

First & Palisade Lutheran Parish



September 2025

REQUEST FOR LEFSE WORKERS



First Lutheran will again be frying lefse as a fundraiser.

This year profits will go to the Parsonage Fund. Frying will begin early in October (date to be determined). There will be two shifts: 8:00 am – 10:30 am and 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.

Open House
FOR
Doreen Rollag

The Lemon Bar Evangelist
IS TURNING 100 YEARS OLD!
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 | 1:30 - 4
WITH SHORT PROGRAM AT 2:30
BETHANY MEADOWS COMMUNITY ROOM
3008 E. ASPEN BLVD. | BRANDON, SD 57005

Starting Sunday, September 14th

Worship at **First Lutheran**
will be at **9:00 am / 10:00 am** Sunday School

Worship at **Palisade Lutheran**
will be at **10:30 am / 9:30 am** Sunday School



Take your kids to church.

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad person gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your keys in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If it's raining, get wet. If it's cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa.

He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as he/she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So, take them. Carry all their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and hymnal and bulletin and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. It's not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know it's a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extracurricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return to you void. Take them to church.

(Borrowed) Author, Megan Breeland Woodham One Step Ministries.

Found this on Facebook (made a few changes) and thought it was worth sharing.

See you all in church,
Pastor Mark



First Lutheran Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Don Johnson with nine 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: Pastor reported that good friends of his Jim & Linda Buckneberg have been having medical issues. Sunday School begins again on Sunday, September 7th.

Old Business:

October 4th (if the weather is cooperative), we will walk the ditches again. Lefse will begin in October. Jerry will contact the persons who were active last year.

New Business:

Vacuum was discussed.

Next Council meeting is September 17, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hengeveld, Secretary



Palisade Lutheran Council Meeting

August 14, 2025

The Palisade Church council was called to order by President Lyle Rollag. Others present were Pastor Mark Eliason, Tylene Jansma, Kelvin Edmundson, Candy Reese, Lani Kruger, Dave Swenson and Deb Kruger.

Devotions and prayer: Pastor opened with a Prayer

Secretary's report: Reviewed, discussed and placed on file.

Treasure's report: Reviewed, discussed and placed on file.

Correspondence: Read correspondence received.

Old business: The Church received a donation to put towards community support.

New business: Change of schedule for Church services. September 7, will be Rally Sunday at First Lutheran with service at 10:30 and 9:00 service for Palisade Lutheran.

Sunday school at Palisade will start September 14.

Pastor Mark gave an update on Churchwide assembly.

Next council meeting: October 9th at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Kruger, Sec



Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Finck. There were 10 council members present. The meeting was called to order at Palisade.

Secretary's report was read and noted.

Treasurer's report was read and noted. Balance on August 19, 2025, was \$9,309.13.

Schedule:

August 24 Joint service at First at 10:00 am.

August 31 Joint service at Palisade at 10:00 am.

September 7 Regular service times begin.

September 7 Rally day at First with potluck lunch. Service times switched for this Sunday:

Palisade at 9:00 am and First at 10:30 am.

September 14 Regular services (First at 9:00 am and Palisade at 10:30 am)

November 5 Soup Supper at First (held at Valley Springs Legion Hall)

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on November 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm at First. This will be the annual budget meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Hengeveld, Secretary

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.



Blessing of the Backpacks

At First Lutheran
on Sunday, Sept. 7th,
during worship

At Palisade Lutheran
on Sunday, Sept 14th,
during worship

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



ROAD CLEANUP IS A FEW WEEKS AWAY

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. If there is snow on the ground or some other weather issue, we will try for the following Saturday, October 11th.

There is a signup list on the back table. **Please signup by September 28th** so the county knows how many safety vests to set aside for us. If you have any questions, please see Jerry Kerkhove at church or call him at (605)553-4188.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will start on Wednesday, September 17th, for all students in the 7th & 8th grades.

Meet downstairs at First Lutheran at 6:30pm

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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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:

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Beaver Creek, MN 56116

Or emailed to:
btjansma@alliancecom.net
DEADLINE for the October newsletter is Sept. 22, 2025

Find us on Facebook:
[@FirstLutheranValleySprings](https://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranValleySprings)
[@PalisadeLC](https://www.facebook.com/PalisadeLC)

Sunday morning worship services are livestreamed on Facebook every Sunday!



Join us in worship with Pastor Mark Eliason *Serving*

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September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 First Lutheran-Rally Sunday 10:30am Worship w/ Communion 11:30am Lunch Palisade Lutheran 10:30am Worship w/ Communion	8	9	10	11 1:30 pm Palisade WELCA Mtg	12	13 1:30—4:00pm Doreen's Open House
14 First Lutheran 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School Palisade Lutheran-Rally Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	15	16 7 pm First Council meeting	17 6:30pm Confirmation Class at First	18	19	20
21 First Lutheran 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School Palisade Lutheran 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 	22 Deadline for October Newsletter	23	24 6:30pm Confirmation Class at First	25	26	27
28 First Lutheran 9:00am Worship 10:00am Sunday School Palisade Lutheran 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	29	30	 28th—Sign up deadline for Walking the Ditches by Valley Springs on Oct 4th			

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