



FIRST THINGS

First Lutheran Church of Brookings, SD

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

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Dear Friends in Christ of First Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. As I write, I am not quite ready to say that summer will ever be over. But, of course, soon enough we will be collecting school supplies and sending learners of all ages back to school. We will put away grills and lawn mowers and think about dressing for cooler weather. Fall will arrive, and we will need to get ready.

In August our Sunday Scripture lessons bring us several stories of Jesus describing the end of all time. How in the world could we ever be ready for such a thing? It is something we'd rather not think about, but our faith calls us to trust that no matter what may come God is in control. God holds the beginning and the end, and we have the promise that nothing— not even the end of the world—can ever separate us from God's love for us in Jesus. With a promise like this in mind, we can find a way to be ready for anything.

This fall at First Lutheran, we will be invited to think about getting ready. The coming season will be full of opportunities to grow in faith and gather the tools needed to face life and its challenges with hope, peace, joy, and love. On August 21st in worship, we will help learners get ready for school with a Backpack Blessing. On Sunday September 11th, we will get ready for a new ministry year with Rally Day. You will have the chance to discover new ways to connect with God and others as a part of First Lutheran by checking out the ministry fair in the gym that morning. Invite friends to worship and lunch, and help them get ready to connect too! We'll be ready to worship God at 8:30am and 10:30am beginning that Sunday as well. Following Rally Day we will get ready to start Journey to Discipleship children's Christian education and Confirmation for 6th through 9th graders. We will prepare to welcome so many people to know more about God's love for them in Jesus.

As we gather in this season, we will become Ready to Go, Ready to Know and Ready to Grow. Are you ready for this? I sure hope so! And I hope you might notice those around you who are ready and waiting for an invitation to come and see the God of love you know. We continue to build our invitation wall in the hallway between the Coffeehouse and the Sanctuary with information to share with others. We keep on heading toward our goal of 1,000 invitations by the end of this year. Who do you know who might be ready to say yes when you ask them to come to church with you? I'm praying for folks to be ready with open hearts for that invitation and for you to be bold to extend it. Why do we want others to join us in worship, in fellowship, in community, or in learning? Why do I want *you* to join us at First Lutheran? Because we have this truth we have come to believe: that with Jesus' love, we will be ready for anything.

See you soon,

Pastor Jess





ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 18th

**9:30 am in the Sanctuary
(between services)**



**Sunday,
September 11**

8:30 am—12:00 pm

Join us for a congregational celebration with food, fun, and information on upcoming programs. Help us ring in the new educational year of our church!

A NOTE FROM FLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT KRIS SEAS

Gosh, is time flying for you all as much as it is for me? Council continues to meet monthly and work through needs for this wonderful church community.

I bet you are wondering now that the white house has been moved, what will happen in this area of our property? The council is open to dreaming, but for now, it will remain an open "green" space. If you have thoughts and ideas for the future, bring them our way.

Hasn't summer church been fun? We have some of the most wonderful voices leading us in song and talented instrumental musicians as well. We are so blessed. The council would like to invite you to consider being a part of our Nominating Committee. We need this committee filled with 3 caring individuals with connections before our annual meeting as it is a part of our bylaws. Please let one of us know if you are interested.

Finally, THANK YOU to Jo Gauthier and Diane Almos for being the backbone of this church community for so many years. I personally am thankful and blessed for the relationship I have with both and know that we will miss them in their roles. I wish them many blessings in their well deserved retirement!

Many Blessings,
Kris Seas
Council President

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY BE WONDERING WHEN THE STAFFED NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDCARE!

We will resume regular Sunday worship services (8:30 am and 10:30 am) on Sunday, September 11th. The staffed nursery will also reopen on September 11th for your childcare needs.

First Lutheran Church 337 8th Street, Brookings SD

BELIZE Mission Partners in Service and Learning FLC

2022

PURSES



Friday, December 9, 2022

for a POWERFUL PURPOSE

11:30am Salad & Dessert Luncheon

with
Christmas Tables

Save the Date!

PURSES FOR A POWERFUL PURPOSE COLLECTION!

We are again accepting gently used purses, jewelry and Christmas décor in preparation for our annual event in December! Please drop off your donations at the welcome desk or the main office. Thank you so much for thinking of us as you do your fall cleaning!



BELIZE NEWS FROM DEE SHANLEY

Thank you to First Lutheran Church members, friends, and family who have sponsored our students in Belize with your donations to the Belize Scholarship Fund. Your continued support of our students through individual donations and donations to the Scholarship Fund will provide Scholarships for 32 high school students for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

I look forward to returning to Belize in September with this good news for our students at Alvin L. Young Nazarene High School in San Jose Succotz, Belize.

QUILTING DONATIONS NEEDED

Want to help the FLC Quilters? Your donations of many kinds are very much needed and appreciated. Here is how you can help with donations:

- ◆ Fabric of any color
- ◆ Flat fabric of most any size
- ◆ Thread (full or partial spools)
- ◆ Financial donations
- ◆ Shelving—portable or stationary shelves
- ◆ Bed sheets and pillow cases
- ◆ Blankets or comforters
- ◆ Thrivent cards (250.00) - remember that all Thrivent insurance holders get 2 projects/cards a year

Please turn in your donations to the church office or at the quilting room (north Fellowship Hall) in the church basement. Thank you!



FLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

Well, it is that time of year again. School will be starting soon! The First Lutheran Preschool staff is anxiously anticipating the upcoming school year! We are happy to get back to doing what we love, teaching and nurturing God's greatest gifts.

We are looking forward to seeing all the returning students and families and meeting all the new ones at our Fall Open House. This is a special night for currently enrolled students to come in, meet the staff and familiarize themselves with the classroom. [The families will sign up for a 15-minute time slot](#) on Wednesday evening, August 24.

We have a few preschool openings for the upcoming school year. Please contact the preschool office for more information. 697-2756 or sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org. The first day of preschool classes is Tuesday, September 6.

The staff and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

SueAnn



MUSIC NEWS



"Singing together is a powerful, life-shaping act. Words have power: power to uplift, power to throw down, power to wound, power to heal. We have received this great inheritance from our ancestors in the church- the power of word wedded to song, music to express and shape the human heart." By Susan Palo Cherwien from the October [Gather](#) magazine.

Summer 2022 will soon be a memory and that "life-giving act"-singing, has been a large part of our summer worship. This congregation is blessed to have so many fine musicians who give, willingly, of their time and talent. Thanks to all who lead worship and provided special music: Mary Ermel, Pat Anderson, Craig Long, Matthew Dulas, Tyler Holmquist, Ross and Julie Bergan Abraham, Lisa Svobodny, Michele Nielson, Ron Starry, and Don and Kay Norton. First Lutheran will return to two services September 11, 2022; 8:30 Festival Worship and 10:30 Praise Worship.

Wednesday, September 14th, the FLC Hand Bell choir and FLC Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsals. Sanctuary Choir will meet at 6:15 in the MCH Meeting Room with Pat Anderson continuing as Director and Mary Ermel as Accompanist. Hand Bells will meet at 7:15 in the Sanctuary with Barbara Horten as Director.

Looking forward to seeing all new members of the choirs and all returning members. Thanks be to God for the gift of music.

Pat Anderson
Music Coordinator for summer and 8:30 worship.



BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!

Summer is in full swing for most. Here at First Lutheran Church our Children's Ministries are elbow deep in preparation for Fall. August and September are busy yet exciting months for our Children's Ministry.

In August, our Children's Ministry will be working diligently to set up class lists, volunteers, classrooms, lessons and so much more for our Journey to Discipleship program.

This program is our Christian Education program for children 3 (& toilet trained by September 1, 2022) through 5th grade. We offer a Sunday class time from 9:40-10:25 as well as a Wednesday evening program from 6-7:00 pm.

If you have children that you would like to participate in one of these programs, **PLEASE REGISTER THEM ASAP.** Program registration is open **through the month of August.**

Registering a young person for Christian Education 2022-2023 school year?

Go to www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/children or scan this QR code with a smart phone:



FLC Children's Ministry

Our program theme this year is: ***You are invited to Walk with Jesus.*** We will explore times when Jesus invited people to walk with him **AND** how **we** can walk with Jesus.

On Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm a meal is served in the coffee house. This meal is open to all. No charge, donations are appreciated. Many of our congregation and families treasure the opportunity to have a meal with friends before starting the activities of the evening.

Are you looking for a way to share your God given gifts & talents to serve others?

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

The FLC's Children's Ministry needs you.

Not sure working with young people is your thing? Not a people person?

Whether behind the scenes, for special events or in the mix of children, our programs exist due to the works of volunteers giving of their time and talents in all areas during all seasons.

Want to get involved but have little time?

We're looking for a small action team of creative people to help renew our ministry of worship bags for children. If you would be willing to dedicate a few hours, we would love to hear from you! Our hope is to unveil new worship bags on Rally Sunday September 11th!

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it

Proverbs 22:6

We live in a time where navigating the world can be overwhelming. Our children and families need love, support, and encouragement. Who better to do this for our young families than our Christian community? Serving others unselfishly in big or small ways will be seen, appreciated, and paid forward.

For more information on ways to support the children & families of our congregation feel free to contact Kari York at faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-697-2751.

Volunteer Training Sign Up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544A5AE2EA6FA7-journey>

Have you heard of Steppingstones?

(We are not talking about the ones in your garden!)

FLC calls special moments in the faith walk of our children and families' steppingstones. These classes support the families and children of our congregation to learn about rituals, traditions, responsibilities, and ways that their church family supports them on their faith journey. These classes include events such as baptism, Receiving the Bible and how to use it, understanding communion, being present in worship, moving from "Sunday School Classes" to Confirmation and so much more. A parent or significant adult in the life of the child is asked to accompany the child to these classes. This allows us to support the entire family in nurturing their child's faith walk. Often the family learns along with their child while adopting new family faith practices. Each class concludes with a blessing in worship services to allow our entire church family to proclaim their support of the family and child. Most of these classes require **REGISTRATION**. If you have a child ages birth to college age keep an eye out for information on these classes. Methods for keeping informed with Children's Ministry Activities will be included at the end of this article.

4th Grade BIBLE Steppingstones Classes (If your child missed this class, 4-6th graders will be welcome to join the class.) Classes will be held on September 14 and September 21. See the calendar below for more information. Use this link to **RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544a5ae2ea6fa7-4thgrade> or search on Sign up Genius or Contact Kari York.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP

- ♦ **August 21 - BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING** FLC will bless students, teachers, and all who work in school settings at the 9:00 service. A small gift will be given to these people as well. Please come to be blessed or to support those who are returning to school this fall.
- ♦ **August 28** - FLC will be holding a special **Steppingstone for children 2-4 years old** during the 9:00 service. Steppingstones celebrate special milestones in the lives of our youth and include family members as part of the journey.
- ♦ **September 7 - 1st option for Journey to Discipleship training** 5:30-7:30
(Light meal provided & nursery for those who need it.)
- ♦ **September 11 RALLY DAY** - A congregational celebration with food, fun, and information on upcoming programs. Help us ring in the new educational year of our church.
- ♦ **September 7 - 2nd option for Journey to Discipleship training** 5:30-7:30
(Light meal provided & nursery for those who need it.)
- ♦ **September 14 - 4th Grade Bible Steppingstone** part #1 6-7:00 (in place of Journey, an adult must attend)
- ♦ **September 14 - FIRST NIGHT OF JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP** Optional Meal 5-6:00
Classes 6-7 pm Start in Sanctuary.
- ♦ **September 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP** 9:40-10:25 meeting place TBA
- ♦ **September 21 - 4th Grade Bible Steppingstone** part #2 6-7:00 (in place of Journey, an adult must attend)
- ♦ **September 21 - Journey to Discipleship** Optional Meal 5-6:00 Classes 6-7 pm Start in -Sanctuary.
- ♦ **September 25 - 4th Grade Bible Blessing** (both services)
- ♦ **September 25 - Journey to Discipleship** 9:40-10:25
- ♦ **September 28 - Journey to Discipleship** Optional Meal 5-6:00 Classes 6-7 pm Start in -Sanctuary.

—STAYING— CONNECTED

***If you use a computer, iPad, or a Smart Phone—
download the church app!***

The church app is a great way to get notices about what is going on at FLC or a specific group within the church that you are involved in. There's even an "in box" if you miss a notification.

New to the First Lutheran Church Brookings Newsletter? Know what's happening before it happens!

The newsletter is published every two months. It has information from each area of Ministry within the church. If you are a member or on the church mailing list the newsletter is sent to your email address. Check your junk or promotions emails if you don't receive it. If the church does not have an email address for members or those on our church list, you will have a newsletter mailed to you.

Not a member but want the newsletter? The newsletter is also posted on our website, on the App, and on bulletin boards throughout the facility.

Other ways to stay informed:

The church website: www.firstlutheranbrookings.org

Facebook – First Lutheran Brookings

Worship Bulletins with Announcements - pick up in worship on Sunday or view on the app

Check out the Children's Hub bulletin board outside of the East entrance to the Sanctuary!

Kari sends out a weekly Children's Ministry email—make sure she has a current email!

A yearly calendar will be sent home with the children! If you misplace it, just ask for another!

Questions or concerns? Call Director of Children's Ministry Kari York at 605-692-6251 (wait for the phone prompt) or email her at faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org

**GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO NURTURE THE FAITH WALK OF OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE!**



Happy August!

We are so excited for programming this fall! Pastor Jess and myself have been working to create a more full 9th grade confirmation experience among other noteworthy plans. Being able to put our brains together for our upcoming academic year has been full of questions, dreams, and excitement.

Dates to note:

Program Registration is open through the month of August. We also need volunteers to make the programs possible. If you are available to help prep or mentor please reach out to Madison.

August 7th - Summer trip reflection from students during 9AM service

August 21st - Back to school Blessing during 9AM service

Summer 2023 trip interest meeting from 10:30-11:30 in Mission Coffeehouse

August 28th - Confirmation Mentor training- 5-7pm (Light meal provided & nursery for those who need it.)

August 31st - Confirmation Mentor training- 5-7pm (Light meal provided & nursery for those who need it.)

September 11th - Rally Day! A congregational celebration with food, fun, and information on upcoming programs.

September 18th - Annual meeting

September 14th - Youth Group starts

September 21 - 6-8th Confirmation Starts, Parent meeting 7-8:15

September 28 - 9th grade parent meeting 7:15-8:15

Youth Group:

September 14th Youth Group starts! Youth group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:45. Starting in October through the rest of the school year, Youth Group will not meet on the second Wednesday of the month (see 9th grade in confirmation).

Confirmation:

6-8th grade Confirmation Starts on September 21st with a student/ parent meeting 7-8:15pm and will regularly gather on Wednesdays throughout the academic year.

9th grade Confirmation will start September 28th with a student/ parent meeting 7:15-8:15pm.

The 9th graders will have special events on the second Wednesday of the month starting on October 12th and will be expected to attend Youth Group the other Wednesdays of the month for their full 9th grade experience.

Summer Youth trip:

Join us August 7th in worship for the reflection from the students. Interested in the Summer youth trip of 2023? Join us August 21st to chat about the exciting adventure that is to come!

Looking Back at the Summer:

This summer the youth group has gathered for fellowship in the form of frisbee golf kayaking. We are deeply appreciative to live in a community which offers a robust variety of activities. By the time you're reading this we will have just gotten back from the Boundary waters in Northern Minnesota! We are anticipating a transformative experience while out in God's creation. Join us in church on August 7th to hear about the experience from the students themselves!

If you feel like you might be interested in helping out with our youth, chat with Madison or Pastor Jess to discern if it is the right fit for you. You don't need to have the Bible memorized or know answers to all the questions. *What our youth need are loving adults who want to be present, ponder the big questions, and listen with an open heart.*

Just a reminder:

Program Registration is open through the month of August. Find the link to register on FLC's Website under Children/Youth, then Middle/High School. We also need volunteers to make the programs possible, if you are available to help prep or co-teach.

On Wednesdays during the academic year from 5:00-6:00 pm, a meal is served in the coffee house. This meal is open to all. No charge, donations are appreciated. Many of our congregation and families treasure the opportunity to have a meal with friends before starting the activities of the evening.

With Good Courage,
Madison McCabe
Director of Youth Ministries



Thank You!

Thank you Diane Almos for 28 years serving on the staff of First Lutheran! You have made it possible for so many people to connect with God and one another through the years. With gratitude, we wish you a blessed retirement!



Thank you

Jo Gauthier for 22 years of service as a First Lutheran staff member! You have helped our congregation share the Gospel and celebrate faith milestones with countless people over the years. We will miss you, and we wish you every blessing in your retirement!

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who came to our retirement party, for the lovely cards, those who called with well wishes, and those who have stopped by to say farewell. You are simply the best! Thank you also to everyone involved in the planning, the bakers of the delicious cookies and bars, setting up the table with the treats and drinks, and cleaning up afterwards. Your thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Diane and Jo



Join Pastor David B. Zellmer on an incredible tour of the Holy Land! On April 14-23, 2023, we will be traveling to many parts of Israel and Jordan to visit the ancient historical sites we read about in the Bible. Don't miss this life-changing experience to grow your faith as we visit Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and many more as we follow the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples so many years ago. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.eliastours.com/tours/first-lutheran-church-holy-land-pilgrimage-with-rev-david-zellmer>

A NOTE FROM DIANE ALMOS

28 ½ years. How did that happen?? As my retirement is approaching, I am reminded of so many people and memories that have shaped my years here. I have truly been blessed by this beautiful place and more so by the people that I have crossed paths with on this journey. How can I put into words how much these years have meant to me, other than to say that I always felt at home here and knew that whatever happened, better things were on the way! Not every day was bright – and some days were even a little painful! But all in all, I wouldn't trade anything and I will walk out of here with a happy heart and know that this is still my home! Some of my very favorite times were when I was lucky enough to work with the kids of all ages. I started working with the Sunday School (when it was still called that!) and also spent years working with the confirmation and youth groups. I was lucky enough to attend four youth gatherings over the years and those bus rides and trips were highlights for sure! The many trips to Valley Fair and youth retreats are also full of fun and crazy memories! It seemed that I was always on the bus or van that broke down, got lost, or took the backroads! I would love to hear from the kids (who are now mostly adults!) that traveled those roads with me and catch up with their lives. Feel free to pass on my address (810 12th St S.) and hopefully some of them will reconnect. It's always nice to be in Worship when they come back and we can share a hug and a laugh!

As I moved on and worked as the activity director, I was able to connect with many of our community members and was proud to show them this amazing facility and all that we had to offer. Working side by side with Jeanne and the coffeehouse workers has been fun and full of activity. There is something going on in this place every single day and all ages have benefited from the support of our congregation.

When the time comes to officially say goodbye, please know that First Lutheran Church is alive and well and busy and changing and continuing to share God's love. I am so lucky to have landed here and will treasure my memories.

A special THANK YOU goes to Judy, Dale, SueAnn and especially Jo who have been by my side the longest. We have always said we are going to write a book about our experiences, so watch out world!! Ha!

A NOTE FROM JO GAUTHIER

About 22 years ago, my dear friend Diane and I were watching our middle school age daughters play volleyball. I told her that my teacher assistant job was being eliminated so I was going to be looking for a new job. Diane said, "Why don't you apply for the office secretary job at the church?" And so I did! And here I stayed! I can't say I am counting the days until I retire, because I am really going to miss this job and the congregation. There are so many people, some no longer with us, that truly have shown me what goodness and faithfulness looks like. On days when life was feeling a little bleak, someone would often stop by the office for a little chat or a kind word...please know that I appreciated every word and every visit! Thank you to Pastor David Zellmer, Pastor Jess and Pastor Trey for your words of thanks and encouragement...it is and was appreciated!

My job has always depended on the wonderful office volunteers that have been with me through the years! Many hugs to Eleda Brotsky, Barb Ahartz, Mavis Krogman, Boyd Shank, Alane Arneson, Curt and Eunice Stensland, and Glenda Skovly. A very special thank you to Verlie Barg who along with Glenda comes in every week to put together the Sunday bulletins, but who has also opened her home to me the last 4 years so I would not have to drive back and forth to Sioux Falls every night. What a blessing she has been to me!

I too must thank my friends and co-workers, past and present, who have filled my time here with laughter and companionship. Even after retiring, please know I will continue to think of you and support you. Special thanks to the dear friends who welcomed me 22 years ago—Diane, Dale, SueAnn and Judy. I will always treasure you!

Brookings will always be my second home, so don't be surprised if you see me out and about the town! Signing off on my 132nd and final newsletter! Thank you First Lutheran!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry serving communities living in poverty around the world. We are again collecting and packing personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world. We ask for your help in collecting the required items. Please find the collection box in the Narthex. You can help now by donating a personal care kit or a donation of money to help cover shipping costs. Please make checks out to First Lutheran Church (please write "care kits" on memo line.)

Each kit needs the following items:

- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (52" X 27") – dark color.
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) soap in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in packaging (may be sealed in an envelope)
- 1 sturdy comb (remove packaging)
- 1 metal nail clippers (remove packaging)

All items should be new. Please wrap all the items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn OR you can donate individual items and we will assemble the kits. THANK YOU!

THE FAMILY BACK 2 SCHOOL PROJECT

The Family Back 2 School Project is a community effort which will meet the challenge of providing school supplies for families in Brookings County who are struggling with the cost. Your monetary donations would be greatly appreciated as we work to lessen the burden for many families. Last year, with your help, we were able to supply 524 children with supplies they needed for the new school year. Each child also received a \$25 voucher towards a new pair of shoes. If you would like to help, please send a check made out to: Family Back 2 School Project, Box 224, Brookings, SD 57006. (It costs around \$65 to provide supplies for each child.) On August 1, 2022, we will have supplies available for each student based on items requested for their classroom. Distribution will be held at Faith Reformed Church located at 1330 Main Avenue S. This program is for children in JK-12th grade (not preschool or Head Start) attending school in BROOKINGS COUNTY. Families who receive free and reduced lunches or Economic Assistance, or if you do not qualify for either program and still need help, are eligible. Please register online at [2022 Family Back 2 School Project \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com). Applications will be accepted on a case by case basis. If you have any questions about the program please call Dawn at 695-4679.



The Mission Coffeehouse is in need of lunch (11:00 -2:00) volunteers! Join a group of dedicated volunteers (men and women) who work hard, but also manage to have a lot of fun! Jeanne Eclov, the MCH manager, would love to hear from you. Stop by to see her or give her a call at the Mission Coffeehouse #: 697-2765.



from Jeanne Eclov, MCH Manager

Scheduled Missions of the Month:

July - Brookings Backpack Project

August - Special Olympics

September - University Lutheran Center

I hope you all are having a happy and enjoyable summer! We have continued to stay very busy here. I believe this is the first summer the business has stayed steady. The mornings are full of groups enjoying getting together for conversation over fresh baked items and delicious Kool Beans coffee. The lunch customers enjoy all our menu options, especially homemade soups. We continue to still see new people who have been encouraged by someone they know to stop in and check out the great food, coffee, and atmosphere. Everyone feels welcome and appreciated by the amazing volunteers who greet them with smiles and hospitality!

Looking ahead to August and September, we start to plan our busy fall schedule. We think about school and all the activities here starting. We organize all the details that go into planning everything. Everyone plans for their part in this team effort for a successful year.

As far as my schedule, I need to let you know MCH will be closed August 1st through August 5th. We will reopen on August 8th. We will also reopen for business on Fridays on September 9th. Other than that, my schedule remains the same and we tend to schedule more groups for the meeting room and other areas available and get even more busy in MCH.

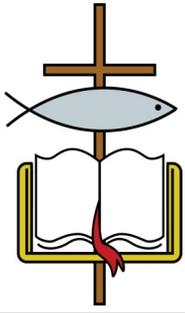
Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and thank you FLC for all your support!!



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov presented a check in the amount of \$1,299.43 to Maia Moore, a representative of the "Brookings Regional Humane Society", our Mission of the Month for May.



MCH Manager Jeanne Eclov presented a check in the amount of \$1,196.94 to Gail Seeklander and Debbie Brandwein, representatives of the "Brookings Food Pantry", our Mission of the Month for June.



The Membership
Records of First
Lutheran Church from
June and July
of 2022

Baptisms:

Ellanore Jean Schievelbein

(Child of Ryan & Danielle Schievelbein)

Primrose Ann Kirk

(Child of John & Shawna Kirk)

Emerie Sage Nelson

(Child of Joshua & Tehra Nelson)

Passings:

Marjorie Quam

Dona Wallum

Lethe Anderson

Wayne Hillestad

Orville Gab

Sharon Ueland

Rachael Groethe

New Members:

Mayssa and Jaxsen

Neuharth

Jared and Ashia Gustafson

Emmett and Caitlynn

Brad and Kim Dahl

Memorials

IN LOVING

Memorials received June-July, 2022

In memory of Phyllis Sander:

Duane Sander

In memory of Bill Taylor:

Verlie Barg

In memory of Art Steinberg:

Sandra Steinberg,

Blaine and Marianne Steinberg

FIRST LUTHERAN ON-LINE MINISTRY

Each week we offer ways for you to participate online. We're always working to continue to improve the reliability and quality of these options. For the best online worship experience with the most reliable video feed, visit our facebook page facebook.com/firstlutheranchurch/live. You do not need a facebook account to join worship in this way. Check it out, and if you do have a facebook account, be sure to comment and let us know you're participating. Thank you for the gifts you give that support this ministry of outreach and connection through the Good News.

DEPENDABLE GIVING

To help keep ministry around First Lutheran stable and secure, consider making a plan to give your offering in one of the following ways:

Online: Visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/give to give a one-time gift.

Automatically: Contact the church office to fill a form for automatic withdrawal.

By Mail: Send your gift to First Lutheran Church, BOX 300, Brookings, SD, 57006

In-person: Place your gift in offering plates near worship entrances or bring to the office.



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	Meals On Wheels → MCH Closed →					
	9:00 Staff 5:30 "Sew What"	8:00 Quilters 2:00 Bible Study	1:30 Edgewood Communion			
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If you would like information put into the Sunday announcements, please have it in to the church office by the **Monday** before. Thank you!

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11th!

**8:30 am Traditional
Festival Service**

**10:30 am Contemporary
Praise Service**



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