

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
December 17, 2023

*Dec. 17 Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Dec. 24: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE TODAY AT 3:30PM

In the midst of the "most wonderful time of the year" we gather to make space for grief that may be especially tender during this season. This Blue Christmas Service is a time to reflect, remember and to hear God's promise even when life is "blue".

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE. High School seniors and students in post-secondary education can apply for a FLC scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like an application, please email the office at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org. You can also call the office or stop in to pick one up. Applications are due February 23, 2024.

LAST CHANCE FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS If you have not had your photo taken for the church directory, the last opportunity is December 27th. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment. If you would like to submit a photo, please drop off a hard copy or send a digital copy to office@firstluthertanbrookngs.org by December 27th.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be **closed** Tuesday, December 26th through Monday January 1st. Voicemails will be monitored for urgent needs.

MISSION COFFEE HOUSE will be **OPEN** December 27, 28 and 29 as per usual schedule.

ARE YOU A BAKER? DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE FROZEN PIES ARE IN THE STORE? As of this printing, we are still in need of **25** pies for the Christmas meal.



IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FLC CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL...BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We will be having our annual Christmas Day meal following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 25. But we need your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help set up, prepare and serve food, bus tables, greet visitors, and deliver meals.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MEAL WITH A LARGE GROUP? Please let us know if your group will consist of 6 or more people.

WOULD YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A MEAL DELIVERED? let us know a name, address and how many meals and we will be happy to deliver a meal that day.

CAN YOU BAKE (OR KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE PIES AT THE STORE?) We anticipate we will need about 55 pies this year.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE PART OF THE CLEAN-UP CREW. After the last person has enjoyed their Christmas meal, we need some energetic volunteers to help clean up, put away chairs and tables, wash dishes, take out waste, etc. Get a head start on that New Year's resolution and start getting your steps in by helping us clean up!

All sign up sheets are in the church office. You can also call the office at 605-692-6251 or email office@firstlutheranbrookings.org with your information.

GAME NIGHT the Children, Youth and Family team invites EVERYONE for Game Night on January 10th from 5-7pm. All are invited to come enjoy some pizza and snacks while you play your favorite board or card game. We have many games on hand, but if you have a favorite, feel free to bring it along. Open to all ages!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY prays you have a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas May your New Year be full of hope! Programming will resume Wednesday, January 17 or Sunday, January 21, 2024. Have a child in Journey to Discipleship but aren't receiving emails? Contact Kari York

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Ministry serving the children and families of our church, we have many ways to lend your gifts and talents to our ministry. contact Kari York faithformations@firstlutheranbrookings.org

REMINDER youth activities are on hold until January 17th for confirmation, Wednesday Journey and youth group. Sunday Journey is on hold until January 21.

MEALS TO HELP THE NEEDY The meals have been prepped and frozen. **Now we need your help!** Do you know someone who is going through a tough time or would benefit from a delicious meal or two? Follow the instructions on the form included with today's bulletin! Extra forms will be located at each entrance to the Sanctuary and in the Office. Thank you for helping us distribute meals to those in need!

LAP ROBES AVAILABLE FLC Mission Quilters provide a gift of lap robes to persons who may be ill or in nursing care. If you or someone you know could use additional warmth and love, please let Cyndi in the office know.

NEED A LITTLE MORE COMFORT ON SUNDAY MORNING? We have individual cushions available for your comfort. You can either ask an usher for a cushion, or you can get one as you come in from the gathering space.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION OR A PLOT IN FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY? Please contact Dan Billett, Sexton, at 605-695-5197.

MCH MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER IS GOOD GIFTS

MCH MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS HARVEST TABLE

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 17 -= JANUARY 1

Sunday, December 17

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Service with Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Service with Holy Communion
3:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting in Parlor**
5:30 p.m. “Sew What” in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters**
2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor

Wednesday, December 20

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

- 10:30 a.m. Worship**
1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Candlelight services

Monday, December 25

- 10:30 a.m. Worship service with communion**
11:30 a.m. Community Christmas Meal

Tuesday, December 26 Church Offices and MCH closed

December 27. 28 & 29 MCH open and Church Offices closed

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Monday, January 1 Church Offices and MCH closed

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