

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
March 17, 2024

Mar 17 Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Mar 24 Readings: Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15: 1-39

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

You're invited to a **Palm Sunday Brunch** to support our senior high youth headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. We hope you'll make plans to enjoy egg bake, pastries, fruit, juice and coffee (including dairy-free and gluten-free options) and share your generosity - March 24th in the gym between 9am-12pm.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ARE ON DISPLAY

The silent auction items are on display next to the Welcome Desk in the CoffeeHouse. They will be on display all week and will be in the gym during the Palm Sunday brunch next Sunday. Go bid on your favorite items.

BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER...WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Are you curious about what church membership means, what is required of you and what steps are necessary? Bring your curiosity and your questions to an informational meeting TODAY in the MCH meeting room between services. We will be holding a class for those who would like to become members in April.

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH IS SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

We will be collecting donations of new pillows and twin bed sheets which can be dropped in the church office or in the Mission CoffeeHouse.

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.

QUILTING BEE - SAVE THE DATE!

The First Lutheran Mission Quilters are at it again. We're hosting another old-fashioned quilting bee on Saturday, June 15 in the Activity Center. Lunch will be provided, and all sewers in middle school and older are welcome! More registration information will be forthcoming, but in the weeks before our event, **we need your HELP!** We are in desperate need of 100% cotton fabric for making quilt tops and cotton sheets (full size and larger) for quilt backs! If you have any fabric or sheets, we can even arrange pick up. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please contact Julie Bergan Abraham @ 605-690-6292. Thank you for supporting our mission!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS Lutheran World Relief is a ministry serving communities living in poverty around the world. We are again collecting and packing personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world. We ask for your help in collecting the required items. Please find the collection box in the Narthex. You can help now by donating a personal care kit 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.) Each kit needs the following items:

- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (52" X 27") – dark color.
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) soap in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in packaging (may be sealed in an envelope)
- 1 sturdy comb (remove packaging)
- 1 metal nail clippers (remove packaging)

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.

THANK YOU!

WOMEN AND MEN'S RETREATS & CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES
PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON BULLETIN BOARDS BY OFFICE OR IN COFFEE HOUSE BY WELCOME DESK FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.

*Spring Men's Retreat to be held May 4th 10am-6pm at Plain View Farm
northwest of Bryant

*Medary Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering to be held April 6th
10-3:30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Flandreau

*NeSoDak Women's Retreat to be held April 12-13 "Find Joy In The Ordinary"

UPDATES FROM FAITH FORMATIONS LEADER, KARI YORK

There is still room for anyone wanting to join the *Little Steps Big Faith* book study.
<https://forms.office.com/r/rhpyQnxdDM>



REGISTER OPEN FOR JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP 2024-2025

<https://forms.office.com/r/ubA2tZ94pz>



Check it off your to do list so you can enjoy your summer!

We are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of Journey to Discipleship 24-25. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Kari York faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org. Working with the children in the program is such a great way to get to know the children of our community, learn about the Bible, and be a role model in a fun way.

WATCH FOR VBS information and registration coming soon.

PALM SUNDAY

There is so much happening on Palm Sunday! Join us as all children are invited to be in our palm procession being held at the worship service of your choice. Meet in the narthex (front entrance) of the sanctuary 10 minutes prior to the service.

Between services the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be hosting a Palm Sunday Brunch which will also include silent auction items to bid on.

This bulletin is full of events and activities.

I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers who make these events and activities possible. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, TALENTS, OR PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATION** ~ Kari York, Director of Children's Ministry

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FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 17- MARCH 24

Sunday, March 17

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Worship Service with Communion
9:40 a.m. Journey
Membership Interest Class
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Worship Service with Communion

Monday, March 18

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Little Steps Big Faith book study in Parlor
Hospitality Committee meeting in MCH
5:30 p.m. "Sew What" Quilters

Tuesday, March 19

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters
2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor
5:30 p.m. CYFT committee meeting in Parlor
7:00 p.m. Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, March 20

- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch in Activity Center
5:00 p.m. Meal
5:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Journey (release at 6:50)
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
Confirmation (attend worship then meet in small groups)
9th Grade Night (attend worship then meet in youth room)
7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

- 6:30 p.m. Church Council in Parlor

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Worship Service
9:00 – Noon Brunch in the activity center
9:40 a.m. Journey
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise 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