



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

Today we are celebrating the first ever South Dakota Synod-wide Youth Preaching Sunday! Thanks to Taya Twedt for answering the call to preach the Good News this morning.

Meet the Preacher: Taya Twedt is a junior at Brookings High School. Taya has been serving in the youth ministry for the last six years as a Sunday School teacher (Journey) and a member of the youth Bible study group. Taya is also a member of Educators Rising with a future goal of becoming an elementary teacher. Her free time is filled with playing softball and practicing the piano and violin. Taya's parents are Mike and Dawn Twedt; she has an older sister, Tessa, and a brother, Michael, and two lovable chocolate labs, Harley and Dixie.

PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: RESOLUTIONS FORUM

Join our Congregational Council to review the proposed resolutions that will be voted on at our Annual Meeting. This is a dedicated time to hear from the proposers, learn more about the Council's recommendations, and ask questions, so we are fully prepared to vote together.

- When: **TODAY** | 9:40 AM – 10:20 AM
- Where: Mission Coffeehouse Meeting Room

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT WEEK

All confirmed voting members are encouraged to participate in our congregation's Annual Meeting next **Sunday, September 27th** at 11:30am in the Activity Center. The meeting will begin with lunch: sloppy joes, chips, salads, and dessert. Children and youth are welcome to lunch, and then invited to supervised fun activities in the Fellowship Hall during the meeting.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY MISSION COFFEEHOUSE!!

Join us to celebrate the 20th birthday of the MCH on **Wednesday, September 23rd**. There will be treats all day and special music provided by Pat Anderson, Mary Ermel and harpist Betty Franklin. On Sunday, September 27th, many past and present employees and volunteers will be recognized during worship.

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!

BELIZE BOUND!

The dates of Feb 27 - March 7 are set for our 2027 mission trip to support Dee and our students in their work. We have room for 6 more in our team of 10. Deposits are due Nov. 6. Please contact Mary at 605-690-8862 for more details. Is God calling you to serve and learn?

SANCTUARY CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR BEGIN REHEARSALS

*Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have begun! We meet Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Coffeehouse Meeting room. April Mendiola is the new director. Come and give choir a try.

*FLC Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 5:45 pm in the music office across from the church office. Barbara Horten is the director of this group.

WELCA MEDARY CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT

All women are invited to attend the Medary Conference WELCA Fall Retreat on Tuesday, **September 22**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 321 S. Main Street, Arlington, SD. Registration and coffee begin at 9:00 a.m., with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Please bring a food item for the Arlington Ministerial Food Pantry.

***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!

**Mission of the month for September is
Brookings Ministerial Association**

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

TIME FOR THE FLC MERCHANDISE STORE!

Snag your FLC Swag now until **Wednesday, September 30th!** T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts, water bottles and stickers with our new FLC Logo are now available for purchase. Any questions please reach out to Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.



TEA PARTY AND FASHION SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 26

The Belize Mission Team will host a “Sheep at a Tea Party and Fashion Show” on **September 26**. Tea service begins at 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by a “Make It With Wool” fashion show. Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased by September 18. For tickets, contact Debbie Pederson at lolaruby1977@gmail.com.

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! Please contact Emily Johnson at emily@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 (1318 W. 8th St. S) on **Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of projects. 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.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 27

Sunday, September 20

Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone Blessing at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey; Resolutions Forum in MCH Meeting Room;
Youth Gathering informational meeting in Parlor
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 11:30 am Faith Project Workshop in Youth Room until 3pm

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

- 8:30 am Quilters
- 1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, September 23

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 6:00 pm Journey; 1st Grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone Class #1
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group
- 7:45 pm Youth Gathering informational meeting in youth room

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

- 2:30 pm Belize Tea Party and Fashion Show

Sunday, September 27

3 year old “Welcome to Worship” Steppingstone Blessing at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 11:30 am Annual Meeting

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. . For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026-2027 CYF REGISTRATION IS OPEN YEAR ROUND

CYF Programing has begun! It's important to register your children/youth as the year continues. Please scan the QR Code to register for all programing from Jr. Journey to Youth Group. If you have questions or feedback about programing, find a time to chat with Rose or email her at 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.

2027 YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis is just around the corner, and we're getting excited! Join us for one of two informational meetings to learn more about this amazing opportunity:

- **TODAY** from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- **Wednesday, September 23** from 7:45-8:15 p.m. in the Youth Room

We'll share details about the Gathering, registration, and what to expect. If you have questions, please contact Rose at rose@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.

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September 23rd – Bacon Cheeseburgers, Chips, Lettuce Salad, Fruit and Milk

September 30th – Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Pudding and Milk

October 7th – Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

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

- **September 20 (Sunday) Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**
 - 9:30am – Journey; youth gathering info meeting in parlor
 - 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
 - 7:45pm – Youth gathering info meeting in youth room
- **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
- **October 7 (Wednesday)**
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Harvestfest/Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
- **October 11 (Sunday)**
 - 9:30am – Journey Together
- **October 14 (Wednesday)**
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
- **October 18 (Sunday)**
 - 9:30am – Journey