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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

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

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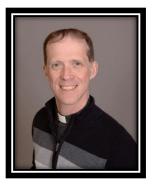
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Palestine will accept your offering!

- 1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
- Mail check to: Palestine Lutheran Church P.O. Box 189 Huxley, IA 50124
- Give online through Easy Tithe. Go to our website <u>www.plchuxley.com</u> 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.

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To Love One Another As Jesus loves -------------- With Pastor Eric

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" – John 21:15

"³⁴ 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

In John 21, the Risen Jesus sits around the fire eating breakfast with Peter and six other disciples, and he asks Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" And I have always wondered what or who "these" refers to. Some commentators believe that it might be the other disciples, or maybe the catch of fish. Do you love me more than these disciples? Or more than you love this catch of fish, or fishing itself? Jesus seems to keep it rather ambiguous and up to interpretation in that moment. Perhaps John kept this question open not just for Peter's sake but ours as well. Do you love Jesus more than anything or anyone else? Maybe it's a question of priorities, or allegiances?

The kind of love that Jesus shares with us and asks from us is not easy to live out. When Jesus gave his disciples the command to love one another as he loved them, he did so between Judas's betrayal and the prediction of Peter's denial of both him (*Jesus*) and himself (*Peter*) as a disciple of Jesus. Knowing that he was going to be abandoned and betrayed to death, Jesus washed their feet and ate with them. What does one do to love like Jesus loves? Here is what I think. Firstly, to love like Jesus is to be loved by Jesus and to know and be known by that love in baptism by Spirit, word and sacrament. Secondly to love like Jesus is to be forgiven and forgiving. *"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."* Life in God's love is grace fueled with the Spirit's breathing in with God's forgiveness and out with forgiveness given to others. We love those who love us, but the true life in Christ is

loving those who do not love us. God is glorified in this way of loving and its benefits are reconciliation and peace.

Do I love Jesus more than anything or anyone else? However convicted I may feel or want to be, I remember that Jesus loves me first and forgives me and calls me to live a life of forgiveness not by my own power but by His gracious will. Over a lifetime I may know and be known by this reconciling, forgiving, boundless love and by God's grace embody it. ⁽²⁾

Let us pray. Lord, whose love endures forever and remains steadfast and sure, embrace me and transform me with your love so that I may grow to know it and live it as your disciple in a world that longs for it and bring you glory. Amen.



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation June $4^{th} - 12^{th}$.

During his absence, you can contact Pastor Tim Jacobsen with Fjeldberg at 515-418-3328.



In June we celebrate our **170**th Church Anniversary

More details to follow about commemoration



Thank you to all who donated to the digital sign. Your gift is very appreciated.

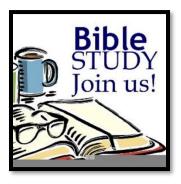
GET INVOLVED

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. <u>Power and Purpose: The Book of</u> <u>Revelation for Today by Russell C.</u> <u>Lackey</u>. *(6 Sessions*) The book of Revelation is confusing to read.



Images of beasts, trumpets, plagues, and even dragons fill its pages. In his book, Power and Purpose, Russ Lackey guides readers on an adventure through the harrowing pages of Revelation in a clear and accessible way. Along the journey, issues such as economic and political injustice, ecology, evangelism, and synthesizing faith with everyday life are raised with the hope of Christ woven throughout. The main question of the book is not how does a person escape this world, rather, who is the Lord of this world? Christians who pick up Revelation with this question in mind do not try to escape society, rather, they work to reform it. Doing this they discover that true power and purpose comes from Christ, the Lamb who was slain. This is a must read for anyone desiring to better understand the book of Revelation. If you need help securing material, please contact <u>ericklimpel@gmail.com</u>

New Member Orientation Meetings

June 15th 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)

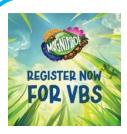
Food Pantry Ministry

Help serve at the local food pantry in Huxley with our Fjeldberg friends. Volunteer at the pantry! Contact Merle Rasmussen (vikinggames@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 June 15th 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! ☺)



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: <u>bit.ly/VBSatPalestine</u> Let the church office know if you can volunteer in any capacity: palestinelutheran@gmail.com – thank you!





You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Lexi Krogmann, future bride of Zach Larson, Sunday, June 29th at 2 p.m. at Palestine. Let's welcome her to our community! Contact Louise Larson (515-231-5648) or Cynthia Johnson (515-229-7434) for further details.

Daily Faith Practices

Daily discipleship themes can be used for Bible study. They are available on the ELCA website <u>www.elca.org</u> \rightarrow Resources \rightarrow Downloadable Resources \rightarrow Bible studies

7th Sunday of EasterFocus: How do I pray as Jesus?[Jesus prayed:] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalfof those who will believe in me through their word, that they mayall be one." John 17:20 (NRSV). Read John 17:20-26

Pentecost

Focus: What is the Holy Spirit doing this week in your life?

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NRSV). Read John 14:8-17

Holy Trinity

Focus: How do you as a finite person speak of the infinite nature of God?

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." John 16:13 (NRSV). Read John 16:12-15

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: How might God bring you from confusion to clarity?

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus has done for him." Luke 8:39 (NRSV). Read Luke 8:26-39

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: What does the commitment to follow Jesus include?

"But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:60 (NRSV) Read Luke 9:51-62





We welcome our new sister in Christ:

Presley Unkrich We welcome her into the Lord's family as a child of God!

Born March 21, 2025 Baptized May 25, 2025

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Presley is the daughter of Brayden Unkrich and Toni Ness





Remember in Prayer

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

Kristy Brownfield, Sam Engler, Dolores Hauge,

Betsy Johnson, Gemma Lynch, Judy McKinney, Joey McBride, Cindy Peterson, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Pastor Stubbs, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

<u>Family and Friends of</u>: 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, Alice Kahler

BALLARD SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Lunches will be provided on Tuesdays and Fridays at NO COST.

The start date is June 3rd and continuing until August 22nd.

Meals will be available to pick up at Ballard Middle School, Cambridge City Center, and the Slater Senior Center.



PICK UP TIMES WILL BE FROM 11:00 TO 12:00

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH

LUNCHES.





Gather at the Garden

Join us to volunteer **every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.** at the Blackmer Farm-Iowa Gardening for Good. It is an opportunity to help tend to crops which will go to feed hungry people across Iowa.

Questions? Contact Roger Moore (<u>rogeranddeb@outlook.com</u>) <u>https://www.iowagardeningforgood.com/</u>



- 1 Karlee Emerson
- 2 Kaylee Van Pelt
- 3 Lyle Martin (86th)
- 4 Jennie Huxford Marcus Schaudt
- 5 Ramsey Roelfs
- Samuel Engler Leona Larson (103rd) Kim Van Pelt
- 7 Elman Sheldahl (71st)
- 8 Shania Schmidt
- 9 Mindy DeVries Madeline Schonhorst
- 11 Russ DeVries
- 12 Pastor Eric Klimpel
- 13 Ashley Klimpel
- 15 Nolan Schonhorst Taylor Wuebker
- 18 Maddison Ewing
- 19 Janell Van Gorp
- 20 Mary Brendeland (73rd) Josephine Engler
- 22 Kasey Larson Brooks Wuebker
- 24 Nathan Moore
- 25 Havanna Roelfs Ella Saveraid
- 26 Vincent Peterson
- 28 Sue Larson (74th)

- 1 Ron & Rosalie Locker
- 8 Stacie & Aldo Medici
- 9 Jeff & Kim Van Pelt
- 10 Gregory & Emily Saveraid

JUNE 2025

IVERSAR

- 12 Dave & Christy Mueller Matt & Michelle Siepker
- 14 David & Jean Saveraid (45th)
- 15 Paris & Cody Hitchcock
- 20 Mike & Crystal Hughes
- 22 Mark & Robin Doty
- 23 Kari & Tom Sandquist
- 26 Ben & Candi Engler (15th)
- 29 Karina & Derrek Kelso



Let's shower our Palestine family with birthday cards!

- June 3rd Lyle Martin (86th)
- June 6th Leona Larson (103rd)

See mailed newsletter for addresses

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

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: June 1 st : Teri Klimpel; Bruce Hartman Badgley)	-	10
June 15 th : Dennis Millang; 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Doreen Blackmer 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ USHERS: needed Pastor on Vacation		10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
OFFERING COUNTERS: Holly Twedt; Doreen Blackmer 15 Holy Trinity GREETERS*, **: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion June 1st: Mark & Robin Doty; Brad & Lesa Lewis 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion June 8th: Tim & Shannon New Member Orientation 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good Wilson; Matt & Erika Williams Gardening for Good June 15th: Marlys Hartman; Greg & Christa Hartsook 9:30 p.m. Theology on Ta @ Fenceline Quinn & Norma McBride 9:30 p.m. Theology on Ta		17 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars in Madrid (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
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Pastor on vacation			→
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18 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (<i>Pastor</i>) 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meals From the Heartland Confirmation Event	19 11:00 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>)	20	21
25 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	26	27	28
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2 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	3	4	5



Let's shower our Palestine family with birthday cards! July 4th Dolores Hauge (89th) July 4th Quinn McBride (88th)

See mailed newsletter for addresses

July 24th Ron Locker (87th)

July 29th Pat Martin (83rd)

Anniversary Milestones

Dennis & Donna Millang's 55th July 25th

Married at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ames. Reception at Palestine Lutheran Church.



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

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
ALTAR GUILD: Teri Klimpel; Elaine Mohr	29 <i>Pentecost 3</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good 2:00 p.m. Bridal shower for Lexi Krogmann (Zach Larson) – all are welcome	30	JULY 1 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: July 6 th : David & Vallery Eisenmann July 20 th : <i>needed</i> USHERS: <i>needed</i> OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis	6 Pentecost 4 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good	7	8 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
GREETERS*, **: July 6 th : If you are here and able to greet, please do! July 13 th : Marvin & Lori Edwards; David & Vallery Eisenmann July 20 th : Dick & Helen Kepler; Leonard & Sue Larson July 27 th : Louise Larson; Jean	13 Pentecost 5 9:30 a.m. Worship **Cookie Sunday 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good	14	15 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
Saveraid *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 nd	20 <i>Pentecost 6</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good	21 Newsletter deadline	22 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
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2 7 a.m. Men's Bible	3	4	5
9 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	10	11	12
16 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group	17	18	19
23 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study	24	25	26
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See mailed newsletter for minutes.



We recognized Children's Church teachers for the 2024-2025 school year May 4th.

Thank you to all the teachers this past year!

Graduate Celebration 5-11-25





COLLEGE GRADUATE ADDITION!

Colby Calvert graduated from the University of Iowa (ahead of schedule) in May with a degree in Sport and Recreation Management. He plans to stay another year and get a master's degree and continue to work with the Iowa Men's Basketball Program.

Dear Palestine, I am so incredibly blested to receive pifts from the quilters, ROCK, and the church at my graduation. I have always felt loved and supported by everyone here at church, and I'm so grateful to have this community in my site. Thank you, Gienna Lewis

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