

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



March 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

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship



Wed, March 2nd

**Ash Wednesday Joint Service
at Palisade Lutheran at 7 PM**

Lenten Services

**Every Wednesday evening in March
Pastor Mark will have a 15-20 minute
devotional posted on You Tube and
on Facebook**

Maundy Thursday at First Lutheran—April 14th

Good Friday at Palisade Lutheran—April 15th

Easter Services—April 17th

9:00 am at First Lutheran

10:30 am at Palisade Lutheran

We

are

ONLINE!

Find us on Facebook:

@FirstLutheranValleySprings

@PalisadeLC



YouTube Channel:

FirstPalisadeLutheranParish





"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32-33

"Can you imagine your life without fear?" This is the question Max Lucado asks and attempts to answer in his book "Fearless".

I want to quote from the dust jacket of this book what Mr. Lucado says about fear. *"We fear being sued, finishing last, going broke, the mole on our back, and the sound of the clock as it ticks us closer to the grave. Every season seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. And it feels dreadful. Fear sucks the life out of the soul, curls us into an embryonic state, and drains us dry of contentment. Wouldn't it be great to escape it? What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? According to Jesus this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was 'Don't be afraid.'" "Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night."*

Fear comes in many forms and can often debilitate us to the point when we stop trying to overcome it and we let it take control. It doesn't have to be that way. Fear can only control our lives if we allow it to.

Fear can be a good thing. Fear keeps us safe and at times fear keeps us from doing really stupid things. It is fear of arrest and jail that keeps most of us from breaking the law. In almost all circumstances fear is a great motivator. It is one of the things in life that we have control over.

However, there are things that we fear that we have no control over, and it is this kind of fear that both Lucado and Jesus are talking about.

The fear of being meaningless or without worth is a fear that we have all had, but it strikes children most of all.

Lucado talks about what I call the fifth sparrow syndrome. In Luke 12:6 Jesus says, ***"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight."*** At that time, you could buy two sparrows for one penny, but you got five sparrows for two pennies. That fifth sparrow was free. It was as if it had no value.

We have many fifth sparrows in our society, and it is those fifth sparrows, those who society considers without value, that concerns me. There is a book out there titled "You are Special" about Punchinello, a wooden person in a village of wooden people. In this village the people stuck stars on the achievers and dots on the strugglers. Punchinello had so many dots that the people gave him more for no reason at all.

But then his maker, Eli, affirmed him and told him not to listen to those people. "I made you" he said, "I don't make mistakes". These few words of encouragement released Punchinello from his fear of worthlessness and gave him a reason to be happy.

These are the same words we hear from the Lord. "I made you and I don't make mistakes".

There may be times when fear overcomes you and it feels as though no one cares for you but remember Jesus said, "DO NOT BE AFRAID", I care for you.

This is the message Jesus came to deliver by his death and resurrection and as we journey through Lent on the way to the cross God reminds us, DO NOT BE AFRIAD, I have saved you and your worth is immeasurable.

We live on the other side of the resurrection and the thing we fear the most, death, no longer has any power over us. We can now live lives without fear knowing that God has claimed us and brought us out of fear and into the light of Christ and because of that we can live lives without fear if we put out trust in God.

Have a blessed and fearless Lent.

Pastor Mark

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



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 Kerhove
 Synod Assembly- Mary Finck and Lynn Nielson

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm
 on **Tuesday, March 15th**

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

Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
 on **Thursday, March 10th**

**2022 PARISH
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

PRESIDENT
 Peter Bakken

VICE PRESIDENT
 Don Johnson

SECRETARY
 Les Hengeveld

TREASURER
 Candace Reese



OUR NEXT
 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 IS SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, MAY 19TH
AT 7:00 PM
AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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

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



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



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 April newsletter is March 25th

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and participated in our meeting on Sunday, February 13th, with Pastor Renee regarding the Call Process.



We value your input!

To view the steps in seeking a new rostered minister, go online to:
sdsynod.org/congregations/call-process

Thrivent Choice
Dollars



**A REMINDER to all Thrivent
members.....**

Your 2021 Choice Dollars must be designated to a charity of your choice **by the end of March**. Palisade Lutheran has benefitted greatly from this Thrivent program. Go to Thrivent.com to find information on how to direct these dollars to whomever you choose.

Palisade WELCA next meeting date is Thurs, March 10th, at 1:30 PM



Palisade WELCA Minutes

February 17, 2022

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 1:30pm. There were six members present.

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a Bible study, "The Kingdom of God: Mysteries of the Kingdom".

Secretary's minutes were distributed. MCS to approve and filed.

Treasurer's report distributed. Transfer of \$400.00 from checking to savings to prevent closure of savings account. Balance on hand \$1,129.62. Report approved and filed.

Correspondence: Thank you letters for gifts given.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Discussion: Pictures needed for website. Check out WELCA part of website.

Stairs leading to church basement are getting worn and replacing them should be discussed at council meeting. WELCA will contribute to this if approved.

Request for hot water on demand for men's bathroom.

March 1st Sunday Dinner is postponed until April or May. Discussed to have a dinner (on Communion Sunday, after a month's notice) for cleaning fund.

Parish Council meeting 7pm tonight at Palisade.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Palisade Lutheran Church met after Sunday worship services and was called to order by President Lyle Rollag.

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions.

President Lyle Rollag reviewed the year 2021. No activity in 2020 due to closing in March. The church received PPP money and \$5,000 from Rock County. In December, Pastor Laura Phillips resigned, and Pastor Mark Eliason began on February 1, 2021. Palisade got a new roof in July. The church began professional cleaning at \$50.00 a week. The call process started in May. There will be a joint service at 10:00am on February 13th to meet with the Synod to discuss the call process.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed. MSC to approve as printed. No discussion.

Treasurer's Report: Finances discussed. Capital improvement fund started a new line item with excess money donated for roof fund. Camera bid discussed. Sunday School report, LYO, Memorial Fund, WELCA and Cemetery Association. MSC to approve all reports.

Annual Report approved as printed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussed 2020 and 2021 budgets already approved. MSC to approve proposed 2022 budget. Discussion on designated phone for elevator fire alarm to which they do not respond. Fire alarm is extremely sensitive. Will call Kone.

Election of Officers: MSC to nominate incoming officers listed on 2022 nomination ballot.

Delegates to Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken.

Synod Assembly June 3-4, 2022: Melissa and Cheyenne Edmundson.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



First Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 23, 2022

Vice President Dennis Roozenboom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mark led the meeting in prayer

Vice President Dennis Roozenboom presented a summary of 2020 and 2021 activities.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

WELCA report was read and approved.

Parsonage report was read and approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Parish budget for 2022 was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget

The 2022 budget for First Lutheran was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget

Nominations for council members were opened. Motions were made, seconded and pass to have nominations cease for each position. Nominations were as follows:

President: Dave Artz

Vice President: Don Johnson

Secretary: Les Hengeveld

Treasurer: Jerry Kerkhove

Board of Deacons: Linda Hengeveld 2 year term, Darice Boeve 3 year term.

Board of Trustees: Eric Jacobs 2 year term, Dennis Roozenboom 3 year term.

Board of Education: Jack & Lesley Schoolcraft 2 year term, Art Aadland 3 year term.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Delegates Elected: Tuff Home: Dennis Boeve and Jerry Kerhove

Synod Assembly- Mary Finck and Lynn Nielson

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Hengeveld, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 10, 2022

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

Pastor Mark gave devotions.

Secretary's report read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Pastors report: Still not able to do visits at nursing homes due to covid. He has been busy preparing for lent.

Correspondence: Thank yous received from Garretson food pantry, Lutheran outdoors, and Lutheran Seminary.

Outreach Committee: No news

Old Business: Website is still a work in progress, discussion on the Synod meeting scheduled for February 13th at Palisade.

Camera system: Rodney has talked to Dustin Risty.

Security lights: discussion to put lights out front and both side doors.

New business: Discussion on putting an on-demand water heater in the Men's bathroom. We have an estimate from Lowe construction- motion made and seconded to have Lowe Construction to put the water heater in. We will also have Lowe Construction put motion censored lights on side doors.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary

Sunday
March
13th





Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022

The meeting was held called to order by President Dennis Roozenboom. There were nine council members present and Pastor Mark. The meeting was held in person at Palisade Lutheran Church at 7 PM.

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The secretary's report was received and filed.

The treasurer's report was received and filed with a balance of \$8,711.53.

Upcoming Schedule:

March 2 – Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM at Palisade Lutheran Church

Lenten services will be available online and on each church's Facebook page –

Pastor Mark will provide the services from the sanctuary of one of the churches and will provide the location weekly in advance so we have the opportunity to worship in person.

April 14 – Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM at First Lutheran Church

April 15 – Good Friday service at 7 PM at Palisade Lutheran Church

April 17 – Easter Sunday service - 9 AM at First Lutheran Church,
10:30 AM at Palisade Lutheran Church

Old business: None

New business:

Ministry Site Profile – Will be updated to include the recommended changes at the congregational meeting. It will be emailed to the Call committee members and will then be submitted to the synod.

Sound System: There was brief conversation about updating the sound systems.

Election of Parish Officers:

President:	Peter Bakken
Vice President:	Don Johnson
Secretary:	Les Hengeveld
Treasurer:	Candace Reese

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Candace Reese

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