

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



February 2022

Our Mission:

Living in and through God's grace, we worship our Lord Jesus Christ and educate, support and activate God's people for reaching out and expanding God's circle of love.

We are people learning to love!



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



JOINT SERVICE

Sunday, Feb 13th

at 10:00 am

at Palisade Lutheran

Pr. Renee will inform us on the next steps in the call process and answer our questions after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Looking Ahead...

Wed, March 2nd

Ash Wednesday Joint Service

will be held at Palisade Lutheran at 7 PM

Lenten Services

Wednesday evening Lenten Services

will be a 15-20 minute devotional posted on Facebook live.



"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Matthew 18:15-18

No matter where we go or what we are involved in there will almost always be some sort of conflict when two or more humans get together. I have heard it said that if you have 6 Lutherans in a room together and ask them what they think about something you can count on getting at least 7 different opinions.

Because of our sinful nature and the nature of humanity as a whole it is inevitable that disagreements between people will happen. There are times when words are spoken in anger or frustration or people misinterpret what has been said and suddenly feeling are hurt, tempers flare, and people stop talking to one another. It is no different in the church.

Unfortunately, what sometimes happens is that people start talking about what they are upset about, not with those who have upset them, but rather to others outside of the disagreement, and that is when gossip and rumors begin to run rampant, others are drawn into the discussion, and reputations are damaged, sometimes beyond repair. This kind of behavior is always damaging and if left unchecked or unresolved, becomes nearly impossible to rectify.

We have all experienced these kinds of situations, possibly on both sides, and we know how hurtful this kind of behavior can be.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Jesus gives us a way to resolve these very kinds of circumstances. In Matthew 18:15-18 he is very clear as to how we, as Christians, need to handle conflict and disagreements in our lives.

He says instead of talking to others outside the situation, go to the one who you have the disagreement with and see if you can work it out between the two of you. If that does not work take a couple of people with you and try to rectify the situation. If you can't work it out, take it to the church and if all else fails someone must leave the fellowship. For some, me included, these are difficult words to hear because we don't want to admit when we are wrong and when we are upset with someone we really don't want to talk to them.

But for the good of the church and for the good of her members Jesus ways are the best ways to handle conflicts. So, I encourage you all today to resolve any conflicts you might have in the way Jesus commands us. Go to the person or people you are in disagreement with and do your best to resolve things through prayer and conversation.

We all have the same mission at heart in the church, to share the Good News with all people and if we can resolve our differences that message will be proclaimed and heard much more clearly.

Peace,

Pastor Mark

Sunday
Worship
SCHEDULE

First Lutheran

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Palisade Lutheran

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship



OUR NEXT
 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 IS SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, FEB 17TH
 AT 7:00 PM
 AT PALISADE LUTHERAN



Palisade Council meets at 7 pm on
Thursday, Feb 10th

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm on
Tuesday, Feb 15th

Check in next month for the new list of
 Council members at each church.

Parish Executive Council

President Dennis Roozenboom
 Vice President Rodney Lowe
 Treasurer Candace Reese
 Secretary Les Hengeveld

**Election of 2022 Parish
 Executive Council will be
 held at the Feb 17th
 meeting**

All Council members from each
 church should attend the Parish
 Council meetings.



Monday, February 21st

Palisade WELCA
 next meeting date is
Thurs, Jan 10th, at 1:30 PM

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



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!

Cancellations

If worship service is cancelled due to weather related conditions:

You will receive a text message on your cell phone and/or an email. Notification will also be posted on KELO-TV Closeline (online only) and to KSFY-TV (scroll on tv screen)

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

We will be adding more details and information as time goes on. If you have pictures or information you would like to share that could be included on the website, please mail or email to Tylene at her contact information below.

We are ONLINE!



Find us on Facebook:
[@FirstLutheranValleySprings](https://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranValleySprings)
[@PalisadeLC](https://www.facebook.com/PalisadeLC)



YouTube Channel:
[FirstPalisadeLutheranParish](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPalisadeLutheranParish)



Newsletter articles and information may be mailed to:

Tylene Jansma
1019 St Highway 23
Beaver Creek, MN 56116

Or emailed to: btjansma@alliancecom.net

DEADLINE for the February newsletter is January 24th



Palisade Lutheran Members:
We have an updated church directory for you!
Pick up your copy at church. If you have additions or corrections, please contact Karen Rollag at 605-212-5441 or Tylene Jansma at 605-941-3054



Confirmation class continues this month each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at First Lutheran

Dreaming Together about the Future

As the church, we are the body of Christ in the world. God calls us to work, as we share the Good News and love our neighbors. This work often means we need to adapt.

I invite you to dream about your congregation. I wonder what the Holy Spirit is calling your ministry to do and to be? Is there an opportunity to make an impact in your community? Are there people who need help? Is there something that you or others are excited about?

Centered in worship, our congregations are called to action in our communities. Being a disciple of Christ means that we recognize resurrection not just for us, but for our world here and now. When things die in our congregations, it is okay, because God will raise up something in its place.

If you would like to do some dreaming together, I am happy to meet with your congregation. I would love to hear your stories, your hopes, and your opportunities for the future. Please reach out to me if you would like to set something up. Peace and blessings to you, and know that the Holy Spirit is with you!

—**Rev. Jonathan Steiner**

Director for Evangelical Mission & Associate to Bishop Hagmaier for Stewardship and Outreach.
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There are 2 positions on the Tuff Memorial Home board that will need to be filled. The Tuff Home is located in Hills, MN.

JoEllen Benson will be going off of the Governing Board and Richard Bakken will be going off of the Foundation Board. Both positions are for three year terms.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or would like more information, contact Pastor Mark, JoEllen Benson or Richard Bakken.

This is an opportunity to contribute to the operation and funding of an organization that has served our parish well for the past sixty years!

Call Richard Bakken 507-597-6378





Palisade WELCA Minutes

January 13, 2022

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, January 13th, 2022, at 1:30pm. There were four members present.

Pastor Mark opened the Bible study on “The Kingdom of God” and closed with prayer.

Received and filed secretary’s and treasurer’s report. Balance on hand is: \$1,840.81.

Discussion on Annual Meeting Dinner. Refer to Council for decision.

Ash Wednesday service will be March 2nd at 7:00pm at Palisade Lutheran Church.

No in person Lenten services due to rising Covid numbers and less than stellar attendance. Pastor Mark plans to stream any service he has planned for Wednesdays in March. Also, Pastor Mark will find out what other churches are doing for Lenten services.

Next WELCA meeting February 10th.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord’s prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 13, 2022

The Palisade Church council called to order by President Lyle Rollag at 7pm. Also present were Pastor Mark, Rodney Lowe, Dave & Patti Swenson, Karen Rollag, Pete Bakken, Tylene Jansma, and Deb Johnson.

Pastor Mark gave devotions.

Secretary’s report read and approved.

Treasurer’s report read and approved.

Pastor’s report: Prayer service and Christmas service went well. Pastor stopped doing Nursing Home visits due to the elevated covid numbers. In person church will continue, along with social distancing and recommended mask wearing.

Correspondence: Thank you cards received from Garretson Food Shelf, Rock County Food Bank, and Shetek.

Outreach committee has not met.

Old Business: Working on website is ongoing. Discussion of adding pictures and WELCA information.

Call process: Synod wants site study. Profile sent in 1 month ago. Sunday, February 13th, we will have combined worship service to have a meeting with Renee from Synod.

Shad has worked on the strip in the furnace room.

Discussion on camera system bid for Sunday morning worship. Plan to propose an alternative bid (Kingdom.com) at Parish Council next meeting on February 17th.

Upcoming election of new candidates discussed.

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Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 13, 2022—Continued

New Business: Plans discussed to obtain 2 LED motion lights to light up the area to prevent attempted break-ins. McClure Electric has bulbs for special light.

First Lutheran Church will not be having lunch after Annual Meeting. After discussion, it was decided that Palisade Lutheran Church will not be having a meal after their annual meeting due to rising numbers of Covid.

Ash Wednesday service will take place at Palisade Lutheran on March 2nd at 7:00pm.

MSC not to have in person Wednesday Lenten services due to rising covid numbers and less than stellar attendance. Pastor Mark will live stream these services.

Insurance policy for the church has increased \$255.00 last year. Lyle will speak to insurance agent to see if there is a savings for our steel shingles (vs. asphalt shingles).

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



First Lutheran Council Minutes

January 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Artz with 5 members and Pastor Mark present.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report: Upcoming Lent Schedule:

March 2nd Ash Wednesday Joint service at Palisade at 7:00 pm.

Lent Services will be on Face book live each Wednesday evening and consist of a 20-minute devotional.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted.

Parsonage report was read and noted. The current balance is \$10,869.89.

Old Business: None

New Business: On February 13th a representative of the synod will meet with a joint service of the Parish at Palisade at 10:00 am to answer any questions the congregations may have concerning the call process.

Another option for the Parish audio/video equipment for Facebook will be discussed at the next Parish council meeting in February.

The council decided that a web site and an online donation method warrants more discussion at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary

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