

# ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

**TODAY WE GIVE THANKS** for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Rhonin James Erdmann who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Rhonin's parents are Reid and Myranda Erdmann. His sponsors are Martin Jackson and Brittany Kruger. Rhonin will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Rhonin.

#### **DEEPENING OUR FAITH TOGETHER: LUTHERAN 101**

You are invited to join us for a 5-week Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 17, 6:15-7:15pm in the Chapel. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, interested in becoming a Lutheran, or just want to dive more into the Lutheran theology, come join us. Let's explore what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and where is God in all this? "Come let us reason together..." (Isaiah 1:18). As always, ALL are welcome. This 5-week class will focus on what we believe about God, humanity, forgiveness of sins, the Sacraments, and the Church, among other topics. All resources are provided. Interested? Sign up in the church office or contact Intern Hannah at hannah@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

#### WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Money, stewardship and generosity Session one Money: What do we treasure? WELCA Bible Study meets on September 18 in the FLC Parlor at 10:00 am. Session one can be found in GatherMagazine.org. It is free to download.

# **VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Worship services are a great opportunity to share in ministry together! We're looking for new voices and hands to join our First Lutheran Readers and Ushers. Whether you want to proclaim God's Word, be the first friendly face to greet people, or help members and guests participate in worship together, your gifts are needed. Please sign up in the church office or scan here to learn more.



#### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

We're collecting personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. You can help by donating a full kit, individual items, or a monetary donation to cover shipping costs (checks can be made out to First Lutheran Church with "care kits" in the memo line). Each kit should include new items only and be wrapped in the towel and tied with ribbon or yarn. Items for each kit: 1 dark, lightweight bath towel (20"x40" to 52"x27"); 2-3 bars of unopened bath-size soap (8-9 oz.); 1 unopened adult toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb; 1 set of nail-clippers. Collection boxes are in the Mission Coffeehouse and in the Church Narthex.

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28th between services in the gym.

#### SANCTUARY CHOIR SETS 1<sup>ST</sup> PRACTICE

The Sanctuary Choir holds rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 pm in the Mission Coffeehouse meeting room. New members ALWAYS welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Anderson at 605-731-6433.

#### MISSION COFFEEHOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in occasionally volunteering alongside others during the week or on Sunday mornings, please visit with LaDeane Harrison in the MCH.

#### 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 assist 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!

Mission of the month for September is Brookings School District Child Wellness Fund

#### FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 21

Sunday, September 14 – Kindergarten Steppingstone Blessing @ both services

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Journey

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

#### Monday, September 15

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

# Tuesday, September 16

8:30 am Quilters

2:00 pm Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse

## Wednesday, September 17

5:00 pm Meal

5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Journey

6:16 pm Lutheranism 101 Bible Study - Chapel

7:00 pm Confirmation, Youth Group, 2026 summer trip interest meeting

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

# Thursday, September 18 -

10:00 am WELCA bible study

## Friday, September 19

## Saturday, September 20

# Sunday, September 21

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/holy communion

9:30 am Journey

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service w/holy communion

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

#### 2026 SUMMER YOUTH TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Wanting to find more information about next summer's trip? Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Youth Room to learn more about our trip scheduled for summer 2026! If you can't attend, please email Rose and she would love to tell you more about it. Youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested will find out more at confirmation that same night.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE STEPPINGSTONE – LEARNING TO SHARE

Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> graders: Mark your calendars for October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm for our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Steppingstone - Learning to Share. Be on the look out for more information!



# **UPCOMING CYF EVENTS**

- Wednesday September 17th: 7:00pm: 2026 Summer trip interest meeting
- Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>: 6:00pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Steppingstone class Learning to Share
- Sunday October 5th: 1st Grade Learning to Share Blessing both services
- Wednesday October 8th: Harvestfest
- Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>: Journey Together (All ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Faith Forum
- Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism

#### UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

September 17th": Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans and Fruit September 24th: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread Stick, Carrot & Celery Stick, Fruit