

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 13, 2025**

### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

All are invited to join us for brunch TODAY from 9:30am – Noon in the gym. This will be a fundraiser for our youth going on the trip to The Dwelling in North Carolina this summer. A freewill offering will be taken (suggested donation is \$10/adults and \$5/children).

### **MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT - ST. DYSMAS PRISON MINISTRY**

Special guest Pastor Jeff Backer is with us today to preach and share about our Ministry Partner St. Dysmas. You're invited to a meet and greet between services in the MCH Meeting Room as well 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 work together to share the Gospel in the world.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- \*April 16 No Wednesday night meal or youth activities
- \*April 17 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- \*April 18 7:00pm – Good Friday Worship Service
- \*April 20 Easter Sunday
  - 7:00am Sunrise Worship Service
  - 8:30am Traditional Worship Service
  - 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service
- \*April 21 Mission Coffeehouse and church offices will be closed

### **100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!!**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Carol Laabs will turn 100 years old!! To celebrate, her family is throwing her a card shower. If you would like to send a card to Carol, you can send it to 3735 8<sup>th</sup> St S, Brookings, SD 57006. No gifts please.

## **LET'S GO TO CAMP!**

We are gathering groups to go together to a variety of Lutherans Outdoors of SD camps this summer. Look for the flyer for dates, ages, and locations. Turn in the pre-registration form to the office so we know you are planning to attend. Visit [losd.org](http://losd.org) to complete the full registration. Early Bird prices end April 15th!

## **JOIN OUR CONGREGATION'S STAFF TEAM**

We are now seeking applicants for a Business Manager. This is a 20 hour a week role and will tend the areas of financial management and personnel resources. If you are interested in more information or to apply talk to or email Pastor Jess ([pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org)).

## **EASTER VIGIL**

You are invited to join confirmation and youth group students in a unique worship experience on Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. A meal will be served from 5pm – 6pm in the MCH. Then from 6:00 – 7:30pm we will hear bible stories in a whole new way, sing songs, celebrate baptism and communion and end with ice cream in the MCH. All ages are encouraged to join us!

## **PLEASE SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL!**

We are having a RAFFLE FUNDRAISER! A former preschool family graciously donated all the GREAT PRIZES! We are selling raffle tickets to raise money to purchase and/or replace some much-needed classroom toys, equipment, and supplies. Tickets are \$5/each or \$20 for 5 tickets. You may purchase tickets from Cyndi in the church office, Doriane at the Welcome Desk, or SueAnn in the Preschool Office. We decided to incorporate this raffle into our annual Spring Art Fundraiser. You are cordially invited to our Jr Kindergarten's Art Museum Open House, Silent Auction, and Raffle Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 16 from 3:30-5:30PM. The drawing for prizes will be immediately following the Open House.

## **THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?**

If you've never been baptized, no matter your age, God is calling you to the waters. Older children and adults are always welcome to be baptized in Sunday worship. There will be a special opportunity to be baptized with others at our Easter Vigil on Wednesday, April 23, 6-7:30pm. It's a beautiful evening of God's story told by our youth and celebrating the resurrection! Email or talk with Pastor Jess if you are curious and interested [pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org).

## **CREATON CARE**

As stewards, we are called to honor the beautiful creations of our Creator. Creation Care is our response to environmental issues, including ecojustice. Join us for the first meeting (dinner will be provided) on April 27th at 5:30 in the MCH meeting room. Meetings of about one-hour each will be held weekly thereafter, with input from attendees. Our goal is to learn and consider the possibility of creating a Creation Care ministry at FLC. All are welcome. Interested? Sign up in the church office to help us plan better.

## **WELCA BIBLE STUDY**

When both Jairus and the woman who is bleeding reach out in their pain and disappointment, Jesus meets them with compassion. Jesus is present in our actions as well, when our listening and grace make us stand out from the world around us. WELCA Bible Study meets on Thursday, April 17 at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All are invited to attend. We will focus on Mark, Chapter 5:21-45.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

The Mission Coffeehouse and the church offices will be closed on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Easter holiday.



## **PARENTS – IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

April 16	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH ACTIVITIES
April 20	Easter Sunday – NO JOURNEY
April 23	Last session of Wednesday Journey, Easter Vigil
April 27	Last session of Sunday Journey
April 30	Last session of Confirmation & youth group 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade steppingstone
May 4	5 <sup>th</sup> grade blessing at both services youth group end of year party
May 7	9 <sup>th</sup> grade night with parents
May 14	12 <sup>th</sup> grade steppingstone with parents
May 18	Senior recognition Sunday at 10:30 service

**Mission of the month for April is S.T.A.R.S.**

<b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 13-20</b>
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**Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday** palm procession & children's choirs at both services

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. – Noon Brunch

9:40 a.m. Journey

Mission Moment with Pastor Jeff Backer, St Dysmas Prison Ministry

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

**Monday, April 14**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Sew What

**Tuesday, April 15**

8:30 a.m. Quilters

2:00 p.m. Bible study

**Wednesday, April 16**

5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 17**

10:00 a.m. WELCA bible study

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Friday, April 18**

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

**Saturday, April 19**

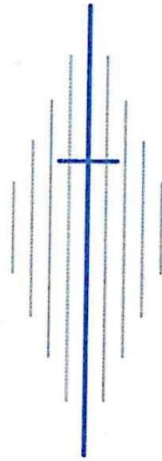
**Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Contemporary 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](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)*



**St. Dysmas**  
OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Bound By Bars. Freed By God's Grace.



Your faithful and generous partnership ensures that the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed and known behind the walls, setting the captives free in Christ!

**WHERE TO FIND US**

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**ONLINE AND FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

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Prison Ministry



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## MISSION:

St. Dysmas Lutheran Church extends God's message of love and grace through worship, proclamation, and community. We live the message that no one is forgotten or beyond God's forgiveness. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we walk with individuals both during and after incarceration, offering hope, mentorship, and fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ.

## VISION:

Our vision is to create an inclusive community driven by proclamation and the message that God's love and grace transcend prison walls. By engaging congregations in worship, support, and reentry mentorship, we aim to walk alongside those affected by incarceration, offering hope, forgiveness, and a path to restoration through Jesus Christ. Through this ministry, we envision lives transformed by the power of God's mercy and the strength of Christian fellowship.

### Inside the Walls:

Bound by Bars,  
Freed by God's Grace

We all make mistakes, but God's love and forgiveness is unwavering. At St. Dysmas, we welcome everyone into God's family, proclaiming His mercy and grace, and supporting those behind bars with compassion, hope, and the promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

### Outside the Walls:

Hope Beyond Bars

Fostering hope, dignity, and resilience; we accompany justice impacted people to new life. We assist people in connecting with the tools and resources they need to reintegrate into the community.



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or help out.



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Pastor Jeff Backer  
Senior Pastor

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