

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



January 2023

Jan 1st, 8th, 15th

9 am worship at Palisade

10:30 am worship at First Lutheran

Annual Meetings will be held on

Sunday, January 22nd at First Lutheran

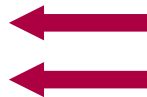
Palisade will worship at 9:00 am

First will worship at 10:30 am

Sunday, January 29th at Palisade Lutheran

First will worship at 9:00 am

Palisade will worship at 10:30 am



**Treasurers and
Organization
Leaders:**

Please have your
2022 year-end
reports completed
and sent as soon as
possible to
appropriate person
at your church so
annual booklets
can be completed.

Thank you!

Confirmation class **RESUMES** on Wednesday, Jan. 4th
We meet at 6:30pm at First Lutheran

Confirmation

Sunday School **RESUMES** on Sunday, Jan. 8th
At 10 AM at Palisade Lutheran
Sunday School **RESUMES** on Sunday, Jan. 8th
At 9:30 AM at First Lutheran



From the Pastor's Desk

The beginning of the year is a time when we all look back at the past year and remember all we have experienced as well as look ahead to the coming year and dream of what is to come. Along with that dreaming comes New Year's Resolutions. Things that we plan to do over the next year to either improve our own lives or improve the lives of others.

Research has shown that 40 – 45% of Americans make one or more New Year's Resolutions each year. Of those only 20% stick to them fully, 35 % don't even successfully begin to fulfill their resolutions, and 60% drop their resolutions within 6 months. As I see it there is not a very good rate of return on resolutions.

I think part of this reason is that we make for ourselves unrealistic resolutions and as we look ahead to fulfilling them, we feel like there is no way we will complete them, and we get discouraged and give up all together.

New Year's resolutions can be very good things as long as they are made in such a way that they are obtainable. Overzealous resolutions can, and often do, lead to discouragement, and let down so as you make your resolutions, I encourage you to be realistic.

Most resolutions have to do with improving of oneself, such as losing weight, or saving more, or quitting a habit that you may have formed over the years. Seldom do I hear of resolutions such as volunteering more, or praying every day, or attending worship every Sunday, or giving more to the church.

Resolutions are designed to make a change in our habits or our commitment to something so resolving to do something different can be a life changing thing.

In Luke's Gospel we hear the story how Mary and Joseph and Jesus make it a habit to go to Jerusalem every year to celebrate the festival of the Passover. Luke tells us that when Jesus was twelve years old, ***"they went up as usual for the festival"***. This was their habit; they resolved to make this trip habitually. You might say it was their family tradition to make this journey, not only to fulfill the law, but so that Jesus would be brought up to understand that this was an important thing in their family.

Many people have that same habit. They go to church once or twice a year habitually. We see them every Christmas and Easter and they feel as though they are fulfilling some sort of requirement by making the pilgrimage. Don't get me wrong, I am always glad to see people in worship no matter what the reason and all are welcome to come to worship as whenever they can.

My hope for us all this year is that we can resolve to make worship attendance an important event in the lives of our families, not to fulfill some sort of requirement, but to make God and worship a much bigger part of our lives.

Worship gives us the opportunity to confess our sins and receive forgiveness from God, receive encouragement and fellowship from others in our church family, receive the sacraments, and put aside the troubles and cares of our lives for a time and focus on our creator and give God the attention God desires from us.

I encourage you all to resolve to make worship attendance and fellowship a bigger part of your lives this year and to let God speak to you through scripture and through the messages you hear both from me and from others in this worshipping community. God has a lot to say to us and he speaks to us in many ways, one of which is our time together in worship.

May this year be one where our lives are enhanced because we spent more time together as a family of God worshipping and encouraging one another in the faith and may God be the center of our daily lives as we live together as God's people in this place.

God Bless you all in 2023,

Pastor Mark Eliason

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

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



Many thanks to the LYO and Sunday School for the Christmas gifts! You make us elderly people feel special. Thanks again! Doreen

Celebrating
150
Years



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

We are looking for confirmation pictures dated 2015 to current year. Please bring to church or email to palisadechurch@alliancecom.net
If you are interested in being on this task force, please contact Pastor Mark.
Email: meliason@sio.midco.net
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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 Facebook, on KELO-TV Closeline (online only) and to KSFY-TV (scroll on tv screen)

We are ONLINE!

Find us on Facebook:



@FirstLutheranValleySprings
@PalisadeLC



YouTube Channel:
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 23rd.

**THANK YOU to all
Council members and
delegates for your
time and commitment
this past year!**

Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
on **Thursday, Jan 12th**

2022 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Rodney Lowe
Vice President Peter Bakken
Secretary Deb Kruger
Treasurer Tylene Jansma
Deacon JoEllen Benson
Deacon Kelvin Edmundson
Deacon Karen Rollag
Trustee Nick Dagele
Trustee David Swenson
Trustee Dick Kramer
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

Delegates
Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken
Synod Assembly: Melissa and Cheyenne Edmundson

**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
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First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm
on **Tuesday, Jan 17th**

2022 First Lutheran Council

President Dave Artz
Vice President Don Johnson
Secretary Les Hengeveld
Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove
Deacon Darice Boeve
Deacon Linda Hengeveld
Deacon Shannon Jacobs
Trustee Eric Jacobs
Trustee Dennis Roozenboom
Trustee Dennis Nielsen
Board of Ed Jack & Lesley Schoolcraft
Board of Ed Lynn Nielsen
Board of Ed Art Aadland

Delegates
Tuff Home: Dennis Boeve and Jerry Kerkhove
Synod Assembly- Mary Finck and Lynn Nielson

**OUR NEXT
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS**



**THURSDAY, FEB 16TH
AT 7:00 PM
AT PALISADE LUTHERAN**

**2022 PARISH
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

PRESIDENT Peter Bakken
VICE PRESIDENT Don Johnson
SECRETARY Les Hengeveld
TREASURER Candace Reese



PATRICIA "PAT" ROSER

September 22, 1947 - December 1, 2022

Patricia "Pat" Roser, age 75, passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022 in Dell Rapids, SD. A Family Directed Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be 10:00 AM Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at First Lutheran Church in Valley Springs, SD.



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 20, 2022

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by President Rodney Lowe at 7pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Dave Swenson, Kelvin Edmundson, Karen Rollag, Peter Bakken, Tylene Jansma and Deb Kruger.

Secretary's report: was read and placed on file.

Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

Pastors report: no report

Outreach Committee: no new business.

Correspondence: Thank you cards from Church on the street and Matt and Lori Sorenson.

Old Business:

Camera system: installation is in progress

Carpet: currently being installed.

150th anniversary task force: The date has been set for April 14th, 2024. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Pastor Mark or any council member.

Defibrillator: Rodney Lowe will ask Shad Kruger about installing it.

Elevator: Kone elevator will need to do updates on the phone system in the elevator. Approximate cost is \$1129.00. Peter Bakken will call Alliance with questions on the land line currently in the elevator.

Discussion on slate of officers for 2023.

New business:

Peter Bakken will call Sioux Valley Energy about the parking lot lights which are not continually working.

Discussion on Parish account funds and the 2023 budget.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



First Lutheran Council Minutes

December 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Johnson with 9 members present and Pastor Mark.

Pastor Mark opened with devotions and prayer.

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

Treasurer's report: MSC to approve the treasurer's report.

Old Business: The ballot for the 2023 slate of officers has been filled and ready for the annual meeting to be held on January 22, 2023.

New Business: MSC To approve the Parish budget as presented.

The treasurer brought up the fact that the Parish account has an excess of funds. The Parish treasurer, Palisade treasurer, and the First treasurer will make a decision on how best to refund each church the excess funds.

The treasurer presented the items for the 2023 budget. After some discussion the council has increased the insurance coverage on both the church and parsonage property to better reflect the increasing property values.

The council discussed the 2023 budget items.

MSC To approve the 2023 budget as presented with some minor changes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



In the United States, **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** is observed annually on the third Monday in January. The day commemorates the life and work of Dr. King, who was a Baptist minister and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement. People are encouraged to use the day to "reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Dr. King." The holiday is typically observed with events such as marches and rallies and speeches by politicians and civil rights leaders.

King was born on January 15, 1929. He rose to the fore of the civil rights movement in 1955 with the Montgomery bus boycott that followed the arrest of Rosa Parks, an African American woman who had violated the city's racial segregation ordinances when she refused to give her seat on a bus to a white passenger. An advocate of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of using nonviolent resistance to effect social change, King promoted the use of nonviolent means to bring an end to racial segregation in the United States. In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his efforts. He was assassinated in 1968.

Efforts to create a national holiday honoring King began soon after his assassination, although legislation for a federal holiday was not passed until 1983. The first nationwide observance of the holiday occurred in 1986.

From the Bishop's Desk



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

New Year's Greetings South Dakota Synod!

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! - The majority of you are preparing for your annual meeting at which you will elect new leaders to serve on the council and in other capacities representing your congregation in the community you are planted in. Allow me to say a thank you to those who have concluded their service and a welcome to those who will begin their service. As the Bishop of the South Dakota Synod I am grateful for your willingness to serve in times such as these.

The synod's mission statement is: journeying together in Christ and is based on Luke's narrative of the walk to Emmaus after the resurrection. Jesus joins two disciples on the road as they journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus to clear their heads from everything they had seen and heard these past few days. Jesus joins them on the way, but their preoccupied minds and hearts don't permit them to recognize Jesus. It isn't until Jesus joins them at the supper table, where he breaks the bread that their eyes and hearts are finally receptive to who has been with them all along. And despite the darkness and possible danger, despite being hungry after a day's journey and despite their tired and weary bodies they hurry back to Jerusalem to share the good news that they have seen the Lord.



As you begin your service as a council member I hope you will amidst the weary works of your day and sometimes even in the church discover the risen Christ continues to show up at your council meetings to reveal who you are and who we are as the living and breathing body of Christ. Your work may include mundane decisions such as paying the bills and choosing curriculum, finding soloists and ushers, but never underestimate the power of Christ in your midst. He may just have been journeying alongside you, without you recognizing him. I pray that you are called to carry out your given task with an open heart, mind and spirit only to discover that Christ has been a part of the church at large and your community in particular long before you.

I also invite you to join the synod staff for an educational event on Zoom titled: "You have been elected to council, now what?" We have done these workshops for a few years now and the number of people participating is growing every year. Together we will learn about what it means to serve on the council, that your constitution is not a weapon, but your missional document, how to utilize the resources the synod has to accompany your congregation, how to create a spirit of generosity and much more. Please register through the registration link in the weekly synod e-news. The event is free and open to all who wish to attend. If you do not yet subscribe to the e-news, please follow this link or insert into your browser: sdsynod.org/subscribe.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the SD Synod

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