



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**TODAY WE GIVE THANKS** for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Vivian Lee Greenough who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Vivian's parents are Seth and Morgan Greenough. Her sponsors are Heath and Hillary Smith. Vivian will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Vivian.

### **COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

Today we will install our new and continuing Congregational Council members at both services, and they'll be available for a meet and greet in the Coffeehouse between services. Council members for 2025-26 are Hanna Holmquist (President), Keith Corbett (Vice President), Melody Thompson (Secretary), Michele Nielson (Acting Treasurer), Diane Spencer, Andrew Sogn, and Mike Twedt. Thanks be to God for their willingness to serve as we follow Jesus and live the mission we share.

### **“FACING THE MOURNING” – A 4 SESSION SUPPORT GROUP**

A 4 session support group designed to help with the grieving process by using visual and thought-provoking tools is being offered on Mondays, February 23 to March 16 1-3pm in the meeting room. There is space for 10 participants, so you must register in advance. Register by signing up at the Office Outpost at the Welcome Center in the Mission Coffeehouse or by calling 605-692-6251.

### **WELCA BIBLE STUDY TO MEET**

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet in the parlor at 10:00 am on Thursday February 19. We will study session 2 of Now Let Us Pray. You can find the study in [GatherMagazine.org](https://gathermagazine.org) under Bible Study. All are welcome to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Mission Coffeehouse and Church Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day**

## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

We believe that everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home. To make worship more comfortable for you or your family, we have several resources available:

- \*Aides for the senses: Noise-reducing headphones and focus fidgets.
- \*Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices.
- \*For comfort: Individual pew cushions.
- \*For children: Engaging worship bags.
- \*Communion: Gluten-free wafers and communion delivered to your seat.

If you would like to use any of these, or have a question, please feel free to ask a greeter or usher. We are happy to help!

## **LOOKING FOR CONNECTION AT FIRST LUTHERAN?**

Join us for Charcuterie & Connection! This new event is designed to bring folks together for snacks and conversation centered around a faith theme. We'll gather in the Parlor to enjoy a fun grazing table of charcuterie. Pastor Jess and Rachel Meyer will host us by introducing the theme with a reading, excerpt from a book, or a video clip - then we'll have time to discuss and also share a bit about ourselves. Whether you're new to First Lutheran or a long-time member, an individual or couple; if you're seeking connection, this event is for you! Sundays, Feb 22, March 22, and April 19 from 3:30-5pm (no commitment to all events necessary). In the Parlor Room adjacent to the Sanctuary. Nursery and older child care provided, email [pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org) if you'll be using childcare support.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

We hope you will make plans to join us on Wednesday, February 18th for Ash Wednesday worship services with the imposition of ashes and holy communion. Services will be held at Noon and 7:00 PM.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER**

A soup supper will be offered 6:00 – 6:45pm on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> before 7pm Ash Wednesday worship service. You will have a choice of chicken wild rice or tomato basil, served with a breadstick and cookie. This will be served in the Activity Center and Mission Coffeehouse and a free will offering will be collected.

**Mission of the month for February is the  
Brookings Area Visually Impaired Support Group**

<b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 15 – FEBRUARY 22</b>
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**Sunday, February 15 – Installation of Council Members At Both Services**

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service w/HC
9:40 am	Journey; Council meet & greet in MCH
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service w/HC & Baptism

**Monday, February 16 – MCH & Church Offices Closed**

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**Tuesday, February 17**

8:30 am	Quilters
9:30 am	Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	Bible Study in MCH

**Wednesday, February 18 – NO JOURNEY**

12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service w/HC & Imposition of Ashes
5:45 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm	Soup Supper serving until 6:45pm
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service w/HC & Imposition of Ashes Confirmation and Youth Group (attend service & meet after)

**Thursday, February 19**

10:00 am	WELCA bible study in Parlor
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**Friday, February 20**

**Saturday, February 21**

**Sunday, February 22**

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
3:30 pm	Charcuterie & Connection

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)

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **WEDNESDAY JOURNEY PARENTS – PLEASE NOTE!**

We will not be having Journey on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Instead, please join us for a soup supper at 6:00pm, followed by Ash Wednesday worship service at 7pm.

## **CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS**

On Wednesday, February 18, plan to attend the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 p.m., either with your family or your mentor, and then head to your small group or youth group afterward.



## **UPCOMING CYF EVENTS**

- February 15 (Sunday)  
9:30am - Journey together
- February 18 (Ash Wednesday)  
6:00pm - NO Journey  
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- February 22 (Sunday)  
9:30am - Journey
- February 25 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey; 6<sup>th</sup> grade Steppingstone Class  
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 1 (Sunday) 6<sup>th</sup> grade Steppingstone recognition at both services  
9:30am - Journey
- March 4 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey; Camp Interest Meeting  
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS**

February 18<sup>th</sup> @ **6pm** – Chicken Wild Rice or Tomato Basil Soup,  
Breadstick & Cookie





# 2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

## **FEBRUARY 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

12:00 p.m. - Worship service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Soup supper - open to all with free will offering

7:00 p.m. - Worship service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

## **FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 25 WEDNESDAY MID-DAY LUNCH & COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

Soup, sandwich, cookie and beverage \$10.00

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Lunch served

12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. Brief community worship

Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Brookings Ministerial Association

**Please park on the west side of the church and enter through the Mission Coffeehouse entrance**

## **FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 25 WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP**

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Supper in the Mission Coffeehouse - free will offering

7:00 p.m. - Worship

## **MARCH 29 - PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Palm Procession at both services

Brunch fundraiser for FLC youth - more details to come

## **APRIL 1 - NO MEAL OR YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

## **APRIL 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.**

## **APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Worship Service

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service

