

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



April 2022



## **Lenten Wednesday Evening Service—April 6th**

Our last Lenten Service will be on Facebook at 7:30pm. Log on to either First Lutheran or Palisade Lutheran's Facebook page!



@FirstLutheranValleySprings  
@PalisadeLC



## **Palm Sunday Service—April 10th**

9:00 am at First Lutheran  
10:30 am at Palisade Lutheran

## **Thursday, April 14th, at 7 pm**

Maundy Thursday JOINT SERVICE at First Lutheran



**HOLY WEEK**

## **Friday, April 15th at 7 pm**

Good Friday JOINT SERVICE at Palisade Lutheran

## **Easter Services Sunday—April 17th**

9:00 am at First Lutheran  
10:30 am at Palisade Lutheran



**First Lutheran**  
9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School

**Palisade Lutheran**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship



*Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24*

There is a saying that we hear many times this time of the year. "April showers bring May flowers." This is a promise from mother nature that tells us that winter is almost over and that Spring is just around the corner. A promise that we all look forward to after a long and cold winter.

Most everyone in this part of the country looks forward to Spring and the warmer weather it brings. We start dreaming about the end of the school year and the time we will spend with family and friends doing all those things we missed doing during winter. Baseball, softball, soccer, vacations, picnics, or just sitting around, outside without heavy winter coats, hats and gloves, enjoying the beautiful sunshine and warmth we didn't have during the winter months.

Spring brings other things too. It is the time of the year when the trees and grass and plants "come back to life", the day light is longer and we are free once again, to be outside in nature, enjoying all those things we just couldn't do for the past 5 months. So, April showers bring not just May flowers, they also bring new life.

But this year April brings another promise. It too, is a promise of new life. It is that celebration we have at the end of a long, cold, Lenten season. It is the promise of resurrection. **IT IS EASTER!!!**

It is that one day when the promise of Jesus' resurrection is made most clear and that day when we can once again shout **ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN...HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!!**

In John 12, Jesus reminds us just how important his death and resurrection is, He says, "*Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*"

Those last few days before Jesus' crucifixion were some of the hardest days of his life because he knew what he would have to endure, much like we know what we will have to endure during the winter months before spring returns. But Jesus also knew what his suffering, death and resurrection would mean for humanity for all time, new life and the destruction of the power death had over creation.

Those three days Jesus spent in the tomb were necessary in order for us to have the promise it brings, **NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.**

As we celebrate Easter this year, we also remember all it means for us. Jesus' death and resurrection means we too are reborn children of God, and that there is nothing in all creation that can take that away from us. Jesus had to do for us the very thing we could not do for ourselves. He had to die and be raised because that was the only way we could be transformed, it is the only way death could be defeated and it is the only way that a broken and fallen creation could be restored to its creator.

This year let the joy of Easter fill you with gratitude and let the promise of new life in Christ be the thing that defines you.

When Jesus died on that cross, he had you in mind. He did what he came to do, just for you. It doesn't matter that none of us were worthy of this great promise, all that mattered was that God loves us so much that he would give his life so that ours could be saved and restored.

May you find peace and grace and forgiveness this Easter and may the sacrifice of Jesus bring new life to you as you serve him in all you do.

**ALLELUIA CHRIST HAS RISEN...HE HAS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!!**

Pastor Mark Eliason



## 2022 First Lutheran Council

President Dave Artz  
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 Secretary Les Hengeveld  
 Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove  
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 Deacon Linda Hengeveld  
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 Trustee Dennis Nielsen  
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 Board of Ed Lynn Nielsen  
 Board of Ed Art Aadland

Delegates  
 Tuff Home: Dennis Boeve and Jerry Kerkhove  
 Synod Assembly- Mary Finck and Lynn Nielson

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm  
 on **Tuesday, April 19th**

## 2022 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Rodney Lowe  
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 Secretary Deb Kruger  
 Treasurer Tylene Jansma  
 Deacon JoEllen Benson  
 Deacon Kelvin Edmundson  
 Deacon Karen Rollag  
 Trustee Nick Dagele  
 Trustee David Swenson  
 Trustee Dick Kramer  
 Board of Ed Leilani Kruger  
 Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

Delegates  
 Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken  
 Synod Assembly: Melissa and Cheyenne Edmundson

Palisade Council meets at 7 pm  
 on **Thursday, April 7th**  
**\*\*PLEASE NOTE—this is the FIRST  
 Thursday of the month\*\***

**2022 PARISH  
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT**  
 Peter Bakken

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
 Don Johnson

**SECRETARY**  
 Les Hengeveld

**TREASURER**  
 Candace Reese



**OUR NEXT  
 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
 IS SCHEDULED FOR  
 THURSDAY, MAY 19TH  
 AT 7:00 PM  
 AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

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**ALL Council members from each  
 church should attend the Parish  
 Council meetings.**  
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Please let us know of any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email address so we can stay connected!



Our **Parish** email address is: [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Church office phone # is: 605-757-6662  
**Pastor Mark's** contact information is:  
Email: [meliason@sio.midco.net](mailto:meliason@sio.midco.net)  
Cell phone: 605-321-5633



Palisade Lutheran will continue Coffee Cup Sundays on the 3rd Sunday of every month!

Enjoy your coffee during the worship service! Bring your own from home or we will provide a coffee cup and coffee for you!



To  
Palisade Lutheran

An Easter lily or mum may be ordered in memory, or in honor, of someone for our Easter Service at Palisade Lutheran. The cost is \$15.

Please contact Deb at 507-227-5182 by April 1st to order. Please give Deb your information. If paying with a check, please make your check payable to Palisade Lutheran Church.



In addition to bringing or dropping off your offerings at church, you can mail your offering to:  
First & Palisade Lutheran Parish  
PO Box 190  
Valley Springs, SD 57068  
Offerings will be forwarded to each church as requested.

Website

Palisade Lutheran now has a website! Check out [www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)



Newsletter articles and information may be mailed to:

Tylene Jansma, 1019 St Highway 23  
Beaver Creek, MN 56116

Or emailed to:

[btjansma@alliancecom.net](mailto:btjansma@alliancecom.net)

**DEADLINE** for the May newsletter is April 22nd

Join us in worship with  
Pastor Mark Eliason  
*servicing*



**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple Street  
Valley Springs, SD 57068

&

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121st Street  
Garretson, SD 57030

The Centerville Community Arts Council  
Proudly presents:

# ***‘The Living Last Supper’***



A dramatic presentation of Jesus and the twelve apostles in the moments after Jesus declares, “One of you will betray me”, whereupon each man cries out, “Lord, is it I?” The story is based on Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting of “The Last Supper” and written by Ernest K. Emurian. We are extending a warm welcome to your congregation, confirmation class and youth group to attend this moving presentation! Performance dates include:

**Sunday, April 10, 2022—5:00 pm Scandia Lutheran—Centerville**  
**Monday, April 11, 2022—7:00 pm Riverview Reformed—Yankton**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022—7:00 pm Spring Valley—Viborg**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2022—7:00 pm Redeemer Free Lutheran—Canton**

A free will offering each night will go towards a local charity. Make plans to attend!

## **Lutheran Disaster Response—Eastern Europe Crisis Response                      March 2022**

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine’s western districts and neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to this humanitarian crisis providing refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

**Your gifts designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.**

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Yes, I want to help!

- ◇ Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis Response                      \$\_\_\_\_\_IDG0103
- ◇ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most    \$\_\_\_\_\_DDG0010

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Email address\_\_\_\_\_

Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**ELCA Gifts Processing Center**  
**PO Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Write “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.

**Palisade WELCA next meeting date is Thurs, April 14th, at 1:30 PM**



## **Palisade WELCA Minutes**

**March 10, 2022**

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, March 10, 2022. There were six members present.

Meeting opened with prayer in unison. Pastor Mark led the Bible study, "The Kingdom of God: Here and Now." Discussion followed. Closing prayer in unison.

Business meeting opened by Candice.

Secretary's minutes distributed. Discussion on new carpet will be addressed by Karen at next council meeting in April. No Palisade Council meeting tonight. MSC to approve minutes as discussed.

Treasurer's report distributed. Ending checking balance is: \$1,221.62. MSC to approve report as discussed.

Work group list with phone numbers dispersed. This list is also on Palisade website, only without personal phone numbers.

There is new information on WELCA on Palisade website under the "about us" tab. Our website address again is: [palisadelutheran.org](http://palisadelutheran.org).

There will be no March dinner but will plan to schedule one for April or May.

Deb Kruger has agreed to do flowers. Please contact her now for ordering your Easter lilies. Pastor will take care of the palms.

Daylight saving's time is this Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Maundy Thursday will be April 14, 2022, at First Lutheran.

Discussion to schedule a "cleaning the kitchen day." This may be a Saturday and need young bodies.

Next WELCA meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



## Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

### March 10, 2022—No meeting held.



## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting

### March 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Johnson with 7 members and Pastor Mark present.

Pastor's Report The Wednesday evening Lenten services are being presented on Facebook and YouTube.

Upcoming Holy Week Schedule:

April 14 Maundy Thursday service at First at 7:00 pm (joint service)

April 15 Good Friday service at Palisade at 7:00 pm (joint service)

April 17 Easter Sunrise service at Palisade

April 17 Festive Easter service at First at 9:00 AM.

Summer Schedule:

May 29 Joint worship at Palisade at 10:00 Am

June 5 Joint worship at First at 10:00 AM

Final summer schedule will be presented after the Parish meeting in May.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted.

Parsonage report was read and noted. The current balance is \$11,563.30.

**Old Business:** Don Johnson is to investigate a bid for new front doors and a new south entrance door. The council is waiting on the Parish council before proceeding with our audio/visual equipment.

**New Business:** At this time the site profile needs to have a demographic update before the Parish can forward the profile to the synod.

MSC To hire a custodian to clean the church once a month with payment to be made from donations and the parsonage account.

A donor wall was put forth for further discussion.

The council discussed having a "Summer Gathering", consisting of music, food trucks, and games for the community. More discussion on this at future meetings.

An idea was put forth to form an evangelism task force to promote our church though out the Valley Springs community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary

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