



**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
BROOKINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2026

UPCOMING CAREGIVER FAITH STEPPINGSTON

Sunday, Oct. 18th, 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.

COMING SOON! 2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL **"ROOTED AND REACHING" –**

In the coming weeks, you will hear of our congregation's goals for the year ahead and how your faithful giving can support ministry. We will all be invited to consider our giving and invited to submit our intents on Commitment Sunday, November 8th 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!

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



WELCA TO MEET OCTOBER 15TH

This month's bible study focuses on Ruth, Love and Loyalty: A story of connection and courage. We meet in the parlor at 10:00 am on October 15. We will be using session two from the Fall 2026 issue of Gather Magazine. It can be found at gathermagazine.org

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!

LOOKING FOR ADULT LEADERS FOR 2027 YOUTH GATHERING

Did you attend the Youth Gathering and loved it? Do you have a calling to guide youth in the Gathering? We have Adult Leader Applications open for the upcoming 2027 Youth Gathering, and they are located at the Office Outpost and in Rose's office. Applications are due **TODAY**, and adults will be selected and confirmed by Wednesday October 14th. Have questions? Please contact Rose.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped out during our Annual Meeting Meal. From the donations of food, salads, and desert, to the help in the kitchen, setting up and tearing down. I cannot express how thankful I am to each and every one of you! God's Peace and Blessings! Emily Johnson

THANK YOU FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee extends its sincere thanks to everyone who joined us last Sunday for the fall cemetery clean-up. Thanks to your hard work and generosity, we were able to install block signs, trim bushes, pull weeds, clean headstones, and complete many other improvement projects throughout the cemetery. Your willingness to give your time and effort made a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for your support in helping keep the cemetery a beautiful and respectful place for all who visit. Thank you for making the day such a success!

COME AND GROW WITH FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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. 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

FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 18

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:40 am Journey Together
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, October 12 – MCH & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

5:30 pm Sew What

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 am Quilters
9:30 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Bible Study in MCH

Wednesday, October 14

5:00 pm Meal
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Journey
7:00 pm Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night;
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 15

10:00am WELCA

Friday, October 16**Saturday, October 17****Sunday, October 18**

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

Mission of the month for October is Smile Train

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2027 YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION OPEN!

FLC Registration for the Youth Gathering next summer is officially open! Anyone in 8th-12th grade can attend this amazing opportunity. Registration forms are located in the Youth Room, Office Outpost, and in Rose's office. Registration forms are due by **Wednesday October 14th**. Questions? Find a time to chat with Rose!

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 14th – Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit & Milk

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 11 (Sunday)**
9:30am – Journey Together
- **October 14 (Wednesday)**
5:00pm - Supper (freewill offering, open to all)
6:00pm – Journey
7:00pm - Confirmation; Youth Group; 9th Grade Night
- **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