



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 6, 2026

ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION INFO

Important information regarding resolutions for our Annual Meeting that introduce proposed changes to our congregation's governing documents were emailed to First Lutheran members last week. To help reduce paper use and printing costs, please refer to that digital packet whenever possible. A limited number of printed copies are available at the Office Outpost in the Mission Coffeehouse. If you did not receive the email or would like a printed copy, please contact the church office at 605-695-6251 or office@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

BIBLE STUDY MOVING BACK TO TUESDAYS **NEW TIME**

Bible study has moved back to **Tuesdays** at **1:30pm** in the Mission Coffeehouse. All are welcome to join us as we dig deeper into the weekly bible readings to be better prepared for worship services.

DONATE BLOOD – SAVE A LIFE

The next blood drive at FLC will be held on **Thursday, September 10th** from 12pm – 6pm in the Activity Center. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: FirstLutheranBrookingsSD or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Debbie Pederson at 605-691-1803.

ANNUAL MEETING MEAL DONATION & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We're looking for volunteers and donations to help make this year's Annual Meeting Meal on **Sunday, September 27th** following the 10:30 service a success! The menu will include BBQs, chips, salads, and desserts. If you're able to donate food items or lend a hand on the day of the meal, please sign up using the QR code. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Donation Deadlines

Hamburger & Tomato Soup: Please drop off by Sunday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 a.m.

All Other Donations: Please drop off by Sunday, Sept. 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Please contact Emily Johnson at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

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!

FAMILY CARE ROOM REMODEL

WELCA invites you to visit the newly updated and beautiful Family Care Room, located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a more welcoming and comfortable space for parents and children.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN-NOW OFFERING 7:45 DROP OFF

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year.

We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. **We will now be offering a 7:45am drop off.**

Spaces are limited so call or email to reserve your child's spot. For more information, 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

***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!

CYF LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2026/2027

We are in need of volunteers for Sunday and Wednesday Journey. If you feel the call to serve, please either scan the QR Code to sign up or send Rose an email (rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) with questions or to set up a time to chat. We appreciate any help in any capacity!



NEW COFEEHOUSE AND OFFICE OUTPOST HOURS

Starting the week of September 7th, the Mission Coffeehouse and the Office Outpost will return to being open on Fridays. The Mission Coffeehouse will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm and the Office Outpost will be open from 8:00am – 3:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE

We will be going back to two services on **Sunday September 13th**. Traditional service at 8:30 and Contemporary service at 10:30.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that the Mission Coffeehouse and all Church offices will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER READERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Scripture/Prayer readers during our 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. This is a meaningful opportunity to share assist in worship. If you are interested in serving, please sign up in the church office or contact Cyndi at 605-692-6251 or office@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP

The Cemetery Committee invites you to join us for our annual cleanup of the First Lutheran Cemetery on **Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of projects, including trimming bushes, removing faded flowers and dead plants, general grounds cleanup, and cleaning headstones that have accumulated dirt, mold, and other debris. Headstone cleaning will involve gently scrubbing and wiping surfaces to help preserve their appearance.

If you are willing to lend a hand, please meet at First Lutheran Cemetery, 1318 W. 8th St. S. 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.

PERSONAL CARE KIT DONATIONS

Consider providing a gift of dignity and hope in the form of a Personal Care Kit. These kits are put together by the Mission Quilters and distributed by Lutheran World Relief. The quilters are well on their way to collecting enough items for 100 kits again this year but could still use darker colored, light weight towels or donations to cover the shipping fees of \$4/kit. Donation boxes for towels are located in the narthex and at the Welcome Desk. Monetary donations can be left in the office or with a quilter.

Mission of the month for September is Brookings Ministerial Association

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 6 – SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion
10:00 am Journey Together

Monday, September 7 – MCH & Church Offices Closed

5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 am Quilters
9:30 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, September 9

5:00 pm Meal
6:00 pm Journey meets with Parents
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 10th Grade “Affirmation of Baptism”
Steppingstone Class with Parents

Thursday, September 10

12:00 pm Blood Drive

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am Journey meets with Parents
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026-2027 CYF REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All programing for CYF begins this week! It's important to register your children/youth as we prepare rooms and materials for the year ahead. Please scan the QR Code to register for all programing from Jr. Journey to Youth Group! Questions about programing? Find a time to chat with Rose or email rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org!



3-YEAR-OLD STEPPINGSTONE – WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Children are welcome in worship with FLC. They bring special gifts to our gathering. We want to extend a special welcome your growing 3-year-old to join us in worship on **Sunday, September 27th** at the 8:30am or 10:30am service. They'll receive their own worship bag to help them engage their bodies and minds as they worship. RSVP to Emily by September 23rd at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

KINDERGARTEN STEPPINGSTONE – LEARNING TO PRAY

We are so excited to invite your Kindergartener and a caring adult to join us as we Learn to Pray! We will meet **Wednesday, September 16th** at 6:00pm in the Parlor. We will then recognize them in either church service on **Sunday, September 20th**! RSVP to Emily by September 9th at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

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

September 9th - Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, Corn, Fruit and Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

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

- **September 6 (Sunday)**
10:00am - Journey Together
- **September 9 (Wednesday)**
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 10th grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone meeting with parents
- **September 13 (Sunday) - Return to 2 services**
9:30am - Journey meets with parents
- **September 16 (Wednesday)**
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey; Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone class
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Meeting with Parents
- **September 20 (Sunday) Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**9:30am - Journey
11:30am - Faith Project Workshop (until 3:00pm)
- **September 23 (Wednesday)**
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey; 1st grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone class #1
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
- **September 27 (Sunday) 3 year old “Welcome to Worship” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**9:30am - Journey
- **September 30 (Wednesday)**
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey; 1st grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone class #2
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
- **October 4 (Sunday) 1st grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**9:30am – Journey