

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



October 2022

## October Worship Schedule

### October 2nd

Palisade Lutheran—9:00 am Worship w/Communion & 10:00 am Sunday School  
First Lutheran—9:30 am Sunday School & 10:30 am Worship



### October 9th

JOINT Worship at 10:00 am at First Lutheran with Installation Service of Pastor Mark Eliason. After worship a meal & celebration will be held at the American Legion in Valley Springs. Everyone is welcome!

### October 16th, 23rd & 30th

Palisade Lutheran—9:00 am Worship & 10:00 am Sunday School  
First Lutheran—9:30 am Sunday School & 10:30 am Worship

For the celebration at the American Legion Hall on Oct. 9th, the meat will be provided and members of both churches are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. There is a sign-up sheet at both churches for the # attending and what food you will bring. If you are not able to sign up at church, you can call Candy at 507-220-5526 or Mary at 605-757-6642, with your information. Food can be brought to the American Legion Hall between 9:00 & 9:45 am on Sunday. (before the 10:00 am service at First Lutheran). See you there!

*Sunday, October 9th is*

**Pastor**  
**APPRECIATION**  
**DAY**

Thank you Pastor Mark  
for your ministry!



This is an article I received on Facebook. It was written by a stay at home mom with two young boys. I think it says it all, enjoy.

“Dear Parents with young children in church,  
You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it’s not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.  
I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see

you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone’s eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you’re wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn’t about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won’t be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it’s too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she’s never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echoes of *Amens* just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can’t see my own children learning because, well, it’s one of *those* mornings; I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you’re doing, but I want you to know, *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can’t see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough*, right here and right now, as members of the church community. They don’t need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it’s hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy – are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.”

Thanks to this wonderful lady for sharing, I couldn’t have said it better myself.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark

## THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to Pastor Mark, the Church Council and the congregations of Palisade and First Lutheran for making September 18th such an incredible experience for me! It is surreal to think 70 years have passed, but the meaningful service, beautiful congregational singing and warm fellowship is a very real memory I will always hold dear. Special thanks go to Ellen Aadland for her wonderful prelude, postlude and special music and to Karen Rollag for her creative leadership in all aspects of the day, including the decorations. I am so grateful that Craig and Karen provided the lunch, and for all the messages, cards, flowers and gifts. It has been daunting to think about turning 97 this month, but your kindness and generosity have made that much easier!

With great appreciation,

Doreen Rollag



## THANK YOU

to **Deb Kruger, Paula Stroh, Dottie Matus & Peter Bakken** for giving the landscaping in front of the church a fresh new look at Palisade Lutheran!

It looks great!

### Palisade Lutheran Members!

We would like to add pictures to our current membership directory.



Options to turn in your picture are:

- ◆ Email your picture to: [palisadechurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:palisadechurch@alliancecom.net).
- ◆ We can take your picture at church.
- ◆ Bring your picture to church.

*Celebrating*  
**150**  
*Years*



Palisade Lutheran will be celebrating their 150 year anniversary on Sunday, April 14, 2024!

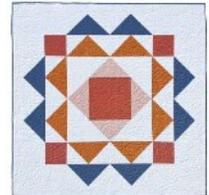
**We are putting together a Task Force to plan this celebration!**

If you are interested in being on this task force, please contact Pastor Mark. Email: [meliason@sio.midco.net](mailto:meliason@sio.midco.net)  
Cell phone: 605-321-5633

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will start October 12th for all students in 7th & 8th Grades. Classes will be held at First Lutheran at 6pm.

**Quilting...** On Wednesdays at 9:00 am, during the month of October, we will be quilting at Palisade Lutheran. Join us for fellowship and conversation!



**We are ONLINE!**



@FirstLutheranValleySprings  
@PalisadeLC



YouTube Channel:  
FirstPalisadeLutheranParish

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



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 November newsletter is October 24th



**PALISADE LUTHERAN HARVEST FEST  
AND  
BASKET & BUCKET DRAWINGS**

Something for everyone!

**Sunday, Nov. 6th, 11:30 am—1:30 pm**

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

Fundraiser for the Rock County Food Shelf & 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.  
Drawings will be at 1:00 pm.  
(Need not be present to win)**

Join us for worship at 10:30 am with Pastor Mark Eliason

We are located at 211 121st St, Garretson, SD  
(corner of MN Hwy 23 & County Rd 5)

Weather date:  
Sunday, Nov 13th





## **Palisade Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

### **September 15, 2022**

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

Pastor Mark led us in prayer and devotions.

Secretary's report placed on file.

Treasurer's report placed on file.

Pastors report: will be starting confirmation within the next two weeks- more information to come. Will be meeting at first.

Outreach Committee: Harvest Fest is November 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00- 1:00 and drawing winners at 12:30. Joint service will be at 10:00AM.

Correspondence: Received a thank you from the tractor ride on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Old Business: Camera has been ordered.

Pastoral call: October 9<sup>th</sup> will be the installation service for Pastor Mark. It will be a joint service at 10AM at First with a meal at the legion. There is a sign-up sheet to bring side dishes.

Carpet: Karen Rollag has estimates on flooring from Family Floors in Brandon. Due to lack of quorum – considering verbal approval of council at large, it has been decided to move forward with the flooring. A fund has been started for the flooring project.

Church Directory: asking members to e-mail their family or individual pictures to [Palisadechurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:Palisadechurch@alliancecom.net)

New business: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary task force: Possible date is April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Anyone wanting to be on the task force may contact Pastor Mark or any council member.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Secretary



## Palisade WELCA Minutes

September 8, 2022

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with five members present.

Karen opened with prayer in Pastor Mark's absence and led Bible study, "Jesus and nature: Teachers of faith."

Business meeting called to order by Candice.

Secretary report distributed. MSC received and report filed.

Treasurer report distributed. Ice cream social raised just under \$1,000.00 after expenses. Sunday Funday was a success! Balance in checking: \$3,200.82. MSC received and report filed.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Correction from August meeting to read that Karen met with both Manitou in Luverne and Family Floors in Brandon and did get carpet samples/quotes, bringing them to our meeting. Karen thought if we picked blue colored carpet, it would match the carpet in the office and choir loft. Carpet project discussed at council. Also discussed was the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. A date is needed for the celebration, along with forming a task force. No Palisade council tonight.

New Business: Doreen's 70 years as our organist/pianist celebration will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. No Sunday school this day and meal (following worship) will be catered by Tony's. Members offered to help serve.

Other discussions about quilting in October (day of week to be decided) and the Harvest Festival on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Johnson, Secretary

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OUR NEXT  
PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING IS

**THURSDAY, NOV 17TH**  
**AT 7:00 PM**  
**AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

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