



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 21, 2025

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

154 households have returned a Giving Intent form for 2026! This means we have realized the \$10,000 challenge gift toward our congregation's mission. What great news heading into the new year! Thank you, thank you! If you haven't turned in a 2026 Giving Intent form yet, you can still be a part of this exciting movement! Visit www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/give to complete the online form or find a form at the office or church entrances, or mail or drop yours off. Thank you to all who give any amount for your stewardship of God's generosity that makes ministry possible through First Lutheran.

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SPREAD CHEER, SING LOUD, EAT PIZZA - TODAY

On Dec. 21st, we're caroling at care centers! Meet at 3:00pm in the Mission Coffeehouse. No need for perfect pitch, just a willingness to make days merry! We'll end up at Pizza Ranch at 5pm for food and fellowship. See flyers by the office or in the Mission Coffeehouse or contact Pastor Trey.

CALLING ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Students in grades 5–12 are invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare for our Christmas Eve worship services. Date & Time: December 23rd at 10:00 AM
Tasks Include: moving poinsettias, preparing bulletins, organizing candles, setting up chairs and other preparations to make the celebration special. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in the church office or call 605-692-6251.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We believe that everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home. To make worship more comfortable for you or your family, we have several resources available:

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

If you would like to use any of these, or have a question, please feel free to ask a greeter or usher. We are happy to help!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

High school seniors and post-secondary students are invited to apply for an FLC scholarship for the 2026–2027 academic year. To request an application, email the office at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org, or stop by in person to pick one up. Completed applications must be submitted by February 8, 2026.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL SIGN-UPS

You're invited to join us for our annual Community Christmas Meal on Thursday, December 25th from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM in the Activity Center!

Sign up if you would like to:

- Volunteer to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up
- Bring a pie to share
- Request meal delivery for yourself or someone you know
- Let us know if attending with a group of 6 or more

There are many ways to Sign Up:

- Scan the QR code to the right
- Call the church office at 605-692-6251
- Email emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org
- Add your name to the sign-up sheets in the office



Thank you for your support in making this celebration special. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FIRST LUTHERAN

DEC 24th: Candlelight Services with Holy Communion at 1:30, 4:30 & 6:30pm

DEC 25th: Worship Service with Holy Communion at 10:30am followed by
Community Christmas meal in the Activity Center

DEC 28th: Worship Service at 10:30am

Return to two services at 8:30am & 10:30am with Journey at 9:40am on Jan. 4th

HOLIDAY MISSION COFFEEHOUSE AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

Mission Coffeehouse:

*December 24, 25 & 26 – Closed

*December 29, 30, & 31 – Open

*January 1 & 2 – Closed

Church Office:

*December 26 – Closed

*December 29 & 30 – Open

*December 31, January 1, & 2 – Closed

LEGACY CHALLENGE INVITATION

A generous family at First Lutheran has issued a Legacy Challenge—inviting ten members to also create a legacy gift to our church's Endowment Fund before year's end. Your planned gift—through a will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other option—creates a lasting witness of faith and gratitude, ensuring our mission and ministries continue for generations. To join the Legacy Challenge with a new plan or to document an existing gift, please contact Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity, at 605-868-8754 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org. Together, we can strengthen our foundation and leave a lasting legacy of faith.

JOIN US ON JANUARY 4TH FOR PIZZA AND GAMES

Shake off those holiday wiggles and giggles with us! Join us Sunday, January 4th, from 11:30am - 1:00pm for our 2nd Annual Pizza and Game Day - a fun-filled time for all ages! The gym will be open for running and active play. The Coffehouse will host board games and other activities. And of course there will be pizza to enjoy! We can't wait to see everyone there. For questions, please reach out to Emily Johnson at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org or at 605-697-2751.

Mission of the month for December is Good Gifts

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 28

Sunday, December 21

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/Holy Communion
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Monday, December 22

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, December 23

10:00 am Christmas Worship prep in Parlor
2:00 pm Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse

Wednesday, December 24

1:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 25

10:30 am Christmas Day Worship
11:30 am Community Christmas Meal

Friday, December 26 – Mission Coffeehouse and Church Offices Closed**Saturday, December 27****Sunday, December 28**

10:30 am Worship Service

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