

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



November 2025



Wednesday, Nov. 5th
5:00—7:00 pm
First Lutheran Soup Supper
at the American Legion
in Valley Springs

Serving:
Taco Soup, Chili, and Chicken Noodle
Soup. Also serving hot dogs, BBQ's
and dessert. Freewill donation.

First Lutheran is
frying lefse as a
fundraiser.



Profits will go to the
Parsonage Fund.

**Selling packages with
8 rounds for \$10**

If you can help make lefse,
please let Jerry Kerkhove
know at (605)553-4188

There are two shifts:

8:00 am – 10:30 am
& 11:00 am — 2:00 pm.

**If you have never done
this before, no
worries. This is a fun
time. Laughter is a big
part of frying lefse.**

PALISADE LUTHERAN HARVEST FEST
WITH
BASKET & BUCKET DRAWINGS
Something for everyone!

Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2025 11:00 am—12:30 pm

Serving scalloped potatoes & ham, sliced ham, buns, salads
and homemade bars. **FREWILL DONATION**

Fundraiser for Local Community Support & Church on the Street

\$1 ticket = 1 chance to win a basket or bucket!
**The more tickets you buy, the more
chances you have to win.**
(Need not be present to win)

Join us for worship at 10:00 am
We are located at 211 121st St, Garretson, SD
(corner of MN Hwy 23 & County Rd 5)

Weather date:
Sunday, Nov 16th



Traditionally, November has been Stewardship month. It is the month of the year when we focus much of our attention on the needs of others in our community and world. We have our annual drive for items needed for the local food pantry, we have our Harvest Festival to raise money and awareness for both local needs as well as the needs of others in the world through Lutheran World Relief and the messages we hear in worship tend to be about giving and the needs of the church as a whole.

As we enter into fall and winter it becomes more and more important that people around our community have resources to help with things like heat and electricity and food for their families, and we here at First and Palisade are doing what we can to make those things available.

It has been through the generous support of all of you that we are doing what Jesus has asked us to do. Even the apostle Paul reminds us of our responsibilities to humanity. In Philippians 4:18-19 Paul writes ***“I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.”*** The gifts we give are given, not out of compulsion or any feeling of obligation, but in response to a real need and in response to God for all we have received, freely and without need for repayment.

In the next few weeks, you are going to be asked to consider what you are going to give to the church so that we can continue to do the things we have been called to do both here in this building and around the world. This is not something that should be taken lightly; it needs to be a prayerful consideration that comes in response to all the gifts we have been blessed with.

The past few years have been difficult ones for many people in the community, and they have also been difficult for the church. Costs have been going up, and the need is as great as it has ever been, but unfortunately the giving to the budget at the church has not kept up with the rise in expenses. This is not to say we are in great financial straits, but rather I am asking you to prayerfully consider an increase in your weekly giving to help offset the increase in expenses.

Together we are doing great things here and I am so thankful for the love and support you have given and now is the time to take that next step and continue to be a part of God’s work in this place. It is only because of generous gifts from you that we are able to do what God has blessed us to do.

We have all been blessed by God to be a blessing, and I know that I have been blessed innumerable times by God, through you, to also be a blessing to others.

God will continue to bless us all so that we can continue to do God’s work here and around the world. The need is great and it is only through your generous gifts that we are able to do what we are doing in the name of Jesus.

May God’s gifts and God’s love shine through us all so that the Gospel is proclaimed to the world.

Peace,
Pastor Mark Eliason

Sharing Hearts Are Reaching Everyone



From now until Nov. 28th, Palisade Lutheran will be collecting new socks and underwear for those in need in Rock County. Choose sizes that would fit the people in your family so they have a variety to distribute. There is a basket in the entryway for donations. Thank you!



Congratulations to Addilyn and Dylan on their **Affirmation of Baptism** on Sunday, October 26th, at First Lutheran Church

Addilyn Bratland

Parents Garrett & Lindsey Bratland

Dylan Artz

Parents Dave & Heather Artz



Sunday, Nov 2nd—**All Saints Day** calls to mind specific individuals: particular beloved faces, names and memories. We may be all too aware of the particular names we are now carrying with us toward All Saints this year—names of those who have died in the past months. Lutherans especially remember on this feast that it is God's grace, apart from our works, that makes us saints. We find lasting rest only in the mercy of God.

The "true story" of Thanksgiving is a complex history that includes a 1621 harvest feast between the English Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people, but also encompasses the subsequent conflict, land seizure, and genocide of Native Americans. While the 1621 event is considered the "first Thanksgiving" today, the modern national holiday was established much later by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and many of the traditional narratives are based on myth rather than fact.



First Lutheran has committed to Minnehaha County to clean the 2 miles of ditches along County Road 138 north of Valley Springs in the spring and fall for three years. Saturday morning, October 4th, ten members picked up bottles, cans, various paper items, wood fence posts and a tire on a wheel. More trash was picked up last May probably because the ditches had not been cleaned for some time. The support crew were much needed as they transported the bags of trash to the end of our route.

The next cleaning will be on a Saturday morning in April 2026. All are welcome to join this enjoyable experience. No prior experience is necessary.

Two support crew:
David Finck and Lynn Nielsen.



Ten ditch walkers: Dennis Nielsen, Les Hengeveld, Jack Schoolcraft, Linda Hengeveld, Micheal Virkus, Gabriele Ann Virkus, Pastor Mark, Ella Schoolcraft and Jerry Kerkhove. Leslie Schoolcraft taking the picture.

The 3rd Sunday of every month at Palisade Lutheran will be

Coffee Cup Sunday!

Enjoy your coffee before, during and after the worship service.



Bring your favorite coffee mug or we will have a cup for you.



Saturday, Nov 1st, before you go to bed, remember to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour!



First Lutheran Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 , 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dennis Roozenboom with six members present and the pastor. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and noted.

Pastor's Report: This Sunday (October 26th) two confirmands will be confirmed during the church service. This Sunday is also Reformation Sunday.

Old Business:

The Blackburn tech has serviced our two basement sumps and found no problems.

New Business:

Pastor Mark would like the safe in his office to be moved to the secretary's office. This could be done after worship some Sunday.

The council discussed that we need to set up a workday soon.

Pastor Mark will be sharing a quote for a new copier for the Parish. This item will be paid from the Parish account.

Next Council meeting is November 18, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary Pro Tem



Palisade Lutheran Council

No Meeting in October

2025 Prison Christmas Sack Project

Churches and individuals can help provide Christmas treat sacks to all South Dakota DOC inmates at Christmas time. Homemade fudge is not allowed anymore. Financial help is needed to purchase pre-packaged items for all 3,800 inmates.

Donations need to be mailed by Nov. 15th, to

SDPCA Christmas Sacks
601 West 57th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line. Thank you!



Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2025
at First Lutheran Church

This is our 2026 budget meeting. All Council members from both churches are encouraged to be there.

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 Online Giving

Go to the Palisade Lutheran website at www.palisadelutheran.org and click on the online giving menu. Or scan this QR code



First Lutheran Online Giving

Go to the First Lutheran Facebook page and click on the Vanco link. Or scan this QR code



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 December newsletter is Nov 22nd, 2025

Find us on Facebook:
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Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



Join us in worship with Pastor Mark Eliason *Serving*

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