

FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 17, 2026

### **BLESSING AND SENDING INTERN PASTOR HANNAH**

Sunday, May 24th in worship at 9am we will celebrate Hannah Reeves Fleming who served us well as an Intern Pastor this year. We will give thanks for her and all her gifts, and send her off to her next chapter of ministry with our gratitude and God's blessing. A reception will follow in the Mission Coffeehouse.

### **LAUNDRY WITH LOVE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

You are invited to participate in an upcoming mission partnership with Laundry with Love, a vital ministry of Church on the Street, scheduled for May 26, 2026! This is an opportunity to live out our mission of fostering faith, creating community, and loving all of God's people within and beyond our walls. Scan the QR code to see what donations are needed and what volunteer shifts are available.



### **COFFEEHOUSE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS**

The Mission Coffeehouse is seeking a few volunteers to help for a couple of hours on Sunday mornings. With enough volunteers, you may only need to serve one Sunday per month. If you're interested or have questions, please leave your name and phone number at the Coffeehouse or Welcome Desk.

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. For more information, call the Preschool Office at 697-2756, email [sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org), check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool).

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY MOVING TO NOON ON WEDNESDAY**

Beginning in June, Tuesday Bible Study will move to Wednesdays at noon. This summer schedule change is intended to hopefully make it easier for those who work to join us in reflecting on the upcoming Scripture readings for Sunday's service—nourishing both body and spirit. As Jesus said to His disciples, "Come and see!" All are welcome! Join us in the MCH or meeting room and bring your lunch along!

## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

Everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home.

To make worship more comfortable, we have several resources available:

- \*Aides for the senses: Noise-reducing headphones and focus fidgets.
- \*Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices.
- \*For comfort: Individual pew cushions.
- \*For children: Engaging worship bags.
- \*Communion: Gluten-free wafers and communion delivered to your seat.

If you have any questions, a greeter or usher will be happy to help!

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Starting Sunday, May 24th we will worship all together at one service at 9am. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day including Sunday, Sept. 6th.

## **YOUR GIVING MATTERS! THANK YOU!**

Each and every way that our church serves our community is made possible by the faithful and generous giving of members and friends of FLC. Your stewardship of our ministry comforts the grieving, inspires hearts and minds, connects stranger and friend, and proclaims Christ in word and deed. Thank you! This summer is a great time to review your regular giving and consider starting or increasing an automatic gift that keeps your intended giving regular no matter where weekend adventures may take you. Automatic giving forms can be found at Office Outpost at the Welcome Center in the Mission Coffeehouse. See Pastor Jess for more information.

## **VBS 2026 - TRUE NORTH COMING JULY 20-23, 2026**

We are starting to prep for the 2026 VBS True North. We are looking for volunteers, some supplies and help with meals in order to make this year's event an unforgettable one. Please scan the appropriate QR code below or see the bulletin board to the east of the Sanctuary to help bring True North to life with us!



Supplies



Meals



Volunteers

## **CHURCH OFFICES AND MISSION COFFEEHOUSE CLOSED MAY 25**

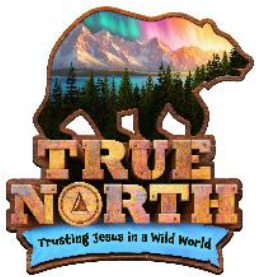
The Mission Coffeehouse and Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

## **SUMMER MISSION COFFEEHOUSE HOURS TO START**

Starting the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Coffeehouse will be closed on Fridays. Please visit them Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 2:00pm and Sunday mornings 8:00am – 10:30am.

**Mission of the month for May is  
Brookings Regional Humane Society**

# **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Registration for 2026 VBS True North is live and open now. Come experience the True North July 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>! Scan the QR code to register. Any questions or need help, email or call Rose at [rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) or 605-692-6251.



### **COLLECTING EMPTY PEANUT BUTTER JARS FOR VBS**

We are collecting empty, washed out peanut butter jars, with lids, for a VBS project. Please place them in the box right outside of Emily's door! The last date to drop them off will be July 10th!

**KIDS: REMINDER TODAY IS THE LAST DAY THAT YOU CAN RETURN YOUR M&M TUBES WITH THE QUARTERS YOU COLLECTED FOR LAUNDRY WITH LOVE DURING OFFERING IN WORSHIP OR IN JOURNEY.**

<b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 10 – MAY 17</b>
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**Sunday, May 17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steppingstone Recognition at both services**

8:30 am            Traditional Worship Service w/ HC  
9:30 am            Journey  
10:30 am          Contemporary Worship Service w/HC

**Monday, May 18**

9:30 am            Staff Meeting  
10:30 am          Preschool Graduation  
5:30 pm            Sew What

**Tuesday, May 19**

8:30 am            Quilters  
2:00 pm            Bible Study in MCH  
6:30 pm            Church Council in MCH Meeting Room

**Wednesday, May 20****Thursday, May 21**

10:00 am          WELCA Bible Study in Parlor

**Friday, May 22****Saturday, May 23****Sunday, May 24**

9:00 am            Worship

**Monday, May 25 – MCH and Church Offices Closed**

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on the schedule on the back page. For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)

## Raising Up Spiritual Leaders for Church Council

I believe that God is leading me to nominate the following person(s) as a spiritual leader to serve a 3- or 4-year term on our First Lutheran Church Council beginning in September 2026.

Name of nominee(s) (Please print legibly.):

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I promise to keep all those who are nominated in prayer as they discern God's call.

### A Few Details

- Three church council members are to be elected to serve; two for 4-year terms, one for a 3-year term. The two nominees with the highest number of votes at the Annual Meeting on September 27, 2026 will serve 4-year terms, the third highest will serve a 3-year term.
- Nominees must be confirmed members of the congregation.
- Nominees are to be examples of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.
- Some persons may be led by the Holy Spirit to believe that they are called to Church Council service. Such persons are encouraged to write their own names.
- Current church council members who are eligible for re-election will only be on the ballot if their names are submitted and they agree to be on the election ballot.  
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