



# FIRST THINGS

First Lutheran Church of Brookings, SD

*...engaging life and the world, by and through God's grace.*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Greetings First Lutheran Friends,

What an exciting time to be writing a first letter to you just as we enter a season full of tradition, celebration, joy, and anticipation. December begins with planning, shopping, and aligning calendars to fit in all of the events and activities. We aim to make as much merry as possible and avoid fa-la-la-la fomo. I recently found at the thrift store (and bought) a t-shirt that says in script: "making magic happen." I pictured myself wearing it this month, on a weekend, under some Christmas plaid, as Trey and I did something cozy with Ruby, August and Calvin...baking cookies, making a list for Santa, going to the parade of lights. As a parent of little ones, I feel it is my duty to make the Christmas magic palpable, to create it. It's a bit of pressure. Aiming for magic often has me running errands instead of savoring the moment. If you're at all like me, we can find ourselves skating right by the reason for the holiday hustle and bustle in our attempts to whip up happy holidays for our kids, grandkids, friends, ourselves.

Look. Listen. Above the bells, between the strings of lights, among the cookies sprinkled with red and green sugar, under the pile of presents, the presence of the Holy awaits our attention. We deck the halls and fuss over how to best affix bulbs to our roof's peaks. Meanwhile, Creator of the stars of night, hangs true shining stars above the highest bough. We hurry and worry, preparing room for Jesus to be born in our hearts and our in-laws to visit our house. God, everlasting, carves out peaceful space from the plenty of eternity for us to rest, to arrive, to be reborn ourselves through the gift of grace Jesus brings us.

Don't rush this season. Good luck with that one, right? In all seriousness, I say this to myself as much as to you: let's find at least a little space each day of this time of preparation mixed with celebration, to just be still and know that God is God (Psalm 46:12). Take time to know, and take heart in the knowing, that we do not make Christmas magic happen. God takes care of that for us. The Babe of Bethlehem will be born in the manger. The angels will herald His birth. The shepherds will be disturbed and then drawn to Him. The star will shine over the place where He was born. The holy night will shine with the brightness of the true Light. We will be wrapped up in it, ready or not, and made a part of this miraculous story, given the role of recipients of the greatest gift ever given.

Blessings be yours this Christmas and into the year to come,

Pastor Jess



## OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS THEME



CLOSE to  
HOME

### **November 28 – First Sunday of Advent**

“Homesick” (Hope)

*Luke 21:25-36 | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

### **December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent**

“Laying the Foundation” (Peace)

*Luke 1:57-80<sup>7</sup> | Philippians 1:3-11*

### **December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent**

“A Home for All” (Joy)

*Luke 3:1-18 | Zephaniah 3:14-20*

### **December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

“Seeking Sanctuary” (Love)

*Luke 1:39-55 | Luke 1:46b-55*

### **December 24 & 25 – Christmas Eve & Day**

“Invited Home”

*Luke 2:1-20 | John 1:1-14*

### **December 26 – First Sunday of Christmas**

“Chosen Home”

*Luke 2:41-52 | Colossians 3:12-17*

### **January 2 – Epiphany Sunday**

“Home by Another Way”

*Matthew 2:1-12 | Ephesians 3:1-12*

## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION PASTORAL VISITS

Pastors Jess and Trey continue to meet and connect with as many members of the First Lutheran community and we want to make an extra effort to visit those who have difficulty getting to church. We're contacting those who are 80+ to arrange visits, but if you or a family member of any age would like a pastoral visit for prayer, Holy Communion, or conversation, please let us know and we'd be more than happy to bring "tidings of comfort and joy" this Christmas season! Call the church office to get a hold of the pastors, or email us at

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

## WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE A LITTLE BETTER?

Join a new Bible Study with Pastor Trey at 2pm on Tuesdays in the Parlor as we read and discuss [The Story Luke Tells: Luke's Unique Witness to the Gospel](#). We'll discuss the book, learn from one another's insights, and discover the unique perspective and themes of this Gospel. Can't make it at that time? Let Pastor Trey know if you're interested in other times, or pick up the book from him to read on your own.



# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## **First Lutheran Preschool Christmas Programs**

Wednesday, December 8

10:30 am & 2:30 pm

Thursday, December 9

10:30 am & 2:30 pm

First Lutheran Sanctuary

## **Children's Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 12

10:30 am Worship Service

## **Longest Night Service**

Tuesday, December 21

7:00 pm

First Lutheran Chapel

## **Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24

1:30 pm Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

4:30 pm Candlelight Service

6:30 pm Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion

## **Christmas Day**

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am Worship Service with  
Holy Communion

## **Sunday, December 26**

10:00 am Worship Service



***"A Service for Healing,  
Wholeness, and Peace"***

**Tuesday, December 21st  
at 7:00 pm in the FLC Chapel**

*"What has come into being in him was  
life, and the life was the light of all  
people. The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it."*

John 1

Come and join us for a time of reflection,  
release, and remembrance as we pray  
for those we've lost, those who are ill  
(including ourselves), and those who  
suffer in any form.



## Community Christmas Dinner

First Lutheran will be preparing a  
Community Christmas Dinner on  
Christmas Day! As of this printing, it has  
not been decided if it will be a sit down  
dinner and delivery or drive through and  
delivery. If you would like to help at this  
special event, please sign up in the  
church office or at the Welcome Desk.  
We are also in need of people to sign up  
to contribute pies! Please watch the  
Sunday announcements for more  
information!



## YEAR-END THANK YOU

Did you know that every single ministry of our congregation is supported by the generosity of you, the members and friends of First Lutheran Church?

every Bible story taught in Sunday school and Journey-to-Discipleship  
every great-big question wrestled with in Confirmation,  
every community connection made at the Mission Coffee House,  
every spirit lifted by the stirring music in worship,  
every Gospel Word proclaimed among us in scripture, story, song, and prayer.  
Every time someone drives down Main St. and hears the church bells and notices the wide-welcoming arms of Jesus.

Thank you. Thank you for the ways you give of your time and treasure. Thank you for the prayers and energy you put into having our church be a welcome home for all. Thank you for the ways you support the life of this church. In this season of Thanksgiving, we thank God for you.

We also ask for your sustaining support. As the calendar year comes to a close, the First Lutheran pastors, staff, council leaders, and ministry teams are working on fresh ways to energize, connect, organize, and faithfully live the mission God has for our church. It's an exciting time! As you consider your year-end giving, know this Church considers every gift a sacred trust. From every coin placed in the plate, to each legacy gift designated for First Lutheran, from each bulletin folded in the office, to each bulb replaced in the hallway: Thank you!



## MUSIC NEWS



It is with great joy that I report the Sanctuary Choir and the Hand Bells are back singing and ringing! As the choir director, I am so pleased we are singing and offering our praise through at the 8:30 worship service once again. It has been gratifying singing some old favorites and learning new music.

We have been fortunate to add to our choir, college student, Matthew Dulas. He is on a choir scholarship and will be taking turns leading the singing and being a cantor. We are hopeful to hear him play his euphonium soon. Welcome Matthew!

The choir will be offering music each Sunday during Advent. December 5<sup>th</sup>, the handbells and choir combine to perform a new piece, The Advent Road. The bells will also be playing the prelude and special music during Holy Communion that day. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the choir will lead caroling for any who wish to join us. We will gather in the coffeehouse at 2 pm and will return around 4 for treats and hot drinks! On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Caitlyn Nielson, from Drake University, will be accompanying the choir on her flute.

The December 24<sup>th</sup> services will be identical, except for special music. On Christmas Eve, there will be special music at the 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm services. The Sanctuary choir will be the special music at the 4:30 pm service. Christmas Day and December 26<sup>th</sup> will be a caroling services using caroling tunes to sing the Liturgy. The choir will be off from Dec. 25-January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Joyfully,  
Pat Anderson, Music Coordinator for 8:30 service

# FLC Festival Weekend Christmas Market

supporting global ministries:

***Belize, Fair Trade artists, FLC quilters***

First Lutheran Church  
337 8th Street Brookings, SD



2021

BELIZE Mission Partners in Service and Learning FLC

# PURSES

for a **POWERFUL PURPOSE**

*Shopping*

**Purses, Jewelry, Christmas Decor-** gently used  
New **Silent Auction** items  
**Quilts** by **First Lutheran Quilters**  
**Mission Market** fair trade goods

**Friday, December 10**

**9:00am-11:30am**

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

**Saturday, December 11**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Sunday, December 12**

**8:00am-12:00pm**

**12:00pm Silent Auction ends**

# belize missions

Greetings from your missionary in Belize. Thanks go out to all who have supported our mission in Belize. Even though I have only seen a few of our scholarship students in person, I have received numerous thank-you notes and comments. However, YOU are the ones to thank! Without your support and prayers, our mission to support our friends would not exist. I look forward to sharing stories and needs when I return in December.

Proposed Trip: Our next mission trip to Belize is planned for the week of Feb. 19. I hope to confirm the date and project details before I leave Belize. Is this YOUR turn to go? Contact Mary Moeller at 605-690-8862, me at [deeshanley48@gmail.com](mailto:deeshanley48@gmail.com), or any Belize team member for more details.

Needs at our school: New or used laptops or Chromebooks, white board markers, sewing supplies: seam rippers, 18" plastic sewing rulers, embroidery needles, marking chalk, good sewing pins, good white and black sewing thread. Please contact me if you can help.

Follow my work with students and community on FB.

Purses for a Powerful Purpose: Proceeds from a Mission Market weekend of sales December 10 - 12 provide support for our church's Belize ministry.

Mission Market Weekend Help is welcome! We need workers on Thursday (12/9) through Sunday (12/11) for a variety of jobs, from decorating to clerking to cleaning up. Contact Mary at 605-690-8862 for a list of times and needs.

With gratitude and thanks, Dee Shanley and the Belize Team



## THANK YOU TO:

- \* Everyone who contributed to the noisy offerings for corn. Thanks to you, we collected \$896.22 which will pay for the "Feeding Brookings" corn with the remainder going to a local organization helping those with food insecurity.
- \* All the wonderful people who decorated the Sanctuary and the Mission Coffeehouse for the Christmas Season.
- \* Nancy Zink, who created the Advent candle display on the altar.
- \* Everyone who met in the First Lutheran Cemetery in October and cleaned up the cemetery in preparation for winter.
- \* Everyone who participated and helped with the Halloween Festival.
- \* ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!



# CHILDREN'S NEWS



December is a wonderful time of year, especially in the church. We are so appreciative to be able to come together in person this year.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** First Lutheran Church (FLC) will be hosting an Advent Fest filled with singing songs of the season, a craft, and fellowship. (NO JOURNEY THAT NIGHT) A good will offering meal will be served from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. 6:00 – 6:30 There will be Advent sing a long in the sanctuary, followed by activities in the Mission Coffee House. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors, we look forward to celebrating with you all.

The Youth & Children will be putting on the 10:30 Worship Service on December 12, 2021, as their Christmas gift to all. Mark your calendars, join us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

**Wednesday, December 8** will be a rehearsal where all children who will participate in the service are encouraged to attend.

**Saturday, December 11** @ 9:30 will be our final dress rehearsal, if you have children involved in the service it is important to have them at this rehearsal.

**Sunday, December 12** @ 10:10 children are asked to be in their classrooms to prepare for the service. 10:30 service we will all celebrate the birth of Jesus through a special Youth & Child lead service.

**Refreshments will be served in the Mission Coffeehouse following the service.**

## **No Journey to Discipleship from December 12 – January 2.**

Journey to Discipleship classes will resume on Sunday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 12 with a meal served prior to Wednesday Journey classes.

In January we will continue to learn about the liturgy of the church, Lent, Easter and so much more.

**December 15 5:45-7:15** Journey to Discipleship Training in the Parlor (food provided, for those who have not been trained this year.) Look for an email with a sing up genius link.

**December 19 11:40-12:10** Journey to Discipleship Training in the Parlor (food provided, for those who have not been trained this year.) Look for an email with a sing up genius link.

### ***DID YOU KNOW??***

- ◆ A free will offering meal is provided from 5-6:00 pm every Wednesday when Journey to Discipleship/Confirmation are scheduled? EVERYONE, THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE is welcome. It is a great opportunity for families to eat together on a busy night, it provides fellowship, and a volunteer opportunity to share your gifts.
- ◆ We are always looking for more musicians and song leaders for Sunday/Wednesday Journey to Discipleship.
- ◆ The nursery is always staffed during Sunday services, Sunday & Wednesday Journey to Discipleship and confirmation if needed. This makes working with our children more accessible to those with little ones.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Reflections on October:

Confirmation and youth group gathered as usual with a couple of exciting weeks mixed in. The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders planned games and events for the Halloween event open to the community. On the night of the event folks came out in their costumes and smiles. Students from the high school youth group also helped run the event. The maze of games, events, and doors made the night so fun! Thank you to all who came and all who helped!

In confirmation the following weeks the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders debriefed the importance of Christian service as well as ownership in the church and community based upon the Halloween event.



## Reflections on November:

Affirmation of Baptism Service for 10<sup>th</sup> graders- After a time of what might have seemed like an eternity, our 10<sup>th</sup> gradeers have celebrated their Affirmation of Baptism! This truly was a celebration as we had the most folks in the church since before the pandemic began. Thank you to folks who came to support our 10<sup>th</sup> graders in this milestone and a heartfelt thank you to Lonnie for crafting the crosses of old Church pews as gifts for our confirmands. Congratulations 10<sup>th</sup> graders, y'all are active voting members of the church with a fantastic experience to uplift.

Confirmation Retreat with 9<sup>th</sup> graders – In preparation for their own Affirmation of Baptism our 9<sup>th</sup> graders attended a retreat at the University Lutheran Center lead by Madison and Pastor Jess. This retreat focused on faith journeys and expression. We ended the day with lots of skittles eaten, pizza made, and faith projects started. A giant thank you to Pastor Cassandra Lamb at the University Lutheran Center for letting us share their space for the day. We finished our retreat Sunday morning at FirstLutheran with a fellowship hour, followed by a children's sermon and prayers of intercession. What a tremendous weekend!

The Youth group attended the ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 21st at St. Thomas More. We also had cookie baking day for folks who are going to the national youth gathering. The Confirmation rotation came to an end for the semester on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the volunteers and mentors for being present this fall, y'all have been amazing.

### What is to come in December:

With big things happening in December in the church, the youth programming will slow. On December 1<sup>st</sup> there is a churchwide Advent Festival with Christmas carols, crafts, and games. Youth group will gather and on the 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a Christmas party.

### What is to come in January:

Confirmation: Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Classes will resume

Youth Group: January 9<sup>th</sup> study session in Coffee house from 3-5:30pm

January 19<sup>th</sup>: Youth group will return to Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

### National Youth Gathering Fundraisers:

- ◆ Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> bake sale at Advent Christmas Festival 4:30—7:00 in MCH.
- ◆ Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> bake sale on the day of the Children's Christmas program in the MCH from 9-12
- ◆ Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> fabric collection at Mission Coffeehouse from 1-3pm. If you have extra fabric, old clothes, curtains or sheets, please bag them and drop them by the Mission Coffeehouse from 1-3 on December 19<sup>th</sup>!
- ◆ We will have a pot pie fundraiser in January!



## FLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from First Lutheran Preschool!!

During this joyous season the staff and I are reminded of our many blessings. We are so thankful for the amazing children and families that we get to work with everyday. We also feel fortunate to be a member of and supported by the First Lutheran Church family.

The staff and children are excitedly preparing for Christmas. The children are busy little elves making all kinds of Christmas arts and crafts projects. They are also secretly making their parent gifts and learning all the new songs for their Christmas concerts. We are so excited the Preschool Christmas Concerts will once again be performed in the church Sanctuary, to a live audience, during regular scheduled class times. There will be four separate concerts. They will be held on Wednesday, December 8 at 10:30am and 2:30pm and Thursday, December 9 at 10:30am and 2:30pm. We invite everyone to attend. It is always entertaining!

**\*\*\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN.\*\*\***

(The performances will also be filmed and uploaded to the Church's website: [firstlutheranbrookings.org/media](http://firstlutheranbrookings.org/media) and click on Preschool.)

Preschool will not be in session Friday, December 17 through Friday, December 31. Classes will resume Monday, January 3.

The staff and children from FLP wish everyone a **Blessed Holiday Season!**



**Scheduled Missions of the Month:**

**November - "Project Joy"**

**December - "Good Gifts"**

**January -  
"The Kelly McGeough Fund"**

MCH has been buzzing with activity the last 2 months and usually continues through December. The last 3 Saturdays we have hosted Craft Fairs in the Activity Center. During the exciting shopping fun they were able to relax in the coffeehouse where we had a fantastic selection of food and drink choices available. What sometimes gets missed is the hospitality and atmosphere in which it is served, so I'm proud to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped provide that during this special time of year.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are here to enjoy with family and friends and brings with it many gatherings here. We try our best to provide a welcoming attitude and special environment to gather and share this time together.

January seems to slow down a little for activities so I generally use this time to reflect on the passing year and look forward to the plans ahead. Thank you to Kool Beans for the delicious coffee beans and excellent service you provide us. Thank you First Lutheran for your continued support. Thank you to all volunteers who give their service to make this all possible.



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov presented a check in the amount of \$969.93 to Ali Teesdale, a representative of the BCYMP, our Mission of the Month for September.



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov presented a check in the amount of \$1,135.38 to Gail Seeklander and Deb Brandwein, representatives of the Brookings Food Pantry, our Mission of the Month for October.



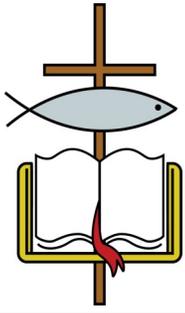
As we celebrate God's love in the gift of Jesus Christ, our thoughts often turn to other loved ones. The display of poinsettias is one way to remember those special people. From December 24<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>, we will decorate the Sanctuary with these living reminders of love. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please fill out this form or a form in the church office along with a check/cash for \$12.00. We will order the poinsettias from one source to insure that all are uniform and of good quality. Poinsettias given in honor of, as a memorial, or for thankfulness will be listed in the announcements on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The list will indicate who has given the poinsettia and for what reason. If you order a poinsettia, you may pick it up after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias that are not picked up by December 28<sup>th</sup> will be redistributed. **The order deadline is December 6th.**

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In thankfulness for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



The Membership  
Records of First  
Lutheran Church from  
October and November  
of 2021

**Baptisms:**

*Rhett Thomas Tellinghuisen*

(Child of Ross and Angela  
Tellinghuisen)

*Briar Lauren Carsrud*

(Child of Aaron and Brooke Carsrud)

*Baylor Nash Blau*

(Child of Cody Blau and  
Chantel Herold)

*Bennett Jack Newman*

(Child of Jackson and Whitney  
Newman)

*Penelope Dawn Palmer*

(Child of Colt and Megan Palmer)

*Anson Jon Sogn*

(Child of Andrew and Alexandra Sogn)

*Griffin Robert Runge*

(Child of Jared and Ashley Runge)

*Cheyenne Faith Klingbile*

(Child of Brian and Lacey Klingbile)

*Knox Allen Ribstein*

(Child of Austin and Miranda Ribstein)

**Weddings:**

*Hayden and Brooke  
(Swoboda) Hall*



**October– November of 2021**

**Many memorials were received, but  
this is the list of memorials that  
remained at First Lutheran Church.**

**In memory of Larry Heesch:**

*James and Virginia Heesch*

*Thank you to First Lutheran members and  
the community for honoring friends and  
relatives by donating to the First Lutheran  
memorial fund.*



Interested in being on the Audit Committee?  
Current members Judy Odegaard and Deb  
Pederson would love to add you to their  
group! Please contact:  
[council@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:council@firstlutheranbrookings.org) if you  
are interested.

**Passings:**

*Gerald Foster*

**New Members:**

(Paperwork completed)

*Nancy Nelson*

*Timothy and Jennifer Swartz*



## PROJECT JOY DONATIONS

Christmas is a time of year when family needs are intensified and many families are not able to provide toys for their children. Project Joy ensures that children in Brookings County have the opportunity to receive holiday gifts. Please help Project Joy provide gifts by donating new, unused toys for children up to 12 years of age. There will be a bin in the Narthex and one in the coffee shop if you would like to drop off gifts. Thank you for helping provide children a happier Christmas. The deadline is December 6th.



## UP-CYCLED CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Sunday, December 5th  
between Services  
in the Hallway

Proceeds will support  
students in  
Belize.

### *Changing Student Lives: First Lutheran Scholarships to Support Students in Belize*

**Donation Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your preference:**

High School Student

Post-High Student

**Donor Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**

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**Email**

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write checks to First Lutheran  
Church with a Memo Line:  
Belize Scholarship Fund**

Donations can be mailed to:

First Lutheran Church

Attn: Belize Team

PO Box 300

Brookings, SD 57006

**Thank you** for supporting the  
students in Belize, Central America.

With grateful hearts in mission  
service,

Belize Team Members

Dee Shanley, Mary Moeller,

Jean Bernhardt Gentry,

Debbie Pederson,

Virginia Heesch,

Kathy Nagelhout Greenlee

# December

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			<b>1</b> 5:00 Meal 6:00 Advent Festival/ Youth Bake Sale 6:30 Choir 7:15 Bells	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>26</b> 10:00 Worship Service	<b>27</b> Offices and MCH Closed	<b>28</b> Offices and MCH Closed	<b>29</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Offices and MCH Closed	



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## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday, December 24**

1:30 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

4:30 pm Candlelight Service

6:30 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

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