

# FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum  
March 10, 2024

*Mar 10 Readings: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21*

*Mar 17 Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*

## **NOISY OFFERING NEXT WEEK**

On Sunday, March 17th, we'll celebrate and bless the quilting ministry of our congregation that provides a warm sign of God's love in many ways in our community and around the world. Children will help collect a **Noisy Offering** that day to support the **Misson Quilters**, so plan to bring your loose change to share!

## **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

You're invited to a **Palm Sunday Brunch** to support our senior high youth headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. We hope you'll make plans to enjoy egg bake, pastries, fruit, juice and coffee (including dairy-free and gluten-free options) and share your generosity - March 24<sup>th</sup> in the gym between 9am-12pm.

## **SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT YOUTH TRIP**

A Silent Auction will also be held starting March 17<sup>th</sup> and running through Palm Sunday. Items will include several offerings of personal time and talents. Maybe you have something you could share as an auction item! A dozen made-to-order baked goods, party planning or home organizing services, hobby lessons, a spring planter designed with the bidder's favorite colors or plants... Let's get creative! If you're willing to share an item, please email [Madison@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:Madison@firstlutheranbrookings.org).

## **BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER...WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Are you curious about what church membership means, what is required of you and what steps are necessary? Bring your curiosity and your questions to an informational meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> in the MCH meeting room from 9:40-10:20.

## **MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH IS SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

We will be collecting donations of new pillows and twin bed sheets which can be dropped in the church office or in the Mission CoffeeHouse.

## **QUILTING BEE - SAVE THE DATE!**

The First Lutheran Mission Quilters are at it again. We're hosting another old-fashioned quilting bee on Saturday, June 15 in the Activity Center. Lunch will be provided, and all sewers in middle school and older are welcome! More registration information will be forthcoming, but in the weeks before our event, **we need your HELP!** We are in desperate need of 100% cotton fabric for making quilt tops and cotton sheets (full size and larger) for quilt backs! If you have any fabric or sheets, we can even arrange pick up. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please contact Julie Bergan Abraham @ 605-690-6292. Thank you for supporting our mission!

## **WOMEN AND MEN'S RETREATS & CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES** **PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON BULLETIN BOARDS BY OFFICE OR IN COFFEE HOUSE BY WELCOME DESK FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION.**

\*Spring Men's Retreat to be held May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm at Plain View Farm  
northwest of Bryant

\*Medary Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering to be held April 6<sup>th</sup>  
10-3:30 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Flandreau

\*NeSoDak Women's Retreat to be held April 12-13 "Find Joy In The Ordinary"

## **PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Please don't worry, we haven't forgotten about the directories. The last day of photo taking was supposed to be December 27<sup>th</sup>. However, the company we are working with forgot to schedule a photographer. We were finally able to reschedule that day on March 2nd. The directory committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup> to decide on layout design, binding, etc. Now we send it all to the directory company and they make a draft for us to review. We plan to have multiple eyes on it during that review process. After that, we will send it back for changes and printing. We are anticipating having the new directories ready for pickup sometime in June or early July. The committee thanks all who participated by having their photo taken or submitted AND we thank you for your patience.

## **LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR A PLOT IN FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY?**

Please contact Dan Billett, Sexton, at 605-695-5197.

## UPDATES FROM FAITH FORMATIONS LEADER, KARI YORK

There is still room for anyone wanting to join the *Little Steps Big Faith* book study.



<https://forms.office.com/r/rhpyQnxdDM>

Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided an amazing meal for our first session together.

It's that time of year again....We are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of **Journey to Discipleship 2024-2025**. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Kari York [faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org](mailto:faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org) Working with the children in the program is such a great way to get to know the children of our community, learn about the Bible, and be a role model in a fun way.

**WATCH FOR VBS** information and Registration for Journey to Discipleship 24-25 coming in March.

There is so much happening on Palm Sunday:

Join us as all children are invited to be in our **palm procession** being held at the worship service of your choice. Meet in the narthex (front entrance) of the sanctuary 10 minutes prior to the service.

The **Palm Sunday Children's Choir** is performing at both services. If your child is interested, practices are on Wednesdays@ 5:30 in the meeting room by the gym.

From 9-12 the youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be hosting a **Palm Sunday Brunch** which will also include silent auction items to bid on.

This bulletin is full of events and activities. I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers who make these events and activities possible. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, TALENTS, OR PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATION!!**

Kari York, Director of Children's Ministry

## **FLC ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 10- MARCH 17**

### **Sunday, March 10**

- 8:30 a.m.**        **Traditional Festival Worship**  
9:40 a.m.        Journey  
**10:30 a.m.**        **Contemporary Praise Worship**

### **Monday, March 11**

- 9:30 a.m.        Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m.        Park Place and ULC Communion  
5:00 p.m.        Little Steps Big Faith book study  
5:30 p.m.        “Sew What” Quilters

### **Tuesday, March 12**

- 8:30 a.m.        Quilters  
2:00 p.m.        Bible Study in Parlor  
7:00 p.m.        Bible Study in MCH

### **Wednesday, March 13**

- 11:30 a.m.        Lenten Lunch in Activity Center  
5:00 p.m.        Meal  
5:30 p.m.        Palm Sunday Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
5:45 p.m.        Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m.        Journey (release at 6:50)  
7:00 p.m.        Lenten Worship Service  
                    Confirmation (attend worship then meet in small groups)  
                    Youth Group (attend worship then meet in youth room)  
7:40 p.m.        Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 14**

### **Friday, March 15**

### **Saturday, March 16**

### **Sunday, March 17**

- 8:30 a.m.**        **Traditional Festival Worship Service with Communion**  
9:40 a.m.        Journey  
                    Membership Interest Class  
**10:30 a.m.**        **Contemporary Praise Worship Service with 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](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)*