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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 given 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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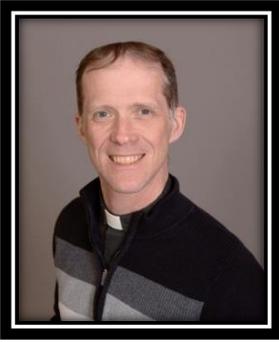


Tithes & Offering

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 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.



Making Our Way to Emmaus *Again*

_____ With Pastor Eric

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" - Luke 24:13-19 (*read verses 20-35*)

There I was on the top of a bluff at sunset overlooking the fields and cabins of Camp Chrysalis Bible Camp in Kerrville, Texas. I was standing with a pastor mentor of mine trying to discern what God was calling me to do next. We prayed about it for a while and the next thing I knew an hour had passed and I had a sudden feeling of confidence and sense of purpose. How did that happen? I prayed...but there was more to it. My beloved mentor said little during the conversation, but he did ask many questions. He asked a question and then reflected what he heard in my reply and then he asked a follow up question. He did not offer any advice or preach at all. It seems that I had the answers and direction inside of me all along. This episode of my life seems to repeat itself with different people and varying circumstances. If I stop to think about it, I imagine that I am not the only one who experiences this form of guidance especially after I read the Emmaus journey story in Luke's gospel.

The two disciples are heading back to Emmaus from Jerusalem on the same day that Jesus arose from the dead. They are grieving, confused and disappointed about the events of those previous three days. They had hoped that Jesus was the one to redeem Israel. What were they going to do now? Suddenly a stranger came alongside them and traveled with them. He began asking questions about what they were discussing and then offered some insight into what the disciples already knew – the story of Israel and God’s promises to send a messiah. Later, the disciples invited this new friend to eat with them. Suddenly, a combination of a conversation and meal opened the disciples’ eyes to what they already knew inside. This new friend is Jesus! They ran back to tell others about what they experienced and saw... ‘Jesus risen from the dead!’

Holy Week and Easter worship takes us into a new season of reflection and new life. We can look back over the past year and take in our grief, disappointments, hopes and dreams and pray to the risen Jesus to help us ask questions about what was learned, gained, and lost. We might realize that deep inside God’s Spirit is calling us into something new – a purpose, job, ministry, a relationship, or path to walk? At our council retreat in March, we decided to form a listening team who will ask questions of us as a congregation to consider what God is calling us to right now. We will encounter with “holy curiosity” the Spirit in each of us for the next 7 months. I look forward to having some conversations with you and Jesus as we look into God’s promised future. Your support is vital for entering this new season at Palestine.

Let us pray. Almighty God, open our hearts, minds, and souls to your Spirit’s voice within and among your people here, so that we might engage each other and discern your call for us at this time and in this place, in Jesus’s name. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

ZOOM Bible Study

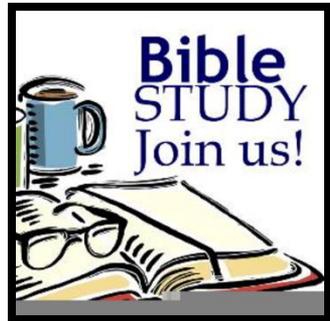
Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00 p.m.

The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament

- Beyond God's promise of a Savior just after the fall in Genesis 3:15, do we really see much of Christ in the Old Testament? Well, if we take His New Testament words to heart, we must!

"You search the Scriptures...and it is they that bear witness to me!" (John 5:39)

Over eight sessions, this group study will lead you through the entirety of the Old Testament with daily readings, questions, and discussion prompts. After a brief introduction that reviews Christ's earthly ministry, you will dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today! Books are available at the office. If you need help securing material, please contact 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. Always check McKenzie's emails for monthly events.

Youth Confirmation Ministry

Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. April 3, 10, 17, 24 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

April 14th 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 April 21st, 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! 😊)*



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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Focus: *How might God's peace bless you on your path this week?*

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21 (NRSV)

Read John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

Focus: *How might you bring the good news of Jesus to someone this week?*

"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:36-48 (NRSV)

Read Luke 24:36-48

4th Sunday of Easter

Focus: *How do I follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd?*

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NRSV)

Read John 10:11-18

5th Sunday of Easter

Focus: *How do I remain connected to Christ and others?*

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NRSV)

Read John 15:1-8

Join LSTC's Learning Communities!

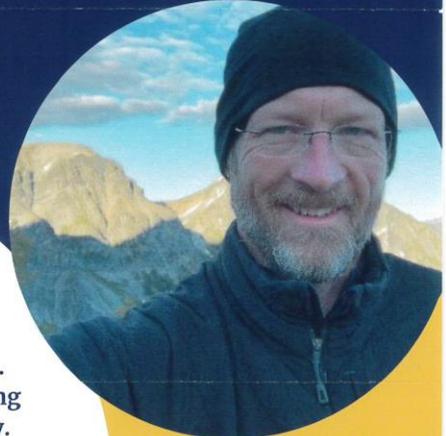
The LSTC Learning Communities offer no-cost spring and fall theological education programs via Zoom designed to enhance lay theological education, enrich parish learning programs, and foster a stronger relationship between the seminary and its constituent congregations. In the 2024, we have a new exciting program to offer. We would love to have you and interested members of your congregation join us!

**Next Session:
Sunday, April 7**

Liturgy and the Natural World

Join LSTC faculty member Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart for an inspiring 4-part series on nature and liturgy. Reimagine communal liturgies and daily rituals as you explore the sacredness of the cosmos, sacraments, and our bodies.

Sunday sessions begin April 7, and Wednesday sessions begin April 10. Can't attend? Recording of Sunday's session will be available.



Register at
[LSTC.EDU/EVENTS](https://lstc.edu/events)



Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago

CALLED INTO THE WORLD



APRIL 2024



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|----|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Mason Kam | 2 | Mike & Holly Larson |
| | Derrick Rhoads | 18 | Garry & Sandy Wirtz (60 th) |
| 3 | Marlys Hartman (86 th) | 19 | Marvin & Lori Edwards (50 th) |
| 6 | Craig Fausch | 23 | Tyler & Sarah Roelfs |
| | Greg Saveraid | 24 | Andrew & Kristine Polich |
| 7 | Cindy Friedrichsen | 26 | Mark & Jen Pote |
| 9 | Cheryl Blackmer | 27 | Quinn & Norma McBride (55 th) |
| | Kyle Jolly | 30 | Jessica (Blackmer) & Brian Green |
| 11 | Marvin Edwards | | |
| 12 | Brookelyn Rahner | | |
| | Wyatt Sandquist | | |
| 15 | Todd Schmidt | | |
| 18 | Garrett Jensen | | |
| | Maggie Larson | | |
| | Katie Madson | | |
| 19 | Margo Baldwin | | |
| 21 | Hadlee Nobiling | | |
| 22 | Wayne Reinhart (73 rd) | | |
| | Carolyn Tatarniuk | | |
| 26 | Emmalyn Kruse | | |
| 27 | Maizy DeVries | | |
| | Emma Sample | | |
| 28 | Bob Snider (77 th) | | |
| 29 | Olivia Ewing | | |
| 30 | Ruth Evans (71 st) | | |

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



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

April 3rd Marlys Hartman (86th)
See mailed newsletter for address

Anniversary Milestones

Garry and Sandy Wirtz's
60th April 18th
Married at Palestine



Marvin & Lori Edwards'
50th April 19th
Married at Palestine

Quinn & Norma McBride's
55th April 27th





ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler & Jen Pote

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

April 7th: Kristin Shelton; Julie Emerson

April 21st: Kristin Shelton; Julie Emerson

OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis and Matt Williams

USHERS: Noah Wendt; Doug and Lori Schonhorst

Greeters*, **

April 7th: Brad & Lesa Lewis; Julie & Tim Huxford

April 14th: Quinn & Norma McBride; Wade & Holly Twedt

April 21st: Dennis & Donna Millang; Tom & Kari Sandquist

April 28th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh; Mike & Cindi Thomas

*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
31 <i>Easter</i> 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service; Holy Communion Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m. Festival Worship; Holy Communion	1	2 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
7 <i>2nd Sunday o Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Holy Baptism <i>Music with Nels</i> 2 p.m. Mindy DeVries piano recital – all are welcome	8	9 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
14 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> <i>Cookie Sunday</i> <i>New member orientation</i>	15	16 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
21 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> <i>Edwards anniversary reception</i> 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	22 <i>May Newsletter deadline</i>	23 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
28 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i>	29	30 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			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 <small>Memorial Day</small>	28	29	30	31	

April 2024

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Women's Spring Cluster 5:30- 9:30 p.m. Riverside Annual Gala (<i>rsvp required</i>)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Spring Blast @ Riverside 2nd – 6th grades</p>
<p>17</p> <p>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 Assoc. Mtg (Pastor) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Ballard Ministerial Meeting (Pastor)</p> <p><i>Nazareth play set up</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Nazareth play set up</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Nazareth play set up</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (Pastor) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation <i>Nazareth play set up</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Nazareth play set up</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Nazareth's Play <i>Steel Magnolias</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Nazareth's Play <i>Steel Magnolias</i></p>
<p>MAY 1</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Happy May Day</i></p> </div>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

Mark your calendars for VBS June 16-20 from 6-8 p.m. @ Fjeldberg in Huxley with light meal at 5:30 p.m. "Start the Party"



COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes are only in the mailed newsletters now.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Adrienne Brown, Ralph Dovre, JJ Elliott, Brady Hillebrand, Alice Kahler, Vivian Lundgren, Judy McKinney, Deb Ness, Laurie Newman, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Bry Ronca, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family and Friends of: Roy Paradise, Anita Brendeland, 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

**THANK
YOU!**

*Special thanks to those that have helped
clear the snow this winter!*





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 2024 Youth Summer Camps. Visit their website at

www.riversidelbc.org

Spring Blast

April 13th 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.

(2nd - 6th graders)

K.I.C.K. will reimburse the \$40 registration fee for 3-6 graders!



Annual Gala

Saturday, April 6, 2023 5:30-9:30pm

At Gatherings Event Venue

1024 6th St, Nevada, IA 50201

Tickets: Please RSVP by March 22.

Price: \$125/person

Entire table reservations available.

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/the-gala>



***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS
SUMMER 2024***

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



*A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped staff the Ballard Community Clothing Pantry in the month of March:*

Doreen Blackmer, McKenzie Bushaw, Robin Doty, Lori Edwards, Bruce Hartman, Marlys Hartman, Pastor Eric & Teri Klimpel, Ellen Longnecker, Dennis & Donna Millang, Roger & Deb Moore, Chris Nelson, Jen Pote, Greg & Grace Saveraid, Jean Saveraid, Shannon Wilson, and Lora Young.

Nazareth, Cambridge.....Palestine, Huxley.....St Andrews, Ames.....St. John, Madrid.....St. Paul, Bouton

Augustana, Boone.....Bethlehem, Slater.....Bethesda, Ames.....Feldberg, Huxley..... Gilbert Lutheran, Gilbert

SPRING GATHERING

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD

CLUSTER ONE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

119 SW SECOND STREET

OGDEN, IOWA

ORDER OF THE DAY

REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST BRUNCH

BUSINESS MEETING

PROGRAM: "AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN OLD CHURCH PEW"

Immanuel, Ogden.....Memorial, Nevada.....Mt. Olivet, Perry



From Sheep to Shepherd: An LSI Early Childhood Services Story

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a mother, recently released from treatment, found herself in her new empty apartment with her son. She felt lost and needed a shepherd to guide her. So, Hali contacted LSI's Early Childhood Services, and Gretchen O'Brien, a Family Support Worker, answered the call. Gretchen began virtual home visits using the Healthy Family America home-visiting model.

For the next three years, Gretchen connected Hali and her son to community resources, served as a support system and a shoulder to cry on, and celebrated Hali's sobriety milestones with her. Even when Hali doubted herself, Gretchen guided and believed in her.

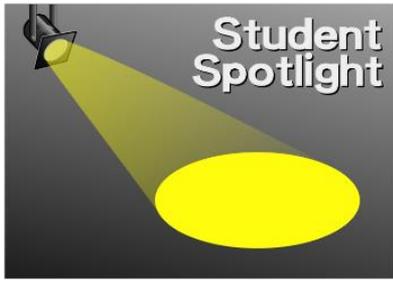
"I just remember sitting in that empty apartment crying, but I had Gretchen on the phone. You guys believed in me when nobody else did," shared Hali.

Today, Hali serves on the Healthy Family America (HFA) National Parent Advisory Committee, the first of its kind. The group is composed of 10-12 parents from around the country who have graduated from their local HFA program, each participant with their own story to share.

Hali needed a shepherd in her time of trouble and self-doubt, and Gretchen answered that call. Now, Hali serves as a shepherd to thousands of parents through the National Parent Advisory Committee. The LSI Early Childhood team couldn't be more proud of Hali and Gretchen.

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

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.



COLLEGE/MILITARY UPDATES:

*This month we are
featuring:*

Ellie Twedt

Ellie Twedt

I am currently in my 4th year at the University of Iowa, and in my 2nd year of pharmacy school. I have 2 more years until I graduate with my pharmacy degree!

I am finishing up my track career this spring, and have enjoyed running alongside good friends for the last 4 years, but am excited to have more time to dedicate to my studies next fall!

I am currently living with some of my teammates in a house near Kinnick Stadium and we enjoy being close for game days and it's a short moped ride to the pharmacy building. I miss seeing everyone on Sundays, but am enjoying my time in Iowa City! Go Hawks!



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