



## ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 10, 2026

### **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR SUEANN MOUW**

Wednesday, May 13th you're invited to a Retirement Open House for SueAnn Mouw who has served as our First Lutheran Preschool Director for 28 years. Come to the Mission Coffeehouse between 3:30-4:30pm on that day to share your gratitude for SueAnn and the important ministry she has shared with so many.

### **BLESSING AND SENDING INTERN PASTOR HANNAH**

Sunday, May 24th in worship at 9am we will celebrate Hannah Reeves Fleming who served us well as an Intern Pastor this year. We will give thanks for her and all her gifts, and send her off to her next chapter of ministry with our gratitude and God's blessing. A reception will follow in the Mission Coffeehouse.

### **LAUNDRY WITH LOVE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

You are invited to participate in an upcoming mission partnership with Laundry with Love, a vital ministry of Church on the Street, scheduled for May 26, 2026! This is an opportunity to live out our mission of fostering faith, creating community, and loving all of God's people within and beyond our walls. Scan the QR code to see what donations are needed and what volunteer shifts are available.



### **COFFEEHOUSE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS**

The Mission Coffeehouse is seeking a few volunteers to help for a couple of hours on Sunday mornings. With enough volunteers, you may only need to serve one Sunday per month. If you're interested or have questions, please leave your name and phone number at the Coffeehouse or Welcome Desk.

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. For more information, call the Preschool Office at 697-2756, email [sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org), check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool).

## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

Everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home.

To make worship more comfortable, 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 have any questions, a greeter or usher will be happy to help!

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

Starting Sunday, May 24th we will worship all together at one service at 9am. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day including Sunday, Sept. 6th.

## **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! This summer is a great time to review your regular giving and consider starting or increasing an automatic gift that keeps your intended giving regular no matter where weekend adventures may take you. Automatic giving forms can be found at Office Outpost at the Welcome Center in the Mission Coffeehouse. See Pastor Jess for more information.

## **VBS 2026 - TRUE NORTH COMING JULY 20-23, 2026**

We are starting to prep for the 2026 VBS True North. We are looking for volunteers, some supplies and help with meals in order to make this year's event an unforgettable one. Please scan the appropriate QR code below or see the bulletin board to the east of the Sanctuary to help bring True North to life with us!



Supplies

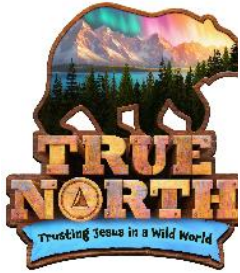


Meals



Volunteers

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for 2026 VBS True North is live and open now. Come experience the True North July 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>! Scan the QR code to register. Any questions or need help, email or call Rose at [rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) or 605-692-6251.



## COLLECTING EMPTY PEANUT BUTTER JARS FOR VBS

We are collecting empty, washed out peanut butter jars, with lids, for a VBS project. Please place them in the box right outside of Emily's door! The last date to drop them off will be July 10th!



## UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- May 10 (Sunday)
  - 9:30am - Journey
  - 10:30am - Graduation Steppingstone
- May 13 (Wednesday)
  - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
  - 6:00pm - Journey (last session);
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steppingstone: Welcome to Confirmation
  - 7:00pm - Confirmation and Youth Group (last sessions)

## UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENUS

May 13: meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, fruit & milk

**KIDS: REMINDER THAT YOU CAN RETURN YOUR M&M TUBES WITH THE QUARTERS YOU COLLECTED FOR LAUNDRY WITH LOVE DURING OFFERING IN WORSHIP OR IN JOURNEY UNTIL MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

<b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 10 – MAY 17</b>
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**Sunday, May 10 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Steppingstone: High School Graduation  
Recognition at 10:30 service**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 am Journey  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
11:30 am Reception for graduating seniors in MCH

**Monday, May 11**

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

**Tuesday, May 12**

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

**Wednesday, May 13**

3:30 pm Retirement Open House for SueAnn Mouw in MCH  
5:00 pm Meal  
6:00 pm Journey; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steppingstone  
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group

**Thursday, May 14**

**Friday, May 15**

**Saturday, May 16**

**Sunday, May 17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Steppingstone Recognition at both services**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service w/ HC  
9:30 am Journey  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service w/HC

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](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)

**Mission of the month for May is  
Brookings Regional Humane Society**

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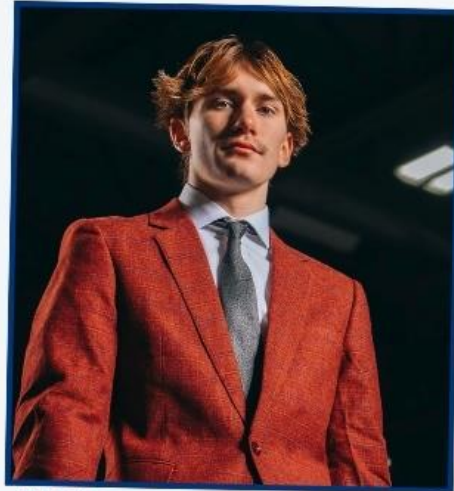


2026



**KENNEDY BEHREND**

PROVERBS 28:13



**WAYLON CARROLL**

JEREMIAH 29:11



**BRADEN DOBESH**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



**KASEN FIXEN**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



**CRUE HALVERSON**

1CORINTHIANS 16:14



**JACKSON HELLER**

DEUTERONOMY 31:6



**BLAKE KANNEGIETER**

JOHN 1:1



**KAI PASO LITTLE**

JEREMIAH 29:11



**TYSON LUNN**  
JEREMIAH 29:11



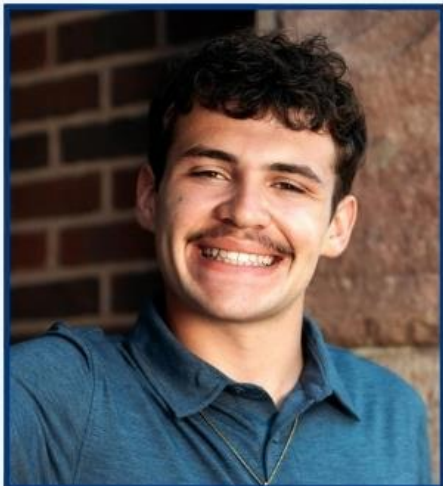
**ZACHARY MUELLER**  
PSALM 46:1



**GRACIANA PETERSON**  
PSALM 73:26



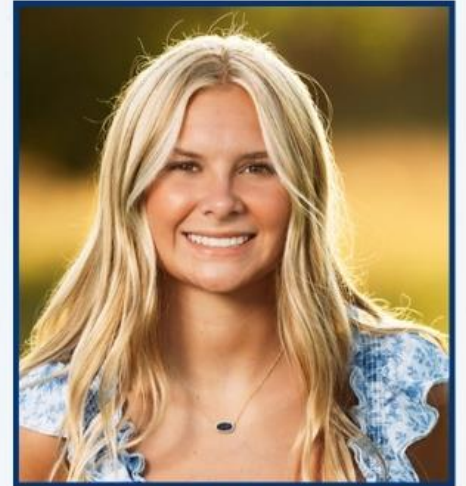
**KEYGAN PETERSON**  
JEREMIAH 29:11



**GAVIN SMITH**  
ISAIAH 40:29-31



**MICHAEL TWEDT**  
MARK 9:23



**OAKLEY VAN MAANEN**  
PSALM 46:5

# Congratulations

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

#### HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

KENNEDY BEHREND

WAYLON CARROLL

BLAKE KANNEGIETER

ZACHARY MUELLER

GAVIN SMITH

MICHAEL TWEDT

#### SEMINARY RECIPIENTS

STUART LEWIS

#### POST-SECONDARY RECIPIENTS

TALON EVERDING

AVA HILLMOE

JAZMYN LUNN

JACOB MILTON

EMILY ROBBINS

AVA SANDINE

TESSA TWEDT

JACOB YORK

JENNAVIEVE YORK

TOTAL 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN BY  
FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION EQUALS \$31,500

### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION QUILTERS SCHOLARSHIP

KENNEDY BEHREND

## ***Timeline***

### **April 26, May 3, and May 10**

Announcing the beginning of prayer to raise up leaders for our Church Council. More information about discernment and election is shared on May 10.

### **May 17 and May 24**

At worship services we will cast nomination (ecclesiastical) ballots for Church Council. A congregational email will be sent with a link to a web form for those who are worshipping online and sending nominations remotely. Calling the church office is another option for sharing nominations.

### **June and July**

Nominating committee members and council members make phone calls and visits to all those who have been nominated by the congregation. They are invited to discern whether God is calling them to Council leadership.

### **Monday, August 31**

Deadline for all those nominated to submit biographical information if they will allow themselves to be on the ballot, or to withdraw.

### **Sunday, September 27**

Congregational annual meeting and election of Church Council members.

## ***For Further Information & Prayerful Guidance***

Please contact any of the Church Council members with your questions!

\* indicates eligible for re-election.

Hanna Holmquist (term ends Fall 26)

\*Keith Corbett (term ends Fall 26)\*

Michele Nielson (term ends Fall 27)

Diane Spencer (term ends Fall 27)

Melody Thompson (term ends Fall 28)

Andrew Sogn (term ends Fall 29)

\*Mike Twedt (1-year term ends Fall 26)

[council@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:council@firstlutheranbrookings.org)

Pastor Jess Daum

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Pastor Trey Daum

[pastortrey@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastortrey@firstlutheranbrookings.org)



## ***Raising Up Leaders for Church Council 2026-2030***

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**After Jesus departed from them,**  
*Peter and the disciples needed to  
choose a 12<sup>th</sup> disciple.  
How did they choose a new leader?  
With discernment and prayer!*  
(Acts 1:23-26)

**How shall our congregation raise up spiritual leaders?** Our Church Council invites the members of First Lutheran to help us raise up spiritual leaders with discernment\* and prayer.

**A nominations process by all voting members.** May 17 and 24, 2026 all voting members will be invited to write on a ballot in worship, use the web form sent to you by email, or call the church office (605-692-6251) with the name of a member of First Lutheran Church that they believe has the gifts and vision to be one of our spiritual leaders – council members – for the 2026 - 2030 term. This is called an “ecclesiastical” ballot, following the pattern of the disciples in Acts who discerned that Justus and Matthias had the gifts to be the 12<sup>th</sup> disciple.

**Who are Voting Members?** According to our congregation’s constitution, Voting members are confirmed members who have communed with our congregation and made a financial offering with their name attached to this congregation during the current or preceding calendar year.

**We invite all voting members to begin praying now** for insight. Ask God to help you identify a person that you can nominate to be a church council member. Pray that this person might be given wisdom to know whether or not this is the right time for them to serve as a council member.

\* distinguishing between God’s will & self-will.

**We expect God will lead us to prayerfully write the names of many persons** on the nomination ballot either online, by phone, or in-person. During June and July, the members of the Nominating Committee and church council will visit every person who has been nominated by the congregation. They will provide them with some guiding scripture, a description of council responsibilities, testimonials from past council members, our mission statement, and a vision of spiritual leadership. We will invite them into a period of prayer, study, and conversation with current leaders and members, as well as observation of a council meeting.

**Then, those persons nominated will notify the congregation by August, 31<sup>st</sup> 2026, whether God is leading them to put their name on the ballot to be a council member.** Some of the persons who are nominated, in their prayer time, will find that council membership is not their interest or gift. Others will discern that this is not the right time for them to serve. But many others will discover God’s nudging and will allow their names to be placed on the ballot.

Biographical information will be made available of those who discern that God is leading them to be on the ballot.

Those who are not elected to leadership on the Church Council may be led to discover other congregational leadership opportunities God has in store for them at this time.

**At our annual congregational meeting** we will prayerfully cast our ballots for those who have allowed themselves to be available to serve as church council members. Each person will vote for three individuals, and the three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

**We hope you will fully participate by submitting a name the week of May 17-24, 2026 and attending our annual meeting at the end of September (Sunday, September 27 at 11:30am); and by praying daily that God will raise up another group of faithful leaders for our Church Council who are called for such a time as this.**

#### **A Few Details**

- Two church council members are to be elected to serve a 4-year term and one to a 3-year term. The two nominees with the most votes at the annual meeting will serve 4-year terms, the one with the third most votes will serve a 3-year term.
- Some may be led by the Holy Spirit to believe that they are called to Church Council service. Such persons are encouraged to write their own names on the first ballot.
- Church council members who are eligible for re-election will only be on the ballot if their names are submitted on the first ballot, and they agree to be on the election ballot.
- The first ballot constitutes “nomination from the floor.” Nominations will be closed after this ballot May 24<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, so there will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.