

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
January 7, 2024

Jan. 7 Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 14 Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

GAME NIGHT FOR ALL! January 10th we are hosting a winter game night with pizza and fun! Think boardgames, card games, yard games. Bring your friends, your grandkids, your kids and any games you want to share for the night. 5-7 in the Coffeehouse and Activity Center! There will be nursery available for 0-3 year olds.

IT'S POT PIE SEASON! Our youth attending the Youth Gathering will be making pies to help get them to New Orleans. Orders are now 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 .

CELEBRATING RETIREMENT - After 21 years serving our congregation, Judy Alickson 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 an invitation to celebrate and thank Judy coming soon.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Items for the February/March newsletter should be turned in or emailed to the office by the end of the day Thursday, January 11.

REMINDER confirmation & youth group activities are on hold until January 17th.

DWELLING IN THE WORD – Tuesday Evenings 7-8pm – an opportunity to read the Scripture passages for the coming Sunday and discuss them with others. We will always learn something as God's Spirit enlightens us together, and it's very fun to come to worship with the texts already in mind. Meet at the chairs in the Mission Coffeehouse lobby. We'll read the scriptures aloud at the beginning of each study, so no prep will be needed, unless you feel so inclined to do so.

FAITH AND FUN FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS at the University Lutheran Center on **1/14/24**. This is for area high schoolers to experience campus ministry and learn about college life. Madison will be going and would love to bring a big group of folks from our church. The day will be filled with engaging conversations, fun games, and yummy food. We hope students leave feeling a bit more confident and excited for what might lay ahead of them. Scan the QR code to register and tell Madison if you plan to attend.



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.

BELIZE TRAVEL MEETING Please join us for a Belize Mission Travel Meeting TODAY at 9:45 in the Mission Coffee House Meeting Room. The travel group will be visiting the Alvin L. Young Nazarene High School, and meeting with students receiving scholarships provided by members of FLC. We are making plans on dates, hotel stays and tourist destinations while we are in the country of Belize. If you have interest now or in the future, please make plans to attend this meeting or contact Jim Schade @ (605) 940- 2363.

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

MEALS ON WHEELS First Lutheran is on the schedule to deliver Meals on Wheels from January 29 through February 9. Please grab a friend and sign up for a slot(s), or you can do it on your own! It is a great way to get involved in caring for our community. It is also a wonderful example to set in caring for others if you have young children - they can ride along and help distribute meals! If you can help with this valuable mission service, please call or sign up in the church office!



We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Community Christmas Dinner before, during and afterwards. We would name everyone who helped but there more than likely would be someone who got missed and that would not be right. We would like to thank our sponsors Thrivent, Hy-Vee and Perkins. Also thank you to the Brookings Register for the nice article to help get the word out about the dinner. Even with the bad weather, our numbers were up.

Sincerely, First Lutheran Church & Paul O. Johnson, Organizer

Thank You

Supportive staff, beautiful facilities, and a generous congregation! That's what we enjoyed in planning and carrying out the Belize mission fundraiser. We are grateful for the way God has worked to provide volunteers, donors, and faithful supporters. God is good, and we have seen God's goodness through you.

Belize Mission Team



**NEED A LITTLE
MORE COMFORT ON
SUNDAY MORNING?**

We have individual cushions available for your comfort. You can either ask an usher for a cushion, or you can get one as you come in from the gathering space.

LAST CHANCE - SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO If you couldn't come to the church to get your photo taken for the directory, we highly encourage you to submit a photo of your own by January 12th. Hard copy or digital...either one works. Call Cyndi in the office to make arrangements 605-692-6251. Our directory won't be the same without you.

BROOKINGS COUNTY 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.

MCH MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS BROOKINGS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 15

Sunday, January 7

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Worship Service**
9:30 a.m. Belize Travel Info Meeting
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Worship Service**

Monday, January 8

- 9:00 a.m.** Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Parkplace and ULC Communion
5:30 p.m. “Sew Shat” Quilters

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

- 5:00 p.m.** Game Night
5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

- 6:30 p.m.** Church Council in Parlor

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Worship Service**
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Worship Service**
11:45 a.m. Anniversary of Baptism

Monday, January 15 – MCH and Offices closed

- 5:30 p.m.** “Sew What” quilters

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