



FIRST
LUTHERAN
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BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16, 2026

2026-27 CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET PROCESS FORUM

Join members of the FLC Finance Task Force and Council **Sunday, August 23rd** at 10am in the MCH Meeting Room for a presentation of the draft proposed FLC budget for the coming year. Your feedback and input will help shape the Council's final draft to be proposed at our Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 27th.

JOIN US FOR A BACKPACK BLESSING

School is near! We will be holding the Backpack Blessing for the 2026-2027 school year on **Sunday, August 23rd**. We encourage all those starting a new year to bring their bags to be blessed and receive a backpack tag! Any questions please reach out to Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-697-2751.

WELCA TO MEET

WELCA Bible Study will meet in the parlor on **Thursday, August 20** at 10:00 am. We will study the third session in the Summer issue of Gather Magazine. It can be downloaded at gathermagazine.org.

WELCA HOSTING FAMILY EVENT AT THREE BARN ACRES

Join us for an FLC WELCA Family Event on **Sunday, August 23** from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Three Barn Acres, 2214 US Hwy 14. Hosted by Elissa and Dan Wenthe, the evening will include a pottery demonstration by Elissa, an opportunity to visit the farm animals, including goats and horses, and a hot dog roast with s'mores. We will also share a devotion based on Jeremiah 18:1-7. Please wear comfortable shoes (no flip-flops), and consider carpooling, as parking is limited. A free-will offering will be accepted. We hope you'll join us for this fun and meaningful time of fellowship! Questions or to RSVP please call Brenda @ 605-691-4082.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

Offering envelopes for September 2026 through August 2027 have arrived. They are available in weekly or monthly format. You can pick them up in the church office or the office outpost.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

Everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home.

To make worship more comfortable, 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 have any questions, a greeter or usher will be happy to help!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN-NOW OFFERING 7:45 DROP OFF

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year.

We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. **We will now be offering a 7:45am drop off.**

Spaces are limited so call or email to reserve your child's spot. For more information, call the Preschool Office at 605-697-2756, email

kami@firstlutheranbrookings.org, check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool

MISSION COFFEEHOUSE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Mission Coffeehouse is seeking one or more volunteers to open the coffeehouse at 7:00 a.m. and work for a few hours on one or more days each week.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Debbie or LaDeane. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

CYF LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2026/2027

As we are preparing for programing to start back up for the school year, we are looking for some amazing volunteers for the year!

Interested? Either scan the QR Code or schedule a time to talk with Rose for more information!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RALLY SUNDAY

Rally Sunday will be held on **Sunday, August 30th**. Stay tuned for more details to come soon.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026-2027 CYF REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Planning for the 2026–2027 school year? So are we! Please use the QR code to register for all CYF activities—including Journey, Confirmation, and Youth Group—for the upcoming year. Have questions? Feel free to call Rose at 605-697-2759 or email her at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org and schedule a time to meet.



4-YEAR-OLD STEPPINGSTONE– WELCOME TO JOURNEY

We invite all children who are 4 years old to participate in our Milestone Steppingstone, “Welcome to the Journey,” with a blessing during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, August 30**. For more information, please contact Rose Baerenwald at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org. To RSVP for the Steppingstone, please contact Emily Johnson at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-697-2751. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

Journey: Pre-k thru 5th grade; Confirmation: 6th thru 8th grade;
Youth Group: 9th thru 12th grade

- **August 19** (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Faith Project Workshop in youth room (until 8:00pm)
- **August 23** (Sunday)
9:00am - **Back to School Blessing during worship**
10:00am - Noon - CYF Volunteer Training
- **August 30** (Sunday) **RALLY SUNDAY**
9:00am - Worship led by youth; 4 year old “Welcome to Journey”
Steppingstone blessing during worship

COFEEHOUSE SUMMER HOURS:

Mon – Thurs 8:00am – 2:00pm Sun 8:00am – 10:30am

OFFICE OUTPOST SUMMER HOURS

Mon – Thurs 8:00am – 3:00pm Sun 8:30am – 10:30am

Mission of the month for August is Lutheran Disaster Relief

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 23

Sunday, August 16

9:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday, August 17

9:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 am Quilters

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 pm Bible Study in Parlor

5:00 pm Faith Project Workshop in youth room until 8:00pm

Thursday, August 20

10:00 am WELCA bible study in parlor

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Worship w/backpack blessing

10:00 am Congregational Budget Process Forum in mtg rm

CYF Volunteer Training in Parlor

4:00 pm WELCA Family Event at Three Barn Acres

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. . For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org