

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

11755 Sherburne Ave, Becker MN – 763-261-5751

January 1, 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome! We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Partners in Ministry: People of Faith

Music & Worship Coordinator: Nathan Oliver

Lessons and Carols

Prelude	Seventh Reading – Matthew 2:1-11
Welcome and Announcements/Birthday Song	Seventh Carol – <i>We Three Kings</i>
Christmas Dialogue	Eighth Reading Matthew 2:13-18
Gathering Song – <i>Hear the Angels Sing</i>	Eighth Carol – <i>What Child is This</i>
Opening Prayer	Ninth Reading – John 1:1-14
First Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7	Ninth Carol – <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>
First Carol – <i>A Story for all People</i>	Nicene Creed
Second Reading – Micah 5:2-5a	The Prayers
Second Carol – <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Church Update – Minda Anderson
Third Reading – Luke 1:26-35, 38	Offering Music – Austyn Clemen
Third Carol – <i>My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness</i>	Offering Prayer
Fourth Reading – Luke 2:1-7	The Lord's Prayer
Fourth Carol – <i>The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy</i>	Benediction – Now the Work of Christmas Begins – Howard Thurman
Fifth Reading Luke 2:8-16	Sending Song – <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>
Fifth Carol – <i>Angels, From the Realms of Glory</i>	Dismissal
Sixth Reading Luke 2:21-35	
Sixth Carol – <i>Holy Child Within A Manager</i>	

Prayer Requests... Please keep the following people and their families in your prayers: *Those battling cancer:* Charlene Hubbard Doorn, Diane Hubbard, Lori Gaulrapp, Char, Courtney Rogers, Sue, Eric, Wendy Schiller-David, Kirk Boyd, and Wayne Bachler. *Healing:* McCoy Jipson, and Alice Morgan. *Health issues:* Andrew Schmidt. *Organ Donation:* Kristin to Rick. *FLC's Elders:* Dennis Carlson, Evelyn Cox, Jim Cox, Jack Knothe, Betty Knutson, Joyce Matuska, Allen McCann, Marilyn Myrlie, and Muriel Schaapveld.

Spiritual Care... If you are in need of spiritual care, or a home visit, contact Jen in the office. You will be connected with a visitation minister who will be happy to help!

Did you know... If you are caring for a child, you are always welcome to take advantage of our church nursery! Whether you need to nurse, change a diaper, or just spend time gazing at your infant, we have a space prepared for you. A rocking chair, pack-n-play, diapers, wipes, and more are waiting. Here at FLC, we love our kids!

Stay Connected! Please check our Facebook page and our website faithlutheran-becker.org on a regular basis for the latest news and volunteer opportunities as they arise.

Sanctuary Flowers – If you would like to sponsor flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, please call the church office at 763-261-5751. You will need to pick up the flowers at Coborn's in Big Lake, and deliver them to the church on or before Sunday. Thank you.

Faith Activities & Events – Week of January 1, 2023

(Church services also broadcast via Facebook live, and You Tube)

Sunday 1-1 (Happy New Year)

9:30 Lessons and Carols – Sanctuary
9:50 NO Sunday school – Resume next week
10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

Monday 1-2

Tuesday 1-3

10:00 Staff meeting – Office

Wednesday 1-4

6:30 Confirmation Parent/Volunteer Meeting – Ed Wing

Thursday 1-5

Friday 1-6

Saturday 1-7

Sunday 1-8

9:30 Worship/Noisy Offering – Sanctuary
9:50 Sunday school – Remain in Worship
10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

Let's Celebrate Donna... Everyone's invited to help celebrate Donna's retirement after worship in the Fellowship hall.

Don't forget the Food Shelf... Let's not forget about supporting the local Food Shelf. Some items needed are jelly, tuna, peanut butter, all paper products, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste. You may drop your donations off at FLC.

Confirmation Families... With the recent resignation of Pastor Yolanda, the Church Council would like to meet with confirmands and their families to discuss the future of confirmation at FLC. We as a council are in agreement that Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) is a priority of our church. Please join us at FLC in the Education Wing on **Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30pm**. (There is no worship at 6pm) You can reach out to FLC Council President, Minda Anderson, at 320-220-2008 or mindaand88@gmail.com if you have questions.

Annual Meeting... Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 22** for our annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Reports... Due **Tuesday, January 10** for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on *Sunday, January 22, at 10:40am*.

Poinsettias... Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias for Christmas. Please take yours home after the worship service today.

"Your shopping can help make a difference, at no additional cost to you! Select Faith Lutheran when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com), or in the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned on within settings, you'll find the same products and same low prices as the Amazon you already know - plus, they donate a portion of your purchases to FLC!

Thank You...The Becker Food Shelf thanks you for the gift of money. This will help fill our shelf.

Welcome to our NEW Staff!


Greg Allen is our new custodian. Greg is a member of FLC. He is retired and married to his beloved Irene. You will see him on the FLC Council, helping to set up and serve Holy Communion, and now keeping our church spic and span! When we see him, let's share a hearty welcome to the FLC staff!

Jennifer Thielen is our incoming Office Administrator. Jennifer comes to us with a wealth of experience in office administration, accounting, social media, and many different communication platforms. She lives in Becker with her family and looks forward to getting to know the FLC family more! Welcome to the team!

Warm up with Soup... The Women of Faith has soup for sale, choose from Chicken Noodle and/or Vegetable Beef. Take some home for yourself, or give as a gift to a special friend. The soup is frozen in 5 cup portions for \$8 each.

FLC is Looking for Money Counters... Money can be counted on Sunday morning immediately following service. Once trained, it takes approximately 30 minutes. If you are interested, please see Lynn Wilson or Donna Brown in the FLC office to learn more.

Check out our NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY... To Access the FLC Pictorial Directory, download the app from your app store. Please utilize the email address that you have given FLC to get started. You will create your own unique password to view the directory. Thereafter, you can upload a picture and update your family information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

	November 2022			YTD 2022		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
 Offerings	\$17,365	\$11,035	-\$6,330	\$208,381	\$163,054	-\$45,327
Other Income	<u>4,056</u>	<u>893</u>	<u>-3,163</u>	<u>31,854</u>	<u>23,678</u>	<u>-8,176</u>
Total Income	\$21,421	\$11,928	-\$9,493	\$240,235	\$186,732	-\$53,503
Total Expenses	<u>\$21,196</u>	<u>\$20,162</u>	<u>-\$1,033</u>	<u>\$238,154</u>	<u>\$230,093</u>	<u>-\$8,061</u>
Net "Operating" (Loss)	\$ 226	-\$8,234	-\$8,460	\$2,081	-\$43,361	-\$45,442
Employee Retention Credit (ERC)					<u>\$23,938</u>	
Net Loss after ERC					-\$19,423	

Simply Giving Program...The gift of generosity

We thank everyone who has supported **Faith Lutheran Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. Simply Giving is a safe and automatic way to give a one time or recurrent offering to Faith Lutheran Church. Simply Giving will allow you to be 100% sure that your donation to the church will be here on Sunday mornings, and your support for our vital ministries continues. Won't you please take a moment to set up a recurrent gift with us? You can do so in one of the following ways:

- 1) www.tinyurl.com/FLCgives
- 2) Use the QR Code to the right. Simply open the camera on your cell phone. Point it at this QR Code. It will ask if you would like to go to the website. Click the link and off you go! You will be taken directly to the Simply Giving registration page.
- 3) Download the Vanco Mobile in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and give to FLC directly from your phone or digital device.
- 4) Mail your offering to Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box 368, Becker, MN 55308



If you have questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Donna Brown, who stands ready to assist you! We have been blessed, to be a blessing! We look forward to doing great things with our Great God, **TOGETHER!**