

Celebrate Reformation Sunday with us October 26, 2025



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

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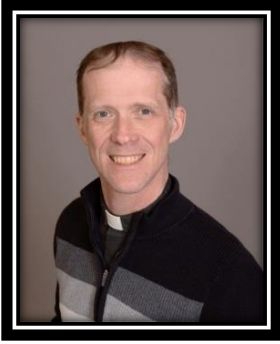


Palestine will accept your offering!

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. **OR** scan the QR code to take you right to our tithing page.
4. **Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.



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



**Celebrating 170 Years of Gratitude, Faith
and Hope @ Palestine -----With
Pastor Eric**

*He (Jesus) asked them, “What things?”
They replied, “The things about Jesus of
Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in
deed and word before God and all the
people,”²⁰ and how our chief priests and*

*leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified
him.²¹ But **we had hoped** that he was the one to redeem Israel. —
Luke 24:19-21*

Some examples of what **I thank God for** about Palestine Lutheran Church

I thank God for...the healthy stewardship of finances and the responsibility towards managing gifts and offerings to bless others and maximize value. As with any organization, we struggle at times; however, our transparency is important to thriving together.

I thank God for...a congregation grounded in “who they are” as a home for many community members both physically and spiritually through various seasons of life and celebrate their heritage without remaining tied to it and recognize that change is warranted when called for.

I thank God for...the intention that we bring towards “nourishing” our baptismal faith with milestone moments like children’s church with multiple teachers per class, KICK Kids with seasonal ministry in our church and community, confirmation with consistent participation for two years, ROCK teens with regional and global trips, vibrant Christmas programs and VBS experiences, funeral care ministry with heart and grief support. We try to keep

multiple generations in touch by gathering together in worship and fellowship instead of keeping groups separate.

I thank God for...the leaders of our church who remain engaged even when they don't always agree or find themselves on slightly different pages.

I am thankful for 170 years of ministry in this place and the resilience forged throughout the years. As I think about Palestine Lutheran, I am reminded of the hope which God poured into this church long ago. When the two disciples left for Emmaus the morning of Easter, they run into a strange man who asks them what's going on. They tell him about their rabbi Jesus who was mighty in word and deed and how they had hoped that he was the one to save Israel. Little did they know at the moment, although they began to suspect, that God's hope was speaking to them, and in turn renewed them along the way.

I realize that with all the great work that God does in this congregation we tend to hope for more, hope for something different, hope for something "else". However, it's not our hope but God's hope that carries us through frustration, disappointment and even discouragement. Hope for today and tomorrow is important and seeking God's will to put our best foot forward helps build confidence and growth. Remember that Gods got the long view with a hope for this congregation and the world at large.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose hope for Palestine preserves and endures, renew our hope in your Kingdom among us and fill us with gratitude and faith in order to bring your promises of faith, hope and eternal life into our families and communities. Forgive us and lead us by your most Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

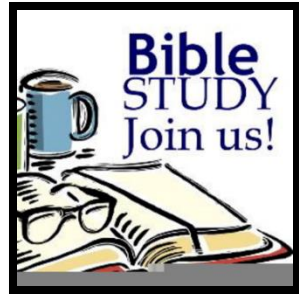
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the council room.

ZOOM Bible Study

T.N.T (Tuesday Night Together)

Bible Study – Tuesdays from 7:00pm

– 8:00pm – The Chosen. (8 Sessions). This interactive study guide for the 8-week TV series *The Chosen* allows you to delve more deeply into each episode as you explore the life of Jesus. You'll come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried; have been made new and established; are now his witness; and more. 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. at Palestine. This will begin October 1st. The R.O.C.K. Group will also meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. for Gather@ (location to be announced Palestine or Fjeldberg).

CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8pm @ Palestine Lutheran Church – 7th & 8th grades - 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

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).

New Member Orientation Meetings

October 12th 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 for the next one October 26th, 2025 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** at Flight in Huxley, 931 N US HWY 69, Huxley, IA 50124
(*No reservations needed, just show up! ☺*)

Grief Share Support Group

Thursdays 6:30p.m. -8:00 p.m. – location: Huxley Library. GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Register and questions email ericklimpel@gmail.com, or call 936-444-3895 (*leave a brief message*) – 13 sessions, workbooks available \$25.



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

17th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Guard the Good Treasure*

“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:14 (NRSV)

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-14

18th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Endurance*

“If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.” 2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NRSV)

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-15

19th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Faithful to our Calling*

“I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:1b-2 (NRSV)

Read 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

20th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Finishing the Race*

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4:7 NRSV)

Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18



*We Blessed Our
Children's Church
Teachers*

September 7, 2025

Preschool/Kindergarten Teachers: Teri Klimpel, Molly Wuebker

First & Second Grade Teachers: Alyssa Johnson, Melinda Kam

Third & Fourth Grade Teachers: Emily Saveraid, Heather Swan

Fifth & Sixth Grade Teachers: Louise Larson, Erika Williams

Substitute teachers: Kari Sandquist and Shannon Wilson

Confirmation: Pastor Klimpel, Nels Dovre, Brent Emerson, Jennie Huxford

Senior Choir Debut for the Fall



9-21-25



**Confirmation Installation for
2025-2026 year
September 14, 2025**



Guides: Pastor Eric Klimpel, Nels Dovre, and Brent Emerson,
Jennie Huxford

Confirmands: (7th grade): Annabelle Engler, Emmett Johnson,
Stella Klingbeil, Ramsey Roelfs, Dobbin Wilson

(8th grade): Rex Clark, Avery Dykstra, Trice Elliott, Samantha
Ewing, Drake Klingbeil, Eden Richter

***Please keep the confirmands and the guides in your
prayers this school year.***



**Please donate blood:
Tuesday, October 14th 2:30 – 6:30 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

Appointments are Encouraged



October 2025

- 1 Lily Morford
Oakley Sickels
- 2 Taylor Ness
- 3 Holly Twedt
- 4 Paul Ness (74th)
Grace Saveraid
Evy Sheldahl (81st)
- 5 Jacob Larson
- 8 Rose Locker (87th)
- 10 Colby Calvert
Victor Schaudt
- 13 Monica Morse
- 14 Roger Moore (80th)
- 15 Monroe Elliott
Reece Russell
Regan Russell
Riley Russell
Cora Thomas
- 17 Benjamin Engler
- 19 Nickolas Larson
- 20 Lisa Sheldahl
- 21 Nancy Fausch (93rd)
- 22 Seth Baldwin
- 23 Julie Emerson
- 24 Dennis Millang (77th)
- 25 Zachary Larson
- 26 Drew Sandquist
- 27 Janice Halverson (76th)
- 28 Sienna Lewis
- 30 Annabelle Engler
Jen Pote
Hunter Wise
- 31 Sophia Saltzman



Let's shower our Palestine friends
with birthday cards!

Evy Sheldahl

See mailed newsletter for address

Rose Locker

See mailed newsletter for address

Roger Moore

See mailed newsletter for address

Nancy Fausch

See mailed newsletter for address



- 3 Rick & Lisa Sheldahl
- 8 Eric & Janell Van Gorp (20th)
- 16 Scott & McKenzie Bushaw
- 22 Scott & Megan Brendeland
- 28 Dax & Haylie Clark

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



ALTAR GUILD: Teri Klimpel and Donna Millang

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
October 5th: Matt & Erika Williams
October 19th: Matt & Erika Williams

OFFERING COUNTERS:
needed

USHERS: *needed*

GREETERS*, **:
October 5: Greg & Christa Hartsook; Quinn & Norma McBride
October 12th: Brad & Lesa Lewis; Mark & Robin Doty
October 19th: Nancy Fausch; Wade & Holly Twedt
October 26th: Mark & Jen Pote; Lora Young

*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.

2025 NOVEMBER						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
28 16 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash Time & Talent Begins Stewardship Sunday	29 <i>Tri-Synod Fall Gathering (Pastor)</i>	30 <i>Tri-Synod Fall Gathering (Pastor)</i> 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
5 17 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> Committee reps available for Stewardship Sunday K.I.C.K. "Kick-Off" Meeting 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the Pets	6	7 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
12 18 th Sunday of Pentecost; <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Council Update Cookie Sunday <i>Music with Nels</i> New member orientation Stewardship Sunday	13	14 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 2:30-6:30 p.m. Blood Drive 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
19 19 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Presentation of 3 rd grade bibles; Cherub choir sings <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. Center Grove Orchard 5:00 p.m. 4H	20 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 7:00 p.m. Active Shooter Training	21 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
26 20 th Sunday of Pentecost <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Flight	27	28 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 1 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. @ Palestine	2 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	3	4
8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. R.O.C.K. parent mission trip mtg @ Fjeldberg	9 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	10	11 9:00 a.m. ELCA Women's Cluster @ St. John's in Madrid
15 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	16 11:000 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	17 Riverside Fall Recharge (3-6 graders) —————→ LSI Anniversary Event	18 <i>11:00 Velma & Donald Wee Memorial</i>
22 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 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. Gather@ Palestine	23 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	24	25 <i>3:00 p.m. Elliott Wedding</i>
29 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	30 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	31	Nov. 1

Mark your calendars for Norwegian potato dumplings!
Kumla Saturday, November 8th.
More details to follow soon!



These minutes have not yet been approved.

Date: 09/07/25

See mailed newsletter for minutes.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Dick Brown, Penny Brown, Kristy Brownfield, Victor Costa, Marvin Edwards, Sam Engler, Angie Hartman, Jon Irwin, Betsy Johnson, Helen Kepler, Gemma Lynch, Donna Millang, Debra Ness, Cindy Peterson, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Oriett Snider

Family & friends of: Jacob Leedom, Dan Bushaw, Elaine Paradise, Charlize Flick, Lee Briggs, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson, Sally Greve, Krisha Barrett, Dick Cast, Cheryl (Ness) Shranklen, Marge Sheldahl, Sandy Wirtz, Ken Larson, Alice Kahler, Harold Rittgers, Esther Orn, Dick Kepler, Dennis Green



September 14, 2025



Thanks to everyone that helped with projects around the church and/or gardening help at Iowa Gardening for Good. It is very appreciated!





Southeastern Iowa

— SYNOD —

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



**Thanks to our guest Pastor,
Dan Kuckuck, for being with
us September 14th.**

Dan is the Assistant to the
Bishop for Leadership and
Congregational Transitions.





Thank You Bishop Eaton!

Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, reflects on the core values that have shaped her leadership. She reminds us that the heart of the church is the gospel, and that God's work through the ELCA is far from over.

To read her article in Living Lutheran Magazine, go to this website:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/09/ending-at-the-beginning/>



R.O.C.K. started off the school year with combined activities and worship @ Fjeldberg Lutheran Church in Huxley on September 17th.

R.O.C.K. Group (high school)



UPCOMING DATES:

- October 1st 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Palestine
- October 8th 7 p.m. Parent meeting about Mission Trip for summer 2026 to Alaska @Fjeldberg
- October 22nd 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Palestine



October=Stewardship

- September 28th: Time & Talent forms will be available.
- October 5th: Committee Chairs will be available after worship to answer any questions you may have about joining
- October 12th: Collection of Time & Talent forms; Answering any questions about different committees/groups



You are invited to celebrate Lutheran Services in Iowa on Friday, October 17th

for a reception, dinner, and program supporting LSI's mission to keep kids safe, expand mental health care, empower people with disabilities, and welcome immigrants and refugees. Together, we've been *Unstoppable and Still Standing*—and with you, we'll continue for generations to come.

Click on this link to get tickets: [Get Tickets](#) Or go to their website: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lutheranservicesiniowa/event/lsi160/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids In Christ's Kingdom 3RD- 6TH Grade Youth Group

➡ Fall Re-Charge at Riverside!

You miss camp? Camp misses YOU! Why don't you come on back for a Riverside Recharge?!

Recharge is a 24-hour retreat* for youth to step away from the noise of the school year and enjoy refocusing on the presence of God, community, and a whole lot of camp fun!

Register today on the website: <https://riversidelbc.org/fall-recharge/>



Fall Recharge dates:

October 17-18 Juniors (Grades 3-6)

November 7-8 Junior High (Grades 6-9)

November 21-23 High School (Grades 9-12)

The KICK group will reimburse the registration of any kids grades 3-12 who attend one of the Re-Charge events. See Erika Williams with any questions.

➡ **Center Grove Orchard Outing.** Sunday, October 19th 5-7 p.m. See K.I.C.K. Facebook page for more details.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS AND
THEIR CARETAKERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th
at 11:30 a.m.**

Behind the Parsonage at North parking lot. In commemoration of St. Francis, we seek God's blessing on our pets and their companions. Bring your pet and family to this blessing service for edification of our companionship before God.



**Join the Women of ELCA for the Fall Cluster
Saturday, October 11th, 2025 @ St. John's in Madrid**

All are welcome. Registration is at 9 a.m.
Program at 9:30 a.m.



**Join us for our annual
Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, October 19th!**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

**Monday, October 20, 2025
@ 7 p.m.**

The Facilitator is Huxley Chief of Police,
Nate Albaugh

Palestine Lutheran Church
PO BOX 189
Huxley, IA 50124-8110
Address service requested