



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS **MARCH 8, 2026**

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 11TH LENTEN LUNCH MENU:

Chicken noodle soup, ham & cheese sandwich, cookie & coffee
Host: United Church of Christ

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 3rd page), followed by Lenten worship from 7:00–7:35pm. These mid week gatherings offer a meaningful pause in the week—a chance to center ourselves, pray, and receive God’s Word. This year, we’ll hear stories told from the perspectives of biblical characters who, even in the midst of struggle, encountered the love of God in Christ—“a love that is stronger.”

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.

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 Sunday, March 15 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. You may also check us out on our Facebook page or on the FLC website, 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 MARH 22ND

Easter flowers offer a meaningful way to honor the special people in your life. On Easter morning, the Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful living symbols of resurrection and spring. If you would like to purchase a flower, order forms are available at all Sanctuary entrances, at the Office Outpost, and in the church office. Each plant costs **\$15.00**. Flowers given *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones will be listed in the Easter morning announcements. If you purchase a flower, you may pick it up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service, or on April 7–8 between 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Flowers not picked up by 3:00 p.m. on April 8 will be given away.

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.

HAVE FABRIC OR BEDSHEETS TO DONATE?

The FLC quilters are looking for donations of fabric or bedsheets to use on the quilts they make for Lutheran World Relief. Donations can be dropped at the Office Outpost in the Mission Coffeehouse or call the church office at 605-6926251 to make other arrangements.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR A PLOT IN FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY?

Please contact Patrick Mulloy, Sexton, at 309-738-9191.

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.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

March 11th – Tater Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Fruit and Cookie

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

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

Mission of the month for February is Feeding Brookings

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 8 – MARCH 15
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Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am Journey; Camp Interest Meeting - Parlor
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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 and Youth Group (attend service & meet after)
7:35 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 12**Friday, March 13****Saturday, March 14****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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMP INTEREST MEETINGS

Have questions about camp, need help registering, or want to learn about scholarship options? Join us for a camp interest meeting TODAY from 9:30–10:30am in the Parlor—to get all the details and have your questions answered.

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- March 8 (Sunday) Daylight savings time begins
9:30am - Journey; Camp Interest Meeting
- March 11 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 15 (Sunday)
9:30am - Journey Together
- March 18 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation, Youth Group , 9th 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



Easter Flowers

The deadline to order is Sunday March 22nd.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our thoughts often turn to other loved ones. The display of Easter flowers is one way to remember those special people. On

Easter morning we will decorate the Sanctuary with these living reminders of the resurrection and spring. If you would like to purchase an Easter flower, please fill out this form and **leave it at the Office Outpost, in the church office or offering plate along with a check for \$15.00.** Flowers given *in memory of* or *in honor of* will be listed in the announcements on Easter morning. If you order a flower, you may pick it up after the 10:30 am Easter Sunday service, or on April 7th & 8th between 8am & 3pm.

Flowers that are not picked up by 3pm on April 8th will be given away.

Please select your choice and number of flowers – \$15.00 each

Easter Lily ____ Hyacinth ____ Cyclamen ____ Tulips ____

The Easter Lilies will be white and the other flowers will be a mixture of purple, pink and yellow.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone _____