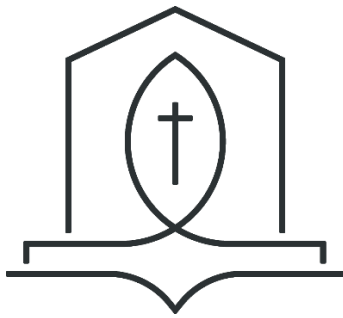




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 16, 2025

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

As of Tuesday 11/11, we've received statements of intent for 2026 giving from 76 households! We're well on our way to the goal of 150 to realize the generous challenge gift of \$10,000. If you haven't turned in your form yet, there are extras at Sanctuary entrances and baskets to receive them. Or you can visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/give to submit an electronic intent form. The Generosity Team will soon be calling those we haven't yet heard from with an invitation to participate. Thank you to all who give any amount. You make ministry possible through First Lutheran.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FLC?

We would love to have you as an official member. New Member Orientation will be held on TODAY from 11:45am-1:15pm. Lunch is provided and nursery care for children ages 0-3 is available if needed. After completion of this orientation and membership paperwork, you'll be invited to be recognized and celebrated in either service on Sunday, November 23rd.

WELCA TO MEET NOVEMBER 20TH

Our November Bible Study will focus on God's generosity and how we can reflect that generosity. We will meet on Thursday, November 20 in the Mission Coffee House meeting room. This Bible study can be found in the fall Gather Magazine or it can be found online at GatherMagazine.org.

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!

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!

BUTTONS & NON-GEL SHAVING CREAM NEEDED FOR ADVENT FEST

Advent Fest is just around the corner, and we are looking for some things to help us craft! We could use donations of shaving cream (non-gel) and buttons of all sizes and colors. Please put all donations in the tote outside Emily's Door! Any questions please ask - emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT FEST – SOUP AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's Advent fest will be on Sunday, November 23rd from 9:30 - 12:30! We will be serving soup, garlic bread and crackers for the meal. There will also be games, crafts, music and fellowship as well. In addition to donations of food, we are asking for volunteers to help serve and clean up. If you're willing to make some soup and or help out at the event please use the QR code or contact Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-697-2751! We are looking forward to another great event!



THE MINISTRY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD, ELCA FORUM

Have you ever wondered what the South Dakota Synod is, what the synod does, or why do we even need a synod? We are offering you the opportunity to learn more about our SD Synod, ELCA. Join us TODAY between worship services for an educational forum on the South Dakota Synod. Pastor Renee Splichal-Larson, the Associate to the Bishop--Candidacy, Congregation, and Rostered Minister Accompaniment, will preach at both services and facilitate a discussion at 9:35am on the work of our South Dakota Synod, ELCA. As always, all are welcome.

Mission of the month for November is Project Joy

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.

CANNING AND SHARING EVENT

Do you love cooking? Have a lot of produce every year from your garden or just love to learn new skills. Come to a Canning and Sharing event and dive into the how's and what's of food preservation taught by a certified Master Food Preservation instructor. In this class you will make jam, dehydrate and make seasoned kale chips, and learn about making pickles. Participants will bring home a jar of jam and bag of kale chips. All extra Jam will be donated to a local food bank. Learn the skills your grandma used or just join us in the kitchen for some fun! Minimum class size is 5, so deadline for signing up is today. Please sign up in the church office. Open to Ages 15 -Adult.

2:00 - 5:00 PM Tues. Nov 18

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

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 16 – NOVEMBER 23

Sunday, November 16 – 3rd grade steppingstone – both services

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
	Pastor Renee – ELCA Forum – MCH Meeting Room
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:45 am	New member orientation/class

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

5:00 pm	Meal
5:45 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Journey
7:00 pm	Confirmation, Youth Group, 9 th Grade Night
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

10:00 am	WELCA Bible Study
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Friday, November 21**Saturday, November 22****Sunday, November 23**

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
	Advent Fest
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 that evening in celebration of Thanksgiving. And on Sunday November 30th there will be a Journey Together during regular Journey time.



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- Sunday November 23rd: Advent Fest
- 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
- 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: Confirmation and youth group Christmas party (last night of fall session)

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

November 19th – Cheeseburgers, Chips, Celery and Carrot sticks and Fruit

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

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