

# First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



October 2025

First Lutheran will be frying lefse as a fundraiser.



Profits will go to the Parsonage Fund.

**Frying begins Tuesday, Oct. 7th.**

There will be two shifts:

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

First shift: Peeling 20 lbs of potatoes.

Boiling and then ricing the potatoes.

Mixing in all the “secret” ingredients.

Forming into balls. Putting them in the refrigerator to cool.

Second shift: Rolling out the balls. Frying. Packaging. Cleanup.

Some people work one shift. Others work both shifts. We will be frying 20 lbs on one or two Tuesdays and Thursdays, as the need arises, until just before Christmas. If we get ahead of the orders taken, we will take off an occasional Tuesday or Thursday.

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

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

Road Cleanup on Saturday, Oct 4th!



First Lutheran will be cleaning the two mile stretch of County Road 138 (the highway on the north side of Valley Springs from the state line to the interstate entrance/exit and road to Garretson) in October. We committed to the county to do this twice each year. We do our first walk in April, before the grass starts to grow and do a second walk in October, before the snow flies.

We walked the ditches for the first time in April. It was an enjoyable day. We found interesting items, but no bags of money. Maybe in October. In addition to ditch walkers, we need people to drive beside us and transport the filled bags to the drop off site at the end of the two mile section.

We are planning to make **Saturday, October 4th**, our day to walk the ditches. Meet at the church at 9:00am. If there is snow on the ground or some other weather issue, we will try for the following Saturday, October 11th.



*...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.  
(Philippians 3:13-14)*

Summer is over. These are three of the saddest words I hear every year. Summer is over. It makes me long for a time machine where I could go back and do some of the things I meant to do this summer that I didn't get done. Things like spend more time outside, go for more walks with Sharon, play more golf, visit friends and family at their lake homes, or just spend more time relaxing and letting the troubles of the day simply fade away. But I missed these opportunities again this year, so maybe I will do better next year.

Sometimes we find ourselves looking at the things we haven't accomplished and beat ourselves up over those things. We lament what we have missed or neglected to say or do and it is those things that occupy our minds for much of the day.

But my question is "Why?" Why do we obsess over things we have no control over? Why do we spend so much time worrying about what we have control over when there are so many things in the present and the future over which we do have control?


The Apostle Paul reminds us of this very thing. "***Forgetting what lies behind***" because there is nothing we can do to change the past, and "***straining forward to what lies ahead***" because there is so much more we have been called to accomplish in this life, that's goal we are striving for, those opportunities God has in store for us, that message of grace through faith that the world so desperately needs to hear and believe.

As summer fades and we enter into fall and look forward to winter and spring I pray that we can focus on the present and future and realize that we have been called to fight the good fight of faith and strive for the crown of righteousness, because in a world that is desperately trying to find something or someone in which to believe we are the instruments God uses to bring that message of hope to those who feel like they have no hope and peace to those who feel there is no peace to be found.

May we all feel the hope and peace Jesus brings and may we boldly proclaim the message we have heard, "***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you***" and "***By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.***"

May we all find peace and hope through our Lord Jesus the Christ as we proclaim the Good News.

Pastor Mark



**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. **FREEWILL 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





**First Lutheran Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 16 , 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson with eight members present and the pastor. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer.

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

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

Pastor's Report: Confirmation will begin again this Wednesday. Palisade would like to have a joint service on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 for their Harvest Festival. Pastor said that has been done in the past. Consensus was that we will have a joint service at Palisade.

Old Business:

October 4<sup>th</sup> (if the weather is cooperative), we will walk the ditches again. We will gather at First Lutheran at 9:00. Lefse will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

Blackburn will be contacted for annual maintenance for our sump pumps.

Next Council meeting is October 21, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hengeveld, Secretary



**Palisade Lutheran Council**  
**No Meeting in September**

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.

Wednesday, November 5th

First Lutheran Soup Supper

at the American Legion in Valley Springs

mark  your **Calendar**

Garretson Legion will be serving breakfast **on Sunday, October 5th**



at the American Legion Hall in Garretson

9:00 am—1:00 pm. Freewill donation.

Menu: Omelets and Toast / Scrambled Eggs and Ham

### **As of August 2025, the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills was given the title of a 5-Star Facility!**



This has been an incredible milestone to achieve and a true recognition of the exceptional standards of care they uphold. The 5-Star rating system comes from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and is a good tool designed to help families and residents evaluate and compare nursing

homes. Many factors include health inspections by the State of Minnesota, staffing levels, and quality measures like fall preventions. These are then collectively combined over the past 3 years to determine a score year to year. This perfect score means that the facility excelled in all the categories and have shown improvement from each year. This goes to show how much the staff care about who they serve and what they do to ensure residents remain their top priority. Family and community support also plays a key role in this achievement.



# Crossroads Fall Gathering

October 11, 2025, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Eastside Lutheran Church, 1300 E 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sioux Falls SD 57103

Theme: “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

Speakers: Pastor Laura Phillips, Owen’s Outfitters, Feeding South Dakota

All Are Welcome! Registration - \$10.00 – (includes lunch)

RSVP to Connie Nelson, 605-261-9698 or [connienelson59@gmail.com](mailto:connienelson59@gmail.com)

by October 1, 2025

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### Palisade Lutheran Online Giving

Go to the Palisade Lutheran website at [www.palisadelutheran.org](http://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



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**DEADLINE** for the November newsletter is Oct 22, 2025

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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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## October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation Class at First	2	3	4  <b>9 am</b> Walk ditches by Valley Springs
5  <b>First Lutheran</b> 9:00am Worship w/Comm 10:00am Sunday School <b>Palisade Lutheran</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/Comm	6	7  <b>8am—10:30 &amp;            11am—2pm</b>  Begin making lefse at First Lutheran!	8  <b>6:30pm</b> Confirmation Class at First	9  <b>1:30 pm</b> Palisade WELCA Mtg <b>7 pm</b> Palisade Council meeting	10	11
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