

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
September 17, 2023

Sept. 24 Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-6
Oct. 1 Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Kelton Jacob Hanson who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Kelton's parents are Jake and Sarina Hanson. His sponsors are Aaron and Brooke Carsrud, Austin and Kylie Gackstetter, and Alyssa Graphenteen. Kelton will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Kelton.

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!!

WE NEED YOUR OPINION! Please Complete our Important Planning Survey - Ten minutes of your time will have a huge impact on First Lutheran Church's future! We have started a planning process to discern God's call for First. We'll become more clear about WHO we are and what ACTION we're called to take to impact the congregation, community, and world. This happens through deep listening. Please take a few moments to complete the survey. We'd love for every person connected to our congregation to take part. Thank you so much! Point your phone's camera at this QR code, and click the link that appears on your phone screen to be taken to the survey.



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.

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.

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!

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!

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.

FALL CEMETERY CLEAN UP will be Tuesday October 3rd at 10am. In case of inclement weather, the makeup day will be Tuesday, October 10 at 10am,

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."

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.

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

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. **If you are interested, please talk to Madison.**

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will begin Tuesday October 3rd at 7pm in the Mission CoffeeHouse couch area. All are welcome. Email Tiff Lewis (tifflewis6411@gmail.com) to be added to the updates list!

BROOKINGS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS First Lutheran is collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantries in our community. Collection boxes are placed at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH is broadcast each Sunday morning over KBRK (1430 AM) at 11:00 am. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call or stop in the church office. The cost of a broadcast is \$60.00.

NEED A LITTLE MORE COMFORT ON SUNDAY MORNING? We have individual cushions available for your comfort. You can either ask an usher for a cushion, or you can get one as you come in from the gathering space.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 1

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 with Hanson Baptism**
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

- 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
 Sanctuary choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

- 1:30 p.m. Edgewood Communion
7:00 p.m. Harp Concert in Sanctuary

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

Sunday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m.** **Traditional Festival Service with Holy Communion**
9:40 a.m. Journey
 Annual Meeting in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Praise Service with Holy Communion**
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

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MCH MISSION FOR OCTOBER WILL BE BROOKINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT CHILD WELLNESS FUND**