

**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 3, 2026

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Join us between services in the Mission Coffeehouse as we meet the new members being installed today and welcome them into the FLC family.

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Join in conversation with your church council members in the Mission Coffeehouse. Bring your thoughts, ideas, questions, and more. Suggested topics are only a possible starting place for discussion. Upcoming opportunities:

Sunday, 5/3, 9:40-10:20am, Topic: Open

Wednesday, 5/6, 5:30-6:30pm, Topic: Journey

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR SUEANN MOUW

Wednesday, May 13th you're invited to a Retirement Open House for SueAnn Mouw who has served as our First Lutheran Preschool Director for 28 years. Come to the Mission Coffeehouse between 3:30-4:30pm on that day to share your gratitude for SueAnn and the important ministry she has shared with so many.

BLESSING AND SENDING INTERN PASTOR/VICAR HANNAH

Sunday, May 24th in worship at 9am we will celebrate Hannah Reeves Fleming who served us well as an Intern Pastor this year. We will give thanks for her and all her gifts, and send her off to her next chapter of ministry with our gratitude and God's blessing. A reception will follow in the Mission Coffeehouse.

LAUNDRY WITH LOVE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to participate in an upcoming mission partnership with Laundry with Love, a vital ministry of Church on the Street, scheduled for May 26, 2026! This is an opportunity to live out our mission of fostering faith, creating community, and loving all of God's people within and beyond our walls. Scan the QR code to see what donations are needed and what volunteer shifts are available.



**Mission of the month for May is
Brookings Regional Humane Society**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 24TH

Starting Sunday, May 24th we will worship all together at one service at 9am. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day including Sunday, Sept. 6th.

COFFEEHOUSE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

The Mission Coffeehouse is seeking a few volunteers to help for a couple of hours on Sunday mornings. With enough volunteers, you may only need to serve one Sunday per month. If you're interested or have questions, please leave your name and phone number at the Coffeehouse or Welcome Desk.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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. For more information, please call the Preschool Office at 697-2756, email sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org, check us out on our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool.

LOOKING FOR RAISED GARDEN BED SOIL

The First Lutheran Community Garden is in need of bags of raised bed soil. If you would like to contribute, you may leave these by the shed in the west parking lot, or in the Coffeehouse entrance. Questions? Please see Doriane at the Welcome Desk.

VBS 2026 - TRUE NORTH COMING JULY 20-23, 2026

We are starting to prep for the 2026 VBS True North. We are looking for volunteers, some supplies and help with meals in order to make this year's event an unforgettable one. Please scan the appropriate QR code below or see the bulletin board to the east of the Sanctuary to help bring True North to life with us!



True North VBS Supply Registry

Supplies



True North VBS Meal Sign Up

Meals



True North VBS Volunteer Registry

Volunteers

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 3 – MAY 10
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Sunday, May 3 9th Grade Steppingstone Recognition and New Member Installation at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/HC
- 9:30 am Journey; New Member reception in MCH
Conversations with Council in MCH
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service w/ HC

Monday, May 4

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, May 5

- 8:30 am Quilters
- 2:00 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, May 6

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 5:30 pm Conversations with Council in MCH
- 6:00 pm Journey
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 12th grade steppingstone

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

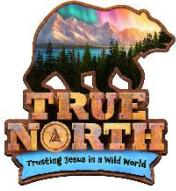
Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10 12th Grade Graduation Steppingstone Recognition at 10:30 service

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:30 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:30 am Reception for graduating seniors in MCH

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE! VBS 2026 – JULY 20 – 23
REGISTRATION COMING SOON

KIDS: REMINDER THAT YOU CAN RETURN YOUR M&M TUBES WITH THE QUARTERS YOU COLLECTED FOR LAUNDRY WITH LOVE DURING OFFERING IN WORSHIP OR IN JOURNEY UNTIL MAY 17TH.



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- May 3 (Sunday) 9th Grade Steppingstone recognition at both services
9:30am - Journey
- May 6 (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation, Youth Group,
12th Grade Steppingstone: Graduation (attend w/parent)
- May 10 (Sunday)
9:30am - Journey
10:30am - Graduation Steppingstone
- May 13 (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey (last session);
5th Grade Steppingstone: Welcome to Confirmation
7:00pm - Confirmation and Youth Group (last sessions)

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENUS

May 6: cheeseburgers, cheesy noodles, lettuce salad, fruit fluff salad & milk

May 13: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, fruit & milk



Introducing a New Nominating Process for FLC Council Leadership

Raising Up Spiritual Leaders.

Beginning this year, First Lutheran will use an ecclesiastical balloting procedure for nominating spiritual leaders for the Church Council. Prior to casting our nominating ballots, we enter into a time of prayer and discernment to consider names of potential leaders to serve on the Church Council for a term beginning Fall 2026. We will cast our ballots from May 17-24, 2026, in-person during both Sundays of worship, and online.

Casting Nominating Ballots for Council Members.

All voting members are eligible to cast a nominating ballot by submitting a name of a confirmed member of the congregation on the form provided. Council members with terms ending are not eligible for re-election unless nominated.

FLC Mission, Values and Priorities.

Our shared mission as a congregation is:

"Fostering faith. Creating community. Loving all."

The values we hold in common are:

1. *Worship*: Receiving grace, glorifying God,
2. *Education*: Exploring God's Word for a lifetime of growth,
3. *Relationships*: Making meaningful connections to walk through life, together,
4. *Generosity*: Giving and serving to impact others for good, and
5. *Care*: Valuing and treating each person as a child of God.

Our discerned priorities are that all will encounter Christ's transformational love through intentional welcome and hospitality, all will walk with Christ in relationships that matter, and all in our community will have shelter. We ask God to call those who can lead us in this Christian mission we share.

The Church Council and Nominating Committee members will make personal calls and visits this summer to those nominated on the churchly ballot to invite them to prayerfully consider the call. Some will discern they would be willing to serve, others will discern not to at this time. After these calls and visits, all those who are nominated must submit a form accepting or declining nomination. All those who submit a form accepting a nomination will be on our ballot at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2026.

This ecclesiastical ballot will serve as nominations from the floor. Nominations will be closed on Sunday, May 24, and individuals must be nominated during this time to be eligible for election during the annual meeting. Biographical information submitted by the nominees will be available to the congregation ahead of the election to help as we prayerfully prepare to elect spiritual leaders for Council. Those who discern willingness to serve who are not elected to Council will be invited to consider a variety of other important ways to serve as leaders in our congregation.

You are asked to prayerfully consider those persons you think might have the gifts of spiritual leadership and be willing and able to serve on the Church Council for a three- or four-year term. More details about this new discernment and nomination process will be shared in the coming weeks in worship and by email.

You can contact our current Council members by emailing council@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

Current Council Members:

Hanna Holmquist, President (term ending Fall 2026)

Keith Corbett, Vice President (term ending Fall 2026)*

Melody Thompson, Secretary (2024-2028)

Michele Nielson (2023-2027)

Diane Spencer (2023-2027)

Andrew Sogn (2025-2029)

Mike Twedt (one-year appointment ending Fall 2026)*

*Indicates eligible for re-election

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