



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

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

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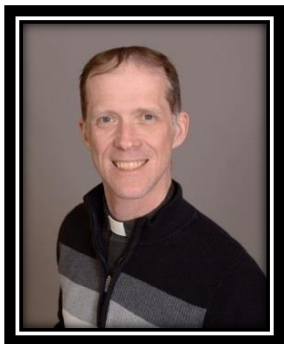


Palestine will accept your offering!

- 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 www.plchuxley.com
and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING
tab on the right or scan the QR code.
- Text GIVE** to 515-207-6435.



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



Living A Life of Gratitude -----

-----With Pastor Eric

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. – James 1:17

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. – Philippians 4:6

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. – Colossians 4:2

Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. – Mark 8:6

When I was a teenager, I used to work for a small-town IGA (*Independent Grocers Alliance*) store. I swept the parking lot, priced and stocked shelves, cleaned floors, managed trash – you get the idea. Twice a year, we would close the store down for three days and take inventory of “EVERYTHING!” I mean it! We counted staples and push pins and candle sticks and cartons of milk, etc....We had clip boards and checklists. It was tedious and boring! One day I asked the owner. Why? “Well,” responded the owner, “it’s easy to forget exactly how much you have each year. Every now and then you have to take an inventory just to see what all you have.”

That little story, to me, pretty well sums up what Thanksgiving is all about. It is a time when each of us needs to ask ourselves the question: Have I taken inventory of my life lately? Have I tried to count all the things that I do have in life instead of complaining about the things that

I don't have. It is a good exercise especially when we are of a mind to brood or whine in self-pity. Have you taken inventory lately?

What I am suggesting here is not some shallow "count your blessings" platitude. But from time to time, in a genuine kind of a way, we need to sit down and do some talking to ourselves about all the gifts and opportunities and challenges that God has given each one of us. Perhaps there is a deep underlying wisdom in the children's poem that says: "Count your blessings one by one, and you might be surprised what the Lord has done."

Jesus and Paul expect that we will live a life of gratitude which might be akin to breathing. Everything contains within it a gifting even if we don't recognize it as such. Taking inventory on occasion reminds us of God's providence at work in each moment for our sake.

As we enter Advent this month which is a time of waiting – in lines ☺ mostly, I invite you to join me in taking inventory of everything in your life and yes, everyone while giving Thanks! ☺

Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for every good and perfect gift that fills our daily life, for people, challenges, opportunities and resources. Create and renew thankful hearts within us, so that we might grow in gratitude and share with others in Jesus' name. Amen.



Monday, November 10, 2025

GET INVOLVED

Men's Bible Study

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

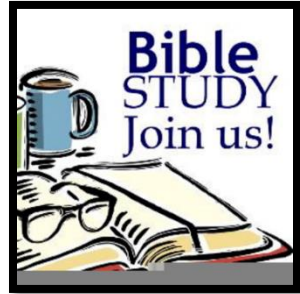
ZOOM Bible Study

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. 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

November 16th 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 November 16th, 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

Pentecost 21

Focus: *What surprises you about the way Jesus blesses you?*

“Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.’” Luke 6:20-21 (NRSV). Read Luke 6:20-31

Pentecost 22

Focus: *What will life be like after you are resurrected?*

“Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.” Luke 20:36 (NRSV). Read Luke 20:27-38

Pentecost 23

Focus: *If the world would end tomorrow, would you be prepared?*

And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.” Luke 21:8 (NRSV). Read Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King

Focus: *How does your leadership style reflect your faith in Jesus Christ?*

“There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’” Luke 23:38 (NRSV). Read Luke 23:33-43



THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE **THANKS YOU**

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Book Bash! We hope you found books you wanted to read for the coming year.

If there are any books that you would like added to our library please let either Teri Klimpel, Doreen Blackmer, Laura Kepler, McKenzie Bushaw or Shannon Wilson know and they would be happy to look for it.

Thanks again for helping our Library!



BLOOD DRIVE October 14th Results

BLOOD DONOR. LIFE SAVER.

THANK YOU!

- 32 heroes stepped up to donate
- 31 were eligible to give
- 35 units of lifesavings blood collected
- Up to 105 lives saved or sustained

Thanks to Kim Van Pelt for coordinating.



Riverside

Ben Williams attended Riverside's Fall Recharge October 17-18th. His favorite things of the event were pizza and singing!

The Palestine Piecemakers continue to be busy, busy, busy !



- ✓ 32 quilts (8 boxes) To Lutheran World Relief
- ✓ 12 quilts to Riverside Bible Camp Auction
- ✓ 25 quilts to Mary Greeley

Nice work, Ladies!

*Thank you to everyone that has helped mow
the church and parsonage this year. It is
very appreciated!*





- 1 Christa Hartsook
Mike Larson
Emily Saveraid
- 4 Andrew Brokofsky
Vivian Lundgren (91)
- 7 Ellen Longnecker
- 8 Emma (Hartman)
Peterson
- 10 Mark Pote
- 11 Emery Ewing
- 12 Phyllis Prichard (84)
- 13 Megan Elliott
Kim Jensen
Elaine Mohr (81)
- 14 Mark Swan
- 15 Doug Schonhorst
- 16 Elliott Johnson
- 17 Troy Calvert
Carter DeVries
Evelyn Kam
- 18 Caleb Hartsook
Roger Rittgers
- 19 McKenzie Bushaw
- 20 Lucas Schaudt
- 22 Wade Twedt
- 24 Kinsey Calvert
- 27 Sandra Kalsem (83)
Sarah Roelfs
- 28 Priya Roelfs
- 29 Danielle Edwards
Jeff Van Pelt
Holly Wise



Let's shower the following members with birthday cards:

Nov. 4th Vivian Lundgren (91st)

Nov. 12th Phyllis Prichard (84th)

Nov. 13th Elaine Mohr (81st)

Nov. 27th Sandra Kalsem (83rd)

See mailed newsletter for addresses.



- 5 Brent & Julie Emerson
Megan & Joe Russell (20th)
- 11 Roger & Deb Moore
- 13 Jonathan & Megan Elliott
- 18 Lyle & Pat Martin
- 29 Brent & Missy Larson



ALTAR GUILD: Helen Kepler; Elaine Mohr

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

November 2nd: David & Vallery Eisenmann

November 16th: David & Vallery Eisenmann

USHERS: *needed*

OFFERING COUNTERS: Holly Twedt; Brad Lewis

GREETERS*, **:

November 2nd: David & Vallery Eisenmann; Marlys Hartman

November 9th: Leonard & Sue Larson; Doug & Lori Schonhorst

November 23rd: Tom & Kristin Shelton; Jeff & Kim Van Pelt

November 30th: Louise Larson; Jean 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 2nd Sunday of the month.

2025						
DECEMBER						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	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	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
2 All Saints Sunday 8:00 a.m. Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion; Cherub choir; Sr. Choir <i>Music with Nels</i>	3	4 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
9 22nd Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> "Cookie Sunday" 2:00 p.m. Afternoon w/Bishop Current	10 	11 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
16 23rd Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy communion <i>Music with Nels</i> New member class 5:30 p.m. Theology on Tap	17	18 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 1:00 p.m. Cedars Worship (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
23 Christ the King Sunday 8:30 a.m. Choir 9:30 a.m. Worship <i>Music with Nels</i> Soup Potluck fellowship 5:30 p.m. Ballard Community Thanksgiving @ Trinity Lutheran (worship @ 7) Soup supper <i>Poinsettia orders due</i>	24	25 10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study
30 Advent 1 <i>No Choir</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. Christmas program practice	Dec. 1	2 10:00 a.m. Rock Creek Worship (Pastor) 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills (<i>Pastor</i>) 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. @ Palestine	6 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Boundaries Training (<i>Pastor</i>) 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	7	8 5 – 7 p.m. Kumla
12 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Prayer Support Group 1:00 p.m. Quilters 6 p.m. K.I.C.K. Ornament making & meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	13 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	14	15
19 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. North Polk Ministerial Mtg 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. Gather @ Fjeldberg	20 11:00 a.m. Ballard Ministerial Mtg (<i>Pastor</i>) 5:30 p.m. Meal followed by Wreath making at 6:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	21 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22
26 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Green Hills (<i>Pastor</i>) <i>No quilting</i> <i>No confirmation</i>	27 	28	29
3 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Quilters 5:30 p.m. K.I.C.K. meal followed by Christmas program practice 6-7:30 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. R.O.C.K. @ Palestine	4 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group	5	6 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Christmas Extravaganza



Mark your calendars for Christmas Eve services at 4 and 7 p.m.



COUNCIL MINUTES

HE MY VOICE THE I KNOW

These minutes have not yet been approved.

Date: 10/05/25

See mailed newsletters for council minute content.

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Remember in Prayer

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

Dick Brown, Penny Brown, Kristy Brownfield, Gloria Dovre, Sam Engler, Jon Irwin, Terri Irwin, Betsy Johnson, Helen Kepler, Rose Locker, Gemma Lynch, Donna Millang, Chris Nelson, Debra Ness, Cindy Peterson, Larry Pote, Henry Rumbaugh, Jean Sandquist, Tim Shoemaker, Oriett Snider

Family and friends of: 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, Charles Sheldahl

BLESSING OF THE PETS AND THEIR CARETAKERS October 5th



Third Grade Bible Presentation October 19th

**Placing the Word of God into your
child's hands . . .**



***Josephine Engler, Grant Klingbeil, Luke Mitchell, Grace Saveraid
Congratulations on this milestone!***



**CENTER GROVE
ORCHARD FUN 10-19-25**



Cherub Choir

October 19, 2025





Festival of All Saints Day November 2nd

*Have a candle ready to light at home if you
are viewing via livestream*

We will be remembering the faithful who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant in the past 24 months. During the Prayers of Intercession Pastor will read from a shepherd's book names that been submitted. He has used this book on each All Saints' Sunday during his ministry.

If you have the name of a spiritual friend, mentor, family member or co-worker that you want to include in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, please email the name to palestinelutheran@gmail.com , or Pastor Eric at ericklimpel@gmail.com , or print the name in the book at church located in fellowship hall. We will include names in the bulletin of those members of Palestine who have departed their life and have now taken their places among the members of the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday and also the newest saints in our church family who were baptized this past year.

IT'S ALMOST KUMLA TIME!



Jello salads, desserts, and volunteering in the kitchen are all requested. *See the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or watch the Wednesday email announcements to click on the sign-up link!*

Saturday, November 8th 5 -7 p.m.

\$14.00/adults \$7/kids

Location: Palestine Lutheran Church

Carry-out orders are available.





K.I.C.K. Activities for November - Fun, Fellowship & Service!

*All 3rd-6th graders are invited to participate
in this group.*

The KICK group has a busy month in November! Here are the key dates and times:

- **Kumla Serving - Saturday, November 8th.** We will help with serving Kumla - complete with our little red vests! Two shifts will be needed. Parents are welcome and encouraged to help us out.
- **Christmas Ornament Making - Wednesday, November 12th @ 6 PM.** We will have a pizza meal and make ornaments to give our senior members for the holidays. We will hand out parts and scripts for the Christmas program, and might even squeeze in a game or two of pew battleship!
- **Christmas Program Practice - Starts November 30!** Our Christmas program will be on December 14, and we will start practicing songs after worship with Nels in early November.

Practices will be for grades 3-6 on the following dates/times:

- Sunday, November 30th 6-7:30 PM - Snack provided
- Wednesday, December 3rd - 5:30 PM meal, 6-7:30 practice
- Sunday, December 7th 6-7:30 PM - Snack provided
- Wednesday, December 10th - 5:30 PM meal, 6-7:30 practice
- Sunday, December 14th 10:30 AM-12 noon - final practice with all kids PreK-grade 6
- Program:
 - 4:30 Special Music
 - 5:00 Program
 - Meal to follow, served by Confirmation families

We will send out a sign-up for volunteers and snack/meal donations for our practices. ROCK kids are encouraged to help us and earn service

Contact a K.I.C.K. Advisor with any questions:

Erika Williams

Shannon Wilson

Shelley Klingbeil



Spirit, Open Our Hearts- Afternoon with Bishop Current

Join Bishop Current for an afternoon of fellowship, conversation, and worship on Sunday, November 9th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, Des Moines. Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.



Poinsettias for Palestine

You are invited to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our church for advent and Christmas. Please let us know if it is in honor or memory of someone. \$20 each.

Deadline to order is November 23rd. Call Tracy @ 515-450-1961 to place order.



Community Thanksgiving Worship Sunday, November 23rd @ Trinity Methodist in Huxley

- ❖ 5:30 p.m. Soup supper (sign up pending)
- ❖ 7 p.m. Worship

Our offerings for this event will go to help support a very needy local food pantries in Huxley, Cambridge, and Slater.

Sponsored by the Ballard Ministerial Association.



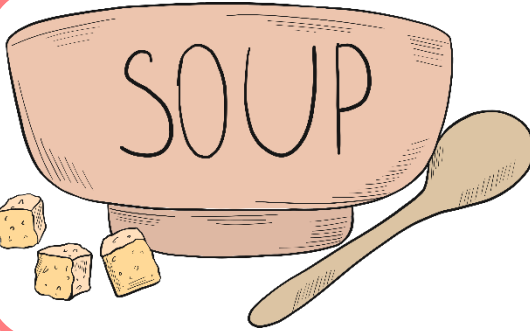
Join us for Wreath Making Thursday, November 20th at Palestine.

5:30 p.m. Meal

6:00 p.m. Wreath Making

All materials provided. You can bring your own decorations if you prefer.

Cost: \$40 – prepay when you sign up in fellowship hall (Crystal Hughes)



*Bring your
favorite crockpot
of soup to share
Sunday,
November 23rd for
fellowship/food
after worship*

Advent begins Sunday, November 30th



Labor Classes with Mary and Joseph
Birthing Hope & Peace
Entering Imaginative Contemplation



PREPARE YE



Welcoming anew the God incarnate with us!
Who is the Christ-child in our midst this year

Ponder





College Scholarships

Treasurer, Kari Sandquist, reminds college students desiring to receive a Palestine scholarship that they **must notify the church office by letter or e-mail** of their name, address and college or vocational school **by**

December 15th. This information is needed to plan for distribution of the Palestine Scholarship Fund. \$200 is given to each qualifying student in December. This fund was set up to help provide encouragement for any student member of Palestine during the first four years after graduation from high school in any year which he or she continues his or her education at an approved college or vocational school.

Email: palestinelutheran@gmail.com

Mailing address: PO Box 189, Huxley, IA 50124



**Mark your calendars for
our Christmas
Extravaganza Saturday,
December 6th
9 a.m. - noon**

**The R.O.C.K. Group is hosting their annual
Christmas Extravaganza!**

A sign up to donate goodies will be out soon!

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