FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 8, 2026

TODAY WE GIVE THANKS for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Henry Robert Tesch who will be received into God's family and made a living member of the body of Christ. Henry's parents are Ethan and Taylor Tesch. His sponsors are Calen and Natasha Jaton. Henry will be baptized at the 10:30 am worship service. Welcome to the First Lutheran family Henry.

DECLARATION OF INTENT SUNDAY
Today is Our Declaration of Intent Sunday in response to our Annual Stewardship Appeal for 2027: *Rooted and Reaching*. We each prayerfully offer our intention to give of what God has first given us, making a commitment to our offering in the coming 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.

NOISY OFFERING: SUNDAY NOV. 15TH
First Lutheran is caring for neighbors in need as we partner with Feeding Brookings for their annual Thanksgiving meal distribution. Bring your "noisy" change to worship on **Nov. 15** and help us support this vital community feeding ministry.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FLC?
We would love to have you join our community of faith as an official member. Fall New Member events are coming up!

- *New Member Dinner & Class: **Thursday, November 19th** 6-7:30pm in the Mission Coffeehouse. Childcare available.
- *Welcome Sunday: **Sunday, November 22nd** - at both services with a reception between services.

For more information or to sign up contact Pastor Jess at pastorjess@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

2026 ADVENT FEST

Come celebrate Advent with the beautiful sound of music! Join us 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!

3RD GRADE STEPPINGSTONE – SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Third graders and a caring adult are invited to join us on **Wednesdays, November 11 and 18**, at 7:00 p.m., beginning in the Parlor, for an evening of learning about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please RSVP to Emily at emily@firstlutheranbrookings.org.

COME AND GROW WITH FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

There is a special place waiting for the little one in your life in our First Lutheran Preschool classes. We offer preschool classes for children that are 3, 4 and 5 years old, including half day, full day and Junior Kindergarten. We also now offer a 7:45am drop off option. Call or email to tour our bright and engaging classrooms and meet our compassionate and expert staff. For more information or to get started, call the Preschool Office at 605-697-2756, email kami@firstlutheranbrookings.org, check our Facebook page, or visit the FLC website, www.firstlutheranbrookings.org/preschool

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR A PLOT IN FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY? Please contact Patrick Mulloy, Sexton, at 309-738-9191.

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.

Mission of the month for November is Project Joy

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

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 15

Sunday, November 8 – Commitment Sunday
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am Journey
10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Baptism

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

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 am Quilters
1:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11
5:00 pm Meal
6:00 pm Journey; 3rd Grade "Holy Communion" Steppingstone Class #1
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15
8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
9:40 am Journey
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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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:

November 11th – Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Corn, Fruit and Milk
November 18th – Sloppy Joes, Chips, Fruit, Cookie and Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

Journey: Pre-k thru 5th grade; Confirmation: 6th thru 8th grade;
Youth Group: 9th thru 12th grade

- **November 11** (Wednesday)
  5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
  6:00pm – Journey; 3rd Grade "Holy Communion" Steppingstone Class #1
  7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
- **November 13, 14 & 15:** Retreat for MS & HS Youth at NeSoDak
- **November 15** (Sunday)
  9:30am – Journey
- **November 18** (Wednesday)
  5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
  6:00pm – Journey; 3rd Grade "Holy Communion" Steppingstone Class #2
  7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group