

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 17, 2025

MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT – UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CENTER

Pastor Cassandra Lamb is joining us today to preach and share about our Ministry Partner University Lutheran Center. You're invited to join her for a forum after worship (10:10am) in the MCH Meeting Room to learn more about the ministry we share. Coffee and treats will be provided.

HELP SUPPORT THE ULC STUDENTS

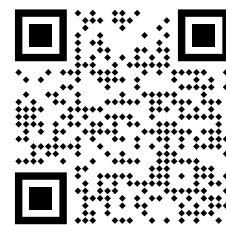
Help the ULC Kick Off the new school year! Choose a tag from the display near the Welcome Center in the Coffeehouse representing the most desired items for our campus ministry partner. Return the wish list item to the same spot. For monetary items, please bring or mail to the church office. Thanks for your continued support!

CYF VOLUNTEER TRAINING 25-26 HAS MOVED ONLINE!

CYF volunteers, you should have received an email with a training kit of videos, readings, and check-in quizzes. Please complete these items when it works in your schedule before Rally Sunday Aug 24th! Look for an invitation to a Leader Huddle on the first day of Journey or Confirmation. If you did not receive an email, please let Rose or Pastor Jess know ASAP so they can get that sent to you.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF CYF VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested please scan the QR code or contact Rose or Emily. If you might be interested, but are hesitant or have questions and would like to chat about it, please contact Rose or Pastor Jess.



SANCTUARY CHOIR SETS 1ST PRACTICE

There will be a Sanctuary Choir organizational meeting and short rehearsal Sept. 10th at 7:00 pm. The choir will be singing Sunday, Sept. 14th. The choir schedules through December will be available. New members ALWAYS welcome.

WELCA TO MEET

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) will meet on Thursday, August 21 at 9:30 in the parlor. All are welcome.

CARAMEL ROLLS FOR SALE AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!!

Proceeds to be donated to the University Lutheran Center.

DOWNSIZING? CLEANING CLOSETS? PFPP NEEDS DONATIONS

Purses for a Powerful Purpose is again taking donations of used and in good condition purses, jewelry and Christmas decorations. Donations can be brought to the Welcome Center desk Monday – Thursday from 8am-2pm or on Sunday mornings. If you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please contact Mary Moeller at 605-690-8862.

FREEZER MEALS AVAILABLE

Women of First Lutheran Church, (WELCA) have prepared frozen crock pot meals for anyone going through a rough patch or perhaps a trying time in their life. You can pick up a meal or two for delivery to a friend from the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen (FLC basement, middle room). WELCA has prepared crock pot chicken pot pie stew and beef stew. Instructions for cooking in a crock pot are available on the freezer. Funds for these meals were provided by Thrivent and FLC Mission Quilters.

PRESCHOOOL OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE

First Lutheran Preschool still has a few openings available for the 2025/2026 school year. If you would like to register a child you may print off a Registration Form located on the church website (firstlutheranbrookings.org) under preschool, or you may email sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org or call the Preschool Office at 605-697-2756, or for more information. We offer preschool classes to children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old. We also offer a Jr K class. Children must be three years old by September 1 and potty trained to attend.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28th between services in the activity center.

PLEASE NOTE

The church office and Mission Coffeehouse will be closed Monday, September 1st in Observance of Laor Day.

SERVING OPPORTUNITY AT LAUNDRY WITH LOVE

First Lutheran and Lake Whitewood Lutheran Churches are serving our siblings at Laundry with Love, a ministry of the SD ELCA Synod, from 3-7pm on Tuesday, August 26th at 701 Cliff Ave, Sioux Falls South Dakota. You are invited to help serve (welcome guests, prepare a meal, serve the meal, and distribute donations) on that day. We will also be collecting donations of food items to prepare the meal. All are welcome. To sign up and/or donate, check the QR code or see Intern Hannah or Emily. All non-perishable food donations are due at FLC by 08/17, and perishable food items are due by noon 08/25. Drop off food donations in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.



MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT: SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Special guest Pastor Sawyer Vanden Heuvel will be with us on Sunday, September 7th to preach and share about our Ministry Partner: Shepherd's Table. Join him for a forum at 9:35am between worship services in the MCH Meeting Room to learn more about the ministry we share. Getting to know our ELCA Ministry Partners expands our view of the Body of Christ and how we can be church together. Coffee and treats will be provided.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

We are again collecting and packing personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world. You can help now by donating a personal care kit, individual items or a donation of money to help cover shipping costs. Please make checks out to First Lutheran Church (please write "care kits" on memo line.) All items should be new. Please wrap all the items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn OR you can donate individual items and we will assemble the kits. **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH KIT:** 1 dark color, light-weight bath size towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping, 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging, 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging, 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging. Collection boxes can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Mission Coffeehouse or in the Church Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE

We will be going back to two services on Sunday September 7th. Traditional service at 8:30 and Contemporary service at 10:30.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The new offering envelopes for September 2025 – August 2026 are now available in the church office and at each Sanctuary entrance. There are 2 versions available: monthly or weekly.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 14

Sunday, August 17 – 3 year old Welcome to Worship; Back to School Blessing

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Mission Forum: University Lutheran Center – MCH Mtg Rm

Monday, August 18

9:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 am Quilters

2:00 pm Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse

5:30 pm CYF Team meeting

Wednesday, August 20

Thursday, August 21

10:00 am WELCA bible study – parlor

7:00 pm Church Council

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24 – 4 year old Welcome to Journey

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Budget Forum – MCH Meeting Room

10:00 - Noon RALLY SUNDAY – Activity Center

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

Mission of the month for August is Days For Girls

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

TODAY in worship we will be blessing **everyone** going back to school! We will have a special gift to share with you to remind you that God's got your back!

RALLY FAIR NEXT SUNDAY

Come on down to the FLC Fair to jumpstart the upcoming school year! Rally Sunday will take place on Sunday, August 24th. Games, walking tacos, face painting and more will be happening from 10a – 12p! Come and join the fun as we kick off an amazing year!

FALL EDUCATION SIGN UP STILL AVAILABLE

Please scan the QR code to register ALL children ages newborn – 12th grade for nursery, Jr. Journey, Journey, confirmation or youth group. Rally Sunday is August 24th and the first full night of Wednesday activities will be August 27th. If you have questions, please see Rose or Emily.



4 YEAR OLD WELCOME TO JOURNEY STEPPINGSTONE

4-year-olds are invited to join Journey Children's Ministry this fall and we want to mark this milestone in worship in Sunday, August 24th. They will receive a blessing in worship and the gift of a Spark bible if they haven't received one yet. Please RSVP to Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

1ST CYF GATHERINGS

August 27th will be our first **WEDNESDAY CYF** night! A meal of grilled hot dogs, beans, chips and a cookie will be served from 5pm – 6pm. Following the meal, Journey with a Parent meeting will start at 6pm. Confirmation, with parents, and Youth Group will also start that night at 7pm.

The first **SUNDAY JOURNEY** gathering will be Sunday August 31st at 10am following 9am worship. If you have any questions please reach out the Rose or Emily! Can't wait to see you all there!!!



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- Sunday August 17th: 3 year olds Welcome to Worship Blessing; Back to School blessing
- Sunday August 24th: 4 year olds Welcome to Journey Steppingstone; 10:00am: Rally Sunday
- Wednesday August 27th: 6:00pm: First Wednesday Journey (with Parents), 7:00pm: First Confirmation (with Parents) and First Youth Group
- Sunday August 31st: 10:00am: Journey Together (All ages meet together in Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday September 3rd: 7:00pm: 10th Grade Meeting (with Parents)
- Sunday September 7th: 9:30am: Journey (with Parents); 11:30am: Kindergarten Learning to Pray Steppingstone
- Wednesday September 10th: 7:00pm: 9th Grade Night (with Parents)
- Sunday September 14th: Kindergarten Learning to Pray Blessing - both services
- Wednesday September 17th: 7:00pm: 2026 Summer trip interest meeting
- Wednesday October 1st: 6:00pm: 1st Grade Steppngstone class - Learning to Share
- Sunday October 5th: 1st Grade Learning to Share Blessing - both services
- Wednesday October 8th: Harvestfest
- Sunday October 12th: Journey Together (All ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday October 25th: 5:30pm: Confirmation Faith Forum
- Sunday October 26th: 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism