

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy. “Rejoice in the Lord always,” says the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:4). With gladness, we welcome you to worship.

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers

Vicar: Molly Wills

Partners in Ministry: People of Faith

Music & Worship Coordinator: Nathan Oliver

2022 Christmas Cantata

Prelude – *O Come, Emmanuel*

Welcome and Announcements

Vicar Molly Litany

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Sending

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Joy

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

2022 Christmas Cantata – *The Promised One*

The Promise Given

Come, Emmanuel, Come – Quartet w/Flute

O Little Town of Bethlehem – Sofia Fakreddine

– Nathan Oliver

– Sue Doering

When Emmanuel Has Come – Quartet w/Flute

Offering – *Starry Night*

Offering Prayer

The Promise Fulfilled

All Earth is Hopeful – Quartet

Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song) – Sofia Fakreddine
– Trinity Gay

Calypso Lullaby – Nathan Oliver

– Sue Doering

Son of the Angels – Joyous Ringers

Blessing

Sending Song with Noisy Offering – *Joy to the World*

Dismissal

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.

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!

Pastoral Care... Pastor Yolanda is available for pastoral care via phone, text, or video meeting. She is generally available for pastoral care and counseling Tues (9-4), Wed (12-5), Thursday (9-4) **and** at other times, by appointment, as needed. If she can assist you, please email her at: pastor.yolanda@faithlutheran-becker.org

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 December 11, 2022

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

Sunday 12-11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:30 Christmas Cantata – Sanctuary

9:50 Sunday school – Stay in the Sanctuary

10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

12:00 Lunch/Pebble Creek in honor of Vicar Molly

Monday 12-12

Tuesday 12-13

10:00 Staff meeting – Commons area

11:00 Worship Planning – Commons area

Wednesday 12-14

6:00 Listening Session – Sanctuary

NO Confirmation

Thursday 12-15

Friday 12-16

Saturday 12-17

11:00 Christmas Program rehearsal until 1pm – Sanctuary

Sunday 12-18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:30 Worship with Communion/Christmas Program

9:50 Sunday school – Christmas Program

10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

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.

Let’s Celebrate Vicar Molly!

Vicar Molly’s last day at FLC is today. Let us celebrate Vicar Molly’s good ministry amongst us and wish her well in future endeavors. The coffee hour will be immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. For those who choose to join us for lunch at the Golf Course, you will be responsible for the cost of your own meal. See you soon!

FLC Listening Forum

The Church Council would like to invite members of the congregation to join in a listening forum on **Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm**. Faith Lutheran Church is experiencing financial difficulties and is considering the hard decisions on cutting pastoral hours and office staffing as well as discussing the ongoing financial viability of the church. In reviewing the current budget we will need to make cuts to staff and programming. In the interest of transparency the council would like to present in detail this picture to any and all interested congregation members.

My Lord What A Morning!

Come see the children in the 2022 Christmas Program, *My Lord What A Morning!* on **Sunday, December 18** during morning worship. Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17, from 11am to 1pm.

Calling ALL FLC children pre-k to grade six

You are invited to participate in our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18 during the 9:30am worship. Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 17... time TBD. If your child/ren would like to participate in the Christmas program, please email faith@faithlutheran-becker.org with their name and grade. Thank you!

Christmas Caroling!

All are invited to join our youth Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30. To make it even more fun... wear an ugly Christmas sweater over your coat! To join in the fun, meet at the church and we will start from there.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Saturday, December 24 at 4pm.

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25 at 9:30am

Ole Fashioned Hymn Sing – Sunday, January 1 at 9:30am

IMPORTANT DATE!!!

All donations to FLC for 2022, must be received in the office by noon December 29, in order to be included on your annual giving statement. We thank you for your gifts and wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday season.

"Your holiday 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!


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 will 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.

	October 2022			YTD 2022		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over(Under)</u>
 Offerings	\$21,707	\$11,134	-\$10,573	\$191,016	\$152,020	-\$38,996
Other Income	1,555	1,314	-241	27,798	22,785	-5,013
Total Income	\$23,262	\$12,448	-\$10,814	\$218,814	\$174,805	-\$44,009
Total Expenses	\$21,196	\$19,211	-\$1,985	\$216,958	\$209,931	-\$7,027
Net "Operating" (Loss)	\$2,066	-\$6,763	-\$8,829	\$1,856	-\$35,126	-\$36,982
Employee Retention Credit (ERC)					\$23,938	
Net Loss after ERC					-\$11,188	

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!**