

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
September 17, 2023

Sept. 17 Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24 Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-6

SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY TODAY between services all are invited to help assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in the activity center between services.

WE NEED YOUR OLD CLOTHES! And sheets and blankets and coats... well any kind of soft goods! We are fundraising for our summer Youth trip to New Orleans. Our goal is 15,000 pounds of fabric of all types. Think of us before taking things to Goodwill this fall! In October we will be collecting, we will not hold bags before drop off date. Please collect soft goods in a 30-gallon garbage bag. Thanks for helping our youth get to New Orleans!

ANNUAL REPORTS are printed and available at each sanctuary entrance for you to take and review.

ANNUAL MEETING Make plans to join us for the annual meeting on Sunday, October 1st between services (starting approximately at 9:40). We will review the financial status of the church, plans for the next year and voting for a couple committee/council positions. We need to see you there!!

Heavenly Harp Concert in FLC Sanctuary - Thursday, Sept. 28. at 7pm

Join Karin Gunderson, Founder of Heavenly Harp, as she takes you on an extraordinary journey: "Lift the World." Discover the stories of Afghan refugees through soul-stirring songs and harp accompaniment and be inspired to let God's light and love shine more brightly in your own world. This event is free of charge, with a free-will offering accepted.

FUN ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Would you be willing to help serve a Wednesday evening meal for folks here in our FLC Activity Center? Volunteers are needed from 4:30-6:30pm every week. Contact LaDeane by text or phone at 605-695-2153 if you can help!

SANCTUARY CHOIR holds practice at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings. Nursery will be available if needed. New members are always welcome and nursery care is available if needed. Call Pat with questions 605-731-6433.

REGISTRATION HELP NEEDED The church directory committee is looking for volunteers to help with photo session check-ins October 4-7 and 10-14. Please call Cyndi in the church office to sign up;

NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Are you a young adult looking for a faithful community of pals? WE ARE STARTING A NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY! Chat with Madison or sign up at the back of the sanctuary. We will host our first gathering on Thursday Sept. 28th.

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!!!

*There are still plenty of spots open, especially in the 2nd week. To schedule online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, Church Code is [sd125](#) and password is [photos](#). Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment time.

***All are welcome**, you do not need to be a member of FLC.

*If you need to submit a photo instead, please call Cyndi in the church office to make arrangements.

*October dates don't work for you? We will also have the photo team here on December 27th. Call the church office to schedule an appointment.

SPONSOR A CEMETERY TREE We invite you to consider giving a special donation toward the cost of the new trees. Each 4-foot spruce tree costs approximately \$250, including planting and watering. Your gift of any amount is welcome and appreciated and can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the office marked "Trees."

USHERS ARE NEEDED for both services. Sign up in back or talk to Pastor Trey.



journey/nursery notes

ATTENTION PARENTS: the first session of Journey to Discipleship is **TODAY**. We are asking **parents to attend** the first session for an informational meeting to follow our opening worship time. Please check your child in and find a spot in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

DO YOU HAVE A KINDERGARTEN AGED CHILD? All Kindergarten age children and a family member are invited to our Kindergarten Steppingstones class on prayer. This class will be held **TODAY** at 11:45am in the parlor with a light lunch.. Your child is not required to be a part of Journey to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ September 17 1st Sunday Journey **AND** Parent Session,
please plan to attend. (9:40)
Kindergarten Steppingstone (Prayer) @ 11:45
- ❖ September 24 Kindergarteners Blessing at both services.
- ❖ October 8 No Journey



confirmation/YG Notes

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING Is there an 8th-12th grader in your life interested in visiting New Orleans? They are invited to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering with FLC next summer! It will be a fun filled faith walk in a city brimming with culture. We will be gone July 14th- 20th, registration closes early so start chatting with your youth about it now. **Info meeting on September 17th from 11:30-12 in the meeting room.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *September 17 Nat'l Youth Gathering interest meeting at 11:30am
10th grade Faith project wrap-up at noon
Youth group at 4pm
- *September 20 6-8 Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7pm
- *September 24 Youth group at 4pm
- *September 27 1st night of 6-8 confirmation at 7pm
- *October 8 No Youth Group

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 24

Sunday, September 17 -

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service**
9:40 a.m. Journey with Parent Meeting after opening
9:40 a.m. Assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits in gym
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Service**
11:30 a.m. National Youth Gathering Interest Meeting in MCH mtg rm
11:45 a.m. Kinder SteppingStone class
12:00 p.m. 10th grade Faith Project wrap up day with lunch
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. “Sew What” in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 19

- 8:30 a.m. Mission Interest Quilters in Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor

Wednesday, September 20

- 5:00 p.m. Meal in CoffeeHouse/Activity Center
5:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Journey
7:00 p.m. Confirmation with parents and students
 Sanctuary choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

- 5:30 p.m. Schwader/Wiederich wedding rehearsal

Saturday, September 23

- 4:30 p.m. Schwader/Wiederich wedding

Sunday, September 24 – Kinder Blessing at Both Services

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service**
9:40 a.m. Journey
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Service**
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

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

MCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: SHARE THE WARMTH