

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Guest Pastor Rolfe Johnstad

August 22, 2021

Time after Pentecost

August 22 Readings: *Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69*

August 29 Readings: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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.*

NURSERY COORDINATOR We are looking to fill the open position of nursery coordinator. Duties would include hiring and training staff and creating the staffing schedule. For a more detailed job description, please contact Youth and Family Director Kari York at 692-6251. This is a paid position.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT 2:00 PM – Led by Pastor Zellmer, the Gospel of Mark Bible Study on Tuesday, August 17 at 2 PM in the parlor. All are welcome! BYOB (Bible) with no other resources required. The group will NOT meet on August 24 and 31, but will continue in September. Please contact Mary Moeller at 605-690-8862 if you prefer a Zoom link.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME ON TUESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER! Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parlor beginning September 21st for bible study, book study and fellowship. Feel free to join us in Zoom if in-person does not work for you! Please contact Tiff Lewis at tifflewis6411@gmail.com if you would like to join us. We hope to see you there!

INTERESTED IN BEING A READER AT THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE? A sign up sheet is available in the main office. Thank you to the readers who have signed up for the 8:30 service through November!

Biography of our guest pastor, Pastor Rolfe Johnstad (ELCA retired)

First Lutheran Church, Brookings, South Dakota – a new Sunday morning worship experience for Margaret and me! Yes, Pastor David Schoeld’s mother, Rachel Almlie Schoeld, and brothers Rolfe and Ron Johnstad were members of a congregation in Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin served by her father, the Rev. S. T. Almlie. Rachel was my high school classmate and named Whitehall High School Class Valedictorian (1953). Ron (deceased) and I were ordained as pastors in Pigeon Falls – in 1967.

Margaret is my wife of 58 years and Sioux Falls became “our town” in March 2019. We had lived in Henderson, Nevada (in retirement) the previous fourteen years – near one of our four children and three of our eight grandchildren. Why Sioux Falls? It is more “central” to our kids and their families – Golden, CO, Northfield, MN, Dubuque, IA, Richmond, VA.

A four- year enlistment in the United States Air Force (Airborne Radio Operator) enabled me to use the G. I. Bill to study at Waldorf College/University (Associate of Arts) and Luther College (Bachelor of Arts – English). Luther Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity), the University of Oslo (Norwegian language study) and the University of Iowa School of Religion have been part of my on-going quest for learning. My work as a pastor began on the West Coast - with parishes in Sacramento and San Francisco. Story City, Iowa was next – with twenty-five years at St. Petri Lutheran Church. I then spent several years doing fund-raising for a Lutheran retirement development in Story City. Margaret and I made our home in Ames, Iowa as I traveled from church to church – preaching God’s Word and thanking people for their on-going support. I also have been privileged to serve as a member of the Luther College Board of Regents.

Bishops David Zellmer and Constanze Hagmaier welcomed me to the South Dakota Synod and a pastoral ministry opportunity arose at Grand Valley Lutheran Church, rural Canton which felt right. Each Sunday and week-day worship service and sermon became my responsibility from November through June – and it was wonderful to celebrate God’s love with a caring and committed congregation! Pastor Shelly Gehring has been installed as the Pastor of Grand Valley Lutheran Church. By the grace of God, I am now the Visitation Pastor at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls – a part-time ministry which I share with a deacon, Maribeth Anderson.

Soli Deo Gloria

PLEASE KEEP SAVING THOSE HYVEE RECEIPTS! We are very grateful for all of the thoughtful people who take the time to save and drop off their receipts. For every \$150,000.00 collected our Preschool receives \$1,000.00 to use for new equipment. Gas, on-line shopping and pharmacy receipts are also accepted! Thank you so much!

RALLY DAY
CELEBRATE NEW BEGINNINGS
SEPTEMBER 12, 12:30-1:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Food Truck
SDSU Ice Cream
Blow up slide/game
Crafts, Photo area
Games, tours of church
& MUCH MORE



First Lutheran Church
337 8th Street
Brookings, SD

CALLING ALL JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP VOLUNTEERS! We continue to pray for more Journey to Discipleship (church school) Volunteers. With enough volunteers we can minimize the commitment time of those volunteering. We offer nursery care for children 0-3 during Youth Programming to allow families to be involved in their child's faith formations. Volunteer trainings will be held on Sunday, August 29 @ Noon in the Parlor OR Wednesday, September 1 @ 6:00 pm in the Parlor. (Each training is about 1.5 hours and you only need attend once.) A light meal will be served. After time away in this changing world, volunteer training is more important than ever. If you signed up to or wish to volunteer in the Journey to Discipleship program Wednesdays or Sundays, contact Kari York at faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org or 605-692-2751 and indicate August 29, September 1 or other.

RSVP FOR THE 3RD GRADE BIBLE STEPPING STONES on Wednesday, September 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Participants will be blessed at either service on Sunday, September 12.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FALL CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING? Journey to Discipleship is for children 3-5th grade. We offer a Sunday and Wednesday option. Classes are forming now. Use the QR code to register today:



For more information or to register early, contact Kari York at faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings or 605-692-6251

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jack and Brenda Hayne who celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss on August 20!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry serving communities living in poverty around the world. Previously, the FLCW collected and packed personal care kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed around the world. We thank them for their time and devotion. We are now looking forward to the opportunity to carry this mission forward, and ask for your help in collecting the required items. Please find the collection box in the Narthex. You can help now by donating a personal care kit 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.)

Each kit needs the following items:

- 1 light or medium weight bath-size towel (52” X 27”) – dark color.
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) soap in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in packaging (may be sealed in an envelope)
- 1 sturdy comb (remove packaging)
- 1 metal nail clippers (remove packaging)

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.