



**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2026

PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: RESOLUTIONS FORUM

Join our Congregational Council to review the proposed resolutions that will be voted on at our Annual Meeting. This is a dedicated time to hear from the proposers, learn more about the Council's recommendations, and ask questions, so we are fully prepared to vote together.

- When: Sunday, September 20 | 9:40 AM – 10:20 AM
- Where: Mission Coffeehouse Meeting Room
- Next Step: Annual Meeting - Sunday, September 27

BIBLE STUDY MOVING BACK TO TUESDAYS **NEW TIME**

Bible study has moved back to **Tuesdays** at **1:30pm** in the Mission Coffeehouse. All are welcome to join us as we dig deeper into the weekly bible readings to be better prepared for worship services.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY TO MEET

WELCA Bible study meets on **Thursday, September 17** at 10:00 am in the parlor. We will be using the Fall edition of Gather Magazine.org. Session one. All women of First Lutheran are invited to join us.

WELCA MEDARY CONFERENCE FALL RETREAT

All women are invited to attend the Medary Conference WELCA Fall Retreat on Tuesday, **September 22**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 321 S. Main Street, Arlington, SD. Registration and coffee begin at 9:00 a.m., with the program starting at 10:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Please bring a food item for the Arlington Ministerial Food Pantry.

***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!

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!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN-NOW OFFERING 7:45 DROP OFF

First Lutheran Preschool Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 school year.

We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. **We will now be offering a 7:45am drop off.**

Spaces are limited so call or email to reserve your child's spot. For more

information, 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

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. Items will be printed and ready approximately two weeks after the store closes. Items will be available for pick up at the MCH welcome desk. Any questions please reach out to Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.



CYF LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2026/2027

Programing has begun and we are always looking for an extra set of hands from Journey all the way up to Youth Group! If you feel the call to serve, please send Rose an email (rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) to schedule a time to chat! We appreciate any help in any capacity!

NEW COFEEHOUSE AND OFFICE OUTPOST HOURS

Starting the week of September 7th, the Mission Coffeehouse and the Office Outpost will return to being open on Fridays. The Mission Coffeehouse will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm and the Office Outpost will be open from 8:00am – 3:00pm.

TEA PARTY AND FASHION SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 26

The Belize Mission Team will host a “Sheep at a Tea Party and Fashion Show” on **September 26**. Tea service begins at 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by a “Make It With Wool” fashion show. Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased by September 18. For tickets, contact Debbie Pederson at lolaruby1977@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING MEAL DONATION & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

We're looking for volunteers and donations to help make this year's Annual Meeting Meal on **Sunday, September 27th** following the 10:30 service a success! The menu will include BBQs, chips, salads, and desserts. If you're able to donate food items or lend a hand on the day of the meal, please sign up using the QR code. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Donation Deadlines

Hamburger & Tomato Soup: Please drop off by Sunday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 a.m.

All Other Donations: Please drop off by Sunday, Sept. 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Please contact Emily Johnson at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER READERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Scripture/Prayer readers during our 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. This is a meaningful opportunity to share assist in worship. If you are interested in serving, please sign up in the church office or contact Cyndi at 605-692-6251 or office@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 on **Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of projects, including trimming bushes, removing faded flowers and dead plants, general grounds cleanup, and cleaning headstones that have accumulated dirt, mold, and other debris. Headstone cleaning will involve gently scrubbing and wiping surfaces to help preserve their appearance.

If you are willing to lend a hand, please meet at First Lutheran Cemetery, 1318 W. 8th St. S. 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.

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

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday, September 13

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:40 am Journey meets with Parents
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, September 14

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

- 5:00 pm Meal
- 6:00 pm Journey; Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone Class
- 7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade night with Parents

Thursday, September 17

- 10:00 am WELCA Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Church Council in Parlor

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone Blessing at both services

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 9:40 am Journey; Resolutions Forum in MCH Meeting Room;
Youth Gathering informational meeting in Parlor
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
- 11:30 am Faith Project Workshop in Youth Room until 3pm

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.



3-YEAR-OLD STEPPINGSTONE – WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Children are welcome in worship with FLC. They bring special gifts to our gathering. We want to extend a special welcome your growing 3-year-old to join us in worship on **Sunday, September 27th** at the 8:30am or 10:30am service. They'll receive their own worship bag to help them engage their bodies and minds as they worship. RSVP to Emily by September 23rd at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

KINDERGARTEN STEPPINGSTONE – LEARNING TO PRAY

We are so excited to invite your Kindergartener and a caring adult to join us as we Learn to Pray! We will meet **Wednesday, September 16th** at 6:00pm in the Parlor. We will then recognize them in either church service on **Sunday, September 20th**! RSVP to Emily by September 9th at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

2027 YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis is just around the corner, and we're getting excited! Join us for one of two informational meetings to learn more about this amazing opportunity:

- **Sunday, September 20** from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- **Wednesday, September 23** from 7:45-8:15 p.m. in the Youth Room

We'll share details about the Gathering, registration, and what to expect. If you have questions, please contact Rose at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

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 16th – Hotdogs, Cheesy Noodles, Celery/Carrot Sticks, Cookie and Milk

September 23rd – Bacon Cheeseburgers, Chips, Lettuce Salad, Fruit and Milk

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

October 7th – 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 13** (Sunday) - Return to 2 services
9:30am - Journey meets with parents
- **September 16** (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey; Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone class
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Meeting with Parents
- **September 20** (Sunday) **Kindergarten “Learning to Pray” Steppingstone**
 - **blessing at both services**
 - 9:30am – Journey; youth gathering info meeting in parlor
 - 11:30am - Faith Project Workshop (until 3:00pm)
- **September 23** (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm - Journey; 1st grade “Learning to Share” Steppingstone class #1
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group
7:45pm – Youth gathering info meeting in youth room
- **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