

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



July 2022

July Worship Schedule



ALL services begin at 10:00 am

July 3rd

No on-site worship. The Worship Service will be on Facebook

July 10th

COMMUNITY WORSHIP at the ballpark in Valley Springs at 10 am. Bring your lawn chair.
In case of inclement weather the service will be held indoors at First Lutheran.

July 17th

JOINT service at Palisade Lutheran w/Holy Communion

July 24th

JOINT service at First Lutheran

July 31st

JOINT service at Palisade Lutheran

Community



July 17th—21st

(Sunday thru Thursday)

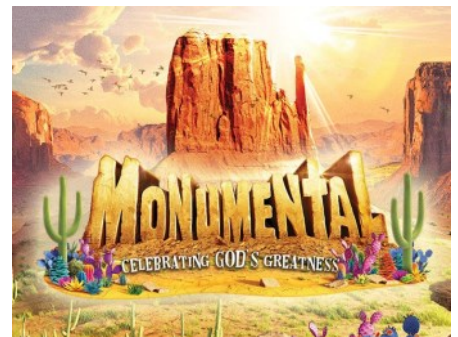
Meet at the Reformed Church in Valley Springs

5:30-8:30pm Vacation Bible School

**Kids Pre-K thru 5th
grade are welcome!**

A light supper will be served each night

To register or to volunteer, please call or text
Mindy Reemts at 605-360-2852.



For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Gal 5:13-14).



Every year we in the United States of America celebrate our independence on July 4th. It is a time when nearly the entire country joins together in one common celebration. July 4th is the one day in our country when we can feel like a family. Many towns have parades, and concerts, and fireworks displays to commemorate the point in history back in 1776 when this great nation was formed.

We proudly display the flag in our homes and business and streets and there is a sense of pride in ourselves and others and we stop and remember all the lives that have been sacrificed defending this place we call home. They say that July 4th in the United States is the most patriotic day in the entire world because we take the time to remember what has been done for us by so many and we take time to celebrate the gift that we have in this great land.

What would it look like if we had a day during the year when we did the same thing in the church? And if we did, what day would that be? Would it be Christmas when the one who gave us our freedom from sin and death was born or would it be the day he was baptized? Maybe it would be the day he performed the first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee, or when he fed the 5000 with such a small amount of food. Any of those days would work, but if I had to pick a time for us to celebrate freedom it would be most fitting to choose Good Friday through Easter Sunday. The day that Jesus gave his life to obtain our freedom from sin through the day he rose from the dead and defeated the power death had over us.

We could build displays of empty tombs on our front yards and hang empty crosses in our homes and businesses and streets celebrating the greatest gift we have or will ever receive; the gift of salvation by grace through faith. Saint Paul said it to the Galatians and it remains just as true for us today, ***“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”***

We live in the freest country in the world and even though we almost never agree what freedoms we have or don't have, we know that because of the sacrifices made by many people over the years we have the freedom to agree or disagree with our government and not fear punishment or prison.

The freedom we have in Christ is the same but different. We have freedom in Christ to love. This freedom allows, no commands us, to set this freedom aside for the sake of others and to love by serving.

When the Pharisees asked Jesus Teacher, which commandment in the law is greatest? Jesus says this, ***“You shall love...”*** you shall love the Lord with your entire being and your neighbor too. No matter what we do, love must be the source. Whether we fly a flag or participate in a parade on Independence Day love must be the reason.

As you celebrate Independence Day remember the sacrifices made so you can have this freedom and as you celebrate your faith every day, remember the one who gave up all he had to free you from sin and death and to give you eternal life.

Our celebration of Independence Day is usually just a day or two in length, but the celebration of our freedom from sin and death should be a daily celebration and love of God and country and neighbor should be included in that celebration.

We have been called to freedom in Christ to love, make that a part of your daily devotion as you give thanks to God for this great gift.

Peace and freedom is yours through Christ,

Pastor Mark

Synod News—Update on Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church in rural Brandon sustained significant damage from a confirmed EF-1 tornado early on the morning of Memorial Day. After visiting the congregation, Bishop Hagmaier and Rural Ministry Liaison Alan Blankenfeld worked with congregational leadership to apply for aid through [Lutheran Disaster Response](#). We're happy to announce that LDR will be providing \$12,000 directly to Beaver Valley and an additional \$10,000 to the South Dakota Synod that will also go on to Beaver Valley! This is one more way we are synod together as we continue to walk with Beaver Valley as they begin the rebuilding process.

You can also contribute directly to help Beaver Valley at sdsynod.org/donate.

We are ONLINE!



@FirstLutheranValleySprings
@PalisadeLC



YouTube Channel:
FirstPalisadeLutheranParish

Coffee
and
CONVERSATION

Palisade Lutheran continues with **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!

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.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY



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 August newsletter is July 23rd



Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
on **Thursday, July 14th**

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
www.palisadelutheran.org

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm
on **Tuesday, July 19th**

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, AUGUST 18th
AT 7:00 PM
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

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

2022 PARISH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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



First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Special Meeting—May 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Artz, with 6 members present and Pastor Mark.

The main topic for discussion for this special meeting was a request from Cozy Corner Daycare of Valley Springs.

The owner of Cozy Corner Daycare presented information about the Daycare and her request to rent space in our church basement as they are overcrowded and need to expand.

After much discussion about what would be required of our church it was decided to proceed with a floor plan review process. This process requires an inspection of our basement in order to determine if the basement would even qualify for a daycare. The council wants to make it clear that this process in no way obligates our congregation to renting the church basement to Cozy Corner daycare or incurs any cost to the congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



First Lutheran Special Congregational Meeting June 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Artz with a quorum of voters.

President Dave Artz explained that the congregation would be voting to call Pastor Mark Eliason as our Pastor.

President Artz called for a vote by written ballot.

The votes were tabulated with 25 yes votes and 0 no votes. The vote was unanimous to offer a call to Pastor Mark Eliason.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Special Congregational Meeting June 5, 2022

Palisade Lutheran Church had a special congregational meeting after service. We had a quorum present. The vote was unanimous to extend a call to Pastor Mark Eliason.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 9, 2022

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

Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Secretary's report was read and placed on file due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's report read and placed on file.

Pastors Report: Church service June 12th will be joint service at Palisade with service outside.

Pastor Mark will be gone July 1st thru July 9th.

Outreach Committee: Outreach will team up with WELCA to have the Ice cream social on Aug 14th. Also planning to have tours of the Church and cemetery.

Old Business: Call process will move onto the next step which is calling Pastor Mark Eliason.

Discussion on the camera system. Council would like to have Dustin Risty install the camera system. We did not have a quorum so it could not be approved at this time.

New business: WELCA has had discussion on replacing the carpet in front gathering area and would also like to start the process of preparing for the 150th anniversary of the Church. Discussion on a getting a task force started.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 12, 2022

Special council meeting was held after service to vote on approving the camera system. Present for this meeting were President Rodney Lowe, Peter Bakken, JoEllen Benson, Tylene Jansma, Dave Swenson and Deb Kruger. Motion made and carried to have Dustin Risty install the camera system. The cost will be approximately \$3,300.00. There is grant money available which the council and Pastor Mark will explore.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



Palisade WELCA Minutes

June 9, 2022

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, June 9th, 2022, at 1:30pm with six members present.

Pastor Mark led opened Bible study with devotions from Gather, "Crafted in Christ: A summer of rest and renewal."

Business meeting called to order by Candace.

Secretary's report distributed. MSC after being reviewed. Report filed.

Treasurer's report distributed. Thrivent money of \$75.00 went to cemetery association. Checking balance on hand as of June 5th is \$1,965.22. MSC after discussion and approval.

Correspondence: Received flyer with information on WELCA Historic Nidaros Church Tour on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 9:45-1:45. All women are welcome to share a brief history and shared fellowship.

Old Business: A vote to call Pastor Mark took place on June 5th. Next step will be for Dennis to contact Synod. Joint worship will resume on June 12th at Palisade (10:00) for an outdoor service.

Discussion on carpet and the 2024 celebration of 150 years of Palisade Lutheran Church will take place tonight at Palisade council.

Discussion to have an announcement to the congregation about donating material for the quilters in October.

Outreach meeting held on May 24th. It was decided to combine the Ice Cream Social with Sunday Funday on August 14th following worship—sometime around 12 noon. Worship service will also be held outside that Sunday.

Cheyenne continues to work on "Food to You."

Pastor will be gone July 1-9.

Our next meeting will be July 14th at 1:30. Doreen has offered to serve.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary

Our **Parish** email address is: firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Church office phone # is: 605-757-6662

Pastor Mark's contact information is:

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Cell phone: 605-321-5633

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