

FIRST LUTHERAN BROOKINGS

Pastor Jess Daum & Pastor Trey Daum
December 11, 2022

December 11 Readings: *Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*
December 18 Readings: *Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25*

ATTN PARENTS a reminder that there will be no Journey until we start again on January 18

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS In conjunction with the Christmas program, we will be collecting all NEW baby essentials to gift to families in need. Diapers, formula, wipes, burp cloths, and other baby items are appreciated. Drop boxes will be at sanctuary entrances through December 18th.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT FIRST LUTHERAN

This season is filled with opportunities to encounter the promise of God-with-us and celebrate Christmas with prayer and song. Make plans to join in worship this season at any of the following worship gatherings:

***Sunday Worship at 8:30am or 10:30am: Dec. 18**

***Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 6:30pm in the chapel: Longest Night:** A service of waiting and hoping in the midst of darkness.

***Saturday, Dec, 24th:** Christmas Eve: 1:30pm, 4:30pm or 6:30pm: Candles, Carols, Choirs, and the promise of Christmas. Holy Communion at 1:30pm and 6:30pm

***Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day:** 10:30am: Merry Christmas! Favorite Christmas Carols and Hymns, Holy Communion, and the incarnation of Christ. Stay afterward for a free-will offering meal.

***January 1st at 10:30am New Year's Day:** Happy New Year! Worship with more favorite carols, prayers for God-with-us in the year to come, and Holy Communion to sustain us in the days ahead.



CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL Thanks to **Paul Johnson and his family**, we will be having our annual Christmas Day meal following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 25. **But we need your help!** Please stop in the church office to sign up or call 605-692-6521 and let Cyndi know how you would like to help.

WE NEED PIES! We will need approximately 45 pies to feed everyone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sign up sheets are in the church office for volunteers to help prepare and serve meals, wash dishes, reset tables, etc.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MEAL WITH A LARGE GROUP? If your group will consist of 6 or more people, please sign up in the office with the number of people so we can plan ahead.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE A MEAL DELIVERED?

Please sign them up in the office so we can have a meal delivered that day.

RING THE BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY We have volunteered to cover a shift of bell ringing at the Lewis Drugstore on Friday December 16th from 4-8. We need 1 more volunteer to ring the bell for 1 hour. If you are interested, please contact Cyndi in the office at 605-692-6521.

SNOW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY! Have you been waiting for the perfect service opportunity? Snow season is here, and we need volunteers to move snow! Please see the Snow Brigade sign-up sheet in the office. We'll get together and make a plan soon. Questions please contact Doriane Paso.

FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2023 Come join us for a wonderful weekend of rest in God's grace. **Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29, 2023 at NeSoDAK/ Cost: \$180** Registration due by Tuesday January 10th. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the office. For more information contact Cheryl Melby at melbycl@gmail.com or 651-503-0410



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate with family and friends the 50th wedding anniversary of Lyle and Pat Anderson. To be held on December 31, 2022 from 1:00pm - 3:30 pm at the Mission Coffee House. No gifts please.



A HUGE THANK YOU to Jim Hegg, David Lenander, Ron Langner, Mark Foster, Dale Algood and Dale Nusbaum for setting up the nativity scene in front of the church.

AUTHOR READING AND BOOK SIGNING in the MCH meeting room 9:30-10:30am on Sun Dec 18th. Meet our very own FLC member, author Jodi Dickey, and congratulate her on the publishing of her first book *Mutt and Jack's Extraordinary Adventure!* The book is science fiction / fantasy / mystery / action / adventure genres and can be purchased on authorhouse.com. Select bookstore, and in the search field, enter Jodi Dickey, and the book will pop up for selection. Jodi will be reading from her book and there will be a Q & A afterward. See you there!

PLEASE NOTE all church offices and the Mission Coffee House will be closed on December 26th to observe Christmas Day and January 2nd to observe New Year's Day. Thank you.

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.

INTERESTED IN BEING A READER AT THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE?
A sign up sheet is available in the church office.

LAP ROBES the quilters have begun supplying lap size quilts to FLC members in nursing homes or those confined to home. If you know of someone who could use this gift from the congregation, please contact the church office at office@firstlutheranbrookings.org or (605) 692-6251.

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.

MISSION COFFEEHOUSE MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER IS: "ELCA GOOD GIFTS"

Have an announcement you need in the bulletin? Call the church office at 605-692-6251.
Email office@firstlutheranbrookings.org or stop in the office anytime.

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 11-DECEMBER 18

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. – Noon Purses for a Powerful Purpose shopping open to the public

8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Service

10:30 a.m. Journey Christmas Program / Worship with cake reception to follow

Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program in Sanctuary open to the public

2:00 p.m. ULC Communion

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5:30 p.m. “Sew What” in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Mission Quilters in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Preschool Christmas Program in Sanctuary open to the public

2:00 p.m. Bible Study in Parlor

7:00 p.m. Bible Study in MCH Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Journey Training (if needed)

5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mentors Christmas Party

Thursday, December 15

6:30 p.m. Church Council in Parlor

7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Traditional Festival Service with communion

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise Worship Service with communion

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on this schedule. For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please view the calendar on the main office bulletin board or the First Lutheran website – www.firstlutheranbrookings.org