

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 22, 2026

LENTEN LUNCH AND WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

Make plans to join us on Wednesdays during Lent at 11:30am for a 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 \$10.00, with all proceeds supporting the Brookings Ministerial Association. See menus on back page.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER AND WORSHIP DURING LENT

Wednesday evening supper will have an extended serving time from 5:00–6:30pm (see menus on the Children, Youth & Family Announcements insert), followed by Lenten worship from 7:00–7:35pm. These mid week gatherings offer a meaningful pause in the week—a chance to center ourselves, pray, and receive God’s Word. This year, we’ll hear stories told from the perspectives of biblical characters who, even in the midst of struggle, encountered the love of God in Christ—“a love that is stronger.”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN LUNCH MARCH 4TH

FLC will be hosting the Lenten Lunch on March 4th and we are in need of 6-7 volunteers to help set-up, serve and clean-up the meal. Volunteers would start at 10:00 a.m. Please sign us at the Office Outpost if you would like to help.

BRASS PLAYERS NEEDED

Pat Anderson is seeking brass players to play during Easter services this year. If interested, please contact Pat at 605-731-6433 or let Cyndi know in the church office.

**Mission of the month for February is the
Brookings Area Visually Impaired Support Group**

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!

“FACING THE MOURNING” – A 4 SESSION SUPPORT GROUP

A 4 session support group designed to help with the grieving process by using visual and thought-provoking tools is being offered on Mondays, February 23 to March 16 1-3pm in the meeting room. There is space for 10 participants, so you must register in advance. Register by signing up at the Office Outpost at the Welcome Center in the Mission Coffeehouse or by calling 605-692-6251.

LOOKING FOR CONNECTION AT FIRST LUTHERAN?

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, Feb 22, March 22, 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 if you'll be using childcare support.

FAMILY PLANTING EVENT HOSTED BY WELCA

The Women of First Lutheran invite families to join them for a Spring Planting Event on Sunday, March 15 beginning at 1:00. Families are invited to come decorate pots and plant a house plant to take home. We will investigate how planting and gardening can relate to our faith life.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 1

Sunday, February 22

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
3:30 pm	Charcuterie & Connection

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 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; 6 th Grade Steppingstone - Parlor
7:00 pm	Lenten Worship; Confirmation and Youth Group (attend service & meet after)
7:35 pm	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

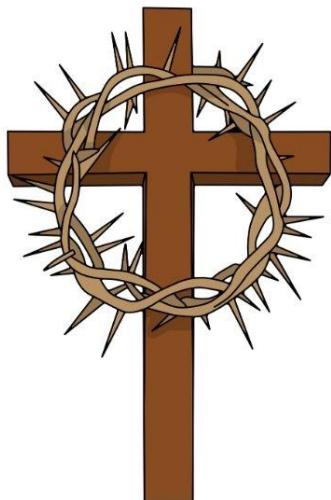
Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1 – 6th Grade Steppingstone Recognition at both services

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

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



Brookings Ministerial Association
WEDNESDAY LENTEN
LUNCH & WORSHIP
at First Lutheran Church Activity Center

Main Avenue & 8th Street

Meal served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Followed by music and a short message

\$10.00 per person

The lunch proceeds will benefit the ministry of the
Brookings Ministerial Association

February 25th

Cheesy potato bacon soup, chicken salad sandwich, cookie & coffee

Message: First Presbyterian Church & Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

March 4th

Chicken wild rice soup, turkey & cheese sandwich, cookie & coffee

Message: First Lutheran Church

March 11th

Chicken noodle soup, ham & cheese sandwich, cookie & coffee

Message: United Church of Christ

March 18th

Chili, roast beef & cheese sandwich, cookie & coffee

Message: First United Methodist Church

March 25th

Chicken wild rice soup, chicken salad sandwich, cookie & coffee

Message: St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Please park on the WEST SIDE of the building and
enter through the Mission Coffeehouse entrance**

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLC at LUTHERAN OUTDOORS OF SD!

Summer is just around the corner, which means it's time to register for camp! This year, we're highlighting several great camp weeks offered through Lutheran Outdoors of South Dakota. Forms with detailed information about all the available camps can be found at the Sanctuary entrances and the Office Outpost desk. Simply grab a form, fill it out, and return it to the Office Outpost. A staff member will follow up and help guide you through the registration process. Scholarships are available. If you have questions about camp, please plan to attend a Camp Interest Meeting or reach out to Rose or Pastor Jess for assistance.

CAMP INTEREST MEETINGS

Have questions about camp, need help registering, or want to learn about scholarship options? Join us for a camp interest meeting—either Wednesday, March 4 from 6–7pm or Sunday, March 8 from 9:30–10:30am in the Parlor—to get all the details and have your questions answered.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

February 25th – Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans and Fruit

March 4th – Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit and Pudding

March 11th – Tater Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Fruit and Cookie

March 18th – Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Noodles, Celery and Carrot Sticks and Fruit Fluff Salad

March 25th – Chicken Alfredo, Corn, Breadstick, Fruit and Cookie



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- February 22 (Sunday)
9:30am - Journey
- February 25 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey; 6th grade Steppingstone Class
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 1 (Sunday) 6th grade Steppingstone recognition at both services
9:30am - Journey
- March 4 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey; Camp Interest Meeting
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 8 (Sunday) Daylight savings time begins
9:30am - Journey; Camp Interest Meeting
- March 11 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation & Youth Group
- March 15 (Sunday)
9:30am - Journey Together
- March 18 (Wednesday)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation, Youth Group , 9th Grade Night
- 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