

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
December 4, 2022

December 4 Readings: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12*
December 11 Readings: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*

POINSETTIA DEADLINE TOMORROW! Please submit your orders for remembrance poinsettias to display around the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day today. Forms are available in the church office, the narthex, the welcome desk near the MCH and on the website under the bulletin section. Orders are due to the office by 5:00 on December 5th. If you have questions, please contact Cyndi in the church office 605-692-6521.

PURSES FOR A POWERFUL PURPOSE sponsored by Belize Mission Partners in Service and Learning FLC will be held December 9-11 featuring gently used purses, jewelry, Christmas décor plus *NEW THIS YEAR* silent auction items.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 7 Christmas practice for S&W students

Saturday, December 10 9:30-11:30 Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, December 11 10:30 service Christmas Program

No Journey until January 18

JOURNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WORSHIP On Sunday, December 11 at the 10:30 service, the children from the Journey program will be presenting their Christmas program "How Do You Know?" written by our own Kari York. Following the service, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with birthday cake in the Mission Coffee House.

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS In conjunction with the Christmas program, we will be collecting baby essentials to gift to families in need. Diapers, formula, wipes, burp cloths, and other baby items are appreciated. Drop boxes will be at sanctuary entrances through December 18th.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH:

This season is filled with opportunities to encounter the promise of God-with-us and celebrate Christmas with prayer and song. Make plans to join in worship this season in the following at any of the following worship gatherings:

***Sunday Worship at 8:30am or 10:30am: Nov. 27, Dec, 4, 11, 18**

***Christmas Program:** Children of FLC lead worship with music, stories and prayer: Dec 11 at 10:30am

***Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 6:30pm: Longest Night:** A service of waiting and hoping in the midst of darkness.

***Saturday, Dec, 24th: Christmas Eve:** 1:30pm, 4:30pm or 6:30pm: Candles, Carols, Choirs, and the promise of Christmas. Holy Communion at 1:30pm and 6:30pm

***Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day:** 10:30am: Merry Christmas! Favorite Christmas Carols and Hymns, Holy Communion, and the incarnation of Christ. Stay afterward for a free-will offering meal.

***January 1st at 10:30am New Year's Day:** Happy New Year! Worship with more favorite carols, prayers for God-with-us in the year to come, and Holy Communion to sustain us in the days ahead.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL We will be having our annual Christmas Day meal following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 25. But we need your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sign up sheets are in the church office for volunteers to help serve, to make pies and deliver meals. Please stop in the office to sign up or call the church office and let Cyndi know you would like to help.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MEAL WITH A LARGE GROUP? If your group will consist of 6 or more people, please sign up in the office with the number of people so we can plan ahead.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A MEAL DELIVERED?

Please sign them up in the office so we can have a meal delivered that day.

RING THE BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY We have volunteered to cover a shift of bell ringing at the Lewis Drugstore on Friday December 16th from 4-8. We are looking for 4 volunteers or 4 groups of volunteers to ring the bell for 1 hour each. If you are interested, please contact Cyndi in the office at 605-692-6521.

READY TO GO ON A SERVICE TRIP? Dee Shanley, FLC missionary/teacher in Belize, invites you to consider the possibilities of a service trip in March 2023. Meet with her and fellow travelers Thursday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Mission Coffee House.

SNOW? NO. AN OPPORTUNITY! Have you been waiting for the perfect service opportunity? Snow season is here, and we need volunteers! Please see the Snow Brigade sign-up sheet in the office. We'll get together and talk all things snow. We'll have to talk to God about the wind. Questions please contact Doriane Paso.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the church for the Advent season: Roxanne Corbit, Veronna Capone, Betty Hind, Kurt & Eunice Stensland, Jennifer & Brad Erickson, Clark & Lyla Hanson, Marcene & Dave Lenander, Anissa Lenander, Margy Brenden, Randy Richards, Luanna Bebensee, Nancy Zink, Carmen Wika, Rick & Beth Ribstein, Austin Ribstein and Deb Bortnem



***YOUR CHANGE WILL CHANGE
ANOTHER'S WORLD!***

The noisy offering collected over 4 weeks before Thanksgiving was very well received. Your generosity led to a donation to Feeding Brookings of

\$1,276.11

THANK YOU

**MISSION COFFEEHOUSE MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR
DECEMBER IS: "ELCA GOOD GIFTS"**

Have an announcement you need in the bulletin? Call the church office at 605-692-6251.
Email office@firstlutheranbrookings.org or stop in the office anytime.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 4-DECEMBER 11

Sunday, December 4

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service with communion**
9:40 a.m. Journey
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Service with communion and Halgerson Baptism**

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Quilters in Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor
7:00 p.m. Bible Study in MCH Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 7

- 1:30 p.m. Communion at Edgewood
5:00 p.m. Meal in MCH
5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir practice
6:00 p.m. **Journey - Christmas practice for S&W students**
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:15 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party

Thursday, December 8

- 6:30 p.m. Church Council in Parlor

Friday, December 9

- 9:00-11:30, 1:00-4:00 Purses for a Powerful Purpose Event

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00-12:00 Purses for a Powerful Purpose Event
9:30 a.m. **Journey Christmas Program Practice**

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 – 12:00 Purses for a Powerful Purpose Event
8:30 a.m. **Traditional Festival Service with communion**
10:30 a.m. **Journey Christmas Program / Worship with cake reception to follow**

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please view the calendar on the main office bulletin board or the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org