

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 24, 2025

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET FORUM TODAY

Be a part of our congregation's budget creation process for the 2025-26 year. See the draft budget, hear from the Council and the Finance Task Force, and share your thoughts at our annual Budget Forum at 10am in the Mission Coffeehouse Meeting Room. Bonus: It's Rally Sunday, so you can plan to grab lunch and take part in activities following the forum!

HELP SUPPORT THE ULC STUDENTS

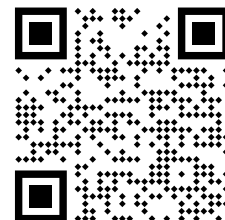
Help the ULC Kick Off the new school year! Choose a tag from the display near the Welcome Center in the Coffeehouse representing the most desired items for our campus ministry partner. Return the wish list item to the same spot. For monetary items, please bring or mail to the church office. Thanks for your continued support!

CYF VOLUNTEER TRAINING 25-26 HAS MOVED ONLINE!

CYF volunteers, you should have received an email with a training kit of videos, readings, and check-in quizzes. Please complete these items when it works in your schedule before Rally Sunday Aug 24th! Look for an invitation to a Leader Huddle on the first day of Journey or Confirmation. If you did not receive an email, please let Rose or Pastor Jess know ASAP so they can get that sent to you.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF CYF VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested please scan the QR code or contact Rose or Emily. If you might be interested, but are hesitant or have questions and would like to chat about it, please contact Rose or Pastor Jess.



PLEASE NOTE: The church office and Mission Coffeehouse will be closed Monday, September 1st in Observance of Laor Day.

SANCTUARY CHOIR SETS 1ST PRACTICE

There will be a Sanctuary Choir organizational meeting and short rehearsal Sept. 10th at 7:00 pm. The choir will be singing Sunday, Sept. 14th. The choir schedules through December will be available. New members ALWAYS welcome.

BELIZE MISSION COMMITTEE THANK YOU

"Dakota Hope!" These words, spoken by the principal of our Belize mission school, describe his reaction after visiting First Lutheran in July. While here, Mr. Bay Rivas spoke at the Belize Donor Appreciation Luncheon and expressed gratitude for generous supporters. The Belize Mission Committee reports that donations received to date will provide 40 Belizean students with full tuition for this school year. In addition, receipts will support the school feeding program and some school supplies as needed. Many thanks for your donations and your prayers!

DOWNSIZING? CLEANING CLOSETS? PFPP NEEDS DONATIONS

Purses for a Powerful Purpose is again taking donations of used and in good condition purses, jewelry and Christmas decorations. Donations can be brought to the Welcome Center desk Monday – Thursday from 8am-2pm or on Sunday mornings. If you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please contact Mary Moeller at 605-690-8862.

FREEZER MEALS AVAILABLE

Women of First Lutheran Church, (WELCA) have prepared frozen crock pot meals for anyone going through a rough patch or perhaps a trying time in their life. You can pick up a meal or two for delivery to a friend from the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen (FLC basement, middle room). WELCA has prepared crock pot chicken pot pie stew and beef stew. Instructions for cooking in a crock pot are available on the freezer. Funds for these meals were provided by Thrivent and FLC Mission Quilters.

MINISTRY PARTNER VISIT: SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Special guest Pastor Sawyer Vanden Heuvel will be with us on Sunday, September 7th to preach and share about our Ministry Partner: Shepherd's Table. Join him for a forum at 9:35am between worship services in the MCH Meeting Room to learn more about the ministry we share. Getting to know our ELCA Ministry Partners expands our view of the Body of Christ and how we can be church together. Coffee and treats will be provided.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

We are again collecting and packing personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world. You can help now by donating a personal care kit, individual items or a donation of money to help cover shipping costs.

Please make checks out to First Lutheran Church (please write "care kits" on memo line.) All items should be new. Please wrap all the items in the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn OR you can donate individual items and we will assemble the kits. INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH KIT: 1 dark color, light-weight bath size towel (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping, 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging, 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging, 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging. Collection boxes can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Mission Coffeehouse or in the Church Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE

We will be going back to two services on Sunday September 7th. Traditional service at 8:30 and Contemporary service at 10:30.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The new offering envelopes for September 2025 – August 2026 are now available in the church office and at each Sanctuary entrance. There are 2 versions available: monthly or weekly.

USHERS ARE NEEDED! As we go back to two Sunday worship services, we are in need of more ushers. If you and/or your family would like to volunteer please sign up in the narthex.

INTERESTED IN BEING A READER DURING WORSHIP SERVICES? A sign up sheet is available in the main office for Sundays through year end.

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.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28th between services in the activity center.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 24 – AUGUST 31

Sunday, August 24 – 4 year old Welcome to Journey

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Budget Forum – MCH Meeting Room
10:00 - Noon RALLY SUNDAY – Activity Center

Monday, August 25

9:30 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm FLC Book Club - parlor
5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 am Quilters
2:00 pm Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse
3:00 pm Loads of Love – Sioux Falls

Wednesday, August 27

5:00 pm Meal
6:00 pm Journey
7:00 pm Confirmation, Youth Group

Thursday, August 28

10:00 am WELCA bible study – parlor
7:00 pm Church Council

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Journey

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

**Mission of the month for September is
Brookings School District Child Wellness Fund**

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 YEAR OLD WELCOME TO JOURNEY STEPPINGSTONE

4-year-olds are invited to join Journey Children's Ministry this fall and we want to mark this milestone in worship **TODAY**. They will receive a blessing in worship and the gift of a Spark bible if they haven't received one yet.

RALLY FAIR TODAY

Come on down to the FLC Fair **TODAY** to jumpstart the upcoming school year! Games, walking tacos, face painting and more will be happening from 10a – 12p! Come and join the fun as we kick off an amazing year!

FALL EDUCATION SIGN UP STILL AVAILABLE

Please scan the QR code to register ALL children ages newborn – 12th grade for nursery, Jr. Journey, Journey, confirmation or youth group. The first full night of Wednesday activities will be August 27th. If you have questions, please see Rose or Emily.



1ST CYF GATHERINGS

August 27th will be our first **WEDNESDAY CYF** night! A meal of grilled hot dogs, beans, chips and a cookie will be served from 5pm – 6pm. Following the meal, **Journey with a Parent** meeting will start at 6pm. **Confirmation, with parents,** and Youth Group will also start that night at 7pm.

The first **SUNDAY JOURNEY** gathering will be Sunday August 31st at 10am following 9am worship. The gathering with parents will take place on September 7th. If you have any questions please reach out the Rose or Emily! Can't wait to see you all there!!!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

We will again be serving meals on Wednesday evenings before activities begin, starting Wednesday. The free will offering meals will be served in the Mission Coffeehouse from 5-6pm. Watch the bulletin board by Emily's office for menus.



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

- Sunday August 24th: 4-year-olds Welcome to Journey Steppingstone; 10:00am: Rally Sunday
- Wednesday August 27th: 6:00pm: First Wednesday Journey (with Parents), 7:00pm: First Confirmation (with Parents) and First Youth Group
- Sunday August 31st: 10:00am: Journey Together (All ages meet together in Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday September 3rd: 7:00pm: 10th Grade Meeting (with Parents)
- Sunday September 7th: 9:30am: Journey (with Parents); 11:30am: Kindergarten Learning to Pray Steppingstone
- Wednesday September 10th: 7:00pm: 9th Grade Night (with Parents)
- Sunday September 14th: Kindergarten Learning to Pray Blessing - both services
- Wednesday September 17th: 7:00pm: 2026 Summer trip interest meeting
- Wednesday October 1st: 6:00pm: 1st Grade Steppingstone class - Learning to Share
- Sunday October 5th: 1st Grade Learning to Share Blessing - both services
- Wednesday October 8th: Harvestfest
- Sunday October 12th: Journey Together (All ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday October 25th: 5:30pm: Confirmation Faith Forum
- Sunday October 26th: 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS

August 27th: Grilled hotdogs, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit and Cookie

September 3rd: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans and Fruit

September 10th: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Corn, Fruit and Pudding

September 17th: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans and Fruit

September 24th: Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread Stick, Carrot & Celery Stick, Fruit