



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 23, 2025

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Vienna Christine Amundson who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Vienna's parents are Samuel and Alissa Amundson. Her sponsors are Edwin and Kara Amundson and Mara Morill. Vienna will be baptized at the 8:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Vienna.

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Isla Ardell Skelton who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Isla's parents are Waylon and Julia Skelton. Her sponsors are Cody and Erin Konrad. Isla will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Isla.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT FEST TODAY

We invite you to join us for Advent fest today from 9:30 - 12:30! We will be serving soup, garlic bread and crackers for the meal. There will also be games, crafts, music, a photo booth and fellowship as well. We hope to see you there!

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

You can help unlock a challenge gift! We've received statements of intent for giving from 115 households. We're nearing the goal of 150 to realize the generous challenge gift of \$10,000! You can be a part of the excitement. Commitment cards are at each Sanctuary entrance. Visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/give or, use the QR code. Thanks for being a part of making ministry possible through First Lutheran.

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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 assist 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!

A BOLD THANKOFFERING

Sunday, November 30th we'll collect a Noisy Offering supporting Women of the ELCA whose mission is "*Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.*" This Thankoffering supports Women of the ELCA ministries, including justice and advocacy work, training for leaders, scholarships, and health initiatives for women and girls. Please bring your change to share with this important ministry partner. Checks and cash gifts are also welcome marked "WELCA Thankoffering."

CHILDREN'S JOY OF GIFTING

Help children discover the Joy of Gifting on Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Activity Center from 8:30 – 11:30. Kids can choose items for a quarter, gift wrap them and attach a personal greeting card. A great opportunity to gift others at Christmas!

LEGACY CHALLENGE INVITATION

A generous family at First Lutheran has issued a Legacy Challenge—inviting ten members to also create a legacy gift to our church's Endowment Fund before year's end. Your planned gift—through a will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other option—creates a lasting witness of faith and gratitude, ensuring our mission and ministries continue for generations. To join the Legacy Challenge with a new plan or to document an existing gift, please contact Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity, at 605-868-8754 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org. Together, we can strengthen our foundation and leave a lasting legacy of faith.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mission Coffeehouse and Church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

WANT TO SERVE OTHERS IN A SPECIAL WAY?

We're seeking a Sexton to tend and care for people on behalf of our First Lutheran Cemetery. This is a paid position. The sexton is responsible for sales of cemetery plots and columbarium niches, keeping records, marking plots for burials and monuments, and more. Training will be provided. This important role makes a difference for people as they make plans for their final resting place and helps those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Interested? Questions? Talk with Pastor Jess, email her at pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org, or call the church office at 605-692-6251.

TRANSITIONING THE SANCTUARY'S SACRED COLORS

We're seeking new volunteers for the meaningful ministry of changing the liturgical banners and chancel cloths! This service is needed about 9 times a year, and can be done at a time during the week that is convenient for you. We're grateful to Sarah and Jason Keizer, Jackson Hornby, and Doris Hornby, for faithful years of enhancing our worship. Contact the church office to help.

BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2026

If you are interested in learning more about the Belize Mission Trip in March 2026, please contact Jim Schade, 605-940-2363, schade@itctel.com. Tentatively we are planning a six day Belize Mission Trip that will be sometime between March 10th and March 24th.

PFPP CRAFT, PURSES, JEWELRY AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS SALE

The First Lutheran Mission Quilters Group is participating in the Purses for a Powerful Purpose Craft Sale being held in the First Lutheran Activity Center on:

Friday December 5th 9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday December 6th 9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday December 7th 8:00am – 12:00pm

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.

LOST AND FOUND CLEAN UP The lost and found is in the Fellowship Hall entrance across from the elevator. Please take a moment to check for your lost jacket, hat, or sunglasses before we donate them. Thank you.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 30

Sunday, November 23

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey Advent Fest
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, November 24

9:30 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 am	FLC Book Club
5:30 pm	Sew What CYF Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 am	Quilters
2:00 pm	Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse

Wednesday, November 26 – no Wednesday night programing

Thursday, November 27 – MCH and Church offices closed

Friday, November 28 - MCH and Church offices closed

Saturday, November 29**Sunday, November 30**

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR JOURNEY (Sunday And Wednesday)

Want to help out with our Christian Education? This is an opportunity for you! We are looking for more substitutes for Journey on Wednesdays and Sundays. This will include walking alongside our children through activities they do in Journey. If you are interested, please stop by and see Rose in her office or email her at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

On Wednesday November 26th there will be NO programing in celebration of Thanksgiving. On Sunday November 30th there will be a Journey Together during regular Journey time.



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- Monday November 24th 5:30pm: CYF team meeting
- Wednesday November 26th: No Wednesday Night Programming
- Wednesday December 10th 6:00pm: ALL Journey Christmas program practice (last Wednesday night of fall Journey); 9th grade night; Confirmation Christmas parties
- Saturday December 13th time tba: ALL Journey Christmas program practice
- Sunday December 14th 10:30am: Journey Christmas program (last Sunday of fall Journey)
- Wednesday December 17th 7:00pm: Youth group Christmas party (last night of fall session)

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

December 3rd – Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit and Cookie

December 10th – Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Noodles and Fruit Fluff Salad

Poinsettia Order Form

As we celebrate God's love in the gift of Jesus Christ, our thoughts often turn to other loved ones. The display of poinsettias is one way to remember those special people. We will decorate the Sanctuary with these living reminders of love for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services.

If you order a poinsettia, you may pick it up after the 6:30 pm service on Wednesday, December 24th. Poinsettias that are not picked up by Monday, December 29th will be redistributed.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please complete the back of this form, attach a check made out to First Lutheran Church for \$16 per plant and return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate.

All remembrances will be listed in the announcements on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please call or email Cyndi in the church office with questions at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-692-6251.

**DEADLINE TO
ORDER IS SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14TH**



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

of plants ordered: _____ **x \$16 = Total \$**_____

In memory of:

In honor of:

Given by:

Phone #_____

_____ **I will be picking up my poinsettia(s).**

_____ **Please donate my poinsettia(s).**

OFFICE USE ONLY

_____RECORDED IN SPREADSHEET

_____PAID _____CASH _____CHECK #_____