



**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4, 2026

FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP

The Cemetery Committee invites you to join us for our annual cleanup of the First Lutheran Cemetery (1318 W. 8th St. S) **TODAY from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of projects. Whether you can help for a short time or the entire afternoon, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Patrick Mulloy at 309-738-9191.

HARVEST FEST

Wednesday, October 7th - 5-7pm - Come celebrate God's abundant blessings at our annual Harvest Fest! This family-friendly evening is packed with fun, fellowship, and fall festivities for all ages. Enjoy a delicious dinner in the gym from 5:00-6:00 PM, then take part in carnival games, pumpkin painting, fresh apples, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities through 7:00 PM. Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for an evening of faith, fun, and community. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

SANCTUARY CHOIR: PLEASE TAKE NOTE

There will not be Sanctuary Choir practice on Wednesday October 7th. Thank you.

LOOKING FOR ADULT LEADERS FOR 2027 YOUTH GATHERING

Did you attend the Youth Gathering and loved it? Do you have a calling to guide youth in the Gathering? We have Adult Leader Applications open for the upcoming 2027 Youth Gathering, and they are located at the Office Outpost and in Rose's office. Applications are due by **Sunday October 11th**, and adults will be selected and confirmed by Wednesday October 14th. Have questions? Please contact Rose.

BELIZE BOUND!

The dates of Feb 27 - March 7 are set for our 2027 mission trip to support Dee and our students in their work. We have room for 6 more in our team of 10. Deposits are due Nov. 6. Please contact Mary at 605-690-8862 for more details. Is God calling you to serve and learn?

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!

SEEKING YOUR HIDDEN TREASURES

We're collecting gently-used small toys and books to be recycled and reused as prizes for our Harvest Fest carnival games. Too many trinkets collecting at your house? Bring your donations of like new doodads to be reused and traded as exciting new-to-you prizes as we Care for Creation and celebrate Harvest Fest. Drop donations in the bin outside Emily's office through October 5th. Any unused items will be passed along to other organizations who can use them following our event.

***SUNDAY MORNING* MISSION COFFEEHOUSE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The Mission Coffeehouse is seeking one or more volunteers to open or close the coffeehouse on Sunday mornings. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Debbie at 605-690-6516. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

COME AND GROW WITH FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

There is a special place waiting for the little one in your life in our First Lutheran Preschool classes. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. We also now offer a 7:45am drop off option. Call or email to tour our bright and engaging classrooms and meet our compassionate and expert staff. For more information or to get started, call the Preschool Office at 605-697-2756, email kami@firstlutheranbrookings.org, check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool

PLEASE NOTE: The Mission Coffeehouse and all church offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th.

Mission of the month for September is Brookings Ministerial Association

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 11

Sunday, October 4

1st Grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone Blessing at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 1:00 pm Cemetery Cleanup

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

- 8:30 am Quilters
- 1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, October 7

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Harvestfest
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:40 am Journey Together
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 12 – MCH & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. . For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2027 YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION OPEN!

FLC Registration for the Youth Gathering this summer is officially open! Anyone in 8th-12th grade can attend this amazing opportunity. Registration forms are located in the Youth Room, Office Outpost, and in Rose's office. Registration forms are due by **Wednesday October 14th**. Questions? Find a time to chat with Rose!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm in the MCH for a freewill offering supper before Wednesday night activities begin.

MENU: October 7th – Taco and Nacho Bar

October 14th – Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

Journey: Pre-k thru 5th grade; Confirmation: 6th thru 8th grade;
Youth Group: 9th thru 12th grade

- **October 4 (Sunday) 1st grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**
 - 9:30am - Journey
- **October 7 (Wednesday)**
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – **HARVESTFEST**/Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
- **October 11 (Sunday)**
 - 9:30am – Journey Together
- **October 14 (Wednesday)**
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night