

FIRST
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BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 18, 2026

CAREGIVER FAITH STEPPINGSTONE

Today we will observe a new faith steppingstone for adult caregivers. Whether you are caring for a spouse, an aging parent, or an adult child, we will recognize this vocation with prayer and blessing. Caregiver devotionals will be available for pickup at the MCH Welcome Desk. These books, from the South Dakota Synod include prayers and devotions from pastors around the Synod and state. If you'd like a pastoral visit at home, contact the pastors or FLC office.

2027 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - "ROOTED AND REACHING"

Today we focus on *Cultivating Connections*. See the insert to learn more about this priority. In worship over the next weeks, you'll hear of our congregation's goals for the year ahead and learn how your faithful giving supports ministry. We will all be invited to consider our giving and submit our Intents on Commitment Sunday, November 9th in worship at both services. Thank you in advance for your intentional reflection on how you might be blessed to be a blessing this year!

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAITH FORUM

On October 25th in between services our 10th graders will be sharing their Faith Projects in the Activity Center from 9:30am-10:20am. Our 10th graders have put these projects together in preparation for affirming their baptismal promises. Please join us to hear from our 10th graders!

PURSES LUNCHEON TICKETS AVAILABLE

Please Join Us for our 14th annual Purses For A Powerful Purpose Luncheon on Friday, December 4, 2026. Tickets are \$30.00. You can purchase tickets by contacting Debbie Pederson at 605-691-1803 or Luanne Bebensee at 605-691-5949. With grateful hearts, the Belize team thanks you for your support in making a difference in the lives of students in Belize.

BELIZE BOUND!

The dates of Feb 27 - March 7 are set for our 2027 mission trip to support Dee and our students in their work. Deposits are due Nov. 6. Please contact Mary at 605-690-8862 for details.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!

Everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home.

To make worship more comfortable, we have several resources available:

- *Aides for the senses: Noise-reducing headphones and focus fidgets.
 - *Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices.
 - *For comfort: Individual pew cushions.
 - *For children: Engaging worship bags.
 - *Communion: Gluten-free wafers and communion delivered to your seat.
- If you have any questions, a greeter or usher will be happy to help!

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT | NOVEMBER 13TH-15TH | CAMP NESODAK

All high schoolers are invited to join us for a weekend retreat at Camp NeSoDak in November! Use the QR code to register!

Registration and payment are due by Friday October 23rd.

Questions? Either find a time to chat with Rose or email her at rose@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

CYF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2026/2027 YEAR

Programing has begun and we are always looking for an extra set of hands from Journey all the way up to Youth Group! If you feel the call to serve, please send Rose an email (rose@firstlutheranbrookings.org) to schedule a time to chat! We appreciate any help in any capacity!

Mission of the month for October is Smile Train

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

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 27

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
9:40 am Journey
10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

Monday, October 19

9:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 am Quilters
1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH
6:00 pm Church Council in Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 21

5:00 pm Meal
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Journey
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 10th Grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone Meeting;

Thursday, October 22**Friday, October 23****Saturday, October 24****Sunday, October 25**

8:30 am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
9:40 am Journey; 10th grade Faith Forum
10:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion and
 Affirmation of Baptism

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

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.

MENU:

October 21st – Chicken Alfredo, Breadstick, Corn, Fruit, Cookie & Milk

October 28th – Tater Tot Hotdish, Green Beans, Fruit, Cookie & Milk



UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

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

- **October 18** (Sunday)
9:30am – Journey
- **October 21** (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm – Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 10th grade “Affirmation of Baptism”
Steppingstone meeting
- **October 25** (Sunday)
9:30am – Journey; 10th Grade Faith Forum
10:30am – **10th Grade “Affirmation of Baptism” Steppingstone Blessing**
with reception to follow
- **October 28** (Wednesday)
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm – Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 11th Grade “Life of Service”
Steppingstone Class #1
- **November 1** (Sunday) *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
9:30am – Journey



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CULTIVATING CONNECTION – \$10,000



Everyone longs for belonging. This year we'll build more structured pathways for folks in particular life stages to find meaningful mutual support. By creating new gatherings specifically for young couples, empty nesters, caregivers, widows/widowers, and more, we'll ensure everyone has a place to belong and build relationships. Inviting friends, neighbors, and newcomers to these spaces will help us reach out to those longing for Christian community.



"A favorite Bible verse of mine: Hebrews 13:2 'Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.' Don't be content to sit at your coffee table with your friends--there are angels waiting and wanting to meet you. I've met many such friends at our First Lutheran coffee tables."

-Lyle Anderson, Generosity Team Member

**An FLC Value: *Relationships* –
*Making meaningful connections to walk through life, together.***

With an additional \$30,000 in 2027 (\$577 per week) we will boldly reach out in mission, including \$10,000 to provide more particular opportunities for connecting in new and deepening meaningful relationships. On Sunday, November 8th you can join others in generosity, returning your Statement of Intent for 2027.

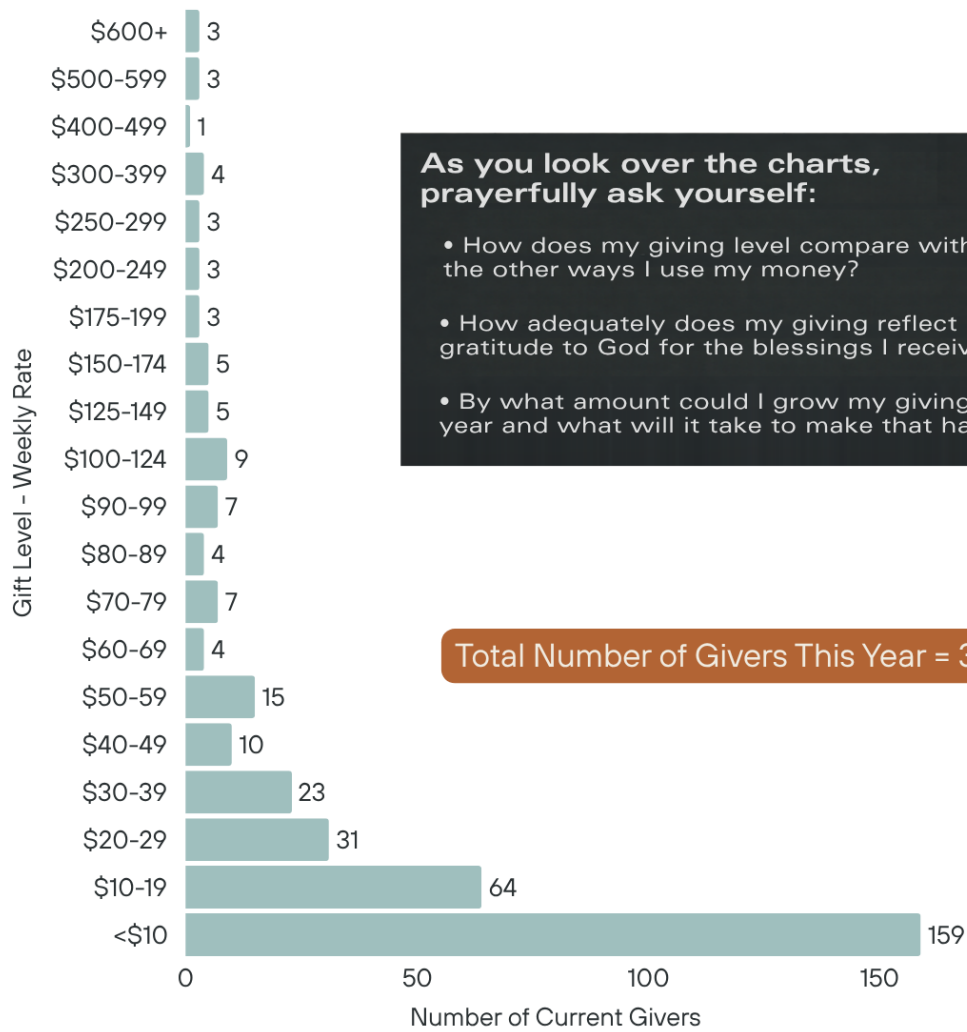


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Range of Gifts Given This Year



As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself:

- How does my giving level compare with the other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for the blessings I receive?
- By what amount could I grow my giving this year and what will it take to make that happen?

Weekly Gift Amount As Monthly and Annual Amounts

Weekly	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100
Monthly	\$43	\$87	\$130	\$173	\$217	\$260	\$303	\$347	\$390	\$433
Annual	\$520	\$1,040	\$1,560	\$2,080	\$2,600	\$3,120	\$3,640	\$4,160	\$4,680	\$5,200
Weekly	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	
Monthly	\$542	\$650	\$758	\$867	\$1,083	\$1,300	\$1,733	\$2,167	\$2,600	
Annual	\$6,500	\$7,800	\$9,100	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$15,600	\$20,800	\$26,000	\$31,200	