



**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 27, 2026

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

All confirmed voting members are encouraged to participate in our congregation's Annual Meeting **TODAY** 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.

3-YEAR-OLD STEPPINGSTONE – WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Children in worship help us be the whole body of Christ! They bring special gifts to our gathering, and we are knit together in God's promises as we share in the Word and Sacraments. Today we extend a special welcome to worship to our growing 3-year-olds. We bless and celebrate with them and their caring adults as they receive their own worship bag to help them engage their bodies and minds as they worship.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY MISSION COFFEEHOUSE!!

We're celebrating 20 years of our First Lutheran Church Mission Coffeehouse ministry and its impact on lives in our congregation, community, and world! Today in worship we recognize and give thanks for the many volunteers and staff who have made this ministry possible over the years, and we look forward to and pray for many years to come.

LOOKING FOR ADULT LEADERS FOR 2027 YOUTH GATHERING

Did you attend the Youth Gathering and loved it? Do you have a calling to guide youth in the Gathering? We have Adult Leader Applications open for the upcoming 2027 Youth Gathering, and they are located at the Office Outpost and in Rose's office. Applications are due by Sunday October 11th, and adults will be selected and confirmed by Wednesday October 14th. Have questions? Please contact Rose.

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?

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!

HARVEST FEST

Wednesday, October 7th - 5-7pm - Come celebrate God's abundant blessings at our annual Harvest Fest! This family-friendly evening is packed with fun, fellowship, and fall festivities for all ages. Enjoy a delicious dinner in the gym from 5:00-6:00 PM, then take part in carnival games, pumpkin painting, fresh apples, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities through 7:00 PM. Bring your family, invite a friend, and join us for an evening of faith, fun, and community. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

SEEKING YOUR HIDDEN TREASURES

We're collecting gently-used small toys and books to be recycled and reused as prizes for our Harvest Fest carnival games. Too many trinkets collecting at your house? Bring your donations of like new doodads to be reused and traded as exciting new-to-you prizes as we Care for Creation and celebrate Harvest Fest. Drop donations in the bin outside Emily's office through October 4th. Any unused items will be passed along to other organizations who can use them following our event.

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.

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

***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!

COME AND GROW WITH FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

There is a special place waiting for the little one in your life in our First Lutheran Preschool classes. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. We also now offer a 7:45am drop off option. Call or email to tour our bright and engaging classrooms and meet our compassionate and expert staff. For more information or to get started, 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

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE HOUR A WEEK

New volunteer opportunities available now:

*Food Pantry Donation Helper - help us feed neighbors who are hungry by gathering up the donations congregation members bring to collection bins at church and dropping them off next door at the Brookings Area Food Pantry once a week.

*Worship Bulletin Delivery Volunteer - help our members who live in senior living communities stay connected to our congregation by dropping off packets of bulletins at the main entries of 3 or 4 Brookings facilities once a week.

Contact Pastor Trey or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

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.



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, Oct. 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 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

Monday, September 28

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am FLC Bookclub
- 5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Journey; 1st Grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone Class #2
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

1st Grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone Blessing at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 1:00 pm Cemetery Cleanup

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.



2027 YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION OPEN!

FLC Registration for the Youth Gathering this summer is officially open! Anyone in 8th-12th grade can attend this amazing opportunity. Registration forms are located in the Youth Room, Office Outpost, and in Rose's office. Registration forms are due by **Wednesday October 14th**. Questions? Find a time to chat with Rose!

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

October 7th – Taco and Nacho Bar

October 14th – 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 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
- **October 21 (Wednesday)**
 - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
 - 6:00pm – Journey
 - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 10th grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone meeting
- **October 25 (Sunday)**
 - 9:30am – Journey; 10th Grade Faith Forum
 - 10:30am – **10th Grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone Blessing** with reception to follow