

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



December 2023

## DECEMBER WORSHIP

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**First Lutheran**  
 9 am Worship w/Comm  
 10 am Sunday School  
 10 am Cookie Wrap  
 & WELCA Annual meeting  
**Palisade Lutheran**  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship w/  
 Comm

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 Christmas Program

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**10:30 am Joint Service  
 at First Lutheran**  
 Christmas Cantata

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 9 am Worship  
**Palisade Lutheran**  
 10:30 am Worship  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
 6 pm at First Lutheran  
 8 pm at Palisade Lutheran

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### *Journeying Together in Christ*



**Sunday, Dec. 3rd,  
 at 10 am  
 Cookie Wrap  
 at First Lutheran**

Members are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies. We will deliver to shut ins. If anyone has requests for a plate to be delivered, please let Mary Finck know.

### **First Lutheran is selling the best lefse ever!**

\$10 for 8 pieces. All profits go to the Organ Fund.

We will stop frying lefse either the 2nd or 3rd week of December. To insure delivery, place your order early and indicate when you want to pick it up.



There is an order form in the entryway at First or call Darice (507-962-3729) or Mary (605-757-6642) with your order.



### **Palisade WELCA Christmas Gathering**

Enjoy food, fellowship and a short program!

**What:** A special WELCA Christmas Luncheon  
**Who:** ALL the women of Palisade Lutheran are welcome  
**When:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** At the home of Karen Rollag,  
 211 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, MN



*".. they shall name him Emmanuel," which means,  
"God is with us." (Matt 1:23b)*

What's in a name? Not many of us know the meaning of our name. I presume that most of us haven't given it much thought. We are so used to our name that we have never really taken the time to find out what our name means or where it came from. Some people are named after their ancestors or named after friends or famous people. Some names are made up and have little to no reference to anyone at all.

Choosing the name for a child is one of the most important things that parents can do for a child. Our names are our legacy, and our names define us in many ways. For instance, Mark means defender or conqueror or warlike. I am not sure about warlike, but I do tend to be the defender of the downtrodden so in some ways my name defines me.

When Mary and Joseph were given the news of Jesus birth, I would imagine they began to think about names for this child, however that task was already done for them by God through the angel when Gabriel said *"name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*

On the surface this name may not seem that important, but as we contemplate the coming of Jesus into the world and all that this birth entails, we begin to understand just how important this name Emmanuel is to the world.

Not only is Jesus God's promised Messiah, "Emmanuel, God with us", this is the very thing the world had been waiting for since the beginning of time. Ever since humanities fall from grace and its separation from the creator, God has been acting in mighty ways to reconcile the creation with the creator.

This name is more than just a promise that we will someday have a relationship with God, the name, given to this very special baby, is the fulfillment of that promise. This is God coming to be one of us in order to heal the rift humanity has been cultivating for thousands of years. "Emmanuel, God with us" is the creator God coming to us out of love for us.

As we enter Advent and we wait for the announcement of the birth of the Christ child, may we find peace and comfort in the name given to this child and may we find joy in knowing that because God came and dwelt among us, as one of us, that separation from God has been destroyed and we can know that this child was sent for each of us so that we could announce to the world, God is with us.

Grace and peace to you as you prepare for the coming of Emmanuel.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark

Celebrating  
**150**  
Years

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



Do you have:

Confirmation pictures dated 2015 to current year?

Pictures or information related to the history of Palisade?

Name and address of someone to invite to the celebration?

Please bring to church or email to Pastor Mark at  
meliason@sio.midco.net or to palisadechurch@alliancecom.net

A bulletin board has been started in the Palisade basement displaying items telling Palisade history in preparation for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration April 14, 2024.

If you have pictures of past activities or stories to share, contact Linda.  
Many of these items will be displayed for the anniversary celebration.  
Check often to see what new “old” things show up there.

### **Hometown Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 9th at the American Legion Hall in Garretson**

9am—1pm Garretson Legion Breakfast. Freewill donation.

1-5pm Vendor Fair with wine tasting from Humble Hill Winery

5-7pm Chili Feed by the Fire Department. Freewill donation.

6-9pm Bingo

***Annual  
Meeting***

First Lutheran WELCA  
Annual Meeting  
will be held Sunday, Dec 3rd  
after worship



**Sunday, December 24th**

**6 PM at First Lutheran**

**8 PM at Palisade Lutheran**



## **THANK YOU!**

TO EVERYONE WHO MADE  
PALISADE'S 3RD ANNUAL  
HARVEST FEST SUCH  
**A HUGE SUCCESS!**

THE MEAL WAS GREAT AND THE BASKET &  
BUCKET DRAWINGS WAS FUN!  
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS,  
WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE  
\$700 TO *CHURCH ON THE STREET* AND  
\$700 TO THE *GARRETSON FOOD SHELF*.



## **JOINT SERVICE**

*Sunday, Dec 17th*

*10:30 AM*

*at First Lutheran*



NO confirmation classes will be held in December.  
Classes will resume January 3rd.

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



Sunday, Jan. 21st—First Lutheran Annual Meeting (switch service times)

Sunday, Jan. 28th—Palisade Lutheran Annual Meeting



## Palisade WELCA Minutes

November 9, 2023

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:30pm with 7 members present.

Pastor Mark began with opening prayer and led Bible study, “Holy places, Session two, Sanctuary”. Our next Bible study will be “Holy places, Session three, Pilgrimage”.

Business meeting called to order.

Secretary’s report: Unavailable.

Treasurer’s report: Some CDs were rolled over and some cashed out to reinvest at a higher interest rate for a 24-month term. The checking balance as of November 5<sup>th</sup> is \$3,858.01. MSC obtained and report was filed.

Correspondence: Rock County Share requesting quilts or tie blankets as a part of their holiday giving. They are also in need of new, unopened women’s, men’s and children's socks and undergarments by November 30<sup>th</sup> to be distributed December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business: Quilting is done. Fourteen quilts, three throws, and tie blankets were finished. Money from the sale of these will be donated to local charities and will help with quilting expenses. Thanks to the Sunday School kids for helping with this project.

New Business: Discussion on serving goodies and open-faced sandwiches with coffee before Christmas program, which date is undecided currently. Poinsettias will be purchased (10) and donations will be accepted.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (11:30-12) at Karen’s. This will be a potluck. Also bring a special Christmas tradition to share.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



Find us on Facebook:

@FirstLutheranValleySprings

@PalisadeLC

Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



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 January newsletter is December 22, 2023



## Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

November 9, 2023

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by President Peter Bakken @ 7pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Kelvin Edmundson, Dave Swenson, Gary and Cheryl Lyngen.

**Devotions and Prayer** given by Pastor Mark, based on “Sanctuary”, a place of refuge and safety

**Secretary's report:** October minutes read and placed on file.

**Treasure's report:** reviewed report, discussed thermostat bill that was paid. Motion to approve report by Gary second by Dave, motion passed

**Pastor's report:** Speaker this Sunday, Pastor Chris from Church on the Street will be having the service on Sunday. Followed by Harvest Festival Basket fundraiser with meal furnished by WELCA. Freewill donation accepted for meal and selling of tickets for “baskets”. There will also be silent auction on the quilts that have been made by the Palisade Quilters.

Pastor hip surgery scheduled for Friday morn

**Outreach Team:** Harvest Basket Fundraiser is happening Sunday

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:** No meeting held. Continue to update addresses to send out “Save the Date” cards.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** Sound system-Not resolved, but Pete did touch base with Travis Dangel. Potential problem with a wire under the carpet by the alter area, and will be testing some wide range external microphones. If they work possibly purchase for use at Palisade Lutheran. Possible cost of \$250 for 2.

AED-pending coordination, no date set

Kitchen mop boards- not resolved

Zoom test-sometime in December

### **New Business:**

Freewill Offering for Church on the Street was set by the “PODS”. Pods to be given during announcements and half of the harvest donation moneys to be split each to Garretson food pantry and Church on the street.

**December 17th-** Christmas Cantata---JOINT service at First @ 10:30

**December 24th-**will hold regular am services

**Christmas Eve Services**—First will be 6pm. Palisade will be 8pm

**Next meeting:** December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Budget Meeting)

**Parish Council Meeting-** November 16<sup>th</sup> (this will be for Parish annual budget)

**Annual Palisade Meeting,** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Lyngen, Secretary



## **First Lutheran Council Minutes**

**November 21, 2023**

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

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

Treasurer's Report MSC to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer noted that regular income is behind last year by about \$3000, but expenses are also down. It was suggested that Sioux Valley Electric be questioned about the load control to further reduce costs.

Parsonage Report MSC to approve the parsonage report. Balance is \$9,318.55. The property managers have given the renters notice of rent increase, and renters have till the end of November to sign the lease.

The Pastor is out with Covid so there is no Pastor's report.

Old Business:

Still waiting for plumber.

New Business:

Parish budget for 2024 was examined. MSC to approve.

Council examined three towel holders stored in kitchen and determined the paper stored in cupboard does not fit the rollers. Darice will contact company listed on roller to see what might be done, or what correct size roller would cost.

Don will check on AED defibrillator cost and availability. The cost could possibly be covered by a grant.

Discussion on purchase of two new stoves in kitchen. Burners are unreliable. Will follow up on replacement of burners before considering purchase of new stoves.

Cantata is December 17, please invite friends and family! Christmas Eve is on a Sunday so regular schedule will be kept that morning.

Christmas Eve service is at First at 6:00 pm.

Lefse is available, place your orders so they can be filled before mid-December.

Next Council meeting is December 19, 2023.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Finck, Secretary



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Roozenboom. There were 11 council members present. The meeting was called to order at First.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted. Balance on November 17, 2023 was \$11,341.52. Parish Treasurer noted that due to the large balance no payment will need to be made to the Parish account from each church for the month of December.

### Schedule:

- November 23 No Thanksgiving services either church
- December 3 First Advent Sunday (regular service times)
- December 10 Palisade Sunday School Christmas Program (regular service times)
- December 17 Cantata musical concert at First at 10:30 (joint service)
- December 24 Regular services (First at 9:00 am and Palisade at 10:30 am)
- December 24 Christmas Eve services First at 6:00 pm Palisade at 8:00 pm
- December 25 No Services either church
- January 21 First annual meeting (service times switched)
- January 28 Palisade annual meeting (regular service times)
- February 14 Ash Wednesday services at Palisade at 7:00 (joint service)

**Old Business:** Since worshipping at St Dysmas is now at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, this makes worshipping inconvenient for our Parish.

**New Business:** Each church council is to discuss ways to contribute to St Dysmas other than attending their worship services.

The Parish budget was discussed. The Parish council recommends that each council pass the new Parish budget at their next scheduled meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on February 15 at 7:00 pm at Palisade.




Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Hengeveld, Secretary



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