

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



January 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



## Join us for our Annual Meetings

Sunday, January 23rd at First Lutheran

Palisade will worship at 9:00 am ←

First will worship at 10:30 am ←

Sunday, January 30th at Palisade Lutheran

First will worship at 9:00 am

Palisade will worship at 10:30 am

## *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

The **first Sunday** of every month we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during worship.





At the beginning of every New Year a number of things happen. We make New Year's resolutions, we promise to try to do better this year when it comes to our families and personal life and we try to forget the things we failed at last year and look ahead to better times.

But one phenomenon that takes place almost every year is a huge increase in the number of gym or fitness center memberships. People all over the United States, and I would assume in other countries as well, start out the year promising themselves and their families that they will get healthier and more fit in the coming year. The health and fitness industry has its very own little Christmas right after the first of the year and they see a substantial increase in revenue as people flock to join their ranks.

As with most New Year's resolutions, these fitness promises often fall by the wayside and most people tend to go back to their old, unhealthy, habits. They know what they should do, but they are not able to continue on with their commitment much longer than a few weeks, or possibly a few months. Some "experts" say that upwards of 90% of people who join health clubs stop going completely within the first 90 days.

This occurrence brings to mind the parable of the sower and the seed from Mark. ***"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"***

We see this happening in the church too. People come to worship at Christmas and vow that this year they will re-commit themselves to attending church on a regular basis, but when things start to heat up with their children at school and community sporting events, and all the other things competing for their attention, the first thing that gets left behind is church attendance and worship and study time.

We make excuses like "we won't go this week but for sure we will go next week", or "Church attendance is not that important, I believe in God and that is enough". For many people the lack of roots in the soil of the church causes them to wither away in their faith and stop producing grain.

As we all enter this New Year, even with all the concerns with the pandemic, I pray that those of you who faithfully attend Worship would be fed in a way that would allow you to increase the yield of our faith a hundred fold and more. Those of you who do not attend on a regular basis, I invite you to make regular worship and fellowship with the saints of God a priority. **We miss having you with us**, but most of all pray that we would be able to help you grow with us in faith, hope, and love for God and for each other.

I look forward to another year of blessing in 2022 and ask that you continue to pray for me and Sharon, each other, and the church as we seek to serve the Lord together.

May God be glorified in all we say and do and may our roots of faith run deep into God's word.  
**SEE YOU IN CHURCH.**

Peace,  
Pastor Mark Eliason

First Lutheran Council meets at 7:00 pm on  
**Tuesday, Jan 18th**

### First Lutheran Council Members

President	Dave Artz
Vice President	Dennis Roozenboom
Treasurer	Linda Hengeveld
Secretary	Les Hengeveld
Deacon	Jack Schoolcraft
Deacon	Shannon Jacobs
Trustee	Art Aadland
Trustee	Dennis Nielsen
Trustee	Don Johnson
Education	Eric Jacobs
Education	Heather Artz
Education	Lynn Nielsen



Palisade Council meets at 7 pm on  
**Thursday, Jan 13th**

### Palisade Lutheran Council Members

President	Lyle Rollag
Vice President	Rodney Lowe
Treasurer	Tylene Jansma
Secretary	Deb Johnson
Deacon	Karen Rollag
Deacon	David Swenson
Deacon	Patti Swenson
Trustee	Kelvin Edmundson
Trustee	Dick Kramer
Trustee	Peter Bakken
Education	Mandy Bennett
Education	Melissa Edmundson
Education	Angela Nussbaum



**NEXT**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
IS SCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, FEB 17TH  
AT 7:00 PM**

### Parish Executive Council

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

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

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### Treasurers and Organization Leaders:

Please have your 2021 year-end reports completed and sent as soon as possible to appropriate person at your church so annual booklets can be completed.

**Thank you!**

**Palisade WELCA next meeting date is  
Thurs, Jan 13th, at 1:30 PM**

We will meet briefly after worship on Jan 16th  
(Coffee Cup Sunday) to discuss highlights from the  
Thursday meeting.

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](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



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](http://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](mailto: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 RESUMES on Wednesday,  
Jan. 5th

We meet at 6:30pm at First Lutheran



Sunday School RESUMES on Sunday, Jan. 9th  
At 9:30 AM at Palisade Lutheran

Sunday School RESUMES on Sunday, Jan. 2nd  
At 10:00 AM at First Lutheran



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!**

Richard Bakken 507-597-6378

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Tuff Memorial Home is a Christian Home with a heart. In Christian love, we provide heartfelt quality care to the elderly in a way that contributes to their sense of dignity and self-worth.*





## **Palisade WELCA Minutes**

**December 9, 2021**

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 2pm. There were six members present.

Pastor Mark led Bible study on "Advent Ache" and talked about commercialism of Christmas.

Business meeting opened with prayer and called to order by Candice.

Secretary report read and approved.

Treasurer's report discussed. Balance on hand \$4,694.00. Report approved and filed.

MSC to modify lists. 2020 WELCA books updated.

Discussed Synod request where else we are giving money.

Stewardship Missions report for 2021 discussed.

Lunch will be served after Christmas Program. Doreen will ask choir to sing the 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Mark will contract month to month going forward.

Next WELCA meeting will be January 13, 2022 at 1:30pm,

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



## **Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**December 9, 2021**

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

Pastor Mark gave devotions.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Pastor Mark reported doing calls at nursing homes and continues Holden Prayer service on Wednesdays. Also noted a possible wedding in 2022.

Correspondence: None.

Outreach: Pete submitted Thrivent Report. Harvest Festival raised \$2,000 with \$1,000 going to Rock County Food pantry and \$1,000 to Church on the Street.

Old Business: Continued discussion on the website. Palisadelutheran.org is up and running. Parish study reviewed and approved after discussion. Handicapped restroom signage is in place but looking for designated family restroom sign. Basement and spout repairs to be done by Shad.

New Business: Pastor Laura's picture needs end date and will ask Terry via Lori to do this. Discussion about members learning other duties of the church such as ringing church bell, helping with communion. Discussions on getting estimates for camera and second microphone. Proposed budgets were discussed. MSC to give \$1,000 to each of the 3 mission partners.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



## First Lutheran Council Minutes

December 21, 2021

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

Pastor Mark opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted.

Parsonage report was read and noted. The current balance is \$10,676.49.

**Old Business:** The advertising mailer has been completed and will be mailed out soon to over 1200 households. The bid (for audio/video equipment for Facebook) from Mid States Audio was discussed. After the council considered the cost it was decided that this was not a system that the congregation would be interested in at this time. The council will be investigating another alternative that will cost substantially less.

**New Business:** The council approved the church profile. After discussing the budget line items the First Lutheran 2022 budget was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



### MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, "captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans."

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. "I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God." Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a "merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates."

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God's mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, "Faith is God's work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times."

This discovery set Luther's life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God's unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

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