

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



March 2024

**The season of Lent is** not specifically mentioned in the Bible, it is a season began by the church many years ago, but I cannot give you a specific time or place.

Neela Kale is a writer and catechetical minister based in the Archdiocese of Portland, and she has written a short article about Lent I would like to share with you: *“Lent, the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter, has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Under the threat of Roman persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business, so their process of preparation was intensive! Then they went through a final period of “purification and enlightenment” for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew the commitment of their baptism.*

*Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: We acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives, and We focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might “give up” a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back toward what God wants for us.”*

Lent means many things to many people and even if you don't “give up” something for Lent, it should still be a time of reflection and refocusing, and as Ms. Kale states, it can be a period of “*purification and enlightenment*” as well as a time when we contemplate our sin, both “the things we have done, and the things we have left undone”.

As we make this journey together through the purification and enlightenment of Lent, we should all contemplate the things in our lives that pull us away from God. Things like strained or broken relationships or forgiveness that needs to be both given and received with grace.

These all can be difficult things to do because none of us wants to admit that we are in the wrong, and strained or broken relationships can have a detrimental affect on us physically as well as emotionally.

So, during this Lenten season, I encourage us all to a time of self-reflection of our lives of faith and do what we can, with God's help, to eliminate those things that strain our relationship with each other and with God.

Sin is more than doing something wrong, sin separates us from one another, and it also separates us from God. However, unlike humanity, God is always more willing to forgive than we are to ask for forgiveness.

So, as we journey through Lent, may we all graciously give and receive forgiveness from one another and may we find peace and joy in our time of self-reflection and contemplation and renewed relationships.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Mark

# Meet our 2024 Council Members!

## 2024 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Gary Lyngen  
Vice President Lyle Rollag  
Secretary Cheryl Lyngen  
Treasurer Tylene Jansma  
Deacon Candace Reese  
Deacon JoEllen Benson  
Deacon Dave Swenson  
Trustee Matt Sorenson  
Trustee Pete Bakken  
Trustee Shad Kruger  
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger  
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

### Delegates

Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken  
& Deb Johnson  
Synod Assembly: Open

## 2024 First Lutheran Council

President Les Hengeveld  
Vice President Don Johnson  
Secretary Mary Finck  
Treasurer Jerry Kerkhove  
Deacon Darice Boeve  
Deacon Jack Schoolcraft  
Deacon Dave Artz  
Trustee Eric Jacobs  
Trustee Dennis Roozenboom  
Trustee Dennis Nielsen  
Board of Ed 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

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

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

&

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
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Garretson, SD 57030  
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OUR NEXT  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS



**THURSDAY, MAY 16TH  
AT 7:00 PM  
AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

**2024 PARISH**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT** Lyle Rollag  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Don Johnson  
**SECRETARY** Les Hengeveld  
**TREASURER** Candace Reese



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livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!

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).

**ALL STORIES ARE NEEDED ASAP!**

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## **Palisade Lutheran Church**

### **Annual Meeting**

### **January 28, 2024**

On January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, The Palisade Church Annual Meeting was called to order by President Peter Bakken, after the worship service. With quorum present, Pastor Mark opened with Devotions.

President Peter gave a short summary of the year.

Pastor Mark annual report was given with many accomplishments of a small congregation. A camera system was installed. Still working on the sound system that was installed.

Secretary's report: reviewed, motion to accept by Lyle R., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary L., motion passed.

Treasure's report: reviewed, motion to accept by Dick B., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney L., motion passed.

Reports of Sunday School, LYO and Cemetery reviewed, motion to pass all reports Rodney L, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle R., motion passed.

Old Business: none

New Business: Parish Budget: reviewed, motion to pass by Lyle, R. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary L., motion passed  
Palisade Budget: reviewed, discussion of the Elevator Phone Board service, repair and direction of 911 dispatch system. All is in working order with Kone and Alliance Phone Company. 911 calls are received by Kone dispatch, who in turn will assess the situation and call appropriate service/contacts. Motion to pass by Rodney L., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle R., motion passed.

New Council Ballot Nominations presented. Motion by Lyle R. to pass Unanimously, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary L., motion passed

Tuff Home Delegates: Deb Johnson  
Synod Assembly May 31 & June 1<sup>st</sup>: open TBD

Motion to Adjourn by Gary L., closed with singing of Table Prayer

Cheryl Lyngen, Secretary



## **Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting**

**February 8, 2024**

The Palisade Church Council was called to order by Lyle Rollag @ 7pm. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Dave Swenson, Matt Sorenson, Candace Reese and Pete Bakken

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

**Secretary's report:** No secretary's report.

**Treasure's report:** Reviewed report, Motion to approve report. Seconded. Report approved.

**Pastor's report:** Made some visits. Former pastor at Palisade from 1969-1972, Paul Rogers has passed away. Confirmation class will resume after Easter. Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Palisade Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Outreach Team:** No activity.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:** Continue to request stories, anecdotes, items, and /or information from parishioners. Meal will be ordered from Tony's Catering.

**Correspondence:** Received a thank you from Church on the Street.

**Old Business:** Camera/ Sound system- still working on the sound.

AED- pending

Kitchen mop boards - pending

Zoom test-soon

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** March 14, 2024 @ 7pm

**Parish Council Meeting-** Thursday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> @ Palisade (all new Council Members)

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Tylene Jansma, Secretary Pro tem



## **First Lutheran Council Minutes**

**February 20, 2024**

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

Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report MSC to approve the treasurer's report.

Parsonage Report MSC to approve the parsonage report. Balance is \$10,318.36.

Pastor's Report: Lent services are at First this week (Feb. 21), and at Palisades next week (Feb.28). Maundy Thursday service is at First, and Good Friday service is at Palisades. Pastor will discuss a Good Friday community service with Pastor Norm at the Reformed church. Sunday School Easter program is Wednesday, March 20.

Old Business:

The water heater in the bathroom has been replaced.

First communion will be on Maundy Thursday. Those who want to begin taking communion may tell the pastor and he will arrange a first communion class.

The stove, received from Dow Rummel, is here.

The organ upgrade may be delayed.

New Business:

The sidewalk on the north side and the steps to the narthex need replacing. Dennis Nielson will work up a quote. Council discussed adding a sidewalk to south side.

Regarding paint - the white paint left from the sanctuary can be used for the kitchen ceiling. Mary will find a good color for the narthex.

Usher list was discussed, council members chose their months and the secretary took the list home to call members and fill the remaining spots.

Next Council meeting is March 19, 2024.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Finck, Secretary



**An Easter Sunday School Program  
for First Lutheran will be  
Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m.  
during the lent services.**



## Palisade WELCA Minutes

February 8, 2024

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 1:30pm with 5 members present.

Pastor Mark let with opening prayer and Bible study from Gather: “Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith” (Session one: Weather).

Business meeting: Called to order.

Secretary report: Distributed. No discussion. MCS and report was filed.

Treasurer’s report: Distributed. No expenses for January. Balance as of February 6 is \$900.95.

Correspondence: Letters of thanks were given to Palisade for the gifts/donations received.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Karen has made a small quilt to hang in the basement. Will talk to Council tonight on where to place. Discussion on the need to have a 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee meeting. Also discussed menu and will ask Council tonight for suggestions.

Next meeting will be Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Bible study will be in January/February Gather, Session II: Creatures.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



**Thank you** very much to  
First and Palisade for the gift  
baskets at Christmas time!

Dave Swenson

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:  
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may be mailed to:

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**DEADLINE** for the April newsletter  
is March 21, 2024





## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Roozenboom. There were 10 council members present and Pastor Mark. The meeting was called to order at Palisade.

Pastor Mark opened with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted. Balance on February 13, 2024 was \$6,993.69.

Pastor's Report: There will be no confirmation classes until after Easter. Ash Wednesday services were attended by 14 people.

### Schedule:

March 24 Palm Sunday Services (both churches) (regular service times)

March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at First at 7:00 pm (joint worship)

March 29 Good Friday Service at Palisade at 7:00 pm (joint worship)

March 31 Easter Sunrise Service at Palisade at 7:00 am

March 31 Festive Easter Service at First at 10:00 am

May 26 Joint worship at First at 10:00 am (summer schedule begins)

Note: Lenten services will be held at 7:00 pm as follows (all joint worship):

Feb 21 (F), Feb 28 (P), Mar 6 (F), Mar 13 (P), Mar 20 (F).

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The following were elected to serve the Parish council for 2024:

President: Lyle Rollag

Vice President: Don Johnson

Secretary: Les Hengeveld

Treasurer: Candace Reese

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on May 16th at 7:00 pm at First.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



Sunday, Mar 10th

Spring ahead 1 hour!



# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish

## March 2024

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                 | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
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| 3<br><b>First Lutheran</b><br>9 am Worship w/Comm<br>10 am Sunday School<br><b>Palisade Lutheran</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship w/Comm | 4   | 5                                   | 6<br>7 pm<br>Lenten Service at First                         | 7   | 8   | 9   |
| 10<br><b>First Lutheran</b><br>9 am Worship<br>10 am Sunday School<br><b>Palisade Lutheran</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship              | 11  | 12                                  | 13<br>7 pm<br>Lenten Service at Palisade                     | 14<br>1:30 pm<br>Palisade WELCA Meeting<br>7 pm<br>Palisade Council meeting | 15  | 16  |
| 17<br><b>First Lutheran</b><br>9 am Worship<br>10 am Sunday School<br><b>Palisade Lutheran</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship              | 18  | 19<br>7 pm<br>First Council meeting | 20<br>7 pm<br>Lenten Service at First w/SS<br>Easter Program | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| 24<br><b>First Lutheran</b><br>9 am Worship<br>10 am Sunday School<br><b>Palisade Lutheran</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship              | 25  | 26                                  | 27   | 28<br>7 pm<br>Maundy Thursday Service &<br>1st Communion at First           | 29  | 30  |
| 31 <b>EASTER</b><br>7:00 am Sunrise Service at Palisade Lutheran<br>10:00 am Festive Service at First Lutheran   |  |                                     |  |   |     |     |

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