

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



February 2024

FEBRUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP

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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

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First Lutheran
9 am Worship
10 am Sunday School

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

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First Lutheran
9 am Worship
10 am Sunday School

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

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First Lutheran
9 am Worship
10 am Sunday School

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

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb 14th

7:00 pm at Palisade Lutheran



Lenten Services

Wednesday, Feb 21st

7:00 pm at First Lutheran



Wednesday, Feb 28th

7:00 pm at Palisade Lutheran

Thursday, Feb 15th
Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm

At Palisade Lutheran

(Election of Officers)





As we come to the end of Epiphany and begin the season of Lent, we look forward to the celebration of Easter. That time when we welcome people to worship and fellowship that we haven't seen since Christmas, and a time when celebrate both the crucifixion and the resurrection.

But before that celebration can take place, we have the opportunity to prepare. And it is in that preparation that we find out a lot about ourselves and our faith.

During the season of Lent, we have worship services on Wednesday evening where we come together and hear messages on topics that aren't usually taught during the year. This gives us all the opportunity to widen our knowledge on some of the things that we do as Lutherans that are maybe different than other denominations and gain a better understanding of why we do what we do and how these things enhance our understanding of what it means to be the "Church".

We will spend the five Wednesdays of Lent learning about these two traditions and will hopefully get a better understanding of them. We obviously cannot cover these important topics completely in just five weeks, but it will give us a place to start and hopefully continue the discussion past Lent and Easter.

I hope, as we make this journey through Lent together, that we learn from each other what it means to be both Christian and Lutheran.

I look forward to having these services during the week and encourage you all to come, listen, and ask questions about the topics we will be discussing. It is in learning that we become stronger in faith and it is having knowledge about our traditions that we can more easily fulfill the commandment of Jesus when he said ***"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

Have a blessed and informative Lent.

Peace,
Pastor Mark

Celebrating
150
Years

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



In the process of preparing for the 150th Palisade church anniversary, information will be collected and organized into a history. The committee would like to include a section on Palisade memories. In reaching out to anyone who has been part of Palisade, please consider writing a short account of what you remember in the past at Palisade Lutheran. These stories will be added to the history of Palisade.

Consider these questions as a guide in writing your story. The story need not be long. Several sentences can be enough or much longer.

What events did I attend? Banquets, Luther League, confirmations, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, choir, birthday parties and anniversaries, weddings. Tell about what you remember.

My first contact with Palisade. What brought me there?

Why did I become a member, visitor or leader at Palisade?

Church council memories. Significant votes on business. Why did we do that?

What was Palisade like in the years that you were a young person?

Tell about any artifact that Palisade has and its story....banners, crosses, furniture, pictures, Christmas decorations, etc.

Any topic that comes to mind that tells the reader about the history of Palisade.

The list could grow larger. Let your memory be your guide. Call Linda Bakken with questions. 507-597-6378. Email your story to rlbakken@alliancecom.net.

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First Lutheran Church Council Annual Meeting January 21, 2024

President Les Hengeveld called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mark led the meeting in prayer.

President Les Hengeveld presented a summary of 2023 activities.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

WELCA report was read and approved.

Parsonage report was read and approved.

Old Business:

Art Aadland gave a report on the organ refurbishing.

New Business:

The Parish budget for 2024 was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget.

The 2024 budget for First Lutheran was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget.

Nominations for council members were opened. Motions were made, seconded and passed to have nominations cease for each position. Nominations were as follows:

President: Les Hengeveld

Vice President: Don Johnson

Secretary: Mary Finck

Treasurer: Jerry Kerkhove

Board of Deacons: Jack Schoolcraft

Board of Trustees: Dennis Nielsen

Board of Education: Lesley Schoolcraft

Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Delegates Elected: Tuff Home: Dennis Boeve and Jerry Kerkhove

Synod Assembly-Mary Finck and Lynn Nielson

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Finck, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

January 11, 2024

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 Lyngen, Candy Reese, Matt Sorenson.

Devotions and Prayer given by Pastor Mark, based on "Pilgrimage". Not only a long or short Journey, but Pilgrimage of inner self.

Secretary's report: December minutes read, approved and placed on file.

Treasure's report: reviewed report, Motion to approve report by Dave second by Candy motion passed

Pastor's report: Waiting on finger sensitivity to return after having Carpal Tunnel surgery. Still recovering from Hip surgery. Continued attempts to see parishioner in Dell Rapids.

Outreach Team:No report

150th Anniversary Task Force: Asking for stories, anecdotes, items, and /or information from parishioners

Correspondence: Thank You from Garretson Food Shelf

Request from Synod for additional funds, see below-under New Business

Old Business: Camera/ Sound system- still testing

AED- pending

Kitchen mop boards- not resolved, Matt looking into it.

Zoom test-soon

New Business:

Discussed annual insurance cost increase. This to be included in budget for annual meeting

Synod request for additional funds-discussed, no action taken

Snow Removal-discussed, no action @ this time as has been taken care of by parishioners

2024 Nomination Ballot- positions have been filled for Annual Meeting

Next meeting: February 8,2024 @ 7pm

Parish Council Meeting- February 15, 2024 @ Palisade(all new Council Members)

Annual Palisade Meeting, January 28th, 2024

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Gary Lyngen, Secretary Pro tem



First Lutheran Council Minutes

January 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Les Hengeveld with 9 members present and Pastor Mark.

The pastor opened with devotions.

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

Treasurer's Report: MSC to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer suggested the Trustees take inventory of church effects and belongings (ie: organ, pews, etc.) to determine if replacement insurance on such would be warranted. This could take several months and, if desired, would be activated in 2025.

Parsonage Report: MSC to approve the parsonage report. Balance is \$10,457.11. The current renters have agreed to stay despite the increase in rent and pet deposits..

Pastor's Report: First will offer First Communion classes to anyone interested. Please provide names of those interested to the Pastor.

Old Business:

A plumber has checked the problem in the men's bathroom. The on demand water heater is the cause of the smell. That type of water heater needs regular maintenance whether it is used or not. MSC to replace the current water heater with a standard 10 gallon water heater for around \$939 plus tax. The money will come from the Memorial Fund.

The stove found at Dow Rummel is not yet ready to move to First. We will wait for it.

Loads of Love event was a success! Approximately 12 volunteers helped with preparing, serving and miscellaneous duties at the event. We served around 120 people, and gave away the leftover food. We agreed to do this again. For future events, to go boxes, zip loc bags and extra water would be helpful. Don has to go boxes available for our use.

New Business:

The annual meeting is Sunday, January 21. The ballot is filled for the election of church council members.

Art is planning to start the organ renewal in March and hopes to be done by Easter Sunday, March 31.

Next Council meeting is February 20, 2024.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Finck, Secretary



Palisade WELCA Minutes

January 11, 2024

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, January 11th, 2024, at 1:30pm with five members present.

Pastor Mark led the Bible study, "Holy Places", session three, "Pilgrimage". Next week we will do the Devotional in November/December Gather or next Bible study in January/February Gather if available.

Business meeting: Called to order.

Secretary's report: None.

Treasurer's report: Checking ending balance: \$855.95. Report received and filed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Reevaluate pest control in the spring. We are paid through July and WELCA pays half.

New Business: Discussed luncheon on January 28th, after Annual Meeting. Church will provide potatoes & ham, salads, grapes & chips.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 8th, 2024, at 1:30pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary

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



Find us on Facebook:

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@PalisadeLC

Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



Newsletter articles and information may be mailed to:

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Or emailed to: btjansma@alliancecom.net

DEADLINE for the March newsletter is February 22, 2024

February Word Search



Spring Winter Shadow
 Water Peace
 Flowers Burrow Chocolate
 Woodchuck Groundhog

Penny
 Friends
 Candy
 Valentine
 Arizona
 Aquarius
 Violet
 Roses
 Flag
 Spring



The American Legion in Garretson, SD is serving breakfast!

(504 N. Main, Garretson SD)

**Make plans to attend on Sunday,
 Feb. 4th, 9am—1pm**

Serving: Scrambled Eggs & Ham and Biscuits & Gravy

Freewill Donation



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*The
Season
of
Lent*

