FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 29, 2026

JOIN US FOR A FINANCE FORUM
Join us **Sunday, December 6th** in the MCH Meeting Room 9:40-10:20am. Join members of Council and the Finance Task Force for an update on our first quarter finances as a congregation.

COUNCIL INSTALLATION
Sunday, December 6th at both services we will welcome and pray for our 2026-27 Congregational Council members. Serving on Council this year: Andrew Sogn, President; Mike Twedt, Vice President; Diane Spencer, Secretary; Chris Larson, Melody Thompson, and Mary Kleinjan. Michele Neilson has ended her time on Council due to moving. We're so thankful for her service to our congregation! Julie Bell has been appointed by the Council to fulfill the remaining year of Michele's term. Steve Myer has been elected by the Council to serve as Treasurer, and, in this role as a non-member of Council, he will have voice but not vote at meetings. Thank you to all of these volunteers who are serving to help us foster faith, create community, and love all.

THIS DECEMBER: ALL OF FIRST LUTHERAN, ON THE SAME PAGE
Comfort and Joy · A free devotional for Advent and Christmas
This December, First Lutheran is spending time together with a shared devotional. Pick up a free copy of *Comfort and Joy,* devotions for Advent and Christmas. Each day includes a short reading, devotion, and prayer. Read it over morning coffee, at the supper table, or by the glow of an Advent wreath.

Free copies are at worship entrances starting this morning. Take one home for you and your family. Visit firstlutheranbrookings.org/comfort for large print and digital editions, as well as opportunities for online evening worship gatherings, music for the season, video greetings from around the Church, and more.

Same pages. Same prayers. One First Lutheran.

JOURNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM– THEN DO IT SCARED
Join us on **Sunday, December 13th** at 10:30am for our worship service featuring the Journey Christmas Program. Stay afterwards for fellowship and Christmas cookies!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL SIGN-UPS
You're invited to join us for our annual Community Christmas Meal on Thursday, December 25th from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM in the Activity Center!

Sign up if you would like to:

- Volunteer to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up
- Bring a pie to share
- Request meal delivery for yourself or someone you know
- Let us know if attending with a group of 6 or more

There are many ways to Sign Up:

- Scan the QR code to the right
- Call the church office at 605-692-6251
- Email emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org
- Add your name to the sign-up sheets at the Office Out Post

Thank you for your support in making this celebration special.
Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

2026 ADVENT FEST – December 16th
Come celebrate Advent with the beautiful sound of music! Join us on **Wednesday, December 16th** for a special evening of music, fellowship, and food as we welcome Larry Olson and Karol Baer from Dakota Road for a wonderful Advent concert.

MEAL | 5:00–6:00 PM
Free-will donation meal featuring: Chili, Chicken & Wild Rice Soup, or Gluten-Free/Dairy-Free Tomato Soup, served with bread, fruit, and a cookie

ADVENT CONCERT | 6:00–7:30 PM
Bring your family and friends and join us as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season through beautiful music, good food, and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

CALLED TO SERVE: SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENTS
Share Your Time & Talents to make a difference in the world God loves. By completing the Time & Talents inventory, you can discover new ways to serve the Church and your neighbor using the gifts and passions God has given you. Forms are available at Sanctuary Entrances or on the church website. You can place your completed form in the offering plate or drop it at the Welcome Desk. We can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit will use our gifts in new and exciting ways!

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 6

Sunday, November 29
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am NO JOURNEY
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 30
9:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, December 1
8:30 am Quilters
1:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2
5:00 pm Meal
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Journey
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night; NO CHOIR

Thursday, December 3

Friday, December 4 - Purses Event

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6 – Council Installation at both services
Purses Event
8:30 am Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion
9:40 am Journey; Finance Forum
10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. . For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org

Mission of the month for December is Good Gifts

All "Tip Jar" donations in the Mission Coffeehouse go to the Mission of the Month

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL JOURNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES

Parents, please note: There will be Journey Christmas Program practice for all Journey students (Wednesday and Sunday groups) on:

- **Wednesday, December 9, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 12, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

If your student is unable to attend either practice, please notify 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.

MENUS:

December 2nd - Chicken Nuggets, Smiley Fries, Corn, Fruit, Pudding and Milk

December 9th – Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, 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

- **November 29** (Sunday) NO JOURNEY
- **December 2** (Wednesday)
  - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
  - 6:00pm – Journey
  - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
- **December 6** (Sunday)
  - 9:30am – Journey
- **December 9** (Wednesday)
  - 5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
  - 6:00pm – All Journey Students Christmas Program Practice
  - 7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group