



Reaching out in Christian love to all!

**THE PALESTINE PRESS
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST 2024



Rev. Eric Klimpel, Pastor
515-597-2620
936-444-3895 (cell)
ericklimpel@gmail.com

Nels Dovre, Youth Liaison
319-331-7368 (cell)
dovren@gmail.com

515-597-2624 (Office)
palestinelutheran@gmail.com
www.plchuxley.com

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Page(s)

Pastoral Care	2
Tithes & Offering	3
Pastor's Monthly Report	4-5
Get Involved	6-7
Pastor's Vacation Information	7
Daily Faith Practices	8
Confirmation Parent Meeting	9
Database update	9
Birthdays.....	10
Birthday Card Shower and Anniversaries	11
Monthly Calendar	12-13
Council Minutes	14
Prayer List for June & July 23, 2024.....	14
Fall Book Bash Dates	14
Confirmation Summer Field Trip & Service Pics	15
Vacation Bible School Pics.....	16-17
Fishing & Picnic Pics	18
Food at First Volunteer Pics	19
Iowa Cubs Outing Invitation	20
College/Military Update	20
Blessing of the Backpacks Date	20
Riverside Bible Camp 5K & Quilt Auction	21
Prairie Fest Palestine Involvement	22
LSI August Newsletter Article	23

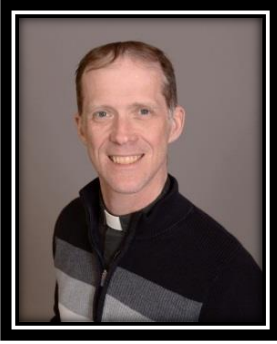


Tithes & Offering

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.



To be Religious, or not to be Religious? --

----- With Pastor Eric

¹⁶Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. - 1 Timothy 3:16

⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." – John 14:6-7

Why religion? Of all the vocations in this world why did I respond to a calling in the arena of religion? Sometimes I ask that question amid existential dread especially after the recent pandemic crisis. I watched people long to be together in church initially crowd the pews and then go back to sporadic participation which mirrored pre-pandemic behavior. What does religion offer us in our first-world context? I like to believe that religion is a way of life which keeps us connected through beliefs and structures in which to navigate life.

What does religion give us? Yes, I see religion as a gift. This gift provides three frames for life in this enormous, ever-changing world:

1. Cohesion – A story or narrative to help connect experiences and seasons in time.
2. Significance – No matter who we are our life is important and so are we!
3. Purpose – We have a part to play in this world and our life here has meaning!

When we read or believe that the world is less religious, then we should consider what is missing from it. How are these frames of life addressed? Or are they?

It seems to me that our country which is filled with wealth, promise and prosperity (compared to most countries), has a large problem with depression, loneliness and anxiety. How can this be? Maybe it's because we are less religious? Religion may be personal but it's definitely not private. We need ways to connect with others in the community to frame our life! Church life is a big part of making these connections and building relationships as Christians. Our faith provides for cohesion, significance and purpose in successful and fulfilling ways that transcends culture, time and technology.

Perhaps, you can find these frames for life in other things besides "Christian faith" and that would simply make that thing your religion? The problem comes up when those things (people) fall away, fail the test, or disappear into dust. Jesus provides all three frames for us which includes and goes beyond temporal matters. A relationship with Jesus is personal but not private! Jesus gives us purpose, a story to be a part of, and a place in the family forever loved!

As we move into a new school year, as the country and state fairs end and the days become a bit more cluttered with post-summer matters, I invite you to consider the religious aspect of your life and your family life. What is it now? What might it become?

Let us pray. Gracious God, our creator, giver and sustainer of life, thank you for coming to us in Jesus to show us the way to true life and peace. Thank you for the gift of religion and its benefits to form and sustain the community of faith. Help us to live in ways that give life and provide wholeness to us and our families in Jesus' name we pray. 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 – Life By His Word Bible Study

Series: Paul's Missionary Work and Epistles -

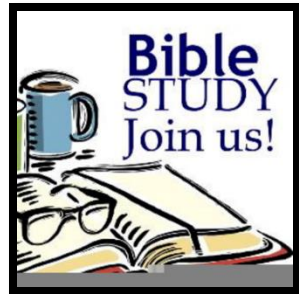
This Bible study provides discussion questions, application, and summary insights. Each chapter and book of Paul's Mission Work and Epistles is explored, offering a rich and full approach to study and devotion. Each lesson is divided up in easy to use one-page handouts. The study includes teaching materials and student materials in two formats: PDF to print directly and RFT for customization.

“With Life by His Word, the pastor has a Bible study for any hot topic that comes up in the news,” says Rev. Edward Engelbrecht, general editor of The Lutheran Study Bible. “Just think about the chapter of Scripture that addresses the topic, find the chapter study in Life by His Word, and you’re good to go.”

Copies are available in the Fellowship Hall at church. 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.



New Member Orientation Meetings


August 11th 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 August 11th, 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! 😊)*



Pastor Klimpel will be on vacation
August 14th – August 21st.

During his absence you can contact Tim Jacobsen @ Fjeldberg. 515-418-3328.



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

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: How do we turn to Jesus as our bread for daily living?

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” John 6:35 (NRSV)

Read John 6:24-35

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: What does it mean to be filled with the promise of eternal life?

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” John 6:51 (NRSV)

Read John 6:35, 41-51

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: How does the Sacrament of Holy Communion connect you with Christ?

“Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.” John 6:57 (NRSV)

Read John 6:51-58

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Focus: To whom do we go for life and eternal life?

Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’” John 6:68-69 (NRSV)

Read John 6:56-69



**Palestine Confirmation
Parent Meeting**
Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in
the conference room.

For parents of incoming 7th and 8th grade confirmation students to discuss class, curriculum, expectations and events for the coming academic year. 9th grade parents are not included in this meeting.

Tentative date for confirmation classes to begin is Wednesday, September 6th.

DATABASE

Update

You may notice names in the birthdays/anniversaries you don't know or don't see here on a regular basis. This is because an extensive database entry has been happening and is still ongoing.

If we do not have proof or a record a member (member by definition is someone that joined Palestine via baptism, confirmation, or through new member acceptance) has dropped or transferred their membership, they are still indeed a member. They may not necessarily be an active member (active by definition is someone that communes and gives monetarily at least once per year), but still categorized as a member.

It is my hope that if you know of any of the names in the birthdays or anniversary lists that you know would not like to be designated as a "member" that maybe you can reach out to them and ask them to email our office to remove. Our email is:

palestinelutheran@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

Lesa



AUGUST 2024

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 3 | Nathan Gieseke | 19 | Joyce Birkestrand |
| 4 | Stephen Mitchell | | Andrea Cooper |
| 5 | Tracy Blackmer | | Denise Elliott (73 rd) |
| | Kimberly Larson | | Sarah Jensen |
| | Tony Ness | | Allan Kopaska |
| | Kason Swan | | Sarah Rogotzke |
| | Kimberly Yum | | Megan Rowedder |
| 6 | Amy Larson | | Neva Umland |
| | London Roelfs | 21 | Dominic Hansen |
| 7 | Allisa Dennis | | Maryn Tatarniuk |
| | Vallery Eisenmann | 22 | Tyler Braland |
| | Laura Kepler | | Heather Swan |
| | Michael Lewis (71 st) | | Emily Thompson |
| 8 | Logan Bellamy | | Jennifer Wicks |
| | Arlyce Engles | 23 | Nicholas Alleman |
| 10 | Taylor Larson | | Peter Gluck |
| | Amanda Myers | | Lynn Hood |
| 12 | Shelbi Conrad | 24 | Robby Keltner |
| | Alyssa Johnson | 26 | Lindsey Brendeland |
| | Drake Klingbeil | | Brinley Dykstra |
| 14 | Peyton Elliott | | Lindsey Hays |
| | Chad Millang | | Robert Larson |
| 15 | Inga Dovre | | Janice Rumbaugh (80 th) |
| 16 | Garry Wirtz (83 rd) | 27 | Leonard Larson (74 th) |
| 17 | Jennie LeGates | | Jacob Williams |
| | Tyler Roelfs | 28 | Greyson Johnson |
| 18 | James Biedermann | | Karina Kelso |
| | Linda Kruse | | Chloe Shelton |
| | Chris Richter | 29 | Bryan Brendeland |
| | Emily Willemsen | | Noelle Hartsook |
| | Vickie Wirtz | | Charles Sheldahl (81 st) |
| | | 30 | Ian Minnihan |
| | | 31 | Michael Wilkerson |



Let's shower Garry Wirtz, Jan Rumbaugh, and Charles Sheldahl with cards for their birthdays!

Aug. 16th

Gary Wirtz

(see mailed newsletter for address)

Aug. 26th

Jan Rumbaugh

(see mailed newsletter for address)

Aug. 29th

Charles Sheldahl

(see mailed newsletter for address)



- 2 Russ & Mindy DeVries
- 3 Timothy & Nicole Elliott
- 4 Ken & Louise Larson
Matthew & Sarah Moore
- 6 Kevin & Jeannie Williams
- 13 Jim & Nina Gotta (35th)
- 14 David & Vallery Eisenmann
Adam & Molly Wuebker
- 15 Tim & Shannon Wilson (15th)
- 16 Bob & Oriett Snider
- 18 Ordean & Liz Johnson
Justin & Jodie Sample
- 21 Kristin (Elliott) & Jeffrey Kane (20th)
Allan & Deb Kopaska
- 22 Penn & Laurie Hill
- 23 Christian & Mary Kate Russell
Kyle & DeAnne Jolly
- 26 Chris & Amanda Richter
- 27 Brad & Lesa Lewis (30th)
- 29 Andrew & Cally Larson
Charles & Evy Sheldahl

If you notice an error or omission in the birthdays or anniversaries, please email the office at

palestinelutheran@gmail.com

AUGUST

ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler; Melanie Fausch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:
August 4th: TBD
August 11th: TBD

OFFERING COUNTERS: Brad Lewis

USHERS: *needed*

GREETERS*, **:
August 4th: Ben and Candi Engler; Quinn and Norma McBride

August 11th: Dennis & Donna Millang; Tom & Kari Sandquist

August 18th: Henry & Jan Rumbaugh; Mike & Cindi Thomas

August 25th: No service


*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.

SEPTEMBER 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	28
29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
28 <i>10th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship	29 Noon: Online auction bidding begins for quilt auction @ Riverside	30 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
4 <i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Council Mtg 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion	5	6 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship Ankeny (<i>Pastor</i>) 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (<i>Pastor</i>) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
11 <i>12th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion <i>Cookie Sunday</i> New Member Orientation 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Fenceline	12	13 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
18 <i>13th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. 4H <i>Pastor on vacation</i> →	19	20 No bible study
25 <i>14th Sunday of Pentecost</i> NO WORSHIP @ PALESTINE 9:00 a.m. Prairie Fest Community worship @ Railroad Park (<i>rain venue Safe Room</i>)	26	27 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

AUGUST 2024

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	1	2 3 – 8 p.m. Live viewing of all quilts @ Riverside 7:08 p.m. Iowa Cubs Game	3 8:30 a.m. 5K Walk/Run @ Riverside See newsletter page 20 for Riverside day details 11:00 a.m. Live auction begins @ Riverside
7 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	8	9	10
14 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	15	16	17
21 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 	22	23 5:30 – 8 p.m. Prairie Fest Pie & Ice Cream Social	24 Prairie Fest Parade
28 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 p.m. Parent Confirmation meeting in conference room	29	30	31

COUNCIL MINUTES

There was not a meeting in June or July.

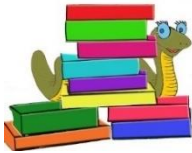


Remember in Prayer

The following were included in the Prayers of the Church during June & July:

Adrienne Brown, Mike Hauge, Alice Kahler, Helen Kepler, Vivian Lundgren, Judy McKinney, Elias Moore, Deb Ness, Larry Pote, Tracy & Kyle Rhoads and family, Havanna Roelfs, Bry Ronca, Lisa Rose, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Omar Tesdell, Ramsey Tesdell

Family & friends of: 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, Linda Lewis, Roger Larson



FALL BOOK BASH

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

Collection will begin September 8th and 15th.
Bash will be September 22nd and 29th!

CONFIRMATION

GROTTO FIELD TRIP JUNE 1ST AND VOLUNTEERING @
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND JUNE 26TH



Another successful Vacation Bible School Week is COMPLETE!

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, donations, and/or participating children!





Fishing/Picnic June 9th



Food
at
First

feed people ♻️ recycle food

VOLUNTERING July 14th



They need more
summer
help! Visit
foodatfirst.com for
more volunteer
information.

IOWA CUBS

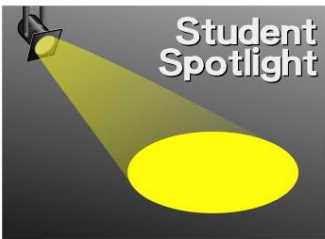
Join us Friday, August 2nd!

7:08 p.m. with fireworks after the game!

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee has purchased a group of tickets for family and friends of Palestine. Tickets are only \$5 per person--friends and guests are welcome!

—→ Sign up in fellowship hall, or on the link in the weekly email. Payment due on the evening of the game.

Carpooling is encouraged!



**COLLEGE/MILITARY
UPDATES:**

This month we are featuring:

Caleb Hartsook

Caleb will be a junior at Iowa State University this fall. He has an extended internship at the ISU Vet School as a large animal caretaker, assisting with all aspects of large animal medicine.

He really likes working with the food animal clients and helping solve animal issues.

This fall, he will be back full-time at ISU but changing majors to agricultural studies.

Sunday, September 8th

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Yes, after school begins this year!

Bring your backpack or lunchbox with you to worship. We will bless the teachers and students as well!

Riverside 5K & Quilt Day - AUGUST 3, 2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday, July 29th:

Noon: Online auction bidding begins for quilt auction

Friday, August 2nd:

3:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

Saturday, August 3rd:

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. 5K Walk/Run Registration and check-in

8:30 a.m. – 5K Walk/Run

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

NEW THIS YEAR! Cash & Carry Craft Table available 8:00 a.m. through the conclusion of the auction.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Pool open for 5K participants

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. LIVE auction begins in the chapel

12:00 -2:00 p.m. Lunch served in the dining hall (free-will offering)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pool open for families who LOVE Riverside!

1:00 p.m. Online Auction begins to close and live watch party in the Chapel!



Sample of quilts going into auction right here from
Palestine quilt makers!

Prairie Fest 2024


Please make plans to join us for
Pie, Brownie & Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 23rd
from 5:30 – 8:00 pm!

- Baked goods can be store bought or made from scratch!
- Drop off your donation at the church before 4pm on Friday, August 23 or bring to the tent at Prairie Fest after 5pm.



- Additional servers are also needed.
- There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall for donations and servers or a link on the weekly announcements.
- Free-will donations from this event support church activities and outreach.
- This is one of the most popular ways Palestine reaches out to the community and your support is appreciated!

Join us Sunday, August 25th at 9 a.m. for a community worship service @ Railroad Park with the rain venue at the Safe Room in Huxley. ***Pastor Eric Klimpel*** will be the presiding preacher for this service.

PLEASE NOTE  There will be **NO** worship at Palestine on August 25th due to the community service.

Navigating Transitions: From Summer to Fall, from Struggle to Strength
Though the longer days of summer, BBQs, and running through sprinklers are coming to an end, cool evenings at the football stadium, beautiful color-changing leaves, and spending the school day with friends are upon us. As Iowans prepare for the multicolored season of autumn, LSI is here to help you navigate the changing of the seasons.

Transitions can be a difficult time for anyone, and LSI provides services to ease the process of change.

Our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services help new arrivals to the U.S. resettle and start a life in Iowa. Our Host Homes program helps adults living with disabilities transition to greater independence through a mentor-mentee relationship. Our Early Childhood Services prepare parents expecting a child for a healthy birth and provide support as children transition from milestone to milestone. Our foster parents provide safe, loving homes for children moving through the foster system as they await adoption.

Whether we're helping someone through a difficult life transition in therapy or teaching former refugees English and cultural competency skills, at LSI we're there every step of the way. If you need support during a transition in your life, visit LSIowa.org to learn more about our services.

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.

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