

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



April 2026

## Pastor's Easter Message

Easter is extremely early this year and so we can celebrate the Resurrection all month, not with Easter bunnies and Easter eggs but with the knowledge that 2000+ years ago God came to earth in human form to live, to die, and to be raised again for one purpose, for our salvation.

After Easter is over every year, we tend to forget that promise, to forget that wonderful gift at Calvary. We wait, and wait through Lent anticipating Easter, and then, suddenly, it's here and it's over.

Our lives get busy as we approach the beginning of track season for our kids, softball season, and the end of the school year, and whatever else is added to our calendar and we forget what we have just celebrated.

And when I say we, I mean all of us, me included. Right after Easter confirmation begins again and I prepare for the summer and for any travelling that I might want to do.

So, this year I'm asking all of us to make a late New Year's resolution, to take some time at least every week, if not every day, to stop and contemplate this great gift that we have been given. It might not seem like it affects our lives on a daily basis, but it does, in that the love of God was shown at its greatest with an innocent man hanging on the cross.

This doesn't have to be a huge, showy, or extravagant thing. We don't have to stop and say to everyone around us, "don't forget that Jesus died on the cross for us". It can be as simple as stopping, for just a moment, looking around at God's creation, and giving thanks to God for all that he has given us, including eternal life.

It is my hope and prayer that everyone has a blessed Easter Sunday as well as the Easter season as we all give thanks to God for the great gifts we have received.

Have a blessed month,

Pastor Mark Eliason



Thursday, April 2nd  
7:00pm at  
Palisade Lutheran



Friday, April 3rd  
7:00pm at  
First Lutheran



**Sunday, April 5th**  
**7am Worship w/Communion at Palisade Lutheran**  
**10am Worship w/Communion at First Lutheran**

## Palisade Lutheran Church 2026 Easter Lilies

Deb Sundem	In memory of Harlowe, LaVane and Wayne Sundem
Lori and Matt Sorenson	In memory of Carson Ehde
Richard & Linda Bakken	In memory of Carrie Bakken, Obed & Martha Bakken, Lucille Harden, and Martin Steneberg
LeMoyne Edmundson family	In memory of loved ones
Deb & AJ Johnson	In memory of loved ones
Gary & Cheryl Lyngen	In memory of loved ones
Tim & JoEllen Benson	In memory of loved ones
Candace & Alyssa Reese	In memory of Carrole Horn and Deanna Green



## First Lutheran Church 2026 Easter Lilies

Dennis and Darice Boeve	In memory of Don and Joan Boeve and Robert Madsen (parents), David Madsen and Brad Madsen (brothers), Doug Boeve (cousin)
Mark Eliason and Sharon Fix	In memory of Arnold and Lucille Eliason, Al Fix In honor of Bev Fix
Dave and Mary Finck	In memory of our parents
Sue Hughes	In memory of parents and grandparents
Don Johnson	In memory of Nancy Herrin In honor of loved ones
Jerry Kerkhove	In memory of Frank and Mildred Kerkhove
Dennis and Jolene Roozenboom	In memory of our parents, brothers, sisters and children
Les and Linda Hengeveld	In Memory of Bill and Bertha Bosch, Dick and Laura Hengeveld, Don Hengeveld, Virgil Bosch, Wendy Bosch
Jack and Lesley Schoolcraft	In Memory of Janet Miller, Mike Hengeveld, Eric Suchomel, Pam Bosch, Grant Bosch, Lori and Derek Hengeveld, Shelley Liephart





## Jean Audrey Den Herder

July 9, 1938 — March 9, 2026

A funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church on March 18th, 2026, for Jean. Arrangements by the Minnehaha Funeral Home in Garretson.



*Blessed be her memory*

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## Gary & Cheryl Lyngen

will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a lunch provided after the church service

on **Sunday, April 26th** at Palisade Lutheran Church for family and church family.



## Save your empty **PILL BOTTLES!**

We will donate them to various organizations that can reuse them.

There will be a container at each church to place your empty pill bottles

Please wash/rinse and remove the label.



**We will be worshipping at St. Dymas on Thursday evening, July 23rd.**  
(note change of date)

St. Dymas is an ELCA congregation located behind the walls of the SD State Penitentiary  
More information to come.....

## Our Parish Officers for 2026 are:

President—Lyle Rollag

Vice-President—Dennis Rozeboom

Secretary—Les Hengeveld

Treasurer—Candace Reese

# CANCELLATION POLICY

There is a sign-up sheet at each church to share your email and phone # so that you will receive notices faster. Please use a phone # that will accept text messages.

If church services are cancelled for any reason, notice will be posted on our Facebook pages, KELO TV and KDLT TV. Text messages and emails may also be sent out.

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  
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## First Lutheran Online Giving

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**DEADLINE** for the May newsletter  
is April 23rd, 2026

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Sunday morning worship  
services are livestreamed on  
Facebook every Sunday!



**Join us in worship with Pastor Mark Eliason** *Serving*

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## **First Lutheran Council Meeting**

### **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson with 8 members present and the pastor.

Secretary's Report: MSC.

Treasurer's Report: MSC.

Pastor's Report: There will be confirmation beginning April 8. Communion will be on Maundy Thursday for third grade and up at Palisade. Still checking on serving at the Banquet. The prison service is June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business: We will be walking the ditches April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Persons wanting to walk will have to obtain a waiver. We will be researching the cost for pest control in the church.

New Business: None

Next Council meeting is April 21. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hengeveld, Secretary

## **SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!**

**First Lutheran will be cleaning the two mile stretch of County Road 138** (the highway on the north side of Valley Springs from the state line west to the interstate entrance/exit and road to Garretson) again in April.

We began our two year commitment to the County last spring. We do our first walk in April, before the grass starts to grow and do a second walk in October, before the snow flies. We had good turnouts for our two walks last year. We found many interesting items in the ditches. In addition to ditch walkers, we need people to drive beside us and transport the filled bags to the drop off site at the end of the two mile section.

We are tentatively planning to make **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, our day to walk the ditches. If there is a weather issue, we will try for the following **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**.

There is a signup list in the narthex at church. **Please signup by April 12<sup>th</sup>** so the county knows how many safety vests to set aside for us.

If you have any questions, please see Jerry Kerkhove at church or call him at (605)553-4188.



## Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

The Palisade Church council was called to order by President Rodney Lowe. Others present were Tylene Jansma, Tim Benson, Peter Bakken, Kelvin Edmunson, Lyle Rollag and Deb Kruger.

Secretary's Report: Read and placed on file.

Treasure's Report: Reviewed, discussed and placed on file.

Correspondence: A Thank you card from Lutheran Outdoors.

Old Business: Discussion on Aaker estate. Lyle will contact Aaron Haugen to invite him to a council meeting, so he can help direct the council on how best to invest the estate money.

Peter will contact Orkin on the pest control concerns.

Pastor Marks picture: Pastor will get us a picture. Deb will get a frame and Lyle will take care of the engraving.

Community support: Will discuss ideas at the next council meeting.

New Business: Discussion on Church rental fees.

Discussion on updating the phone service to include call forwarding. Peter will contact Alliance.

Next council meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Deb Kruger, Sec

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# APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Palisade	7 pm Good Friday Service at First	
5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  7 am Easter Worship w/ Communion at Palisade  10am Easter Worship w/ Communion at First	6	7	8	9	10	11
			6:30 pm Confirmation Class at First	1:30 pm Palisade WELCA Mtg 7 pm Palisade Council		
12 <b>First Lutheran</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	13 ← Sign-up due on the 12th for First's road cleanup project	14	15	16	17	18  Road Clean-Up on highway north of Valley Springs
			6:30 pm Confirmation Class at First			
19 <b>First Lutheran</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 	20	21	22	23	24	25
		7 pm First Council meeting	6:30 pm Confirmation Class at First	Deadline for May Newsletter		
26 <b>First Lutheran</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship followed by Lyngen Anniv celebration	27	28	29	30		
			6:30 pm Confirmation Class at First			

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