FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 15, 2026

CAN YOU BE ONE OF 45?
As of Monday 11/16, we have received Annual Stewardship Appeal Statements of Intent for 2027 from **120** households! When we reach our goal of 165, we'll unlock a generous $20,000 challenge gift. The response is inspiring: 91% of households are maintaining or increasing their support, with 69% increasing their giving. These increases represent over $96,000 in additional pledged support so far, and $576,332 of undesignated giving has already been committed for ministry in the year to come!

If you haven't submitted your form yet, extra copies are at the Sanctuary entrances, or you can submit it online at firstlutheranbrookings.org with the button "Make Your Pledge." Thank you for making ministry possible at First Lutheran!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Today we celebrate with those who have been called to First Lutheran as their faith home at this time. *We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world!* Please greet our new members at the reception between services in the Mission Coffeehouse.

CALLED TO SERVE: SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENTS
Share Your Time & Talents to make a difference in the world God loves. By completing the Time & Talents inventory, you can discover new ways to serve the Church and your neighbor using the gifts and passions God has given you. Place your completed form in the offering plate, see Emily outside the Sanctuary, or fill out the online form. We can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit will use our gifts in new and exciting ways!

JOIN US FOR A FINANCE FORUM
Join us **Sunday, December 6th** in the MCH Meeting Room 9:40-10:20am.
Join members of Council and the Finance Task Force for an update on our first quarter finances as a congregation.

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

Sunday, December 6th at both services we will welcome and pray for our 2026-27 Congregational Council members. Serving on Council this year: Andrew Sogn, President; Mike Twedt, Vice President; Diane Spencer, Secretary; Chris Larson, Melody Thompson, and Mary Kleinjan. Michele Neilson has ended her time on Council due to moving. We're so thankful for her service to our congregation! Julie Bell has been appointed by the Council to fulfill the remaining year of Michele's term. Steve Myer has been elected by the Council to serve as Treasurer, and, in this role as a non-member of Council, he will have voice but not vote at meetings. Thank you to all of these volunteers who are serving to help us foster faith, create community, and love all.

2026 ADVENT FEST – December 16th

Come celebrate Advent with the beautiful sound of music! Join us on **Wednesday, December 16th** for a special evening of music, fellowship, and food as we welcome Larry Olson and Karol Baer from Dakota Road for a wonderful Advent concert.

MEAL | 5:00–6:00 PM

Free-will donation meal featuring: Chili, Chicken & Wild Rice Soup, or Gluten-Free/Dairy-Free Tomato Soup, served with bread, fruit, and a cookie

ADVENT CONCERT | 6:00–7:30 PM

Bring your family and friends and join us as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season through beautiful music, good food, and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

THIS DECEMBER: ALL OF FIRST LUTHERAN, ON THE SAME PAGE

Comfort and Joy · A free devotional for Advent and Christmas

This December, First Lutheran is spending time together with a shared devotional. Pick up a free copy of *Comfort and Joy,* devotions for Advent and Christmas. Each day includes a short reading, devotion, and prayer. Read it over morning coffee, at the supper table, or by the glow of an Advent wreath.

Free copies are at worship entrances starting this morning. Take one home for you and your family. Visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/comfort for large print and digital editions, as well as opportunities for online evening worship gatherings, music for the season, video greetings from around the Church, and more.

Same pages. Same prayers. One First Lutheran.

Mission of the month for November is Project Joy

All "Tip Jar" donations in the Mission Coffeehouse go to the Mission of the Month

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 29

Sunday, November 22
3rd Grade Steppingstone Blessing; New Member Installation
8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
9:40 am Journey
10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, November 23
9:30 am Staff Meeting
11:30 am FLC Book Club
5:30 pm Sew What
6;00 pm Church Council - Parlor

Tuesday, November 24
8:30 am Quilters
1:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CYF PROGRAMMING, HANDBELLS OR CHOIR

Thursday, November 26
MISSION COFFEEHOUSE, PRESCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 27
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Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am NO JOURNEY
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL JOURNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES
Parents, please note: There will be Journey Christmas Program practice for all Journey students (Wednesday and Sunday groups) on:

- **Wednesday, December 9, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

If your student is unable to attend either practice, please notify Rose at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

JOURNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM– THEN DO IT SCARED
Join us on **Sunday, December 13th** at 10:30am for our worship service featuring the Journey Christmas Program. Stay afterwards for fellowship and Christmas cookies!

THANKSGIVING CYF PROGRAMING SCHEDULE
On **Wednesday November 25th and Sunday November 29th** there will be **NO** CYF Programing in celebration of Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS
All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm in the MCH for a freewill offering supper before Wednesday night activities begin.

MENUS:

December 2nd - Chicken Nuggets, Smiley Fries, Corn, Fruit, Pudding and Milk
December 9th – Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

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

- **November 25** (Wednesday) NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING
- **November 29** (Sunday) NO JOURNEY

Poinsettia Order Form

As we celebrate God's love in the gift of Jesus Christ, our thoughts often turn to other loved ones. The display of poinsettias is one way to remember those special people. We will decorate the Sanctuary with these living reminders of love for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services.

If you order a poinsettia, you may pick it up after the 6:30 pm service on Thursday, December 24th. Poinsettias that are not picked up by Tuesday, December 29th will be redistributed.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please complete the back of this form, attach a check made out to First Lutheran Church for $16 per plant and return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

Remembrances will be listed in the announcements on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please call or email Cyndi in the church office with questions at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-692-6251.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

# of plants ordered: _____ x $16 = Total $_____

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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Given by:

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Phone #_____

_____ I will be picking up my poinsettia(s).
_____ Please donate my poinsettia(s).

OFFICE USE ONLY
_____RECORDED IN SPREADSHEET
_____PAID _____CASH _____CHECK #_____