

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



April 2024

## APRIL SUNDAY WORSHIP

JOIN US for a Joint Worship Service  
on Sunday, April 14th!

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**First Lutheran**  
9 am Worship w/Comm  
10 am Sunday School

**Palisade Lutheran**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship w/  
Comm  
6:30 pm AED training at  
Palisade Lutheran

14

**10 am JOINT Worship  
at Palisade Lutheran  
Celebrating 150 years!**

**Catered meal to follow**

21

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

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

28

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

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



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promise of new life in Christ be the  
thing that defines you.



# Meet our 2024 Council Members!

## 2024 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Gary Lyngen  
Vice President Lyle Rollag  
Secretary Cheryl Lyngen  
Treasurer Tylene Jansma  
Deacon Candace Reese  
Deacon JoEllen Benson  
Deacon Dave Swenson  
Trustee Matt Sorenson  
Trustee Pete Bakken  
Trustee Shad Kruger  
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger  
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

### Delegates

Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken  
& Deb Johnson  
Synod Assembly: Open

## 2024 First Lutheran Council

President Les Hengeveld  
Vice President Don Johnson  
Secretary Mary Finck  
Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove  
Deacon Darice Boeve  
Deacon Jack Schoolcraft  
Deacon Dave Artz  
Trustee Eric Jacobs  
Trustee Dennis Roozenboom  
Trustee Dennis Nielsen  
Board of Ed 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

**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](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)

OUR NEXT  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS



**THURSDAY, MAY 16TH  
AT 7:00 PM  
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**2024 PARISH  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT** Lyle Rollag  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Don Johnson  
**SECRETARY** Les Hengeveld  
**TREASURER** Candace Reese



Find us on Facebook:

@FirstLutheranValleySprings

@PalisadeLC

Sunday morning worship services are  
livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!

***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





## Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by President Gary Lyngen @ 7:08 pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Dave Swenson, Lyle Rollag and Cheryl Lyngen

**Devotions and Prayer** given by Pastor Mark, Discussed the Serpent, Adam and Eve, all created by God, divided dualism should not exist

**Secretary's report: February** minutes read, no action/no quorum

**Treasure's report:** reviewed and discussed report, no action/no quorum

**Pastor's report:** Good Friday Services will be held @ Palisade. Made one home visit.

Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday after Easter.

First Communion class is offered to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above to students on Saturday, March 23, then students will be participating on Maundy Thursday. Service will be @ First

**Outreach Team:** No report

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:** RSVPs to be sent out, Caterer has been secured, Gifts for special guests have been received, Anniversary booklet is in the final stages of completion. Bishop will be presiding over services. Pastor Quaintance sends his regrets on not being able to attend.

**Correspondence:** Notice from an Insurance Company, Gary will check with Kone' sent Care Safety maintenance forms. Church already has in place

**Old Business:** Camera/ Sound system- 3D has been contacted to come out for trouble shooting

AED- tentative date of 3/24 @ 6:30 pm All parishioners are invited to come and learn

Kitchen mop boards- no action

Zoom test-no action, Pastor will be requesting all council member email for this test

**New Business:** Signage @ intersection is in process of repair. Hoping to be back in place by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Next meeting:** April 11, 2024 @ 7pm

**Palisade 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary April 14th**

**Parish Council Meeting-** May 16, 2024 @ First Lutheran

Motion by Lyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave to adjourn,

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Lyngen, Secretary



## **First Lutheran Council Minutes**

### **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Les Hengeveld with 7 members present and Pastor Mark.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Secretary's report: MSC to approve the secretary's report.

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

Parsonage report: MSC to approve the parsonage report, with a balance of \$10,999.53 plus a CD of \$5,000.00.

**Old Business:** The concrete work around the church is in the planning stage. The church and parsonage property inventory are ongoing.

**New Business:** Don Johnson to check on the replacement of all 3 of the ceiling fans in the sanctuary. MSC to approve an ad in the Brandon area travel magazine.

The next council meeting will be April 16 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Hengeveld, Secretary Pro Tem



## **Palisade WELCA Minutes**

### **Thursday, March 14, 2024**

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:30pm with 5 members present.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and led the Bible study: "Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith" (Session two, Creatures). Study ended with closing prayer.

Business meeting not held due to no quorum.

Discussed having coffee after Palm Sunday service and breakfast or coffee/cookies in the basement after Easter Sunrise service. Maundy Thursday service will be at First at 7pm. Good Friday service will be at Palisade at 7pm. It was reported that food for 150<sup>th</sup> was discussed at council meeting and was ok to go with menu we decided on. Meal will be catered and served. Invites to go out weekend if March 16<sup>th</sup>. Asking everyone, plus their number of guests, to use sign-up sheet to get a number of guests to plan for.

Discussed what part of the cost WELCA will provide.

Next meeting will be Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Bible lesson will come from March/April Gather.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



April  
SHOWERS  
BRING  
May  
FLOWERS

Thank you  
to everyone who  
donated and to  
those who helped  
display Easter  
flowers to decorate  
our sanctuaries for  
the Easter worship  
services!



Garretson Legion will be serving breakfast

**on Sunday, April 7th**

at the American Legion Hall in Garretson

9:00 am—1:00 pm. Freewill donation.

Menu: French toast & sausage/Biscuits & Gravy

Thrivent Choice  
Dollars



If you are a Thrivent member, chances are you have “CHOICE DOLLARS” that can be distributed to the congregation or organization of your choosing. Typically, the more product you have, the more dollars you have to distribute. This is real money, and you can choose where it goes. Just log into your Thrivent on-line personal account and go to the 'Generosity' tab, scroll down to 'Direct Choice Dollars' and follow the directions. If you do not have an online account with Thrivent, call your agent. If you need any help with this, call Jerry Kerkhove (605-553-4188) who will help you getting setup. Please consider donating to First or Palisade Lutheran.

Please let us know of any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email address so we can stay connected!

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Newsletter articles and information  
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**DEADLINE** for the May newsletter  
is April 22, 2024

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish

## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class @ First	4	5	6
7  <b>First Lutheran</b> 9 am Worship w/Comm 10 am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Comm 6:30 pm AED training at Palisade Lutheran	8	9	10  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class @ First	11  <b>1:30 pm</b> Palisade WELCA Meeting  <b>7 pm</b> Palisade Council meeting	12	13
14  <b>10 am JOINT Worship</b> <b>at Palisade Lutheran</b> <b>Celebrating 150 years!</b>  <b>Catered meal to follow</b>	15	16  <b>7 pm</b> First Council meeting	17  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class @ First	18	19	20
21  <b>First Lutheran</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	22  Deadline for May newsletter	23	24  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation Class @ First	25	26	27
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