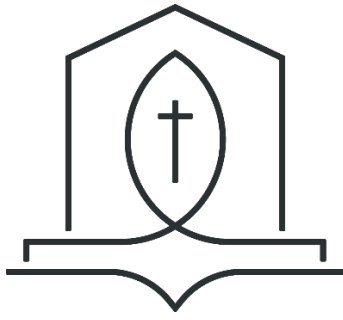




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 9, 2025

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Baylor Marie Ribstein who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Baylor's parents are Austin and Miranda Ribstein. Her sponsors are Andi Ribstein and Elizabeth Okeson. Baylor will be baptized at the 8:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Mara.

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - "ON SOLID GROUND"

TODAY IS OUR DECLARATION OF INTENT SUNDAY in response to our Annual Stewardship Appeal: *On Solid Ground*. We each prayerfully offer our intention to give of what God has first given us, making a commitment to our offering this year. Before the final blessing in worship, you will be invited to bring your Intent Form to a basket at the front or the back of the Sanctuary. If you do not have a copy of the Intent Form, and you would like to participate, there are forms at each entrance and ushers will also pass them out during the opening announcements. Thank you for your generosity supporting the ministry we share as a congregation. Every gift and intent is received with grace and gratitude.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FLC?

We would love to have you as an official member. New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, November 16th from 11:45am-1:15pm. Lunch is provided and nursery care for children ages 0-3 is available if needed. After completion of this orientation and membership paperwork, you'll be invited to be recognized and celebrated in either service on Sunday, November 23rd. Contact Pastor Jess if you would like to be included or if you have any questions –

pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org

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!

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.

Mission of the month for November is Project Joy

WANT TO SERVE OTHERS IN A SPECIAL WAY?

We're seeking a Sexton to tend and care for people on behalf of our First Lutheran Cemetery. This is a paid position. The sexton is responsible for sales of cemetery plots and columbarium niches, keeping records, marking plots for burials and monuments, and more. Training will be provided. This important role makes a difference for people as they make plans for their final resting place and helps those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Interested? Questions? Talk with Pastor Jess, email her at pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org, or call the church office at 605-692-6251.

TRANSITIONING THE SANCTUARY'S SACRED COLORS

We're seeking new volunteers for the meaningful ministry of changing the liturgical banners and chancel cloths! This service is needed about 9 times a year, and can be done at a time during the week that is convenient for you. We're grateful to Sarah and Jason Keizer, Jackson Hornby, and Doris Hornby, for faithful years of enhancing our worship. Contact the church office to help.

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 or at the Welcome Desk. Open to Ages 15 -Adult.

5:30 – 8:30 PM Thurs. Nov 13

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

QUILTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN PFPP CRAFT SALE

The First Lutheran Mission Quilters Group is participating in the Purses for a Powerful Purpose Craft Sale being held in the First Lutheran Activity Center on:

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

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

LOST AND FOUND CLEAN UP The lost and found is in the Fellowship Hall entrance across from the elevator. Please take a moment to check for your lost jacket, hat, or sunglasses before we donate them. Thank you.

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.

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 church parlor 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 LIFE

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!

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 16
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Sunday, November 9

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
2:00 pm	Church Council

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

5:00 pm	Meal
5:45 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Journey, 3 rd Grade Steppingstone – Holy Communion class #2
7:00 pm	Confirmation, Youth Group, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

5:30 pm	Canning Class
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Friday, November 14 – Youth retreat @ Ne-So-Dak through Sunday

Saturday, November 15**Sunday, November 16 – 3rd grade steppingstone – both services**

8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:40 am	Journey
10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:45 am	New member orientation/class

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

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR JOURNEY (Sunday And Wednesday)

Want to help out with our Christian Education? This is an opportunity for you! We are looking for more substitutes for Journey on Wednesdays and Sundays. This will include walking alongside our children through activities they do in Journey. If you are interested, please stop by and see Rose in her office or email her at rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

On Wednesday November 26th there will be NO programing that evening in celebration of Thanksgiving. And on Sunday November 30th there will be a Journey Together during regular Journey time.



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- 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

November 12th – Lasagna, Breadstick, Lettuce salad and Fruit
November 19th – Cheeseburgers, Chips, Celery and Carrot sticks and Fruit
December 3rd – Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit and Cookie
December 10th – Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Noodles and Fruit Fluff Salad