

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



March 2023

## The Season of Lent



### **Definition**

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

### **A Very Brief History**

The term “Lent” originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “spring.” This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses’ forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

### **A Few Notes on Current Practice**

- The appointed liturgical color for Lent is purple because purple has long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross.
- Currently, the ancient understanding of Lent as both a time for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal is being rediscovered in Lutheran rites and practice. Many congregations hold mid-week services during Lent and a baptismal renewal theme is particularly appropriate for these.

Many congregations refrain from speaking or singing the word “alleluia” during Lent. “Burying” the alleluia occurs at the conclusion of worship on Transfiguration Sunday and it is restored at either the Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday. A Lenten acclamation replaces the alleluia verse in preparation for hearing the Gospel (See ELW pg. 103 for one example). For more on this practice, see [the FAQ, “Why don’t we use alleluias during Lent?”](#)

## **March Sunday Worship Schedule**

### **at Palisade Lutheran**

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

### **at First Lutheran**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

## **Wednesday Lenten Services**

Wed, March 1st—7 pm at Palisade Lutheran

Wed, March 8th—7 pm at First Lutheran

Wed, March 15th—7 pm at Palisade Lutheran

Wed, March 22nd—7 pm at First Lutheran

Wed, March 29th—7 pm at Palisade Lutheran

# From the Pastor's Desk

**For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. (Gal 5:5-6)**

I don't know how many times I have heard the past couple of months, "I am sick and tired of winter" or "I can't wait for winter to be over". It seems like this winter has been especially long and cold and snowy and like many of you, I too am anxious for spring and summer to arrive.

I know that this winter has really been no longer than any other; it is just that there has been little to no break in the cold, so we are even more impatient for warmer weather to arrive. I think it is the waiting that is the hardest. Our patience wears thin, and we are a bit more easily annoyed by things during this coldest time of the year.

As I contemplate Lent, I often feel the same way. I get anxious for Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent and as Lent proceeds on for six weeks the anticipation of Easter and the resurrection is almost more than I can stand.

For me, and maybe even for some of you, waiting to celebrate that greatest of gifts borders on painful, or at least produces a bit of stress because we realize just how important Jesus' death and resurrection is to us. If not for Jesus' willingness to go to the cross for us, we would all be separated from God and life would have no hope. But because of God's promises to us we do have hope and we are no longer separated from God and with that we can live lives worthy of the call to which we are called.

Yet we still are forced to wait, not for the initial outcome, but we wait and wait and wait for the opportunity to celebrate the single most precious gift we could ever receive.

So, if you think about it a bit, waiting is not such a bad thing.

The season of Lent is a time to wait, and as we wait we are given the time to contemplate our faith and contemplate our journey from birth, through life; and as we approach the cross on Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter, the waiting can intensify the joy we feel as we are again able to proclaim "**Alleluia, Christ has risen from the dead!**"

So, waiting might be difficult to do, but the end result will be peace, hope, and joy as we celebrate the true meaning of "eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness".

May your anticipation of the hope we have in Christ be a joyful one and may you find peace and joy in the waiting.

Yours in Christ;  
Pastor Mark



## **Are you a Thrivent Policy holder?**

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Email: [meliason@sio.midco.net](mailto:meliason@sio.midco.net)  
Cell phone: 605-321-5633

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



The new carpet and flooring is installed at Palisade Lutheran!

Thank you to those who gave so generously to fund this project, to those who organized the installation and to those who helped move the furniture.

It looks great!



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. Also, if you have pictures or information related to the history of Palisade, please bring to church or email to [palisadechurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:palisadechurch@alliancecom.net) OR to Pastor Mark's email at [meliason@sio.midco.net](mailto:meliason@sio.midco.net)

# 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!**

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@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](mailto:btjansma@alliancecom.net)

**DEADLINE** for the April newsletter is March 23rd.

**Meet our 2023  
Council members!**

Palisade Council meets at 7 pm  
on **Thursday, March 9th**

**2023 Palisade Lutheran Council**

President Peter Bakken  
Vice President Gary Lyngen  
Secretary Cheryl Lyngen  
Treasurer Tylene Jansma  
Deacon Candace Reese  
Deacon JoEllen Benson  
Deacon Kelvin Edmundson  
Trustee Matt Sorenson  
Trustee Nick Dagle  
Trustee David Swenson  
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger  
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

Delegates  
Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken  
Synod Assembly: Peter Bakken

**Join us in worship with  
Pastor Mark Eliason**

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**First Lutheran Church**  
300 Maple Street  
Valley Springs, SD 57068

&  
**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121st Street  
Garretson, SD 57030  
[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)

First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm  
on **Tuesday, March 21st**

**2023 First Lutheran Council**

President Les Hengeveld  
Vice President Don Johnson  
Secretary Mary Finck  
Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove  
Deacon Darice Boeve  
Deacon Linda Hengeveld  
Deacon Dave Artz  
Trustee Eric Jacobs  
Trustee Dennis Roozenboom  
Trustee Lynn Nielson  
Board of Ed Jack & Lesley Schoolcraft  
Board of Ed Shannon Jacobs  
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, MAY 18TH  
AT 7:00 PM  
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**2023 PARISH  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT** Dennis Roozenboom  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Gary Lyngen  
**SECRETARY** Les Hengeveld  
**TREASURER** Candace Reese





# Sunday, March 12th

Spring ahead 1 hour!

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

**FEBRUARY 2023**

[ELCA.org/disaster](http://ELCA.org/disaster)

On Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes, one a magnitude 7.8 and the second a magnitude 7.5, hit Türkiye and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The two quakes devastated both countries, killing thousands of people and collapsing thousands of buildings.

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to the earthquakes. ACT Alliance

member organizations are providing immediate aid; a comprehensive response will be coordinated as the full extent of the impact becomes clearer.

**Gifts to "Middle East Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquakes and other disasters in the region. Together we can provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support this response and others like it.**

Yes, I want to help!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: Where needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DDG0010
- Lutheran Disaster Response: Middle East Crisis \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IDG0038

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation or make your check out to  
Lutheran Disaster Response and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,  
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Where needed most" or  
"Middle East Crisis" on your check's memo line.



We are including a **monthly calendar** with our newsletter!

March 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Hang it on your fridge as a reminder of service times and activities.

If you have anything you would like to add, please email to [btjansma@alliancecom.net](mailto:btjansma@alliancecom.net) by the 23rd of the previous month.

Do you have new ideas or suggestions for the newsletter? Call or text Tylene at 605.941.3054

**All ideas are welcome!**





## **Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**February 9, 2023**

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by President Peter Bakken @ 7pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Kelvin Edmundson, Gary and Cheryl Lyngen.

Secretary's report- read and placed on file

Treasure's report- read and placed on file

Pastor's report- is recovering from knee surgery. Prior to surgery all remaining gift bags had been delivered. No confirmation classes have been , but will resume this week.

Outreach Team-no meetings, will resume meeting in early spring with 150<sup>th</sup> committee.

Correspondence- Thank you's were received from Garretson Food Pantry and Lutheran Outdoors.

Old Business:

Camera-Pastor is checking on setting. At time of meeting has not been able to reach technical support from Kingdom

Defibrillator-checking with Rodney/Lyle

Elevator -Alliance Phone Company has checked and is working appropriately. Checking with Kone.

Insurance-coverage was discussed

New Business:

Church Safe-will obtain measurements that are needed so that Palisade records/books will fit.

Music Program discussed

Next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Parish Council will be February 16<sup>th</sup> @ Palisade

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Cheryl Lyngen, Secretary



## **First Lutheran Council Minutes**

**February 21, 2023—Cancelled due to weather**



## Palisade WELCA Minutes

February 16, 2023

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 1:30pm with 5 members present.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and led the Bible study: The Ten Commandments: Reviving the soul (Session two). Study ended with closing prayer.

Business meeting was called to order by Candace.

Secretary report was distributed and discussed. MSC received and was filed.

Treasurer's report distributed and discussed. Balance in checking \$964.02 as of February 5<sup>th</sup>. MSC received and report filed.

Correspondence: Several thanks from organizations for our gifts at Christmas.

Old Business: Lunch after worship on February 5<sup>th</sup> served 32 people. Plenty of scalloped potatoes, salads, and dessert were available.

New Business: Discussion was heard on ordering a banner for the promotion of our 150th anniversary.

Next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Roozenboom. There were 7 council members present and Pastor Mark.

Pastor Mark opened with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report read and noted.

Treasurer's report read and noted with a balance of \$6,617.24.

### Upcoming schedule:

February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 pm at First

April 2 Palm Sunday Services (both churches)(regular service times)

April 6 Maundy Thursday service at Palisade at 7:00 PM

April 7 Good Friday service at First at 7:00 PM

April 9 Easter sunrise service at First at 7:00 AM

April 9 Festive Easter service at Palisade at 10:00 AM

**NOTE:** Wednesday Lent services will be held at 7:00 PM as follows:

Mar 1(P), Mar 8(F), Mar 15(P), Mar 22(F), and Mar 29(P)

May 28 Joint worship at Palisade at 10:00 AM

**Old Business:** Audio/visual is proceeding. Discussion on the Stewardship inserts was tabled. First has set up direct deposit to the Parish account for its share of the Parish contribution.

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**New Business:** As a point of information all cancellations will be posted on KELO, KSFY, and KDLT close lines. Also they will be posted on Facebook and by Email.

The following were elected to serve the Parish council for 2023:

President: Dennis Roozenboom  
Vice President: Gary Lyngen  
Treasurer: Candace Reese  
Secretary: Les Hengeveld

Next Parish council meeting will be on May 18, 2023 at First at 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Hengeveld, Secretary

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Meeting**  
February 5th, 2023



The Annual Meeting of the Palisade Lutheran Church was held after Sunday worship service. The meeting was called to order by President Rodney Lowe.

President Rodney Lowe reviewed the year. In September the Church had a special celebration for Doreen Rollag who has been our organist for 70 years.

In October Pastor Mark Eliason was hired as our full time Pastor.

In December we had new carpet installed and new flooring in the restrooms.

Secretary's report: reviewed and approved. No discussion.

Treasurer's report: reviewed and approved. No discussion.

Annual Report: Approved as printed.

Old Business: none

Pastors report: There was no Pastor's report as Pastor Mark is recovering from knee surgery.

New business: Discussion on the 2022-2023 proposed budget. Motion made and approved to accept the proposed budget.

Election of officers: Motion made to cast unanimous ballot. Motion carried and approved.

Delegates to Tuff home: Richard and Linda Bakken

Synod Assembly June 2nd and 3rd, 2023 : Peter Bakken will attend

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish

## March 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  7 pm Lenten Service at Palisade	2	3	4
5  <b>Palisade</b> 9 am Worship w/ Communion 10 am Sun School <b>First</b> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship w/Communion	6	7	8  7 pm Lenten Service at First	9  1:30 pm Palisade WELCA  7 pm Palisade Council meeting	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time  <b>Palisade</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sun School <b>First</b> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship	13	14	15  7 pm Lenten Service at Palisade	16	17  	18
19  <b>Palisade</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sun School <b>First</b> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship	20	21  7 pm First Council meeting	22  7 pm Lenten Service at First	23  Deadline for April newsletter	24	25
26  <b>Palisade</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sun School <b>First</b> 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship	27	28	29  7 pm Lenten Service at Palisade	30	31	



**Sunday, April 2nd**—Palm Sunday

**Thursday, April 6th**—Maundy Thursday Worship at Palisade

**Friday, April 7th**—Good Friday Worship at First

**Sunday, April 9th**—Easter Sunday 7am Worship at First w/Breakfast  
& 10am Worship at Palisade

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