



Palentine
Lutheran Church

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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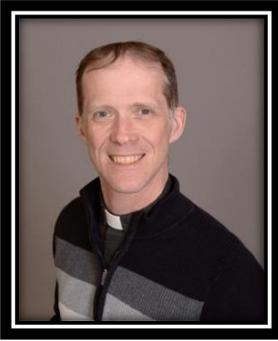


Tithes & Offering

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.



Abiding in the “Silent Saturdays” of Faith ----
----- With Pastor Eric

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. – Mark 8:31

51Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, - I Corinthians 15:51

The Saturday between Good Friday and Easter is sometimes known as “silent” Saturday. What happens in that “in between” time? I believe that after Jesus’ crucifixion the disciples had to find a place to bury him quickly before the Sabbath began. Joseph of Arimathea offered his burial tomb at such short notice. After they buried him, the women observed at a distance and a Roman guard was stationed to keep the body from being stolen. Silence follows in the gospel accounts, and we read nothing until the next morning when the women go out to the tomb and stuff started happening! I expect that many of the disciples did observe the sabbath and gathered to grieve, question the events, and fret a bit about what’s next for them. I’m sure that much happened in this time as well!

I find myself in that “silent” Saturday place quite often in my faith and it is not a comfortable place to be. It’s a time of loss and confusion – this “in between” time. In our Christian tradition we are invited into the Easter Vigil which basically chronicles in order the promises (covenants) of God with us from Genesis onward. We are reminded of God’s faithfulness as we face the emptiness or pain of this “silent” Saturday and reflect on the “new covenant” established in Jesus’ body and blood given and shed for us. This is hard which might be why many people don’t think about it or find busy work to move through this period as quickly as possible. I propose that “silent” Saturday is when

transformation happens like a chrysalis for a caterpillar/butterfly. Perhaps not so much physically but spiritually.

I am thinking about a young boy who was burned badly in a bus accident. He was in extreme pain and covered with severe burns over 65% of his body. After a couple of weeks, the hospital sent in a teacher to help him from falling too far behind in school. When the teacher saw how bad he was and his pain levels, she was reluctant to do the drills and give him homework. The teacher stumbled through the lessons, and the boy struggled to respond. The next day a nurse came to that teacher and asked, "What did you do to that boy? We have been worried about him. But ever since you were here yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back. He's responding to treatment. It's as if he's decided to live."

The boy explained later that he had completely given up hope until that teacher walked into his room. With joyful tears the boy said, "They wouldn't send a teacher to work with a boy who was dying, would they?"

This story is a "silent" Saturday story for me. It invites us to celebrate the gift of life even when all we seem to see around us is pain, disappointment, and brokenness. On the other side of pain, there is resurrection life and all that is possible with hope in a faithful and loving God on our side. Amen.



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation
May 9th – May 14th.

During his absence you can
contact Kathleen Lotz with
Memorial Lutheran Church in
Nevada 480-261-0489.

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

ZOOM Bible Study

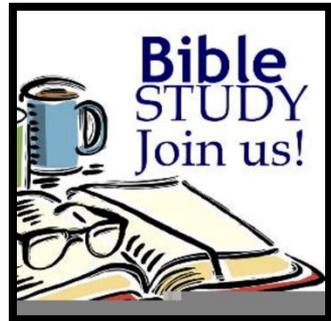
Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:00 p.m.

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. May 1st 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 5th 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 19th, 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

6th Sunday of Easter *Focus: How do I abide in the love of Christ?*
“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12 (NRSV)
Read John 15:9-17

7th Sunday of Easter *Focus: How does being rooted in prayer help you walk the path of discipleship?*
“I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.” John 17:9 (NRSV)
Read John 17: 6-19

Pentecost *Focus: How is my life Spirit-filled?*
“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:4 (NRSV)
Read Acts 2:1-21

Holy Trinity *Focus: How does my life reflect being an heir of God?*
“It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ -- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.” Romans 8:16-17 (NRSV)
Read Romans 8:12-17

MAUNDY THURSDAY and EASTER SUNDAY



LENT AND HOLY WEEK SPECIAL OFFERINGS *THANK YOU!*



Palestine provided 55+ **SACKS OF FOOD** (600 pounds) PLUS **\$1,626** in monetary donation for our local food pantry.

We provided **\$681** (so far) to go to Lutheran Disaster Response. If you still wish to donate in honor of the Tesdell mission work, we will happily forward your donation on.



Senior Choir on Easter



MAY 2024

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH



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|----|---|----|---|
| 2 | Nels Dovre
Candi Engler | 5 | Jacob & Jordan Huxford |
| 3 | Tim Huxford | 6 | Matt & Erika Williams |
| 4 | Sarah Young | 14 | Lucas & Adessa Schaudt |
| 5 | Dobbin Wilson | 15 | Dick & Bernadine Cast (64 th) |
| 6 | Luke Ness
Joe Thomas | 27 | Henry & Jan Rumbaugh (57 th) |
| 11 | Brooke Dykstra
Cory Larson | | |
| 13 | Mike Thomas | | |
| 15 | Megan Hadaway
Ethan Johnson
Kris Polich
Palmer Schaudt
Joyce Volz | | |
| 17 | Tom Gallagher
Kristin (Halverson) Wilson | | |
| 19 | Bill Harleen
Henry Larson | | |
| 21 | Holden Elliott
Kelli Jo Emerson
Olivia (Thomas) Duffy | | |
| 22 | David Eisenmann
Deb Moore (73 rd) | | |
| 23 | Miles Gallagher | | |
| 24 | Lily Gustafson
Amelia Obranovic
Violet Sickels | | |
| 26 | Nolan Larson | | |
| 29 | Caden Van Pelt
Stella Klingbeil | | |
| 30 | Isaac Larson | | |
| 31 | Casey Tatarniuk | | |

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



ALTAR GUILD: Jen Pote & Lesa Lewis

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
May 5th: Quinn & Norma McBride
May 19th: Quinn & Norma McBride

OFFERING COUNTERS:
needed

USHERS: *needed – see emailed sign up*

Greeters* , **
May 5th: Dax & Haylie Clark; Mark & Robin Doty
May 12th: Laura Kepler; Darin & Katie Madson
May 19th: Drew & Kris Polich; Tom & Kristin Shelton
May 26th: Eric & Teri Klimpel; 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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
5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion; Holy Baptism; Graduation recognition; Last Sunday of children's church; Teacher recognition; Contemporary music service <i>Music with Nels</i> <i>New Member Orientation</i>	6	7 10 a.m. Rock Creek (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
12 <i>Ascension of our Lord</i> <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Cookie Sunday</i> Pastor on Vacation →	13	14 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
19 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4H 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	20 <i>June/July Newsletter deadline</i>	21 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 1:00 Cedars in Madrid (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship	27 	28 10 a.m. Area Pastors' Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

June

2024

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May 2024

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MAY 1 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 Riverside "Lil Cowpoke"</p>
<p>8 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 7:30 p.m. Ballard High School Baccalaureate</p>	<p>9 <i>Ascension of our Lord</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor on Vacation →</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Riverside "Lil Cowpoke"</p>
<p>15 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters</p>	<p>16 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Meeting (Pastor)</p>	<p>17 Synod Assembly →</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (Pastor) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. K.I.C.K. to help place flags at cemetery</p>	<p>23 12:30 p.m. Balard Ministerial Mtg (Pastor)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p>



USHERS

USHER UPDATE!

Please see the weekly email to sign up if you are willing to help usher!



COUNCIL MINUTES

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To MOW!

If you are willing to mow the church and parsonage, there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall! SERVICE HOURS are *happily* given to high schoolers that want the volunteer hours!



Remember in Prayer

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

Adrienne Brown, Ralph Dovre, Brady Hillebrand, Alice Kahler, Vivian Lundgren, Judy McKinney, Deb Ness, Larry Pote, Havanna Roelfs, Bry Ronca, Henry Rumbaugh, 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



We welcome our new
brother in Christ:

**Victor Marshall
Schaudt**

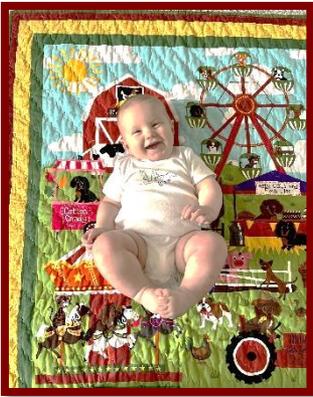
Born October 10, 2023

Baptized April 7, 2024



*We welcome him into the Lord's family
as a child of God!*

Victor is the son of Lucas and Adessa Schaudt and the brother of Palmer, Julianne, and Marcus. His baptismal sponsors are Christopher & Rachael Schaudt and Less & Jessica Christensen.



Hello!

Thanks for baptizing Victor. It was a special day we will treasure forever. He thought the quilt that was made for him was very neat! He loves looking at all the animals when he does tummy time.

Thanks again!

Adessa, Lucas, & Family





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

Calling All 'Lil Cowpokes!

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!

Picture this – a day filled with horseback riding, games, and even a chance to unleash your artistic side by painting a horse. But that's not all! We're not just horsing around; we're also here to share some love about Jesus.

Oh, did I mention we're throwing in some good ole fellowship and a hearty meal at the ranch? Yup, you heard it right! Whether you're joining us for the morning or mid-day session, we've got you covered.

So, round up your folks, grab your cowboy hats, and let's make this May a memorable one together!



Sat. May 4 or Sat. May 11

10 – noon or 12:30 – 2:30

\$35/child \$10/adult

Pre-register on their website.

EVENTS



& HAPPENINGS



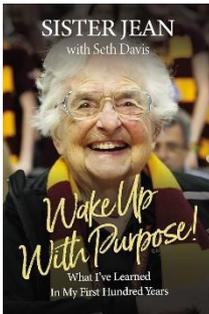
One of our K.I.C.K. kids, Ben Williams, went to Riverside Saturday, April 13^h to attend the Spring Blast Day-camp for 2nd – 6th graders. *His favorite part was going to Chapel-getting to sing with everyone.*

K.I.C.K kids will be helping the cemetery place individual flags by veteran headstones. Please join us at **6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22nd**! It would be very appreciated!



13 Boxes of Handmade Quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief!





LIBRARY COMMITTEE BOOK REVIEW

Wake Up With Purpose! What I've Learned in My First Hundred Years by Sister Jean with Seth Davis

Sister Jean is a sister of Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I learned she has an Iowa connection. She enrolled at the Mount Carmel Motherhouse in Dubuque, Iowa. It is still there today. She became a teacher and had to move and change positions teaching different grades at different schools and worked her way up to being principal. She found it best to be flexible and said, "We need to be at least a little uncomfortable in order to grow."

She came from a large family and was very sociable and loved all the students she worked with over the years. She is most well known for her position of chaplain of the men's basketball team at Loyola. She got noticed cheering them on from the sidelines. In 2018 Loyola made it into the NCAA tournament all the way to the Sweet 16 and in 2021 Loyola made it to the Final Four. She always prays with them before every game. She is now 103 and still works at Loyola and feels it is important to have a purpose. Sister Jean has a positive attitude and believes that God made each of us out of love.



Registration: bit.ly/flcvbs
(vbs2024 and variations are taken)
Link: <https://fjeldberg.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2208580>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES!



Kiley Renay Calvert

Kiley is planning on attending the University of Iowa with an undecided major.

Open House for Kiley:

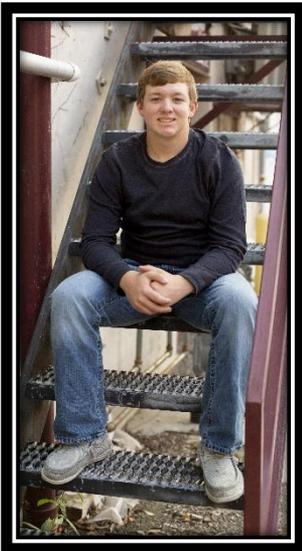
May 4th, 5-8 p.m. at their home – see *mailed newsletter for address*

Nickolas Allen Larson

Nick plans to attend Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN. Majoring in Wildlife Biology

Open House for Nick:

May 11th 12 – 3 p.m.
Score Pavilion
1543 Fawcett Pkwy
Nevada



Derrick James Rhoads

Derrick will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to study Accounting.

Open House for Derrick:

May 18th 9 - 11 a.m.
Cambridge City Centre
225 Water St., Cambridge, IA 50046



Megan Kay Rowedder

Megan plans to attend Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa this fall to major in Biomedical Sciences and play soccer.

Open House for Megan:

May 11th, 12 – 3 p.m. at their home
– see mailed newsletter for address

Kole Steven Swan

Kole plans to attend DMACC in the fall to study Business.

Open House for Kole:

May 11th, 12 - 3 p.m.
@ Nord Kalsem Shelter house in Huxley.



Grant Bennett Twedt

Grant will attend DMACC in the fall to pursue a degree in Ag Business.

Open House for Grant:

Saturday, May 11th 5 – 8 p.m.
@ their home – see mailed
newsletter for address



Alise Elizabeth Van Pelt

Alise plans to attend the University of South Dakota with undecided major.

Open House for Alise:

May 4th 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

@ Huxley 3Cs



Aiden Christian Lewis
College Graduate

Aiden is graduating from ISU *Magna Cum Laude* May 11th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Chinese. His foreseeable future plans include being a project manager for Home Boy Enterprises and continuing with rugby.



Xavier Johnson
(grandson of Cynthia Johnson)
College Graduate

Xavier will graduate from ISU with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice. Xavier is continuing his education at the University of Northern Iowa in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.



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