

# Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth  
— a “shoot” representing new life in Jesus (11:1).

**Pastor:** Yolanda Denson-Byers

**Vicar:** Molly Wills

**Partners in Ministry:** People of Faith

**Music & Worship Coordinator:** Nathan Oliver

## Service of the Word with Communion

Prelude	Apostles' Creed
Welcome and Announcements   Birthday Song	Prayers of Intercession
Lighting of the Advent Candle – Hope	Peace
Confession and Forgiveness	Mission Moment – Rivers of Hope Project
Gathering Song – ELW #242 vs. 1,2,4	Offering
Greeting	Offering Music
Kyrie	Offering Prayer
Prayer of the Day	Thanksgiving at the Table
Children's Time	The Lord's Prayer
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Communion
Gospel Acclamation – <i>Alleluia</i> (Dakota Road)	Prayer after Communion
Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12	Blessing
Sermon – Pastor Yolanda	Sending Song – ELW #246
Hymn of the Day – ELW #255	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, Alice Morgan, and Anja. *Health issues:* Andrew Schmidt. *Preparing for Surgery:* McCoy Jipson. *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](mailto:pastor.yolanda@faithlutheran-becker.org)

**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 4, 2022

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

### Sunday 12-4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

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

### Monday 12-5

### Tuesday 12-6

9:00 Bible Study – Disciple Room  
10:00 Staff meeting – Commons area  
11:00 Worship Planning – Commons area  
6:00 Cub Scouts – Education Wing  
7:00 Bell Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Wednesday 12-7

5:30 Intern meeting – Shepherd Room

6:00 Worship – Commons area

6:30 Confirmation & Sr. High Youth – Fellowship Center

### Thursday 12-8

5:30 Council – Disciple Room

### Friday 12-9

### Saturday 12-10

8:00 Cantata dress rehearsal

### Sunday 12-11 (Third Sunday of Advent)

9:30 Cantata – Sanctuary  
9:50 Sunday school – Stay in Worship  
10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center  
12:00 Lunch/Pebble Creek to honor Vicar Molly

**Flowers in the sanctuary today** ~ are given to the Glory of God by Wayne Bachler in memory of Heidi.

**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 Sunday, December 11. Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the service in the Fellowship Center in honor of Vicar Molly. To further extend our good wishes, plan to meet for lunch at 12 noon at Pebble Creek.

## The Promised One ~ Christmas Cantata 2022

Join us on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 worship.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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://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!

## Faith Lutheran is Hiring!

FLC has an opening for an Administrative Assistant, 20 hours/wk; \$18/hr. Must have clerical and financial experience. Please submit your resume to: [faith@faithlutheran-becker.org](mailto:faith@faithlutheran-becker.org)


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