



He is Risen Indeed!



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 usually 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

We would like to work out what is best and safest for the visit and distribution for each person.

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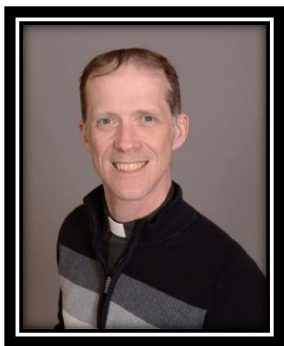
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Tithes & Offering

Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:
Palestine Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 189
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.



**Knock, Knock...And the Door Will Be
Opened!With Pastor Eric**

***"Blessed are you who weep now, for you
will laugh." Luke 6:21b***

When I was a kid, I loved reading the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. It was at Beaver Cross, an Episcopal Church camp in Springfield, N.Y. that Father Barnes introduced me to the first book of the series, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Over the years I read most of the series and learned a great deal about Christian faith without realizing it.

Few authors have shared the good news of the Christian gospel as compellingly as C.S. Lewis in the Chronicles of Narnia. In one passage the characters Eustace, Jill and Aslan weep over the dead King Caspian. After Aslan (*a lion who represents Jesus*) is wounded with a pierced paw and his blood splashes on the dead king the king is wonderfully revived; "his sunken cheeks grew round and fresh, and the wrinkles were smoothed, and his eyes opened, and his eyes and lips both laughed, and suddenly he leaped up and stood before them—a very young man, or a boy." When he turns to the children, he gives a "great laugh of astonished joy."

When Aslan is asked if Caspian hadn't died, the great lion speaks in a voice that sounds like laughter. "He has died. Most people have, you know. Even I have. There are very few who haven't." The resurrection invites laughter. The kind of laughter we sometimes experience when something so impossible happens we can do nothing else but laugh.

I love this response to resurrection. I have heard it at funeral receptions when families gather to discuss "what was" and "what

will be” now that life is altered for them. Laughter gives hope sprinkled with joyous memory. Laughter is a gift for defusing conflict and reducing stress because it makes room for a moment of perspective. When we can laugh at ourselves is perhaps the greatest gift and allows us to learn and lean into faith in both God and others.

Did Jesus laugh? I expect that he did quite often. Right now, our world seems especially fraught with angst and in need of “holy laughter.” The kind of joy that brings tears to our eyes and sweet release – the joy of resurrection and new life. Try this joke to help bring some joy to someone.

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, “Who are these people?” The pastor said, “Those are members from our church who died in service.” The boy asked, “The early service or the second service?” (*based on true events* 😊)

Amen. 😊



To MOW!

If you are willing to mow the church, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall!

SERVICE HOURS are *happily* given to high schoolers that want the volunteer hours!



GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

ZOOM Bible Study

Tuesdays 7 – 8 p.m. via ZOOM.

Find the link on the Wednesday email announcements.

Life By His Word Bible Study

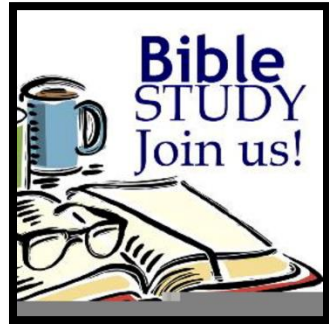
Series: Paul's Missionary Work and Epistles – Study of ROMANS

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



Youth Confirmation Ministry

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. May 7th in the Conference Room @ Palestine Lutheran Church – For youth in 7th & 8th Grade – Classes on the Small Catechism with the goal of confirmation at the end of a two-year ministry of service, discussion and fun. Questions? Contact Pastor Eric Klimpel @ ericklimpel@gmail.com

New Member Orientation Meetings


May 11th 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)

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)

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 May 18th, 2025 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! ☺*)



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

3rd Sunday of Easter **Focus:** *Jesus asks you, “Do you love me?”*

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” John 21:15 (NRSV)

Read John 21:1-19

4th Sunday of Easter **Focus:** *What does it mean to listen to Jesus?*

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28 (NRSV)

Read John 10:22-30

5th Sunday of Easter **Focus:** *How can I show my love for God by loving people?*

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34 (NRSV)

Read John 13:31-35

6th Sunday of Easter **Focus:** *How do you show your love for God by keeping God’s word in your life?*

Jesus answered, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14:23 (NRSV)

Read John 14:23-29

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th



Carter DeVries

Holden Elliott

Priya Roelfs

Benjamin Williams

Brooks Wuebker



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SPECIAL OFFERINGS *THANK YOU!*



Palestine provided **SACKS OF FOOD PLUS monetary donations** for our local food pantries.

We also provided **monetary donations** to LSI to support their ministry.

Thankful for our Guest Speakers during Lent:



Barbra Jotzke Torrier
from LSI
March 30th

**Merle
Rasmussen**
*from Huxley
Food Pantry*
April 6th



Mike Brixius
*Board member of Ballard Clothing
and Food Pantry*
April 13th





MAY 2025



- 2 Nels Dovre
Candi Engler
Mallorie Sheldahl
- 3 Tim Huxford
- 4 Sarah Young
- 5 Dobbin Wilson
- 6 Luke Ness
Joe Thomas
- 11 Brooke Dykstra
Cory Larson
- 13 Mike Thomas
Joyce Volz
- 15 Megan Hadaway
Ethan Johnson
Kris Polich
Palmer Schaudt
- 17 Tom Gallagher
- 19 Bill Harleen
Henry Larson
- 21 Holden Elliott
Kelli Jo Emerson
Olivia (Thomas)
Duffy
- 22 David Eisenmann
Deb Moore (74th)
- 23 Miles Gallagher
- 24 Amelia Obranovic
Violet Sickels
- 26 Nolan Larson
- 29 Caden Van Pelt
Stella Klingbeil
- 30 Isaac Larson

- 5 Jacob & Jordan Huxford
- 6 Matt & Erika Williams
- 14 Lucas & Adessa Schaudt
- 27 Henry & Jan Rumbaugh (58th)

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

Garrett and Ellen
Longnecker welcome twin
boys! Born 3/31/25
Guy Gilbert 12:16p 5lb 13oz.
Griffin Roy 12:17 6lb 1oz.





ALTAR GUILD: Melanie Fausch; Teri Klimpel
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
May 4th: Laura Kepler; Donna Millang
May 18th: Leonard & Sue Larson

OFFERING COUNTERS: Matt Williams

USHERS: *needed*

Greeters*, **

May 4th: Dax & Haylie Clark; Laura Kepler


May 11th: Darin & Katie Madson; Henry & Jan Rumbaugh

May 18th: Mark & Jen Pote; Tom & Kari Sandquist

May 25th: *if you are here and can greet, please do!*

*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	TUESDAY
27 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i>	28	29 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
4 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Last Sunday of children's church; Teacher recognition; Contemporary music service <i>Music with Nels</i>	5	6 10 a.m. Rock Creek (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
11 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Graduate Recognition <i>Cookie Sunday</i> <i>New Member Orientation</i>	12	13 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
18 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	19 <i>June/July Newsletter deadline</i>	20 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 1:00 Cedars in Madrid (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
25 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship	26 	27 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2025

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	MAY 1 	2	3 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Donald Anderson 11:00 a.m. Funeral
7 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (last one!)	8	9	10 10 – 12 or 12:30 – 2:30 Riverside "Lil Cowpoke"
14 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 7:30 p.m. Ballard Baccalaureate	15	16	17 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Synod Assembly @ Grandview
21 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (Pastor) 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Association Mtg 6:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. to help place flags at cemetery	22 11:00 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (Pastor)	23	24
28 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	29 <i>Ascension of our Lord</i>	30	31



See mailed newsletter for minutes.

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K.I.C.K kids will be helping the cemetery place individual flags by veteran headstones. Watch facebook and emails from KICK for date and time!





Remember in Prayer

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

Kristy Brownfield, Sam Engler, Dolores Hauge, Betsy Johnson, Alice Kahler, Gemma Lynch, Judy McKinney, Joey McBride, Cindy Peterson, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Pastor Stubbs, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family and Friends of: Clara Eisenmann, Dan Eisenmann, Dena Bloodsworth, Charles Bowers, Sarah Piper, Helen Miller, Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Thomas Noll, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve, Krisha Barrett, Dick Cast, Cheryl (Ness) Shranklen, Marge Sheldahl, Sandy Wirtz, Shirley Pierce, Ken Larson

thank you
VERY MUCH

Dear Palestine Church
Family,

I wanted to send my appreciation for the scholarship I received from the church. I plan to use the money this Fall for my freshman year at UNI, where I will be a music major. I am so thankful for all of the support I have received from our church family.

Thank you again,
Brayden DeVries



VBS SUMMER 2025

**We were made to
magnify God!**

**Join us June 22-26,
2025 from 6-8 pm at
Palestine Lutheran
Church.**

Open to children entering K-6 grade in Fall 2025. Register at: bit.ly/VBSatPalestine

Hold in your hand a tiny acorn that will someday become a giant oak. Bend down to sniff a wildflower and notice the delicate curl of a single petal. Observe the intricate design of a butterfly's wings as it floats effortlessly in the sky and settles on your finger.

Our amazing God is not only the Creator of all things, but He also cares about His creation, right down to the tiniest detail. And the Bible tells us that people are the most significant part of that creation. God created you and knows every detail about you—right down to the design of your fingerprints and the number of hairs on your head. God cares about everything that happens to you.

Magnified!™ VBS will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together!

➡ *Seeking volunteers – many different roles to fill. Contact Candi Engler volley_602@hotmail.com if you are interested.*



3001 Riverside Rd, Story City, IA 50248

1-800-373-7748

www.RiversideLBC.org

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

UPCOMING RIVERSIDE EVENTS:



Youth Camp

Registration is open for Riverside 2025 Youth Summer Camps. Visit their website at www.riversidelbc.org



Hey there, little cowboys and cowgirls aged 4-8! If you're crazy about horses, saddle up because we've got an awesome event coming your way. And guess what? You can bring a parent or adult friend along too! Morning sessions get lunch after and afternoon sessions get lunch first.

Sat. May 3 (full already) or Sat. May 10

10 – noon or 12:30 – 2:30

\$40/child \$10/adult

Pre-register on their website.

**Kids and Sr. Choir singing "Hosanna, Hosanna"
on Palm Sunday**





Friday, April 11th

*Thanks to everyone
that helped make
this possible!*



Our Palestine Piecemakers have been busy!



**10 Boxes, 40 Quilts sent
to Lutheran World Relief!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES!

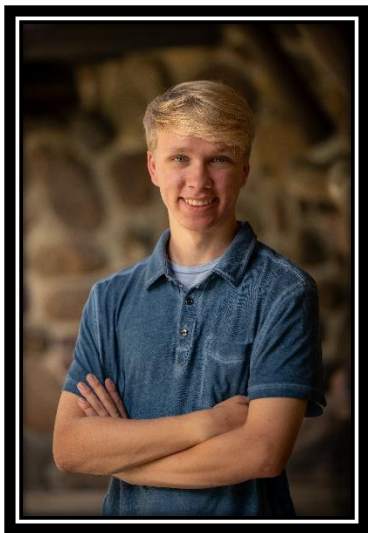
Brayden DeVries

Brayden will be attending the University of Northern Iowa and will be pursuing an Instrumental Music Degree.

Open House for Brayden:

He will be giving a recital at Palestine Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 17th @ 1 pm, with his open house to follow from 2-4 pm. We would love to have you attend!

See mailed newsletter for well wishes to be mailed to his home.



Sienna Lewis

Sienna is going to the University of Iowa majoring in biology and playing rugby.

Open House for Sienna:

May 3rd 2 – 5 p.m.

100 Main Street SE

Bondurant, IA 50035

All are welcome!

See mailed newsletter for well wishes to be mailed to her home.



Nic Schonhorst

Nic will be attending Iowa State University majoring in Construction Engineering.

Open House for Nic:

May 24th 3-6 p.m.

1850 Homestead

Cambridge, IA

All are welcome!

See mailed newsletter for well wishes to be mailed to his home.



Addyson Siepker

Addyson plans to attend IAMT (Institute for American Musical Theatre) in New York City studying dance and musical theater.

Open House for Addyson:

May 31st 1-4 p.m.

Jensen's Red Barn

56661 340th St.

Huxley, IA 50124

All are welcome!

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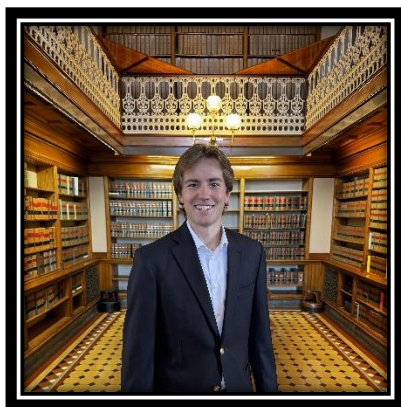
Kaylee Van Pelt

Kaylee is graduating from UNI on May 17th with a major in finance and economics, and a minor in entrepreneurship. She loved UNI and volunteering with Dance Marathon. She's still looking at job opportunities and is hoping to travel and explore the world.



Nolan Schonhorst

Nolan is graduating from the University of Iowa in May with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and a Minor in Business Administration. He has thoroughly enjoyed his 4 years at Iowa and would like to thank his Palestine family for instilling values he still holds close to his heart today.



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