

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
December 10, 2023

Dec. 10 Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 17 Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE DEC 17TH 3:30PM

In the midst of the "most wonderful time of the year" we gather to make space for grief that may be especially tender during this season. This Blue Christmas Service is a time to reflect, remember and to hear God's promise even when life is "blue".

LAST DAY TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POISETTIAS IS TODAY. Price is \$16 each and order forms are available in the church office or at all entrances.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. High School seniors and students in post-secondary education can apply for a FLC scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like an application, please email the office at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org. You can also call the office or stop in to pick one up. Applications are due February 23, 2024.

LAST CHANCE FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS If you have not had your photo taken for the church directory, the last opportunity is December 27th. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment. If you would like to submit a photo, please drop off a hard copy or send a digital copy to office@firstluthertanbrookngs.org by December 27th.

USHERS NEEDED FOPR CHRISTMAS EVE As we prepare for four Christmas Eve services, if you and/or your family would like to usher on this special day, please call or text Diane Almos at 605-690-5741. Many are needed and will be appreciated.



IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FLC CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL...BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We will be having our annual Christmas Day meal following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 25. But we need your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help set up, prepare and serve food, bus tables, greet visitors, and deliver meals.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MEAL WITH A LARGE GROUP? Please let us know if your group will consist of 6 or more people.

WOULD YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A MEAL DELIVERED? let us know a name, address and how many meals and we will be happy to deliver a meal that day.

CAN YOU BAKE (OR KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE PIES AT THE STORE?) We anticipate we will need about 55 pies this year.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE PART OF THE CLEAN-UP CREW. After the last person has enjoyed their Christmas meal, we need some energetic volunteers to help clean up, put away chairs and tables, wash dishes, take out waste, etc. Get a head start on that New Year's resolution and start getting your steps in by helping us clean up!

All sign up sheets are in the church office. You can also call the office at 605-692-6251 or email office@firstlutheranbrookings.org with your information.



Thank You

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR GIVING OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH, INSIDE AND OUT, FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

SETTING UP THE NATIVITY SCENE: Jim Hegg, David Lenander, Dale Algood, Ron Langner, Dale Nussbaum, Mark Foster and Randy Richards.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY AND MORE: Summer Gravely, Brad & Jennifer Erickson, Dave and Marcene Lenander, Luanne Bebensee, Julie Bell, Clark & Lyla Hanson, Veronna Capone, Margy Brenden, Ray Peterson, Steve Almos, Randy Richards, Nancy Zink, Roxanne Corbett, Rick & Beth Ribstein and the Boy Scout Troop

Thank You



Supportive staff, beautiful facilities, and a generous congregation! That's what we have enjoyed in planning and carrying out the Belize mission fundraiser this weekend. We are grateful for the way God has worked to provide volunteers, donors, and faithful supporters. God is good, and we have seen God's goodness through you.

Belize Mission Team



Dec 17	3:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas Service
Dec 24	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 25	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Morning Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Meal in Activity Center
Dec 31	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 17

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service**
10:30 a.m. **Journey Christmas Program with cookie reception to follow**
5:00 p.m. **Confirmation Mentors Christmas party**

Monday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m.** **Staff Meeting in Parlor**
5:30 p.m. **“Sew What” in Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, December 12

- 8:30 a.m.** **Quilters**
10:30 a.m. **Preschool Christmas Program**
2:00 p.m. **Bible Study in Parlor**
7:00 p.m. **Bible Study**

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:30 a.m.** **Preschool Christmas Program**
2:30 p.m. **Preschool Christmas Program**
6:45 p.m. **Youth Group Christmas Party**
7:00 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service with Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Service with Holy Communion**
3:30 p.m. **Blue Christmas 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

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