

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



April 2023



Sunday, April 2nd
at Palisade Lutheran
 9:00 am Worship
 w/Communion
 10:00 am Sunday School

at First Lutheran
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship w/Communion

We are including a
monthly calendar with
 our newsletter!

April 2023						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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	1	2	3	4	5

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 pm Worship w/Communion
at Palisade Lutheran



Friday, April 7th

7:00 pm Worship **at First Lutheran**

Hang it on your fridge
 as a reminder of service
 times and activities.

If you have anything
 you would like to add,
 please email to
btjansma@alliancecom.net
 by the 23rd of the
 previous month.

Do you have new ideas
 or suggestions for the
 newsletter ? Call or text
 Tylene at 605.941.3054

Sunday, April 9th

at First Lutheran
 7:00 am Sunrise Worship w/Communion
 (No Sunday School today)
 8:00 am Breakfast



at Palisade Lutheran
 10:00 am Festive Worship w/Communion
 (No Sunday School today)

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter flowers to decorate
 our sanctuaries for the Easter worship services!

**All ideas are
 welcome!**

From the Pastor's Desk

"I believe in the holy catholic Church" (The Apostles Creed)

Almost every time we come together in worship we confess our faith to God and to each other using the words of the Apostles Creed. This creed has been used in the church for many years, and has gone through some changes, but is one of those familiar things we say together as a community.

However, because we recite it so often our minds wander and sometimes, we don't think about what we are saying or the wording that is used.

Over the years the most often asked question I get regarding the creed is "We are Lutherans, why do we say, 'holy catholic Church' in the creed?" This is a valid question and one that I have asked too.

If you look in your copy of Luther's Small Catechism or your copy of the ELW (I know you all have copies of that at home) you will notice that the word "catholic" is in lower case.

In this form the word "catholic" does not mean Roman Catholic, as in the proper name of the Catholic Church, but rather it means universal, united, or whole church.

We are all members of the church Christian. The church that Jesus built on Saint Peter in Matthew 16:18 when he said, ***"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church..."***

The word "catholic" in the Apostles Creed then entails the whole of the Christian church, Methodist, Baptist, Reformed, Catholic, and yes, the Lutheran church, as well as all the others. The "catholic" church is made up of all churches that confess Jesus as Lord and who believe that Jesus is God's son who came to earth to live, die, and be raised for the forgiveness of sins and to defeat death and the power that sin, and death had over humanity.

So, we are not saying that we are Roman Catholic, but that Jesus life, death and resurrection is that thing that binds us together as the church catholic.

Even though doctrine and traditions are different from denomination to denomination, we are catholic in that our hope and trust rests solely on the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the one true God who came to save and the one we confess as Lord.

When we confess "I believe in the holy catholic Church" in the creed, remember that we are united with others who believe, and despite our doctrinal differences, we love, serve and worship the God of our salvation. To quote Martin Luther in the explanation of the third article of the Apostles creed, ***"I believe...the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and makes holy the whole Christian church (emphasis mine) on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in one common, true faith."***

Blessing to you as you live, love, worship and serve Jesus in the holy catholic Church.

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL.

Pastor Mark

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
Church office phone # is: 605-757-6662

Pastor Mark's contact information is:
Email: meliason@sio.midco.net
Cell phone: 605-321-5633

The **first Sunday** of every month
the American Legion in Garretson, SD
Serves breakfast from 9am–1pm
Freewill Donation

(They will NOT be serving on Sunday, April 2nd, since it is Palm Sunday)

**Make plans to attend on
Sunday, May 7th!**



504 N. Main, Garretson SD



First Lutheran is starting a prayer chain for members of the congregation.

Responsibilities will be to make calls to others on the prayer chain when the need arises.

If you are interested in participating, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.

Celebrating
150
Years

Palisade Lutheran will be celebrating their 150 year anniversary on Sunday, April 14, 2024!



We are looking for confirmation pictures dated 2015 to current year.

Also, if you have pictures or information related to the history of Palisade, please bring to church or email to palisadechurch@alliancecom.net OR to Pastor Mark's email at meliason@sio.midco.net

We are ONLINE!



Find us on Facebook:

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Newsletter articles and information may be mailed to:



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Or emailed to: btjansma@alliancecom.net

DEADLINE for the May newsletter is April 23rd.



Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
on **Thursday, April 13th**

2023 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Peter Bakken
Vice President Gary Lyngen
Secretary Cheryl Lyngen
Treasurer Tylene Jansma
Deacon Candace Reese
Deacon JoEllen Benson
Deacon Kelvin Edmundson
Trustee Matt Sorenson
Trustee Nick Dagle
Trustee David Swenson
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

Delegates
Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken
Synod Assembly: Peter Bakken

**Join us in worship with
Pastor Mark Eliason**
Serving
First Lutheran Church
300 Maple Street
Valley Springs, SD 57068
&
Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st Street
Garretson, SD 57030
www.palisadelutheran.org

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm
on **Tuesday, April 18th**

2023 First Lutheran Council

President Les Hengeveld
Vice President Don Johnson
Secretary Mary Finck
Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove
Deacon Darice Boeve
Deacon Linda Hengeveld
Deacon Dave Artz
Trustee Eric Jacobs
Trustee Dennis Roozenboom
Trustee Lynn Nielson
Board of Ed Jack & Lesley Schoolcraft
Board of Ed Shannon Jacobs
Board of Ed Art Aadland

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

OUR NEXT
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
AT 7:00 PM
AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**2023 PARISH
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**
PRESIDENT Dennis Roozenboom
VICE PRESIDENT Gary Lyngen
SECRETARY Les Hengeveld
TREASURER Candace Reese

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

April 2023

Several months ago, in early spring, a young family of cardinals had prepared its nest just outside the windows of the church adjacent to our pipe organ. The male cardinal would, in response to the beautiful, celestial music coming through the stained glass window,

charge the glass, perhaps fearing competition for his mate or protecting the eggs she was tending in the nest. That father bird knew exactly what to do: protect its family. Without a moment's conscious thought, he flew into action. Wouldn't it be lovely if humans would obey orders as strictly?

It's interesting to note how naturally animals obey The Laws of Nature. They

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follow their instincts, for that is all they know how to do. It isn't their choice, but rather their responsibility. They simply know what to do, and they do it. Maybe we can take their example and obey God's law, and just watch as the Bible's promises take form in our lives.

The Holy Spirit, once you place your trust there, orchestrates our movements, synchronizing things to perfection; it knows exactly what it is doing. It provides just the right opportunities at just the right times. It will also, according to the biblical promise, provide for our needs. Christ himself stated that God

supplies the sparrows with enough food to sustain themselves, and that we are even more precious to God than are the sparrows. So trust!

What can each of us do to put into action the biblical advice to give a healthy percentage of our resources to the church? Do so! There is a very sound reason why

It's incredible to think that while most people are complaining about losing time, the Christian steward is constantly finding time for God's work.



we must obey the Word spoken through the Bible; we call him Jesus.

And just the way he trusted and obeyed his Father, we must trust and obey. Our needs will be taken care of. Try it yourself and see. Watch the results! ☩





First Lutheran Council Minutes
February 21, 2023—Cancelled due to weather



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 9, 2023—CANCELLED due to weather



First Lutheran Council Minutes
March 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Les Hengeveld with 11 members present and Pastor Mark.

Pastor Mark opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report No secretary report - February mtg. cancelled due to weather.

Treasurer's Report MSC to approve the treasurer's report.

Parsonage Report MSC to approve the parsonage report - balance \$16,431.13.

Old Business:

The new audio system is on hold until summer.

Council recommends initiating a prayer chain. Request for members will be published and sign up list posted in back of church. HIPAA rules apply.

Council agreed to proceed with Evangelism event.

New Business:

First will place ad on page celebrating 100th anniversary of Valley Springs School building, if we met deadline.

Breakfast will be served after 7:00 am Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. Individuals may purchase lilies on their own for Easter to be displayed in the sanctuary.

First will have food stand at American Legion building during Booster Days. Considering food stand during Automania.

Doreen's last Sunday as full time organist will be Easter Sunday. A joint service will be held later, followed by a celebratory gathering.

Motion to initiate an Organ Renovation Fund - MSC. Planning for 3 phase renewal increments with total tracked and published.

Next Council meeting is April 18, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Finck, Secretary

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