

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

**Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
January 14, 2024**

IT'S POT PIE SEASON!

Our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering are making chicken-pot-pies to raise funds for their trip to New Orleans. Orders are available outside of the sanctuary and in the office. Please return them to the office or Madison by **January 15th**. Pot Pie pick up day will be January 27th .

MAKE A DAILY DEVOTION PART OF YOUR NEW YEAR

Did you know we provide free daily devotionals. The pocket-sized booklets are available at church entrances to take for yourself or to share with others. Each entry includes a brief reflection on scripture and daily life, a short prayer, and a prayer concern related to the day. Thank you also for providing these to our community!

YOUR GIVING MATTERS! THANK YOU

Each and every way that our church serves our community is made possible by the faithful and generous giving of members and friends of FLC. Your stewardship of our ministry comforts the grieving, inspires hearts and minds, connects stranger and friend, and proclaims Christ in word and deed. Thank you! The new year is a great time to review your regular giving or to consider a planned gift to First Lutheran's foundation. Contact Pastor Jess for more information.

CELEBRATING RETIREMENT – Judy Alickson

After 21 years serving our congregation, Judy is retiring from her staff position as Custodian at the end of January. We're so grateful for all that she has added to our life together, and we're excited for her to begin this chapter of life! Look for information and an invitation soon.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:

FLC offices and the Mission CoffeeHouse will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

“First Things” Weekly Email



If you don't yet receive it, you can sign up here: for the “First Things” weekly email. Each week we share a brief story of connection from members of our church community and five quick things to know about upcoming events, news, or information you need to know.

JOIN OUR FLC STAFF TEAM

We're seeking a Custodian. This position could be half-time to full-time depending on applicants. Previous custodial and building maintenance experience is preferred. We are also seeking a Wedding Coordinator, which is a part-time, as-needed position. For further information or to send your resume, email: pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES 2pm-3pm or 7pm-8pm:

An opportunity to read the Scripture passages for the coming Sunday and discuss them with others. We will always learn something and it's fun to come to worship with the texts already in mind. 2pm in the Parlor , or 7pm in the Mission Coffeehouse. We'll read the scriptures at each study, so no prep is needed.



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

February 24th-25th – We will be offsite! Our Theme is The Eras of God's Promises! Cost is \$55. Scan the QR code to register.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

High School seniors and students in post-secondary education can apply for a FLC scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like an application, please email the office at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org. You can also call the office or stop in to pick one up. Applications are due February 23, 2024. These scholarships are made by the generosity

NEW AROUND FIRST LUTHERAN? LET'S CONNECT!

We'd would love to get to know you better! Fill out a blue 'Connect' card in the pew pocket, or visit the website by scanning the QR code. Regular attenders can use the card to let the church know you'd like someone to contact you as well.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP RESUME JANUARY 17TH

MEALS ON WHEELS – Sign-Up Today!

First Lutheran is scheduled to deliver Meals-on-Wheels from **January 29 through February 9**. Please sign up for a slot(s) in the church office. It is a great way to care for our community. It is also a wonderful example of caring for others to set for young children - they can ride along and help distribute meals! If you can help with this valuable ministry, please call or sign up in the church office! Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

First Lutheran is collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantries in our community. Collection boxes are placed at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

“I GIVE” CARDS IN THE PEWS

If you give via regular weekly offering envelopes, thank you! If you give electronically, monthly, or in other ways, you can place these white “I Give” cards in the offering plate as a tangible way to participate in the offering during worship. The cards also include information about giving online. Thanks for your generosity and faithfulness!

SNEAK PEEK BEHINDS THE SCENES AT FLC

Did you know that each week, a set of faithful volunteers send bulletins to those who worship via the radio or online. They also insert these very announcements into bulletins, send out newsletters, and connect our community in meaningful and tangible ways. Special thanks to Verlie Bargand and Glenda Skovly for their service to our congregation in this valuable way!

MCH MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS BROOKINGS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 20

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Worship Service**
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Worship Service

Monday, January 15 - MLK Jr. Day

Church Office and MCH closed

- 5:30 p.m. “Sew Shat” Quilters**

Tuesday, January 16

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters**
2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor
7:00 p.m. Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, January 17

- 5:00 p.m. Meal in MCH**
5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Journey to Discipleship
7:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, January 18

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Worship Service**
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Worship Service

First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule.

*For a complete calendar, including community events, please visit the First Lutheran website:
www.firstlutheranbrookings.org*