

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



January 2024

## JANUARY 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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9:00 am Worship  
10 am Sunday School

### First Lutheran

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10:30 am Worship  
**11:30 am Annual Meeting  
& Potluck Lunch**

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# Annual Meetings

**Sunday, Jan. 21st, at 11:30 am**

First Lutheran Annual Meeting  
after the 10:30 am worship service  
(switch service times)

**Sunday, Jan. 28th, at 11:30 am**

Palisade Lutheran Annual Meeting  
after the 10:30 am worship service

## Year-End Reports Due:

Send reports for First Lutheran  
by Jan. 10th  
to [lesr@alliancecom.net](mailto:lesr@alliancecom.net)

Send reports for Palisade Lutheran  
by Jan. 17th  
to [btjansma@alliancecom.net](mailto:btjansma@alliancecom.net)





*"I will never leave you or forsake you."  
So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is  
my helper; I will not be afraid. What can  
anyone do to me? Heb 13:5-6*

Once again we have begun a new year and with it comes anticipation and fear. Anticipation of new and exciting adventures with family and friends and fear of the unknown and potential loss. Just like any other year or month or even day, we don't know what the future holds. It might bring good things like new family members and new friends, or a new, more rewarding vocation, or for some new adventures in retirement. But this new year might also bring not so exciting things. Things like the loss of a loved one or the loss of a job or some sort of event that makes life hard to endure, if only for a short time.

No, we don't know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.

This coming year I would encourage all of us to look ahead with joy and anticipation as we see all that God has done for us and all the new adventures God has in store for us. Not every adventure will be one of happiness and joy, but because of the love God has for us and because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us we can look to the future knowing that we are children of God and that no matter what the circumstance God has placed us in a family of grace and has given us many things to be thankful for.

I pray that as we journey together in grace, faith, and ministry that we continue to stand beside one another through the good times as well as the difficult ones and that through each other the love and grace of God will shine through.

2023 was a GREAT year and by the grace of God and the love and care we have for each other I know that 2024 will bring new and exciting adventures we will experience together.

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season remain with us all year and may we find the love of God shining through each one of our lives as we strive to do God's will in our lives.

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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rlbakken@alliancecom.net).

Thrivent Choice  
Dollars



If you are a Thrivent member, chances are you have "CHOICE DOLLARS" that can be distributed to the congregation or organization of your choosing. Typically, the more product you have, the more dollars you have to distribute. This is real money, and you can choose where it goes. Just log into your on-line personal account and go to the Membership Overview tab, scroll down to Choice Dollars and follow the directions. Please consider donating to Brandon Lutheran or divide it up to fund several of your favorite charities.

First's first Lefse Fundraiser this year was more successful than I imagined. I wish to thank the following who this would not have been possible without them:

- My sister, Gloria Bonjour, suggested we make and sell lefse for a fundraiser.
- Thrivent Financial and Walmart for donating funds to this project.
- The 11 people who joined me working 460 hours to make and sell lefse.

Most importantly all the people who bought our lefse. Many who ate lefse for the first time and came back for more.

We added over \$2,000 to the Organ Fund. We look forward to being back next fall and doing this again.

-Jerry Kerkhove



**Thank You!** Thank you to the LYO for thinking of me during the holidays. The gift bag of goodies is very much appreciated.  
LeMoyne Edmundson

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## Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

December 14, 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, Matt Sorenson, and via phone, Gary and Cheryl Lyngen

**Devotions and Prayer** given by Pastor Mark.

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

**Treasure's report:** Reviewed report. Motion to approve report and seconded, motion passed.

**Pastor's report:** His hip surgery is scheduled for tomorrow, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> with carpel tunnel surgery scheduled for Dec 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach Team:** From the Harvest Fest fundraiser we were able to send \$700 to Church on the Street & \$700 to the Garretson Food Pantry.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:** Asking people to consider writing a short account of what they remember in the past at Palisade Lutheran. These stories will be added to the history of Palisade.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

Sound system-trying out some additional microphones.

AED-pending coordination, no date set.

Kitchen mop boards- not fixed yet.

Zoom test-sometime in the future.

**New Business:**

2024 Parish Budget – Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval at the annual meeting in January. Motion carried.

2024 Palisade Budget – Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval at the annual meeting in January. Motion carried.

Local Community Support – Motion was made to send \$1000 each to the Garretson Food Shelf and Rock County Food Shelf this year. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve purchase of a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. Motion carried. Offering the old Christmas tree to anyone who wants it.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in being on the Council this next year, please talk to one of the current Council members before the next meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting:** January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Tylene Jansma, Secretary Pro Tem



# First Lutheran Council Minutes

## December 19, 2023

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

Secretary's report: No report

Treasurer's report: MSC to approve the treasurer's report. The Lefse fundraiser was a great success with raising over \$2,300.00 for the organ fund.

Parsonage report MSC to approve the Parsonage report with a balance of \$9,887.82.

**Old Business:** One of the ovens in the kitchen has been repaired and we are looking to source a used oven to replace the unrepairable oven. The following items are being researched before our next meeting: Aed (defibrillator), hand towel dispensers, and a plumber for the men's bathroom.

**New Business:** The Treasurer provided the council with a budget spreadsheet. Discussion was held on the 2024 church budget.

MSC to approve the 2024 church budget.

The council discussed who would be good candidates for the 2024 council.

Serving a meal (January 9 @ 3:30 to 6:30) for the Church on the Street was discussed. Shannon Jacobs to chair this project and will be looking for volunteers to help.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary Pro Tem

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## January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3  6:30 pm Confirmation Class	4	5	6
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