

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



May 2022



Sunday Worship Schedule

First Lutheran
9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School
(last day of SS is May 22nd)

Palisade Lutheran
9:30 am Sunday School
(last day of SS is May 15th)

10:30 am Worship

May 29 —JOINT worship at Palisade Lutheran

June 5th—JOINT worship at First Lutheran

Joint worship services are at
10:00 am



Check out next month's
newsletter for the full
summer schedule!

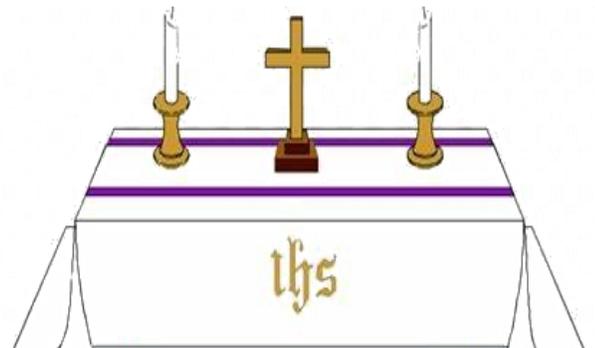
ELCA Liturgical Colors

During the month of May we recognize the Sundays following Easter with white paraments.

White suggests the joy of the resurrection.

Paraments are the hangings on the altar and pulpit, and on the lectern if there is one. Paraments as well as vestments are in the color of the day.

The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated.





In 1882, the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche proclaimed *"God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him. Yet his shadow still looms..."* The cover of the April 8, 1966 edition of Time magazine asked the question "Is God Dead?" and the accompanying article addressed growing atheism in America at the time.

"Is God Dead?" is an interesting question that we in the church have to address every day. However I think a more appropriate question for us today might be, "Where is God?", or "Is God Active?"

I read recently, it is predicted that "if the trend in the church continues, many of the kids in Sunday school and the youth program today, all over this country, will not participate in church when they become adults". This is a very sobering thought. If that is the case then I fear that in the not too distant future we will be asking the question, "Is the church dead?"

I have heard it said, and I admit, I have said it myself, "back when I was in Sunday school things were a lot different", and honestly it is true. 30 or 40 or even 50+ years ago things in the church were a lot different. The commitment to church and worship was much stronger, and more people made worship and church involvement a much higher priority.

The biggest difference between then and now is the fact that all of us, but especially young people today, have so many other things vying for our time that we are torn between church attendance and sports, civic organizations, employment, and various other opportunities. Sadly, because of those choices worship and other church activity attendance and involvement has slowly dwindled over the years.

People have said that the youth are the future of the church, but I would argue that the youth, from newborns to college age and beyond, are the present as well as the future of the church. But if our witness to them is one of contempt for or apathy toward faith and the church we are in danger of losing them as participants with us in mission.

Sadly, regular involvement in the church has become something that we do, "When we have the time" or "When it's convenient", rather than what chose before other opportunities.

Whether we want to admit it or not faith has become a convenience rather than something around which we shape our lives. Many of us leave our faith in the pews on Sunday morning and pick it up the next time we happen to be in church, or we think of faith as something to keep to ourselves when it should be something we are sharing through our words and actions.

I know that there are times when things interfere with our worship time and that for all of us it becomes necessary to miss Sunday morning worship now and again, but my hope and prayer for us all is that there be a revival in the church, and that worship with the communion of saints would become a priority, and that we can experience renewed joy in gathering with the family of God to worship and receive that sacraments, and that through these things our faith would be strengthened and the resurrection would be proclaimed in our lives.

Faith is more than believing in God or believing that there is a God. Faith is a living, growing, changing, way of life. Faith is more than bringing your children to Sunday school and dropping them off. Faith is active participation with the God of our salvation through worship, education, and evangelism. Faith is nurtured in the church and shared with the world.

Faith is that which enriches our lives and gives us hope in the resurrection.

Faith is life!!!

So, if you are someone who is in worship regularly, THANK YOU, and I challenge you to seek out those who may have stepped away for a while and encourage them to return to the church. If you are one of those who maybe has stepped away from regular worship or participation in the church for some reason, I encourage you to join us again and together we can grow in faith, hope, and love for God and for each other as we worship our risen Lord together.

Despite what Nietzsche or Time Magazine might say, God is alive, we are here, and we want to share with you the hope we have through faith in our risen Lord.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Mark Eliason

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



**Do you have
a graduate
in your
family this
year?**

Send us your graduates' picture, information and future plans to us for the next newsletter!



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 June newsletter is May 23rd

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Driving across the State I can see that we are pretty dry. I pray for rain and moisture to water our parched lands. I also lift up prayers for our ranchers and farmers. It's not only the land that is parched, but spirits can run dry too.

You may remember that in the very first months of my term you were invited to a farm summit in Mitchell SD. We shared in the joys and challenges of farming and ranching, learned about resources, and were assured that God's always close at hand. At the same time of the farm summit, I also collaborated with Lutheran Social Services in SD. We partnered to offer Mental Health First Aid training to our leaders so that they can learn about the first signs of distress. But we also developed a web-based tool called Psychological First Aid. It is designed with your neighbor in mind. You can take this web-based training at your pace and at your time. It strives to equip you with what you need to read early warning signs of mental health issues, and gives you tools to be a good neighbor to your neighbor. Please watch for the link to come your way soon via our synod's e-news. If you currently do not receive the e-news, please sign up at www.sdsynod.org.

Last but not least, many ask about how to best support the Ukrainian refugees. At this time your monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) or Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are the best help you can provide as they aid relief efforts on the ground. Our ministry partner LSS is in close communication with the federal government to see how to best assist refugees that will find their way to the United States. Watch your e-news for regular updates.

Journeying with you,
Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

Thank you to everyone for the Easter Lilies and Mums for this year's Easter Service at Palisade Lutheran Church (April 17, 2022)



In memory of Len Rollag from his family
In memory of Donna Edmundson from her family

In memory of Babe and Wayne Edmundson from their family

In memory of Loved Ones from Kel and Melissa Edmundson

In memory of Loved Ones from Tim and JoEllen Benson

In memory of LaVane and Wayne Sundem from Harlowe and Deb Sundem

In memory of our daughter-in-law, Carrie Bakken from Richard and Linda Bakken

In memory of Martin Steneberg from Richard and Linda Bakken

In memory of Parents and Loved Ones from Lyle and Sharil Rollag

In memory of Loved Ones from Kruger, Matus and Stroh Families

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!



Dare to Imagine at this year's Synod Assembly!

The South Dakota Synod Assembly is coming up!

June 3-4, 2022 in-person at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Voting Members, Displayers, and Visitors can now register at sdsynod.org/assembly.

The deadline to register is May 19, 2022.

Keynote Speaker: Peggy Hahn, LEAD
Churchwide Representative: Rev. Keith Fry
Guest Musicians: Glocal



Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
on **Thursday, May 12th**

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, May 17th**

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, MAY 19TH
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

April 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Artz with 7 members and Pastor Mark present.

Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark will be visiting the nursing homes again as some restrictions have been lifted. Pastor Mark emphasized that he wants to be notified if anyone needs him to visit them or a family member for pastoral care.

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

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

Parsonage report was read and noted. The current balance is \$12,950.12.

Old Business: A contractor will be inspecting our entry doors and the south entry door with an estimate of the cost to replace both sets.

A custodian has been hired to clean the church once a month.

New Business: The site profile has been forwarded to the Synod. The next step in the call process will be for the Synod to forward a list of potential candidates to the call committee. The call committee will interview the candidates and recommend one candidate to the church councils.

A summer gathering was discussed with a call for volunteers to organize the project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 7, 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 Edmundson, Karen Rollag, and Deb Kruger.

Pastor Mark gave devotions and prayer.

Secretary's report read and approved with a clarification that Kirby Lowe construction installed the security lights.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

Pastors report: With covid cases dropping Pastor Mark is hoping to start visits again at nursing homes after Easter. Confirmation with start again April 20, 2022.

Correspondence: Thank yous received from Lutheran Outdoors and Children's Inn.

Outreach Committee: Possible ideas- two outdoor services, Sunday fun day and a "food to you" project.

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Old Business: Kirby Lowe construction installed security lights on both side doors of Church and on the front door. Men's bathroom is updated with a water heater.

Call process: No updates.

Camera system: discussion.

New business: Luverne area community foundation is donating an AED device. (A defibrillator)

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



Palisade WELCA Minutes

April 21, 2022

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1:30pm. There were 5 members present.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and led the Bible study, "The Kingdom of God: Looking into the future."
Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Business meeting called to order.

Secretary's report distributed. MSC minutes as discussed.

Treasurer's report distributed. Balance in checking \$1,577.62. MSC report as read.

Last day for Sunday school at Palisade Lutheran will be May 15th. Pastor Mark will not be here Sunday, May 15th. Last day for Sunday school at First Lutheran will be May 22nd. Joint worship will begin May 29th at 10:00 at Palisade Lutheran Church.

Old Business: No further discussion on new carpet or flowers, contingent on speaking with Council.

New Business: Ice cream social planning. Need a committee to help with this. Discussed having a different date and getting more people to help or involve Outreach. Further discussion for Ice Cream Social tabled for now.

Our Fundraisers were talked about. Fellowship dinners in March and November plus dinner after Annual meeting. Also noted, Palisade will be celebrating 150 years in 2024 and should start planning for this. Candy will talk to Karen.

Next WELCA meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at 1:30pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary

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