sup>**  
*See newsletter for address*



- 1 Steve & Jodie Atkinson
- 4 David & Margret Anderson  
Dick & Helen Kepler
- 7 Lucas & Courtney Williams
- 9 Jacob & Hannah Saltzman
- 10 Allen & Ruth Evans
- 11 Jeremy & Danielle Edwards  
DeAnn & Stuart Baldwin (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Bruce & Angela Hartman
- 14 Jon & Sarah Jensen
- 15 Randy & Lora Young (35<sup>th</sup>)
- 18 Greg & Christa Hartsook (25<sup>th</sup>)
- 20 Jerry and Tammy Hans  
Richard & Chris Nelson  
Tony & Jamie Ness
- 21 Tim & Julie Huxford  
Jacey & Cole Johnson (5<sup>th</sup>)
- 29 Adam & Amber McKenna  
Kyle & Tracy Rhoads

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



# September

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jen Pote & Lesa Lewis

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>:** TBD  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** TBD

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Holly Twedt; Matt Williams

**USHERS:** *needed*

**GREETERS\* , \*\*:**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>:** Brad & Lesa Lewis; Louise Larson

**September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Wade & Holly Twedt; Tim & Julie Huxford

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Matt & Erika Williams; Mike & Cindi Thomas

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Tim & Shannon Wilson; Laura Kepler

**September 29<sup>th</sup>:** Mark & Robin Doty; Dax & Haylie Clark

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


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

## October

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>1</b> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Labor Day</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</p>
<p><b>8</b> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Council Mtg            8:30 a.m. Choir            9:30 a.m. Worship; Name Tag            Sunday: Blessing of Backpacks, teachers and students  <i>Cookie Sunday</i>            Congregational Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</p>
<p><b>15</b> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost;  <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Choir            9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion  <i>Music with Nels</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</p>
<p><b>22</b> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Choir            9:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Music with Nels</i>            Book Bash            New member orientation            11:30 a.m. Beef Dinner            5:00 p.m. 4H            5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline            Synod Theological Conference in Coralville →</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Newsletter deadline</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</p>
<p><b>29</b> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Choir            9:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Music with Nels</i>            Book Bash</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study</p>

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation begins 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. begins	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>11</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg ( <i>Pastor</i> ) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	<b>19</b> Ballard Ministerial Mtg ( <i>Pastor</i> )	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions ( <i>Pastor</i> ) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation  <b>DIRECTORY PHOTOS</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>



# COUNCIL MINUTES

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## ***Remember in Prayer***

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

Adrienne Brown, Mike Hauge, Betsy Johnson, Alice Kahler, Vivian Lundgren, Judy McKinney, Elias Moore, Denny Myers, Deb Ness, Larry Pote, Tracy & Kyle Rhoads and family, Havanna Roelfs, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family & friends of: Linda Fausch, Alvina Larson, Warren Johnson, Bev Echtenkamp, Merlin Lyon, Mindy Kahler, Kathy Saveraid, Arleta Wilson, Gary Davis, Shirley Saveraid, Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Diane Larson, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson



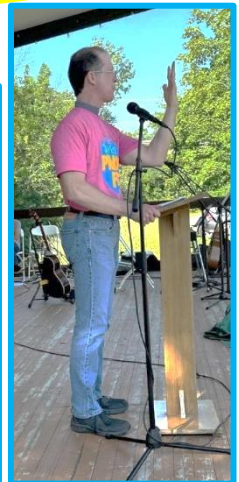
## **FALL BOOK BASH**

Save your used books & puzzles for our September Book Bash!

Collection will begin September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Bash will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>!



Palestine was involved in Prairie Fest!  
Parade, community worship and pie/brownie  
ice cream social (*not pictured yet*) – **Thank You!**





**QUILTING GROUP IS RESUMING!**

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.**

Every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m.

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**Installation of Confirmation Class  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mid-week Classes begin **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

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**Join us for Children's Church!**

**Beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**Installation of Teachers September 8<sup>th</sup>!**

After the children's message during worship, kids are dismissed to go to their classrooms.

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**Sr. Choir Practice**

**Beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome!**



Join us  
September 15<sup>th</sup>

*More details to follow soon  
on how to get involved on  
this special day!*

HELLO

**Name Tag Sunday**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>!**  
Get to know our  
Palestine friends.



***Get ready for our  
new church  
directory!***

*Smile for the camera!*  
**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> –  
Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

*Sign-up information coming soon.*



3001 Riverside Rd.

Story City, IA 50248

[www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Young-At-Heart Day

September 10, 2024

9:30 am-4:00 pm

Registration

Available until the day of but preferred ahead of time. Online, via phone, and onsite the day of also available.

Price: \$20 per person

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/young-at-heart-day>



### Women's Retreat

September 21-22

Registration will include a seat at all speaker sessions, small group studies, worship, three meals on Saturday, two meals on Sunday, snacks, an array of free-time options, a bountiful pouring on of encouragement and inspiration, as well as so much more.

See cost options:

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/womens-retreat>



## September 2024 – Impact of In-Kind Donations

A Story by Deb Whitford:

When is a yardage not just pieces of fabric? In the hands of someone learning to sew, fabric becomes a blank canvas of possibilities. A nearly empty closet containing the few items a refugee could fit in their suitcase when traveling to the US turns into a place of pride when filled with hand-sewn clothes made from that fabric. If I could dream...I dream of curtains for bare windows and cloth to cover worn tables. I dream of the magic of small pieces of fabric fitting into beautiful patterns in quilts to brighten homes and become treasured wraps providing comfort and warmth. These dreams are becoming a reality thanks to the generosity of an LSI donor.

Connie Hansen from Audubon, Iowa, is no stranger to fabric and sewing. Connie has enjoyed sewing for much of her lifetime. In her younger years, she shared her passion for sewing, serving as a 4-H leader in Melville Township, sewing clothes for herself and daughter. Through the years, her love and passion for quilting has grown friendships with others who love the craft. Connie dreamed of keeping her newest neighbors warm with her remaining fabric and donated the yards to LSI. This fabric will be used by our newly resettled immigrant and refugee families to create quilts and clothing, helping them feel more comfortable in their new homes. We hear about dreams every day at LSI from our direct service providers, team members, and clients. Thanks to your generosity, these dreams can become reality.

Help our clients' dreams become reality by donating in-kind gifts to LSI. To learn more, contact [philanthropy@LSIowa.org](mailto:philanthropy@LSIowa.org).

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

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