

# Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

December 25, 2022

Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day

Merry Christmas! Welcome to the manger, which cradles the very Word made flesh.

“The Lord is coming, always coming. ... Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.”

—Henri Nouwen

Partners in Ministry: People of Faith

Music & Worship Coordinator: Nathan Oliver

## Service of Word

Prelude	Creed
Welcome and Announcements	Prayers of Intercession
Confession and Forgiveness	Offering Music – Austyn Clemen
Greeting	Offering
Canticle of Praise – <i>Glory Be to God</i>	Thanksgiving for the Word
Prayer of the Day	Canticle of Thanksgiving – <i>Salvation Belongs to Our God</i>
Psalm 97	The Lord’s Prayer
Gospel Acclamation – <i>Alleluia I (Dakota Road)</i>	Benediction – Now the Work of Christmas Begins – Howard Thurman
Gospel – Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20	Sending Song – <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i> ELW #290
Sermon – Nathan Oliver	Dismissal
Hymn of the Day – <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> #290	

**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. *Recovering from 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!

**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 December 25, 2022

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

### Sunday 12-25 (Merry Christmas)

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

### Monday 12-26

### Tuesday 12-27

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

### Wednesday 12-28

### Thursday 12-29

### Friday 12-30

### Saturday 12-31 New Year’s Eve

### Sunday 1-1 (Happy New Year)

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

**Flowers in the sanctuary today** ~ are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Darlene Saccoman in memory of father, Eddie Edman.

**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.

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

## FLC Confirmation/Senior High – Jan 4, 2023

Many of you may be wondering what confirmation will look like in January. *The short answer is, we will figure it out together!* **Parents, please plan to attend a parent meeting on Jan 4, from 6:30-7:30pm.**

### 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		
	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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,421</b>	<b>\$11,928</b>	<b>-\$9,493</b>	<b>\$240,235</b>	<b>\$186,732</b>	<b>-\$53,503</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,196</b>	<b>\$20,162</b>	<b>-\$1,033</b>	<b>\$238,154</b>	<b>\$230,093</b>	<b>-\$8,061</b>
<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>					\$23,938	
<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!**



# Poinsettias



**Greg & Irene Allen**  
In memory of family

**Judy & Mike Bowatz**  
In honor of our family

**Julie Brandt & Family**  
In memory of parents: Milton and Evelyn

**Roselle Carlson**  
In Honor of children and grandchildren

**Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers**  
In honor of my beautiful family  
In Memory of Mama Moon & John Kroschel

**June & Marty Immerman**  
In memory of Merrill & Elizabeth Immerman  
and Donna Cox

**Jack Knothe**  
In memory of Donna Knothe

**Gary & Alice Morgan**  
In honor of our family

**Betty Olson**  
In honor of loved ones

**Mike & Darlene Saccoman**  
In honor of Robert, Nichole, Emma, and Eloise Regnier

**Joyce & Dick Sowers**  
In memory of our parents and grandson, Patrick