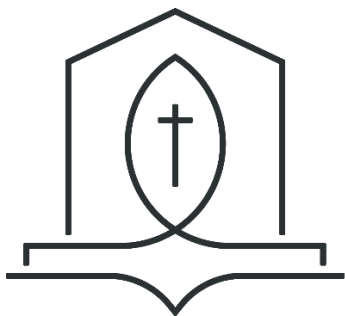




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 26, 2025

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE AS THE
FOLLOWING STUDENTS AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM:



Jenna Theresa Behrend
Whitney Kay Carroll
Evie Marie Flittie
Carter Glenn IntVeld
Lexa Janice Kieckhefer
Elise Kjelden
Jack Allan Lovseth
Elizabeth Lynn Melby
Maisie Clair Mogard
Wesley Lauer Mueller
Mack Nelson
Taya Anna Marie Twedt
Cayden James Westall

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

We believe that everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home. To make worship more comfortable for you or your family, we have several resources available:

- *Aides for the senses: Noise-reducing headphones and focus fidgets.
 - *Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices.
 - *For comfort: Individual pew cushions.
 - *For children: Engaging worship bags.
 - *Communion: Gluten-free wafers and communion delivered to your seat.
- If you would like to use any of these, or have a question, please feel free to ask a greeter or usher. We are happy to help!

JOIN US TODAY:

- *Between services our 10th graders will be sharing their Faith Projects in the Activity Center from 9:30am-10:20am. Our 10th graders have put these projects together in preparation for affirming their baptismal promises.
- *Following the 10:30 service for a reception in the Coffeehouse to celebrate this Steppingstone with our 10th graders

JOIN THE FALL FOOD SHELF CHALLENGE!

The South Dakota Plains Region Thrivent Network is sponsoring a Fall Food Shelf Challenge. We need your help in collecting 500 food items by October 31st. Upon meeting the food challenge, Thrivent will provide a gift of \$500 to the Brookings Area Food Pantry along with the food items. Be watching for the food collection displays at the entrance to First Lutheran Church. Help us meet our challenge goal!!!

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - "ON SOLID GROUND"

Today we focus on *Increasing Faithful Accompaniment*. You'll hear of our congregation's goals for the year ahead and learn how your faithful giving supports ministry. We will all be invited to consider our giving and submit our Intentions on Commitment Sunday, November 9th in worship at both services. Thank you in advance for your intentional reflection on how you might be blessed to be a blessing this year!

Mission of the month for October is Midwest Street Medicine

PROPERTY TASK FORCE FORUM

Come and hear how we've been Strengthening our Sacred Spaces - FLC Property Task Force will give an update on work completed and in progress, as well as upcoming project priorities. Join in the effort to be good stewards of our building and property as sacred spaces for ministry. Property Task Force Forum in the MCH Meeting Room - Sunday, November 2nd 9:40-10:20am.

TODAY'S CALL TO WORSHIP

Today's handbell piece is a soon to be published arrangement of Martin Luther's "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word" and is dedicated to FLC Handbell Choir Director Barbara Horten.

A note from Barbara Horten on its meaning: It's first verse is an appeal to God to preserve and sustain us by His Word, rather than by force of arms. In the second verse, Luther emphasizes the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ over rulers of any kind and that His rescue of His people always leads to praise and thanksgiving. The final verse calls on the Holy Spirit to send unity to the people of God and encourages s to trust that we will be raised from the dead to eternal life, as we confess in the Apostles' Creed.

"Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done."

"Lord Jesus Christ, thy power make known, for You are Lord of Lords alone. Defend Your Holy Church that we may sing your praise triumphantly."

"O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life."

QUILTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CRAFT SALES

The First Lutheran Mission Quilters Group is participating in the following Craft Sales being held in the First Lutheran Activity Center

*Uptown Girls Craft Show

Saturday November 1st 9:00am – 2:00pm

*Purses for a Powerful Purpose

Friday December 5th 9:00am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday December 6th 9:00am – 2:00pm

Sunday December 7th 8:00am – 12:00pm

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 2ND.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR.**

ADVENT FEST ITEMS NEEDED

Advent Fest is just around the corner, and we are looking for some things to help us craft! We could use donations of shaving cream (non-gel) and buttons of all sizes and colors. Please put all donations in the tote outside Emily's Door! Any questions please ask - Emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT FEST – SOUP AND HELP NEEDED

This year's Advent fest will be on Sunday, November 23rd from 9:30 - 12:30! We will be serving up soup, garlic bread and cracker for the meal. There will also be games, crafts, music and fellowship as well. We are asking for donations of food and help serving and cleaning up. If you're willing to make some soup and or help out at the event please use the QR code, stop in the office or contact Emily! We are looking forward to another great event!



THE MINISTRY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD, ELCA FORUM

Have you ever wondered what the South Dakota Synod is, what the synod does, or why do we even need a synod? We are offering you the opportunity to learn more about our SD Synod, ELCA. Join us on November 16 between worship services for an educational forum on the South Dakota Synod. Pastor Renee Splichal-Larson, the Associate to the Bishop--Candidacy, Congregation, and Rostered Minister Accompaniment, will preach at both services and facilitate a discussion at 9:35am on the work of our South Dakota Synod, ELCA. As always, all are welcome.

CANNING AND SHARING EVENT

Do you love cooking? Have a lot of produce every year from your garden or just love to learn new skills. Come to a Canning and Sharing event and dive into the how's and what's of food preservation taught by a certified Master Food Preservation instructor. In this class you will make jam, dehydrate and make seasoned kale chips, and learn about making pickles. Participants will bring home a jar of jam and bag of kale chips. All extra Jam will be donated to a local food bank. Learn the skills your grandma used or just join us in the kitchen for some fun! Max class size is 15 so please pre-register in the church office. See Intern Pastor Hanna with questions. Open to Ages 15 -Adult.

5:30 – 8:30 PM Thurs. Nov 13

2:00 - 5:00 PM Tues. Nov 18

PURSES FOR A POWERFUL PURPOSE

- *Has openings for 10 individuals to host and decorate a table.
 - *Tickets went on sale October 15th. \$25 per person and there is limited seating.
 - *They are still accepting donations for jewelry, purses and Christmas décor. They are not accepting Christmas trees at this time.
- Questions? Please contact Deb Pederson @ 605-691-1803 or Mary Moeller @ 605-690-8862

SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE

The Sanctuary Choir holds rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 pm in the Mission Coffeehouse meeting room. New members ALWAYS welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Anderson at 605-731-6433.

VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship services are a great opportunity to share in ministry together! We're looking for new voices and hands to join our First Lutheran Readers and Ushers. Whether you want to proclaim God's Word, be the first friendly face to greet people, or help members and guests participate in worship together, your gifts are needed. Please sign up in the church office or scan here to learn more.



TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Would you like to dig deeper into the weekly Bible readings and be better prepared for worship services? Join us in the Mission Coffeehouse every Tuesday at 2 pm. Just bring your Bible. We'll puzzle through readings that are coming up in worship together. Show up when you can! Contact Pastor Trey for more info.

MAKE A DAILY DEVOTION PART OF YOUR NEW YEAR

Did you know we provide free daily devotionals. The pocket-sized booklets are available at church entrances to take for yourself or to share with others. Each entry includes a brief reflection on scripture and daily life, a short prayer, and a prayer concern related to the day. Thank you also for providing these to our community!

Please note: if you have an announcement you would like included, please email it to office@firstlutheranbrookings.org by 11am the Monday before it should print

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 2

Sunday, October 26 – No Journey

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| 8:30 am | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| 9:30 am | Faith Forum in the activity center |
| 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion and Affirmation of Baptism |
| 11:30 am | Affirmation of Baptism reception in Mission Coffeehouse |

Monday, October 27

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| 9:30 am | Staff Meeting |
| 1:00 pm | FLC Book Club - Parlor |
| 5:30 pm | Sew What
CYF Team - Parlor |

Tuesday, October 28

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| 8:30 am | Quilters |
| 2:00 pm | Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse |

Wednesday, October 29

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| 5:00 pm | Meal |
| 5:45 pm | Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:00 pm | Journey |
| 7:00 pm | Confirmation, Youth Group,
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday, October 30**Friday, October 31****Saturday, November 1****Sunday, November 2**

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| 8:30 am | Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| 9:40 am | Journey
Property Team Forum |
| 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service with Holy 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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- Sunday October 26th: 9:30am Faith Forum; 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism
- Monday October 27th 5:30pm: CYF Team meeting
- Wednesday, November 5th 6:00pm: 3rd Grade Steppingstone - Holy Communion Class #1
- Wednesday, November 12th 6:00pm: 3rd Grade Steppingstone - Holy Communion Class #2
- November 14, 15 & 16: Ne-So-Dak Youth Retreat
- Sunday, November 16th: 3rd Grade Holy Communion Blessing - both services
- Sunday November 23rd: Advent Fest
- Monday November 24th 5:30pm: CYF team meeting
- Wednesday November 26th: No Wednesday Night Programming
- Wednesday December 10th 6:00pm: ALL Journey Christmas program practice (last Wednesday night of fall Journey); 9th grade night
- Saturday December 13th time tba: ALL Journey Christmas program practice
- Sunday December 14th 10:30am: Journey Christmas program (last Sunday of fall Journey)
- Wednesday December 17th 7:00pm: Confirmation and youth group Christmas party (last night of fall session)

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

October 29th – Beef and cheddar, chips, fruit and celery and carrots