

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



September 2023

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Journeying Together in Christ

Sunday, Sept 3rd

10:00 AM JOINT Worship w/Communion at First Lutheran

Sunday, Sept 10th

9:00 am Worship w/Communion at Palisade Lutheran
Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship
10:00 am Sunday School



9:30 am RALLY DAY! Games & Donuts at First Lutheran
10:30 Worship at First Lutheran
Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship
w/Potluck lunch after the service

Sunday, Sept 17th

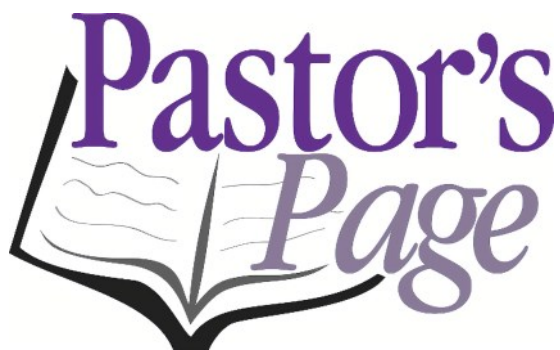
First Lutheran
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School

Palisade Lutheran
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Sunday, Sept 24th

First Lutheran
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School

Palisade Lutheran
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16

School has begun; all those students who have been out and about this summer are now back, hitting the books again. Again, we have to be mindful of the speed limits in the school zones, and we keep our eyes open for kids crossing the streets and along with all of that we look forward to Sunday school starting again and anticipate all those smiling, laughing children back in our church again.

All summer long I miss having all the activity in the fellowship hall on Sunday Morning. You can see the excitement in their eyes as they study the lessons and learn about their faith and their Lord. I wish that everyone who came into this place on Sunday morning was as excited about being here as these little ones are.

In the Bible we are Jesus often refers to the people as the “children of God”. We are all God’s children, but all too often we forget, or maybe a better word is “misplace” those childlike qualities. As we become older, we have more responsibilities in life and those responsibilities overwhelm us and we feel the need to be “responsible adults” and we take life and faith far too seriously.

We forget that even as adults, we are still children of God and God wants us to come to him and spend time together as a family. That is one of the reasons we come together every Sunday morning. We come together for fellowship, and education, and worship as a family of God and it is in this gathering that we are fed and raised up and comforted by the others in our family.

Sunday morning, in essence, is a weekly “family reunion” (but without all the hotdishes and chicken), and together as a family we reacquaint with each other, we share our joys and sadness, and we encourage each other and remind each other that we are not alone, we have all these people surrounding us with love.

Every time someone here dies our family changes, and it is by coming together for worship and fellowship that we keep their memories alive among us and we grow together as a family of faith.

At each new birth we feel the excitement of a new beginning and the opportunity to help raise and nurture this new child of God and our hearts are uplifted and our hope is restored.

As the fall schedule returns to full swing I look forward to the busy-ness of the day and to seeing the excitement in your eyes as we come together to worship, learn and fellowship as the family of God right here, right now.

Peace,

Pastor Mark



First Lutheran is accepting donations for the **Organ Renovation Fund**

The first phase of the project is \$18,000 and will include:

- Complete rebuild of wind chests with stability upgrades.
- Complete restoration and overhaul of organ pipes w/climate resistive upgrades for tuning stability.
- Wind chests to be upgraded with diode controlled direct electric valve magnets and advanced sealing techniques to reduce seasonal swelling and shrinking.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR!!

Donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to First Lutheran Church, PO Box 190,
Valley Springs, SD 57068

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will start **September 27th** for all students in 7th & 8th Grades. Classes will be held in the lower level at First Lutheran at **6:30 pm.**

Celebrating
150
Years



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

Do you have:

Confirmation pictures dated 2015 to current year?

Pictures or information related to the history of Palisade?

Name and address of someone to invite to the celebration?

Please bring to church or email to Pastor Mark at meliason@sio.midco.net or to palisadechurch@alliancecom.net



First Lutheran Council meets at 7 pm
on **Tuesday, September 19th**

Palisade Council meets at 7 pm
on **Thursday, September 14th**

2023 Palisade Lutheran Council

President Peter Bakken
Vice President Gary Lyngen
Secretary Cheryl Lyngen
Treasurer Tylene Jansma
Deacon Candace Reese
Deacon JoEllen Benson
Deacon Kelvin Edmundson
Trustee Matt Sorenson
Trustee Nick Dagle
Trustee David Swenson
Board of Ed Leilani Kruger
Board of Ed Melissa Edmundson

Delegates
Tuff Home: Richard and Linda Bakken
Synod Assembly: Peter Bakken

2023 First Lutheran Council

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

OUR NEXT
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS



THURSDAY, NOV 16TH
AT 7:00 PM
AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**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

**2023 PARISH
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

PRESIDENT Dennis Roozenboom
VICE PRESIDENT Gary Lyngen
SECRETARY Les Hengeveld
TREASURER Candace Reese

Tales from the Grave



Lloyd Orlando Larson

I grew up on a farm about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles east of the Palisade church. Between our place and the church lived the Andrew Larson family. When my brother and I were little and needed a place to stay while my mother went shopping or whatever we would go up to Larson's. They were kind of like grandparents to us. The Larson's had 7 kids all of them which were older than us.

When WWII came along the Larson Brothers enlisted three of them in the Army Air Corp and two in the army. Several of them experienced the worst of it. Stanley was the older of the brothers followed by Lloyd. They both were shipped to Europe and on several occasions ran across one another. I could not find which unit Stanley was attached to but as I understand he was part of a pool that replacements were drawn from so he moved around a lot. Lloyd who was 2 years younger than Stanley had been in lots of scrapes. He was a tanker and was assigned to the 3rd Armor Division. He was shot through the wrist by a German sniper and got his hand smashed when the hatch cover on his tank slammed shut. He was awarded a purple heart for those incidents. Lloyd was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in November of 1944.

Probably the most colorful of the Larson brothers was Merle. He was younger than Lloyd and Stanley and was rather small as a kid. Many times Merle did not get picked when the kids were choosing sides for a ball game because he was too small. Merle and Lloyd enlisted at the same time and Merle wanted to fly so he applied for flight school and went on to become Rock County's first Ace. He was shot down several times the first time over North Africa and later in Europe. He was listed as missing when he went down in Africa but his brother Alvin said oh he will be ok he is good at this sort of thing and he is lucky. Sure enough Merle showed up at headquarters some time later after avoiding the enemy and doing a lot of hitchhiking. Merle was not so lucky when his plane went down in the European theater. He bailed out and was captured by the Germans. He was a POW at Buchenwald but escaped and spent several months on the run before being captured and sent to Stalag Luft in Bavaria. I believe he was there until it was liberated.

After the war Merle lived in AZ and owned a company that sold and installed in ground swimming pools. Alvin died relatively young and Wayne resided in Brainerd MN and was a social worker. He died several years ago.

Adeline lived most of her life on the west coast. During the war she worked in a weapons mfg. facility. As I understand she was quite a colorful character. I remember seeing her several times but never really knew her. Lucille was the youngest and she lives in Mpls. I rode the school bus with her and she was a hoot. There was nothing dull about the Larsons.

The Larson family gave the land on which the church stands and there were Larson brothers on the farms north, south and east of the church. With the exception of Merle and Lucille all the rest of Andrew Larson's family are buried at east Palisade Cemetery.



Written by R. Bakken August 10, 2023



Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

August 10, 2023—NO MEETING



Parish Council Meeting

August 17, 2023

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 prayer.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance on August 17, 2023 was \$10,161.67.

Schedule:

August 20 Joint (First) 10:00 am

August 27 Joint (Palisade) 10:00 am

September 3 Joint (First) 10:00 am

September 10 Rally day Sunday Palisade @ 9:00 and First @ 10:30 (potluck to follow)

September 17 (regular service times) 9:00 am @ First and 10:30 am @ Palisade

Old Business: Audio/visual system is working at Palisade with installation at First soon. Installation of omnidirectional microphones maybe a necessity in order to hear the organ and congregational singing.

New Business: Pastor Mark will be investigating when and how we can (as a Parish) worship at St. Dysmas in Sioux Falls.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on November 16 at 7:00 PM at First. This will be our annual budget meeting.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Hengeveld, Secretary



First Lutheran Council Minutes

August 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Les Hengeveld with 10 members present and Pastor Mark. Pastor Mark opened with a prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report MSC to approve the treasurer's report. Treasurer commented on the lower utilities expense. Note that the doors, closures and labor were paid through the Special Projects Fund, leaving a balance of \$80.00. The Organ Fund is growing.

Parsonage Report MSC to approve the parsonage report - Balance is \$17,833.76. Plans to invest \$5,000 in a CD are in process.

Pastor's Report - Pastor is lining up confirmation students. Please relay any requests for additional visitations of friends, relatives or members. September 10 is Rally Day, service times will need to be switched to accommodate the potluck after services. Cameras for streaming the service are here but not installed. Need additional microphones for the congregation. Pastor has found new computers under \$700 each.

Old Business:

Doors, computers and CD were covered in the reports.

The Evangelism Flyer will be sent this week.

Jerry is arranging a get together on October 5 for a tutorial on lefse making. We will start taking orders the following week. Price TBD. Inventory of equipment was taken: Pastor has 2 lefse griddles, Pastor, Linda, Darice have lefse rollers. We can bring cookie racks to cool the lefse before packing. Linda has received \$250 in Thrivent funds to finance our efforts. Need to purchase russet potatoes, firm with no eyes. Also, need potato ricers.

Church services with St. Dysmas will be brought up at the Parish Council meeting.

Dennis is studying drain tile options.

New Business:

Palisades is planning their 150 year anniversary. It will be celebrated April 12, 2024 with a joint service at 10:00 am, a meal and program, Tales from the Grave. First Lutheran will consider ideas to mark the occasion with them.

Ben Clair Ice Cream Social is Saturday, August 19, from 5:30 to 7:30.

Tuff Home has items to give away from the Village. First would take round tables and a large coffee pot, if available.

Since Organ Fund is close to goal, a contract is needed from Art Aadland regarding work to be done in Phase One of the Organ Refurbishing.

Water in front (North) bathroom is stale and stinky from sitting in pipes. Need to get a bid on replacing the copper pipes.

Next Council meeting is September 19, 2023. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Finck, Secretary



Palisade WELCA Minutes

August 10, 2023

The Palisade WELCA met on Thursday, August 10th at 1:30pm with 4 members present.

Pastor Mark opened with prayer and led the Bible study: "Salvation now (Session two), Tangible salvation now: Christians as bringers of wellness". Study ended with closing prayer.

Business meeting not held due to no quorum.

Discussion about Pie and Ice Cream social on Sunday, August 13th.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 14th at 1:30pm.

Deb Johnson, Secretary



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Palisade Ice Cream Social & Sunday Fun Day last month!



Find us on Facebook:

@FirstLutheranValleySprings

@PalisadeLC

Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



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 October newsletter is September 22, 2023

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September 2023

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Our **Parish** email address is: firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Church office phone # is: 605-757-6662

Pastor Mark's contact information is:

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IT IS *a family* YOU BELONG TO