



God's Work, Our Hands



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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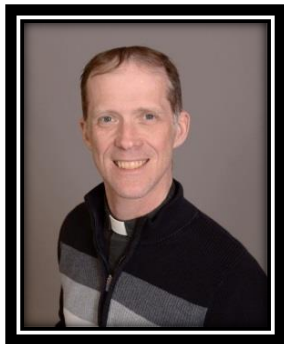
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Palastine will accept your offering!

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. **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.*





"We're on a mission from God..." with Jesus
& ----- With Pastor Eric

*The covenant God made with you in holy baptism: **live** among God's faithful people; **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth?" - ELW,*

Affirmation of Baptism

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Luke 12:34

While on sabbatical this summer, Jim Lovell died, and I found myself profoundly distressed. He was a brave astronaut from an early class of N.A.S.A. and one of the first to travel out of earth's orbit for the moon on Apollo 8. But for me, it was his leadership on Apollo 13 which inspired the most. I suggest watching the movie Apollo 13 for the dramatic version of this rescue! Why does this affect me so profoundly? Well, I am reminded of another pioneer astronaut Scott Carpenter who was not only an astronaut but an aquanaut as well!

Some years ago, Scott Carpenter died. Scott Carpenter was one of the great citizens of the United States of America. He was one of our seven first astronauts. He was truly a great man. Scott Carpenter was a man who had a sense of mission. Let me read what Scott Carpenter had to say, "This project of being an astronaut and going to the moon, gives me the possibility of using all my capabilities and all my interests and gifts at once. This is something that I would be willing to give my life for. I think a person is fortunate to have something that you care that much about that you would give your life for. There are risks involved, that's for sure." Then Scott Carpenter went on to say in the following words in a letter to his wife, "My dear, if this comes to a fatal, screaming fiery end for me, I will have three main regrets. I will have lost the opportunity to prepare for my children's life here on this planet. I will miss the pleasure

of seeing you and loving you when you are a grandmother. And will have never learned to play the guitar.” Signed, Scott. He cared for his wife. He cared for his children. He wanted to play the guitar. But more than that, more than his love for his wife and children, more than his wanting to learn to play the guitar, Scott Carpenter was willing to give his life for the mission to go to the moon.

What does it mean to give your life for THE mission of Jesus Christ? As we begin a new academic year and schedules are determined and routines established, I hope that the question of your baptismal mission comes to mind. What part does prayer and Bible reading play in your daily life? How about worship? Jesus teaches that where our treasure is that is where our heart will be also. If we want our hearts aligned with Jesus, then we can begin with investing our time, attention and possessions with Him in small ways and then be open for more opportunities. It’s never too late to start and you can always try something different as your days unfold.

Let us pray. Gracious God may your Spirit move in me to embrace your mission to loving kindness for my neighbors. Keep me close and work in and through me that which is pleasing in your sight daily. May your gospel mission be in my heart, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sunday, September 7th

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

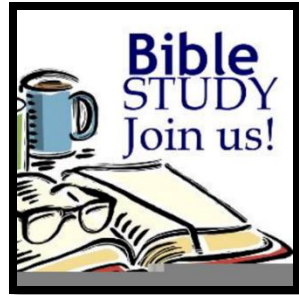
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the council room.

ZOOM Bible Study

T.N.T (Tuesday Night Together)

Bible Study – Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm – The Greatest Showman:

The Bible Study. (6 Sessions). The academy and golden globe winning musical film about P.T. Barnum has spawned acclaim for it's musical score and thought-provoking messages about fortitude, purpose and life's challenges. This study and reflection will show how the Bible offers the same guidance in a Christian perspective about our purpose in Christ Jesus. 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

September 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)

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 21st, 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

Thursday, Sept. 18 @ 7pm-8pm – location: To be determined. 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.

GRIEF

GRIEF SHARE

SUPPORT GROUPS

A warm, caring environment for those who have experienced human loss through death.

Fall Group



GriefShare

A 13-week faith-based program designed to support & equip individuals as they navigate the difficult emotions & experiences of grief.

Thursdays, Sept. 18 – Dec. 11, 6:30pm – 8pm

(You are welcome to join at any point during this period.)

Blue Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7-8pm

All events are held @ Huxley Public Library, 515 N Main Ave, Huxley (2nd floor of 3 C's Building) Contact ericklimpel@gmail.com, 515-597-2620

International Day of Peace

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm
The Peace Garden at Cowles Commons
313 Walnut St. Des Moines, Ia. 50309

"Act Now for a Peaceful World "

The keynote speaker will be Brian Campbell, Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Music will be provided by First United Methodist Church Choir, Jennifer Shide, Music Director . The service will express a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions. We will renew our commitment to be instruments of God's peace. This year it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies, and that the urgent work of peace-making is essential to the survival and well-being of humanity.

Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace

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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

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Extending Grace to Others*

“I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.” (Philemon 6 NRSV)
Read Philemon 1-21

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *For Me ... For You*

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy”
1 Timothy 1:15-16a (NRSV)
Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *For Everyone*

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone” 1 Timothy 2:1 (NRSV)
Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: *Fight the good fight*

“But as for you ...shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith....” 1 Timothy 6:11-12a (NRSV)
Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19



Save the date to 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

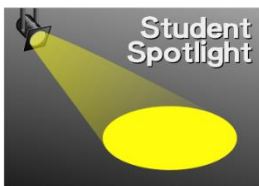
Appointments are Encouraged



FALL BOOK BASH

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

Collection will begin September 7th and 14th.
Bash will be September 21st and 28th.



COLLEGE/MILITARY UPDATE:

This month we are featuring:

Kiley Calvert



I am currently starting my sophomore year at the University of Iowa majoring in communications and sport media. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family and going to football and basketball games.
Thanks!



September 2025

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1 Kirsten Van Soelen
- 3 Teresa Rasmussen
- 4 Amanda Richter
- 5 Scott Brendeland
- 6 Ashley Argueta
- 8 Robin Doty
Darin Madson
- 9 Adam Wuebker
- 10 Kole Swan
- 17 Jodie Sample
- 18 Jodie Atkinson
Donna Lisowski
- 19 DeAnn Baldwin
Andrew Rasmussen
Ellie Twedt
- 20 Jeremy Edwards
Molly Wuebker
- 21 Mack Umland
- 22 Dax Clark
- 24 Lydia Kelso
- 27 Oriett Snider (76th)
- 28 Rex Clark
Max Shelton
- 29 Kade Swan
- 30 Jacob Huxford
Dave Prichard (83rd)



**Let's shower Dave
with cards for his
birthday!**

Sept. 30th Dave Prichard's 83rd
*See mailed newsletter for
address.*



- 4 David & Margret Anderson
- 7 Lucas & Courtney Williams
- 9 Jacob & Hannah Saltzman
- 11 Jeremy & Danielle Edwards
DeAnn & Stuart Baldwin
Bruce & Angela Hartman
- 14 Jon & Sarah Jensen
- 15 Randy & Lora Young
- 18 Greg & Christa Hartsook
- 20 Richard & Chris Nelson
Tony & Jamie Ness
- 21 Tim & Julie Huxford (40th)
Jacey & Cole Johnson
- 29 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!*

Member Address change: Charles &
Evy Sheldahl have moved from
Huxley to Polk City. Their new
address is: *see mailed newsletter for
address.*



ALTAR GUILD: Jen Pote & Lesa Lewis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
September 7th: *needed*
September 21st: Tim and Shannon Wilson
OFFERING COUNTERS: Matt & Erika Williams

USHERS: *needed*

GREETERS* , **:
September 7th: Laura Kepler; Eric & Teri Klimpel
September 14th: Dax & Haylie Clark; Darin & Katie Madson
September 21st: Mike & Cindi Thomas; Chris & Amanda Richter
September 28th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh; Tom & Kari Sandquist

*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 OCTOBER						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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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
31 12 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. Volunteer @ Gardening for Good	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
7 13 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers and Students <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash Collection	8	9 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
14 14 th Sunday of Pentecost; <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Name Tag Sunday; <i>Special Guest Pastor Dan Kuckuck</i> <i>Cookie Sunday</i> <i>Music with Nels</i> New member orientation Book Bash Collection 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Work @ Iowa Gardening for Good	15	16 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
21 15 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash 5:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 p.m. Inter. Day of Peace 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Flight	22 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	23 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
28 16 th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> Book Bash	29 Tri-Synod Fall Gathering (<i>Pastor</i>)	30 Tri-Synod Fall Gathering (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters Resume!	4	5	6
10 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 begins!	11	12	13
17 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 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. Gather@	18 11:00 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	19	20
24 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	25 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	26	27
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



These minutes have not yet been approved.

Date: 08/03/25

See mailed newsletter for council minutes.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Dick Brown, Penny Brown, Kristy Brownfield, Marvin Edwards,
Sam Engler, Josh Ewing, Dolores Hauge, Jon Irwin, Betsy
Johnson, Helen Kepler, Gemma Lynch, Debra Ness, Cindy
Peterson, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Jean Sanquist, 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, Ted Huxford, Esther Orn, Dick Kepler



PARADE – “Partners in Christ” theme.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP @ RAILROAD PARK

More than \$1,000 Offering for local food pantries donated!





PIE & BROWNIE SOCIAL



*Thanks to everyone that
provided pies and/or brownies
and for volunteering. More than
\$800 was raised!*





Quilting Group is Resuming!

Wednesday, September 3rd @ 1 p.m.

Every Wednesday from 1-4 p.m.



Join us for Children's Church!

Beginning Sunday, September 7th!

Installation of Teachers and Students

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



Sr. Choir Practice

Beginning Sunday, September 7th

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



Installation of Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 14th

Mid-week Classes begin **Wednesday,**
September 10th 6:30 – 8 p.m.



R.O.C.K. Group Resuming!

1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month.

The 1st Wednesday will be at Palestine
starting October 1st. The 3rd Wednesday
will be Gather@ TBD.



Join us September 14th

Worship: 9:30 a.m. @Palestine with special guest, Pastor Dan Kuckuck, preaching. Mr. Kuckuck is the assistant to the Bishop for Leadership and Congregational Transition of the Southeastern Iowa Synod ELCA.

God's Work Our Hands Project – Iowa Gardening for Good, Blackmer Farm 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (2191 340th Street, Madrid)

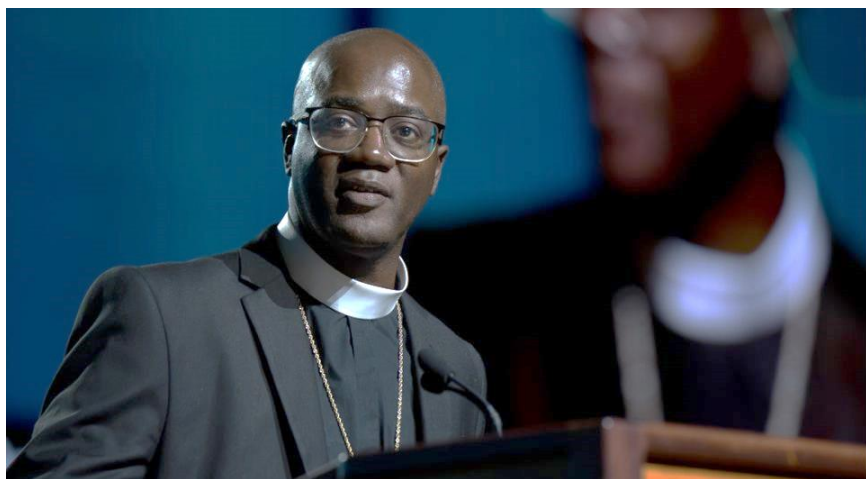
Wear outdoor work clothes, weather compliant, sunscreen, work gloves, hat.





Installation of the Presiding Bishop

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. CDT
Central Lutheran Church | Minneapolis, Minn.



The installation of the new presiding bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry, is open to the public, with no tickets required, on **Saturday, October 4**. Doors open at 1:00 PM and worship begins at 2:00 PM, followed by a public reception at [Central Lutheran Church](#) in Minneapolis.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will also be livestreamed.

Go to the ELCA website at <http://www.elca.org>



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UPCOMING EVENTS:



Women's Retreat September (26) 27, 28

GUEST SPEAKER, AMANDA NEPPL

About Amanda... Amanda Neppel serves as a pastor and leads the Adult Discipleship Team at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. She is passionate about helping people explore God's love for them and live abundant lives in Jesus Christ! Amanda is pursuing her Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership and because of that, does not have any hobbies. She is the mom to four young adult children and lives with her husband Bryan in West Des Moines.

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>



ANNUAL RIVERSIDE GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, September 19, 2025 at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames.

Cost: \$125/player. Includes 18 holes with cart, goodie bag, lunch, ice cream afterward, and prizes.

Registration can be found on their website at www.riversidelbc.org

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