

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“... and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23, NRSV).
What message is more comforting and praiseworthy? Welcome to worship.

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers

Partners in Ministry: People of Faith

Music & Worship Coordinator: Nathan Oliver

Service of Word and Prayer

Prelude	<i>That Boy Child of Mary</i>
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Joy to the World</i>
Lighting of the Advent Candle – Light	Pastoral Remarks
Prayer	Creed
Prayer	Confession
Gathering Song – <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i> ELW #264	Peace
Greeting	Offering Music – Bekah Kanable
Hymn of Praise – <i>Glory to You</i>	Offering Prayer
Prayer of the Day	Canticle of Thanksgiving – <i>Salvation Belong to Our God</i>
Psalm – 80:1-7, 17-19	The Prayers
Children’s Christmas Program – <i>What A Morning!</i>	The Lord’s Prayer
<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call
<i>Jesus What a Wonderful Child</i>	Benediction – Prayer of Good Courage
<i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i>	Sending Song – <i>All Are Welcome</i> ELW #641 vs. 1,2,4
<i>He Came Down</i>	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. *Preparing for surgery:* Eddie Dunteman. *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 18, 2022

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

Sunday 12-18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:30 Worship with Christmas Program – Sanctuary
9:50 Sunday school – Stay in the Sanctuary
10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

Monday 12-19

Tuesday 12-20

10:00 Staff meeting – Commons area
11:00 Worship Planning – Commons area

Wednesday 12-21

6:00 Worship – Commons area
6:30 Christmas Caroling – All are WELCOME!

Thursday 12-22

Friday 12-23

Saturday 12-24 Christmas Eve

4:00 Christmas Eve Service with Communion – Sanctuary

Sunday 12-25 (Christmas Day)

9:30 Worship – Sanctuary
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.

Flowers in the sanctuary today ~ are given to the Glory of God by the Women of Faith in honor of Pastor Yolanda and her lovely family as we say goodbye.

Let's Celebrate Pastor Yolanda!

Pastor Yolanda's last Sunday at FLC is today. Help us celebrate Pastor Yolanda and her family during the coffee hour in the Fellowship Center immediately following worship. We have been so blessed to have Pastor Yolanda share her gifts with us these last three years. Let's wish her and her beautiful family the best as she transitions to a new call! We love you; God loves you more!

Opportunities to say Goodbye to Pastor Yolanda

Worship & Fellowship Hour – Sunday, December 18 9:30 to 11:30am; Lunch @ Rebecca's – Tuesday, December 20 from 12 – 1pm; Caroling & Cocoa with Confirmation – Wednesday, December 21 from 6:30 – 8pm; One-on-One Conversation by appointment.

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, 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!

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.

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