



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 15, 2026

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL**

You're invited to 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, 3/15, 9:40-10:20am, Topic: Open

Wednesday, 3/18, 5:30-6:30pm, Topic: Welcome & Belonging

Sunday, 4/12, 9:40-10:20am, Topic: Welcome & Belonging

Wednesday, 4/15 Topic: VBS & Summer Ministry

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE CALLS**

The Pastoral Team will be reaching out via phone calls to a number of congregation members each week in the coming months. These phone calls are an opportunity to connect, check in, and share prayer requests. Let us know if you or someone you know would appreciate a phone call or an in-person visit.

### **ROLLS FOR SALE TODAY BETWEEN SERVICES**

Please join us for rolls between services TODAY. Freewill offering will go to support mission projects of First Lutheran WELCA.

### **WELCA TO MEET**

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will meet in the Parlor at 10:00 am on March 19. You may download the Bible Study from [Gathermagazine.org](http://Gathermagazine.org). We begin the Spring studies with Session one. We study God's holy name and promise, "I AM and I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE".

**Mission of the month for February is Feeding Brookings**

## **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 assistance 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!

## **FAMILY SPRING PLANTING EVENT HOSTED BY WELCA**

The Women of First Lutheran invite families to join them for a Spring Planting Event on TODAY beginning at 1:00. Families are invited to come decorate pots and plant a house plant to take home. We will investigate how planting and gardening can relate to our faith life. All plants and pots will be provided.

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year. We offer preschool classes to children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old. We also offer a Jr K class. Children must be three years old by September 1 and potty trained to attend. If you would like more information on fall registration, please call the Preschool Office at 697-2756 or email [sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org). You may also check us out on our Facebook page or on the FLC website, [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Do you have a few hours a month to provide friendly hospitality on behalf of our congregation? We're seeking volunteers to serve at the Office Outpost at the Mission Coffeehouse entrance on Wednesday evenings, Friday mornings or afternoons, and other times as needed. Training before your first time serving will be provided. Greet folks, answer questions, take messages, and you'll likely have time to read or do a project you bring along. You can sign up to help by using the QR code or calling the office at 605-692-6251.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/g...>



## **EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

If you would like to purchase a flower to honor a loved one on Easter morning, order forms are available at all Sanctuary entrances and at the Office Outpost. Each plant costs **\$15.00**. Flowers given *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones will be listed in the Easter morning announcements. Please see the order form for pickup instructions after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday,

## **BRASS PLAYERS NEEDED**

Pat Anderson is seeking brass players to play during Easter services this year. If interested, please contact Pat at 605-731-6433 or let Cyndi know in the church office.

## **JOIN US FOR CHARCUTERIE & CONNECTION ON MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>!**

This new event is designed to bring folks together for snacks and conversation centered around a faith theme. We'll gather in the Parlor to enjoy a fun grazing table of charcuterie. Pastor Jess and Rachel Meyer will host us by introducing the theme with a reading, excerpt from a book, or a video clip - then we'll have time to discuss and also share a bit about ourselves. Whether you're new to First Lutheran or a long-time member, an individual or couple; if you're seeking connection, this event is for you! Sundays, March 22, and April 19 from 3:30-5pm (no commitment to all events necessary). In the Parlor Room adjacent to the Sanctuary. Nursery and older child care provided, email [pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org) if you'll be using childcare support.

## **LENTEN LUNCH AND WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS**

Make plans to join us on Wednesdays during Lent at 11:30am for a soup and sandwich meal followed by worship. Lunch will be served from 11:30–12:00, with worship, prayer, and a brief message from various congregational leaders in our community to follow. The cost is a suggested donation of \$10.00, with all proceeds supporting the Brookings Ministerial Association.

## **WEDNESDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> LENTEN LUNCH MENU:**

Chili, roast beef & cheese sandwich, cookie & coffee  
Host: First United Methodist Church

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND WORSHIP DURING LENT**

Wednesday evening supper will have an extended serving time from 5:00–6:30pm (see menus on the Children, Youth & Family page), followed by Lenten worship from 7:00–7:35pm. Join us to learn about “a love that is stronger”.

<b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 15 – MARCH 22</b>
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**Sunday, March 15**

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
- 1:00 pm WELCA Family Spring Planting Event

**Monday, March 16**

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Facing The Mourning – Meeting Room
- 5:30 pm Sew What

**Tuesday, March 17**

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

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 11:30 am Lenten Luncheon & Worship – Activity Center
- 5:00 pm Supper serving until 6:30pm
- 5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Journey
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship; Confirmation, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night and Youth Group  
(attend service & meet after)
- 7:35 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 19**

- 10:00 am WELCA Bible Study in Parlor

**Friday, March 20****Saturday, March 21****Sunday, March 22**

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:30 pm Charcuterie & Connection - Parlor

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

March 18th – Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Noodles, and Fruit Fluff Salad

March 25th – Chicken Alfredo, Corn, Breadstick, Fruit and Cookie



## UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- March 15 (Sunday)  
9:30am - Journey Together
- March 18 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey  
7:00pm - Confirmation, Youth Group , 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night
- March 22 (Sunday)  
9:30am - Journey
- March 25 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey  
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 29 (Sunday) Palm Sunday - palm procession at both services  
9:30am - Journey
- April 1 (Wednesday) NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING
  
- April 5 (Sunday) Easter - NO SUNDAY PROGRAMMING
- April 8 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Steppingstone Class #1  
7:00pm - Confirmation &\* Youth Group
- April 12 (Sunday)  
9:30am - Journey
- April 15 (Wednesday)  
6:00pm - Journey; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Steppingstone Class #2  
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group

# Palm Sunday Brunch

## CYF Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29  
9:30 - 12:30

Egg Bake - Pastries  
Donuts - Juice - Coffee  
Fellowship and more

Donations to go to support CYF Events  
throughout the Summer!

### Easter Photo Opp!

Lauren Doyle, with  
Jae & Juniper Photography,  
will be setting up a lovely  
backdrop photo area next to  
the Office Outpost in the  
Mission Coffee House. She  
will be available for free  
photos, or feel free to take  
your own!!

**Palm Sunday: 9:30 -12:30**  
**Easter Sunday: 8:30 - 12:30**

### DONATIONS NEEDED!



Scan the QR Code above or  
stop at the Office Outpost and  
sign up to help with the  
Palm Sunday Brunch!

We are in need of: Egg Bakes,  
Donuts, Orange Juice, Pastries,  
Set Up, Serving, and Clean Up.

### THANK YOU!