



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 22, 2026

### CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

You're invited to join in conversation with your church council members in the Mission Coffeehouse. Bring your thoughts, ideas, questions, and more. Suggested topics are only a possible starting place for discussion. Upcoming opportunities:

**TODAY** 9:40-10:20am, Topic: Open

Sunday, 4/12, 9:40-10:20am, Topic: Welcome & Belonging

Wednesday, 4/15 Topic: VBS & Summer Ministry

### EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TODAY

If you would like to purchase a flower to honor a loved one on Easter morning, order forms are available at all Sanctuary entrances and at the Office Outpost. Each plant costs **\$15.00**. Flowers given *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones will be listed in the Easter morning announcements. Please see the order form for pickup instructions after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday. Orders are due **TODAY**.

### JOIN US FOR CHARCUTERIE & CONNECTION TODAY!

This new event is designed to bring folks together for snacks and conversation centered around a faith theme. We'll gather in the Parlor to enjoy a fun grazing table of charcuterie. Pastor Jess and Rachel Meyer will host us by introducing the theme with a reading, excerpt from a book, or a video clip - then we'll have time to discuss and also share a bit about ourselves. Whether you're new to First Lutheran or a long-time member, an individual or couple; if you're seeking connection, this event is for you! Sundays, **TODAY**, and April 19 from 3:30-5pm (no commitment to all events necessary). In the Parlor Room adjacent to the Sanctuary. Nursery and older child care provided, email [pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org) if you'll be using childcare support.

## **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!

## **ROLLS FOR SALE TODAY BETWEEN SERVICES**

Please join us for rolls between services **TODAY**. Freewill offering will go to support mission projects of First Lutheran WELCA.

## **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](mailto:sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org). You may also check us out on our Facebook page or on the FLC website, [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org](http://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...>



**Mission of the month for February is Feeding Brookings**

## **LAST LENTEN LUNCH AND WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY**

Make plans to join us on Wednesday at 11:30am for the last 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 25<sup>TH</sup> LENTEN LUNCH MENU:**

Chicken Wild rice soup, chicken salad sandwich sandwich, cookie & coffee  
Host: St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## **LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND WORSHIP DURING LENT**

Wednesday evening supper will have an extended serving time from 5:00–6:30pm (see menu on the Children, Youth & Family page), followed by Lenten worship from 7:00–7:35pm. Join us to learn about “a love that is stronger”.

## **PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR/LEAD TEACHER POSITION**

We're now seeking a full-time Preschool Director/Lead Teacher! Use the QR code to see the full job listing. Spread the word, and direct any applications or inquiries to [pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org).  
Congratulations to SueAnn Mouw on her retirement!

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**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.

## **QUILTERS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS**

The FLC Quilters are in need of sheets for their quilt backings! As you go about your spring cleaning, please keep them in mind. Thank you to all of the people who drop off fabric and sheets. We appreciate you!

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| <b>FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 22 – MARCH 29</b> |
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**Sunday, March 22**

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:40 am Journey; Conversations with Council
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:30 pm Charcuterie & Connection - Parlor

**Monday, March 23**

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Facing The Mourning – Meeting Room; FLC Book Club - Parlor
- 5:30 pm Sew What

**Tuesday, March 24**

- 8:30 am Quilters
- 2:00 pm Bible Study in MCH
- 6:30 pm Church Council - Parlor

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

**Thursday, March 26****Friday, March 27****Saturday, March 28****Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday – processional at both services**

- 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](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **JOURNEY STUDENTS TO SING IN WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY**

On Palm Sunday (March 29<sup>th</sup>) Journey students will sing and wave palms at the beginning of both services and may attend one or both services. Please have students meet in the Chapel 10 minutes before each service to line up and get their palms. Reach out to Tiff Lewis ([tifflewis6411@gmail.com](mailto:tifflewis6411@gmail.com) or 605-690-8111) or Rose if you have any questions!

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENU**

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Chicken Alfredo, Corn, Breadstick, Fruit and Cookie



## **UPCOMING CYF EVENTS**

- 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
- April 8 (Wednesday)
  - 6:00pm - Journey; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Steppingstone Class #1
  - 7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group; 11<sup>th</sup> grade Steppingstone
- April 12 (Sunday)
  - 9:30am - Journey
- April 15 (Wednesday)
  - 6:00pm - Journey; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Steppingstone Class #2
  - 7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group

# Palm Sunday Brunch

## CYF Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29  
9:30 - 12:30

Egg Bake - Pastries  
Donuts - Juice - Coffee  
Fellowship and more

Donations to go to support CYF Events  
throughout the Summer!

### Easter Photo Opp!

Lauren Doyle, with  
Jae & Juniper Photography,  
will be setting up a lovely  
backdrop photo area next to  
the Office Outpost in the  
Mission Coffee House. She  
will be available for free  
photos, or feel free to take  
your own!!

**Palm Sunday: 9:30 -12:30**  
**Easter Sunday: 8:30 - 12:30**

### DONATIONS NEEDED!



Scan the QR Code above or  
stop at the Office Outpost and  
sign up to help with the  
Palm Sunday Brunch!

We are in need of: Egg Bakes,  
Donuts, Orange Juice, Pastries,  
Set Up, Serving, and Clean Up.

### THANK YOU!