

# Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always.

**Partners in Ministry:** People of Faith

**Music & Worship Coordinator:** Nathan Oliver

## Service of Word and Prayer

Prelude	Response to the Word – Creed and Confession
Welcome and Announcements	Peace
Gathering Song – <i>This is the Spirit's Entry Now</i>	FLC Recognition – Sunday School Volunteers
Greeting	Offering/Special Music – Bekah Kanable
Hymn of Praise – <i>Glory to you</i>	Offering Prayer
Prayer of the Day	Scripture Song – <i>Salvation Belongs</i>
Children's Time	The Prayers
Psalms – Psalm 29	The Lord's Prayer
Gospel Acclamation	Blessing
Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17	Sending Song/Noisy Offering – <i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>
Sermon – Nathan Oliver	Dismissal
Hymn of the Day – <i>God, Whose Almighty Word</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](http://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 8, 2023

(Church services also broadcast via Facebook live, and YouTube)

### Sunday 1-8

- 9:30 Worship/Noisy Offering – Sanctuary
- 9:50 NO Sunday school – Resume next week
- 10:30 Refreshments/Donna's Send off – Fellowship

### Monday 1-9

#### Tuesday 1-10

- 10:00 Staff meeting – Office
- 5:30 Council

#### Wednesday 1-11

- 6:30 Confirmation – Ed Wing

### Thursday 1-12

### Friday 1-13

### Saturday 1-14

#### Sunday 1-15

- 9:30 Worship – 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.

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

**Annual Meeting...** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 22** for our annual meeting. At this meeting, we will: Receive the reports of the church, Elect council members and other church positions, Consider adoption of the approved constitution and bylaws Present the 2023 church budget for adoption.

We hope that all members of FLC will be present for this very important meeting. We look forward to continued service to God and community in 2023.

**Stewardship...**In our upcoming Congregational Meeting, Jan. 22, immediately following morning worship, the FLC membership will be tasked with passing a balanced budget. It has been challenging to create a budget in this time of transition. Our Church Council (which includes the Budget and Finance Committee) has been working diligently to put forth a budget that allows FLC to continue providing excellent opportunities for ministry and worship as well as recognize the unknown future contributions due to a wide variety of factors we are experiencing at FLC. We are thankful for a giving congregation and realize we may have the opportunity to amend the budget during the year if contributions increase. The Church Council is grateful for your prayers as we work through this adjustment. We are excited for the opportunity to grow and celebrate the positive changes this allows us to experience.

**"Your shopping can help make a difference, at no additional cost to you! Select Faith Lutheran** when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://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!

**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!

**Duelm Knights of Columbus Breakfast...** All are invited Sunday Jan 22nd' at the St Lawrence Parish Hall, Duelm. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls, fruit & beverage from 8:30 AM - 12PM.

**Warm up with Soup...** The Women of Faith has soup for sale, all that is left is Chicken Noodle. 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		
	Budget	Actual	Over(Under)	Budget	Actual	Over(Under)
<b>Offerings</b>	\$17,365	<b>\$11,035</b>	-\$6,330	\$208,381	<b>\$163,054</b>	-\$45,327
<b>Other Income</b>	4,056	<b>893</b>	-3,163	31,854	<b>23,678</b>	-8,176
<b>Total Income</b>	\$21,421	<b>\$11,928</b>	-\$9,493	\$240,235	<b>\$186,732</b>	-\$53,503
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$21,196	<b>\$20,162</b>	-\$1,033	\$238,154	<b>\$230,093</b>	-\$8,061
<b>Net "Operating" (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 226</b>	<b>-\$8,234</b>	<b>-\$8,460</b>	<b>\$2,081</b>	<b>-\$43,361</b>	<b>-\$45,442</b>
<b>Employee Retention Credit (ERC)</b>					<b>\$23,938</b>	
<b>Net Loss after ERC</b>					<b>-\$19,423</b>	

**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](http://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!**