

FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 25, 2026

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE AS THE
FOLLOWING STUDENTS AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM:

Abbigail Leighton Buisker

Mason Burghardt

Warner Robert Carroll

Jessie Dailey

Jennings Randell Huntimer

Jaxson Neuharth

Harper Overby

Jasper Pitts

Colt Van Maanen



2027 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - "ROOTED AND REACHING"

2027 Annual Stewardship Appeal - "Rooted and Reaching" - Today we focus on *Revealing Hidden Potential*. See the insert to learn more about this priority. In worship over the next weeks, you'll hear of our congregation's goals for the year ahead and learn how your faithful giving supports ministry. We will all be invited to consider our giving and submit our Intentions on Commitment Sunday, **November 8th** in worship at both services. Thank you in advance for your intentional reflection on how you might be blessed to be a blessing this year!

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAITH FORUM

Today between services our 10th graders will be sharing their Faith Projects in the Activity Center from 9:30am-10:20am. Our 10th graders have put these projects together in preparation for affirming their baptismal promises. Please join us to hear from our 10th graders!

NOISY OFFERING: SUNDAY NOV. 15TH

First Lutheran is caring for neighbors in need as we partner with Feeding Brookings for their annual Thanksgiving meal distribution. Bring your "noisy" change to worship on **Nov. 15** and help us support this vital community feeding ministry.

PURSES LUNCHEON TICKETS AVAILABLE

Please Join Us for our 14th annual Purses For A Powerful Purpose Luncheon on **Friday, December 4, 2026**. Tickets are \$30.00. You can purchase tickets by contacting Debbie Pederson at 605-691-1803 or Luanne Bebensee at 605-691-5949. With grateful hearts, the Belize team thanks you for your support in making a difference in the lives of students in Belize.

11TH GRADE STEPPINGSTONE – LIFE OF SERVICE

We're excited to invite all 11th graders and a caring adult to join us on **Wednesday, October 28**, for an evening of meaningful conversation and learning about the Life of Service along with the FLC Quilters ministry. Together, we'll explore how serving others can make a lasting impact. Then, on November 4, we'll continue the conversation by discovering how our unique strengths and gifts can be used to serve others throughout our lives. Steppingstone classes begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Rose at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

Mission of the month for October is Smile Train

All "Tip Jar" donations in the Mission Coffeehouse go to the Mission of the Month

BELIZE BOUND!

The dates of **Feb 27 - March 7** are set for our 2027 mission trip to support Dee and our students in their work. Deposits are due Nov. 6. Please contact Mary at 605-690-8862 for details.

COME AND GROW WITH FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

There is a special place waiting for the little one in your life in our First Lutheran Preschool classes. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. We also now offer a 7:45am drop off option. Call or email to tour our bright and engaging classrooms and meet our compassionate and expert staff. For more information or to get started, call the Preschool Office at 605-697-2756, email kami@firstlutheranbrookings.org, check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool

CYF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2026/2027 YEAR

Programing has begun and we are always looking for an extra set of hands from Journey all the way up to Youth Group! If you feel the call to serve, please send Rose an email (rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) to schedule a time to chat! We appreciate any help in any capacity!

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to dig deeper into the weekly Bible readings and be better prepared for worship services? Join us in the Mission Coffeehouse every Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Just bring your Bible. We'll puzzle through readings that are coming up in worship together. Show up when you can! Contact Pastor Trey for more info.

MAKE A DAILY DEVOTION PART OF YOUR SELF CARE ROUTINE

Did you know we provide free daily devotionals. The pocket-sized booklets are available at church entrances to take for yourself or to share with others. Each entry includes a brief reflection on scripture and daily life, a short prayer, and a prayer concern related to the day. Thank you also for providing these to our community!

NEW AROUND FIRST LUTHERAN? LET'S CONNECT!

We'd would love to get to know you better! Fill out a blue 'Connect' card in the pew pocket, or visit the website by scanning the QR code. Regular attenders can use the card to let the church know you'd like someone to contact you as well.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1

Sunday, October 25

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey; 10th grade Faith Forum
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion and Affirmation of Baptism

Monday, October 26

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am FLC Bookclub
- 5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, October 27

- 8:30 am Quilters
- 1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, October 28

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Journey
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11th Grade “Life of Service” Steppingstone Class #1

Thursday, October 29**Friday, October 30****Saturday, October 31****Sunday, November 1 *Daylight Savings Time Ends* - All Saints Sunday**

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. . For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT | NOVEMBER 13TH-15TH | CAMP NESODAK

All high schoolers are invited to join us for a weekend retreat at Camp NeSoDak in November! Use the QR code to register! Registration and payment are due by **Wednesday October 28th (EXTENDED!)**. Questions? Either find a time to chat with Rose or email her at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org



CONFIRMATION RETREAT | NOVEMBER 13TH-15TH | NESODAK

Confirmation friends are invited to join us for a weekend retreat at Camp NeSoDak in November! Use the QR code to register! Registration and payment are due by **Wednesday October 28th (EXTENDED!)**. Questions? Either find a time to chat with Rose or email her at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm in the MCH for a freewill offering supper before Wednesday night activities begin.

MENU:

October 28th – Tater Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Fruit, Cookie & Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

Journey: Pre-k thru 5th grade; Confirmation: 6th thru 8th grade;
Youth Group: 9th thru 12th grade

- **October 25** (Sunday)
 - 9:30am – Journey; 10th Grade Faith Forum
 - 10:30am – **10th Grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone Blessing**
with reception to follow
- **October 28** (Wednesday)
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 11th Grade “Life of Service”
Steppingstone Class #1
- **November 1** (Sunday) *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
 - 9:30am – Journey
- **November 4** (Wednesday)
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 11th Grade “Life of Service”
Steppingstone Class #2
- **November 8** (Sunday)
 - 9:30am – Journey
- **November 11** (Wednesday)
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey; 3rd Grade “Holy Communion” Steppingstone Class #1
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
- **November 13, 14 & 15:** Retreat for MS & HS Youth at NeSoDak
- **November 15** (Sunday)
 - 9:30am – Journey
- **November 18** (Wednesday)
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey; 3rd Grade “Holy Communion” Steppingstone Class #2
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
- **November 22** (Sunday) **3rd Grade “Holy Communion” Steppingstone Blessing at both services**
 - 9:30am – Journey



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ROOTED AND REACHING

REVEALING HIDDEN POTENTIAL – \$10,000



Service that engages your passions is thrilling! This year, we'll identify and deploy untapped gifts in our congregation. With a renewed Time and Talent survey, leadership will match specific passions and skills with the ongoing mission of the church. Discovering the gifts and interests among us will help us live out our mission in Christ within our walls and beyond!



"I have loved singing with the choir because I enjoy singing, and everyone in the choir is so kind and welcoming. I get to use my personal passion during a fun, social evening practice, and a meaningful Sunday service"
– Kyle Gayne, Sanctuary Choir Member and High School Student

An FLC Value: *Generosity – Giving and serving to impact others for good.*

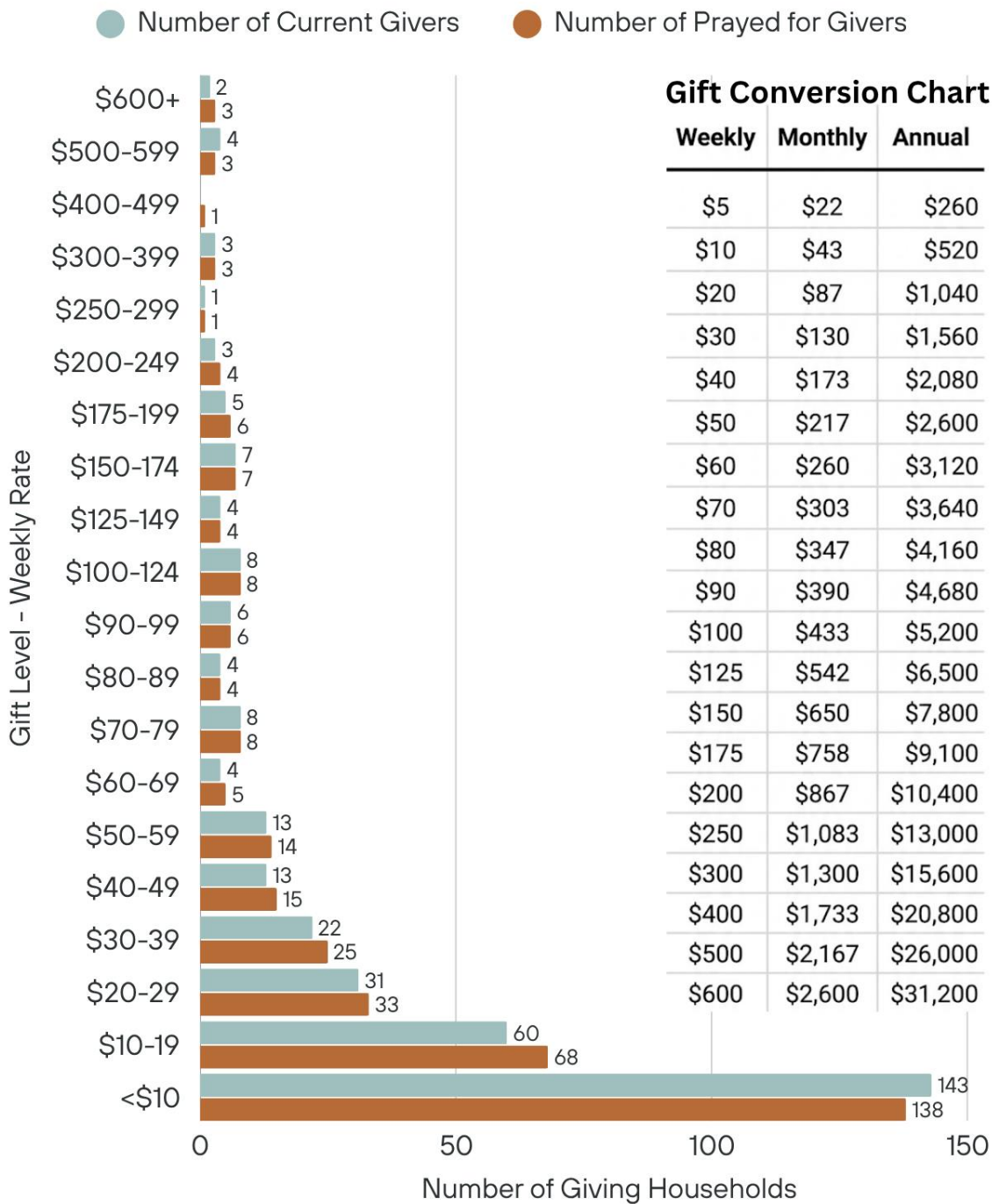
With an additional \$30,000 in 2027 (\$577 per week) we will boldly reach out in mission, including \$10,000 to discover and deploy our gifts, passions, and skills in more impactful and meaningful ways. On Sunday, November 8th you can join others in generosity, returning your Statement of Intent for 2027.



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General Fund Giving Chart



Gift Conversion Chart

Weekly	Monthly	Annual
\$5	\$22	\$260
\$10	\$43	\$520
\$20	\$87	\$1,040
\$30	\$130	\$1,560
\$40	\$173	\$2,080
\$50	\$217	\$2,600
\$60	\$260	\$3,120
\$70	\$303	\$3,640
\$80	\$347	\$4,160
\$90	\$390	\$4,680
\$100	\$433	\$5,200
\$125	\$542	\$6,500
\$150	\$650	\$7,800
\$175	\$758	\$9,100
\$200	\$867	\$10,400
\$250	\$1,083	\$13,000
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000
\$600	\$2,600	\$31,200

As you look over this chart, prayerfully ask yourself:

- How does the amount I give as my offering compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- If I grew one step in giving, what would that amount of money represent?