

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



July 2024

During the summer months we will have
JOINT SERVICES !



All worship services will start at 10:00 am.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at each church the first Sunday of the month that the service is held at that location.

July Worship Schedule

7th—JOINT Worship w/Communion at Palisade Lutheran

14th—Community Worship OUTSIDE at Valley Springs Ballpark
Bring your own lawn chair.

21st—JOINT Worship w/Communion at First Lutheran

28th—JOINT Worship at Palisade Lutheran

Online Giving at First!

We have implemented an online giving app here at First.

It is through a company called Vanco and it allows us to give our gifts online on a regular basis.

We will have more information in the coming weeks but attached here is a QR code so you can look at the program if you wish. Currently this is for First Lutheran only. We will have a similar program for Palisade in the coming weeks.

First Lutheran QR Code only

You can also go to the web site at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMJG>



"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).



I know most of you have heard this before, but it has been said that there are only two seasons in South Dakota, winter and road construction. I don't know which one I dislike more.

Winter brings cold and snow and icy, dangerous roads, as well as the necessity to stay indoors for long periods of time.

And even though road construction season brings more pleasant weather, it also brings with it long travel delays, detours, frustration, and those annoying orange cones and barrels we all love to hate.

Yet road construction season, also known as summer, brings other things into our worlds as well. We have more opportunities to spend time outside, the days are longer, some of us can spend time at our lake homes or on vacation, and for the most part people tend to be in a better mood all around because, face it, summer is better than winter.

This can be a relaxing, even refreshing time of year. But this season also causes me to notice something else about life in the church: I notice that it's a time when many people seem to take a vacation from God, living as if He isn't part of their life at all, or at least has taken a back seat to other activities.

Think about what happens in the summer. The weeks whiz by. They are filled with activity. There's more to do and think about than you could ever fit in. It's possible to spend all your time doing projects, traveling, taking care of chores, talking with friends and neighbors, shining up your car, worrying about problems, getting annoyed at erratic drivers, watching or coaching sports teams, pursuing hobbies, or just reading a few good books. Hurried, harassed, hassled; but scheduled with everything else but time with God. I find myself even feeling that way at times. If not for the fact that people depend on me to lead worship, it would be very tempting to sleep in or go golfing rather than attend worship.

But worship is more than spending an hour or so in church. It is that one time of the week when we can gather to hear the promises of God and reconnect with God and our fellow saints in Christ around worship, communion and fellowship. It is a time when we share our joys and concerns with others, a time when we can uplift each other and pray for each other as we give praise and thanks to God for all the things God has given us.

So as summer moves ahead, sometimes far too quickly, and we find ourselves overwhelmed with all the activities that come with it, remember that it is important to stop and take time to gather together in mission for Christ and have that opportunity to rest, be renewed, and savor the promises of God through Christ.

I pray you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in worship and fellowship this summer and throughout the year as we continue to do the work Christ began and has called us to do.

Peace,
Pastor Mark Eliason



Palisade WELCA Minutes

June 13, 2024

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, at 1:30pm. Those in attendance were Pastor Mark, Dottie, Karen, Doreen, Marvalyn, Candy, Linda, and Deb.

Pastor Mark opened meeting with prayer and led Bible study: “Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith” (Session four): Food.

Pastor Mark shared The Words of Promise, and we prayed the Lord’s Prayer, followed by the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Business meeting called to order.

Secretary’s report was distributed. No discussion. MSC and report was filed.

Treasurer’s report was distributed. Balance in checking as of June 11th is \$1,559.95. MSC and report was filed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Discussed the Pie & Ice cream social/Sunday Funday on August 11th. An Outreach meeting was held after Worship on June 1st. A sign-up sheet to volunteer for help and other information will be available at the church on Sunday.

New Business: None.

A special thanks to Doreen for opening her home and Karen for helping host our meeting.

Our next Bible study will be in May/June issue of Gather, page 36. We will meet on Thursday, July 11th at 1:30.

Deb Johnson, Secretary

We have new contact information for Doreen. Here is her new mailing address and phone #.



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Bethany Meadows
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Brandon, SD 57005
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Find us on Facebook:

@FirstLutheranValleySprings

@PalisadeLC

Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



Newsletter 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 24, 2024

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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Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2024

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by President Gary Lyngen @ 7:05 pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Candy Reese, Matt Sorenson, Lyle Rollag, and Cheryl Lyngen

Devotions and Prayer given by Pastor Mark, Summer is based on relationships with family/friends gathering using food for our body and food of Communion as a base for our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Secretary's report: May minutes read, motion, second and passed to accept. Please note: motion/second to pass previous 2 months reports-Motion carried

Treasure's report: reviewed and discussed report, motion, second and passed. Please note: motion/second to pass previous 2 months reports-Motion carried

Pastor's report: This month circle met @ Bethany Meadows with Doreen and Marvalyn. Attended Synod Convention, good meeting, good attendance. Will be having finger surgery tomorrow (6/14/24).

Outreach Team: Did meet and beginning the organization of Aug 12th Ice Cream Social

Correspondence: none

Old Business: Camera/ Sound system- much closer, have picked up two mics, They pick up sound in sanctuary but seems to cut out when music is played.

Zoom test- not set up, need to have emails of Council Members to continue

Signage at intersection- Posts are purchased, sign is in process of "clean up".

Balcony Wall repair- Gary will contact a drywall/stucco contractor to determine extent of work needed.

New Business: CD rollover due, discussed terms of 7 mo or 12 month. Motion by Lyle, second by Candy, Motion passed to renew for 12 month period. Gary to take the CD to the bank and get it rolled over.

Information given on option to offer use of Vanco Automatic Payment system for "Simply Giving" for offerings, donations to congregation members.

Next meeting: July 11th, 2024 @ 7pm

Parish Council Meeting- August 15 @ Palisade @ 7pm

Motion by Lyle, second by Cheryl to adjourn
Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Lyngen, Secretary



First Lutheran Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Les Hengeveld with 10 members present and the pastor. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report: MSC to approve the treasurer's report. Pastor, Les and Jerry video conferenced with Vanco to discuss eGiving. Another meeting is scheduled for June 19. Church members will be advised how to donate using credit and debit cards, and through bank accounts, if they choose to do this.

Pastor's Report: Hand surgery went well.

Old Business:

Regarding the inventory of church properties, the insurance company clarified what is considered building (anything attached to walls, floor or ceiling) and what is considered property.

The Taco Stand will be located in the Legion, Saturday July 13. A sign up sheet will be available for donations and volunteers.

Costs of repairs at the parsonage was discussed and estimates available were listed. Other estimates are to be investigated and reported to the treasurer. Jerry will provide the list to council members. MSC to allow council members to purchase items as listed and be reimbursed by church.

Next Council meeting is July 16, 2024. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Finck, Secretary



Garretson Legion will be serving breakfast
on Sunday, July 28th
(In conjunction with the baseball tournaments)
at the American Legion Hall in Garretson
9:00 am—1:00 pm. Freewill donation.
Menu: Pancakes & Sausage/Biscuits & Gravy

PALISADE LUTHERAN CHURCH

PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 11, 2024

11 AM – 1 PM

Menu includes grilled hamburger or hotdog, salad, pickles featuring **HOMEMADE** pie with ice cream!



Free-Will Donation

Proceeds will be used to fund WELCA projects.

Thrivent Action Team Sponsored event

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUNDAY FUN DAY ACTIVITIES

12 to 2 PM

Outdoor Lawn Games

Church Tours

Tales from the Grave

Worship service on the lawn at 10 AM

No Cost Raffle
Drawings for Prizes
Must be present to
win

Location: Rural Rock County, MN

Corner of MN Hwy 23 and County Rd 5 (121st Street)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 AM Joint Worship w/ Communion at Palisade Lutheran	8	9	10	11 1:30 pm Palisade WELCA Meeting 7 pm Palisade Council meeting	12	13 First serving Walking Tacos at the Legion Hall in Valley Springs
14 10 AM Community Worship at Ballpark in Valley Springs	15	16 7 pm First Council meeting	17	18	19	20
21 10 AM Joint Worship w/ Communion at First Lutheran	22 July 21—25 Vacation Bible School in Valley Springs Deadline for August newsletter	23	24	25	26	27
28 10 AM Joint Worship at Palisade Lutheran	29	30	31			

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the *Lord*
is my
Strength
and my
Shield
Psalm 28:7