

# FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 11, 2024**

### **FAREWELL POTLUCK GATHERING FOR MADISON**

Please join us in the Coffeehouse area following our worship service as we wish blessings and godspeed upon Madison. All are welcome.

### **A NEW FACE IN THE FORMER FAITH FORMATIONS OFFICE**

Emily Bye has accepted the position of Coordinator for Congregational Life. She will be spending most of her time working with Pastor Jess and the Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director (when hired) behind the scenes to help organize things for education. She will also spend some time organizing and recruiting volunteers for different opportunities and promoting our social media presence. Emily grew up in Brookings and even attended FLC when she was younger. She and her husband have one daughter, Rinken Ann who is 3 years old. Be sure to stop in her office (Kari's old office) if you are around and introduce yourself.

### **DO YOU LOVE WORKING IN THE YARD?**

The summer rain and sunshine have combined to create glorious growth in the landscaping around our property. HELP! If anyone loves to create tidy surroundings, please call Doriane (605)697-2755 or email [doriane@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:doriane@firstlutheranbrookings.org) Thank you in advance!

### **JOURNEY VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

All volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday Journey should make plans to join Pastor Jess for training on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm. If you are not able to attend this session, please let Pastor Jess know. If you are interested in volunteering, please chat with Pastor Jess.

**Mission of the month for August is  
Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare**

## **CONFIRMATION MENTOR TRAINING**

Confirmation mentors will meet for training with Pastor Jess on Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30. If you are unable to attend please let Pastor Jess know. If you are interested in being a co-mentor or class assistant, please contact Pastor Jess.

## **REQUIRED TRAINING FOR ALL NURSERY EMPLOYEES**

All nursery employees are required to attend training on August 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you cannot attend, please contact Pastor Jess.

## **DID YOU KNOW FLC TRAINS AND PAYS OUR NURSERY WORKERS?**

To ensure safety and proper attention we staff our nursery with 2 or more people per shift. Nursery shifts average 2 hours. As our population of families with young children grows so does our need for nursery care providers. This is a joyful and rewarding way to serve our congregation. Anyone 16 years old or more is invited to apply. Contact Michelle at [Nursery@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:Nursery@firstlutheranbrookings.org) with interest or questions.

## **DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE A 3-YEAR-OLD?**

We welcome children 3 years old by September 1, 2024 (and potty trained) to join us for Journey to Discipleship. Our Christian education program offers two options, Sundays 9:40-10:20 am OR Wednesdays, 6-7pm. On Wednesdays there is a meal from 5-6 for those who would like to join us.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A READER AT THE 8:30 OR 10:30 SERVICES?**

We would love to have you. Sign-up sheets are up in the church office. Children who are confident readers are welcome.

## **THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped deliver Meals on Wheels over the last two weeks. You are a blessing!

## **RALLY SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Sunday. There will be a backpack blessing at both services. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

## **RETURN TO TWO SERVICES**

We will return to two services on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Traditional Service will be at 8:30 and Contemporary Service will be at 10:30.

## **ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Please make plans to attend the annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> between services.

## **NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE**

New offering envelopes are available in the church office. They are available in weekly or monthly format. Please call the office if you are unable to get to the church for any reason and would like some envelopes.

## **LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF CARING ADULTS**

Would you be interested in being present in the lives of our 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders once a month as they hang out in the youth room while our 9<sup>th</sup> graders take part in a night of activities specifically planned for them. Hang out, play a game, help with homework, take part in interesting conversations and take an opportunity to get to know our youth a little better. If this sounds like you please chat with Pastor Jess.

**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. Giving forms are available in the office. Contact Pastor Jess for more information.

**NEED A LITTLE MORE COMFORT ON SUNDAY MORNING?** We have individual cushions available for your comfort. You can either ask an usher for a cushion, or you can get one as you come in from the gathering space.

**LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR A PLOT IN FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY?** Please contact Dan Billett, Sexton, at 605-695-5197.

**BROOKINGS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS** First Lutheran is collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantries in our community. Collection boxes are placed at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

## **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.

## FLC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 18

### Sunday, August 11

- 9:00 a.m.          Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.          Farewell potluck for Madison

### Monday, August 12

- 9:30 a.m.          Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m.          “Sew What”

### Tuesday, August 13

- 8:30 a.m.          Quilters  
2:00 p.m.          Bible Study in Parlor

### Wednesday, August 14

### Thursday, August 15

- 6:30 p.m.          Church Council

### Friday, August 16

### Saturday, August 17

### Sunday, August 18

- 9:00 a.m.          Worship Service led by youth  
12:00 p.m.          Journey Volunteer Training

*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)*



Clean your closets for a **POWERFUL PURPOSE!**  
\*donations to benefit local and Belize ministries

**PURSES**  
for a **POWERFUL PURPOSE** is accepting donations of new or gently used **PURSES, JEWELRY & CHRISTMAS DECOR** in preparation for the annual event **December 6-8, 2024!**

\*Items may be dropped off at **Mission Coffeehouse Welcome Desk**  
\*Need items picked up? Call or text Jean 695-0389 or Mary 690-8862

**Christmas Tables** luncheon  
**11:30 Friday, December 6, 2024**