

## ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 20, 2025

#### MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT: PUEBLO DE DIOS

Special guests Pastor María Cabello and Intern Pr. Marit E. Johnson join us today to preach and share about Pueblo de Dios (a ministry of the SD ELCA Synod). You're invited to join them for a forum after worship (10:05am) in the MCH Meeting Room to learn more about the ministry we share. Getting to know our ELCA Ministry Partners expands our view of the Body of Christ and how we can be church together. Coffee and treats will be provided.

#### WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up can volunteer. Volunteer one night or all four. Scan the QR code or contact Emily or Rose to sign up to help! VBS will be held from July 28<sup>th</sup> through July 31st. Thank you for helping us create an amazing experience for our youth "At The Table!!". If you have any questions, please see Rose or Emily.



#### **CEMETERY RULE CHANGE**

The FLC Cemetery Committee would like to share a change to rules as displayed on the cemetery sign. Decorations that are not attached to a monument or located on the base of a monument will be removed as needed after July 10th. This will allow for the best possible mowing and trimming to keep the cemetery looking as beautiful as we can for those all visit to remember their loved ones. Thank you for your understanding and please help share this information with those who need it.

## DO YOU ENJOY LANDSCAPING

Our FLC landscaping needs some attention! An all-around weeding and woodchip refreshing is much needed. If you love the outdoors, get some sun and earth therapy by lending a hand. Work on your own or get a group together. Call Doriane for more details (605)697-2755.

## SPLASH INTO VBS: FLC NIGHT AT HILLCREST AQUATIC CENTER

All are welcome of every age to join in remembering our baptism and enjoying God's creation at this special event at Hillcrest Aquatic Center Sunday, July 27th from 7:15 -8:45 pm. As we get ready to gather "At the Table" for Vacation Bible School, we invite you first to this font of fun and fellowship. Free for all. Concessions available for purchase. Questions please see Rose or Emily.

#### RECYCLE THOSE PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS!

We are collecting plastic shopping bags for a VBS service project to be donated to help The Food Shelter as well as Harvest Table's Community Center. There will be a collection box by the Welcome Center along with one outside of Emily's door. Thank you for helping us help the community!

## PARENTS...VBS AND FALL EDUCATION SIGN UP IS AVAILABLE NOW

Please use the QR code below to register ALL children ages newborn – 12<sup>th</sup> grade for VBS, nursery, Jr. Journey, Journey, confirmation or youth group. If you have questions, please see Rose or Emily.



## DOWNSIZING? CLEANING CLOSETS? PFPP NEEDS DONATIONS

Purses for a Powerful Purpose is again taking donations of used and in good condition purses, jewelry and Christmas decorations. Donations can be brought to the Welcome Center desk Monday – Thursday from 8am-2pm or on Sunday mornings. If you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please contact Mary Moeller at 605-690-8862.

#### NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The new offering envelopes for September 2025 – August 2026 are now available in the church office. There are 2 versions available: monthly or weekly.

#### FREEZER MEALS AVAILABLE

Women of First Lutheran Church, (WELCA) have prepared frozen crock pot meals for anyone going through a rough patch or perhaps a trying time in their life. You can pick up a meal or two for delivery to a friend from the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen (FLC basement, middle room). WELCA has prepared crock pot chicken pot pie stew and beef stew. Instructions for cooking in a crock pot are available on the freezer. Funds for these meals were provided by Thrivent and FLC Mission Quilters.

#### PRESCHOOOL OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE

First Lutheran Preschool still has a few openings available for the 2025/2026 school year. If you would like to register a child you may print off a Registration Form located on the church website (firstlutheranbrookings.org) under preschool, or you may call the Preschool Office at 697-2756, or email <a href="mailto:sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org">sueann@firstlutheranbrookings.org</a> for more information. 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.

#### SERVING OPPORTUNITY AT LAUNDRY WITH LOVE

First Lutheran and Lake Whitewood Lutheran Churches are serving our siblings at Laundry with Love, a ministry of the SD ELCA Synod, from 3-7pm on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to help to serve (welcome guests, prepare a meal, serve the meal, and distribute donations) on that day. We will also be collecting donations of food items to prepare the meal. Volunteers sign up begins today, Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. To sign up and/or donate, check the QR code or see Intern Hannah or Emily. All non-



perishable food donations are due at FLC by 08/17, and perishable food items are due by noon 08/25. Drop off food donations in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

First Lutheran will be delivering meals for the Meals on Wheels program the weeks of July 28 – August 1 and August 4 – 8. Meals should be picked up at the senior center at 11:00. There are 4 different routes each day and it works best with 2 people, but can be done with 1 person. Children are allowed to be the second person. Sign up sheets are in the church office. If you have any questions, please chat with Cyndi.

# Mission of the month for July is the Brookings Multicultural Center

### FLC ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 20 – JULY 27

## Sunday, July 20

9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Mission Forum

## Monday, July 21

9:30 a.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Sew What

## Tuesday, July 22

8:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. Bible study

Wednesday, July 23

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26 – Youth return from NC

## Sunday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:15 p.m. Splash into VBS night at Hillcrest Aquatic Center

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

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Aug 10	Worship led by NC trip youth Journey leader & Confirmation mentor training
Aug 17	3 year old Steppingstone – welcome to worship Back to school blessing Mission Moment – University Lutheran Center
Aug 24	RALLY SUNDAY 4 year old Steppingstone – welcome to Journey
Aug 27	Journey, Confirmation and Youth Group begin
Aug 31	Sunday Journey begins
Sept 7	Return to 2 services on Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 Mission Moment – Shepherd's Table Kindergarten Steppingstone class – learning to pray