

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

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

Wherever we have been, whatever we have done, our all-loving heavenly Father welcomes us into his arms. Let us worship.

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers
Vicar: Molly Wills

Partners in Ministry: People of Faith
Music & Worship Coordinator: Nathan Oliver

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude	Sermon – Vicar Molly
Welcome and Announcements	Hymn of the Day – ELW #807
Baptism – Laine Luniewski	Confession
Welcome	Reception of New Members
Gathering Song – ELW #456	Offering
Greeting	Special Music – Austyn Clemen
Hymn of Praise – I will Sing of the Mercies	Offertory Prayer
Prayer of the Day	Canticle Of Thanksgiving
Children’s Time	The Lord’s Prayer
Psalm 32	Blessing
Gospel Acclamation – WOV #614	Sending Song – ELW #779
Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Dismissal

Prayer Requests... Please keep the following people and their families in your prayers: *Those battling cancer:* Linda Shake, Charlene Hubbard Doorn, Diane Hubbard, Lori Gaulrapp, Debbie Gedatus, Junior McDowall, Laurie, Terry, Fred Mastellar, Irene Allen, Alice Morgan, and Paul Gaulrapp. *For healing:* Colleen Johnston, Kari Strunc, Mike Stephenson, Stan Stephenson, Chelsea Olstad, Ross Gabrielson, and all those with covid. *Health issues:* Andrew Schmidt, Courtney McDowall Rogers, Nancy Knutson, Baby Blake, Wanda, and all children facing health issues. *For caregivers:* Keith, and those who labor in the medical field under heavy burdens. *Blessing and comfort for the family and friends of:* Betty Moore who passed away March 4. *Blessing and comfort for the family and friends of:* Kristen Miller, great niece of Pat Gedauts, who passed away March 19. Prayer of gratitude for prayers answered!

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, pick out the Sunday you would like on the flower chart located on the kiosk in the narthex. Make your payment of \$20 and put it in an envelope marked “Flowers” with your name and what Sunday you sponsored. Place the envelope in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you!

Faith Activities & Events – Week of March 27, 2022

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

Sunday 3-27 New Member Sunday

8:30 Sunday School/Grapple — Ed. Wing
8:30 Spirit Art – Fellowship Center
9:30 Service of the Word with Holy Baptism – Sanctuary
10:30 Refreshments – Fellowship Center

Monday 3-28

Tuesday 3-29

10:30 Worship Planning – Disciple room
1:30 Staff meeting – Disciple room
2:00 Bible Study – Face Book Live
6:30 Joyous Ringers – Music Room

Wednesday 3-30

1:00 Supervisory meeting – Pastor’s office
5:00 Easter Egg prep – Education Wing/Commons area
5:00 Lenten Soup Supper – Fellowship Center
6:00 Lenten Worship - Sanctuary

Thursday 3-31

Friday 4-1 Becker schools’ spring break begins

Saturday 4-2

8:30 WELCA Spring Gathering – Celebration, Sartell

Sunday 4-3

8:30 **NO** Sunday School/Grapple – resumes next week
9:30 Worship with Holy Communion & Baptisms
10:30 Refreshments – Sanctuary

Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family through Baptism, Elaine Luniewski, daughter of Marcus & Brittney Luniewski. Elaine's baptismal sponsors are Tom Luniewski and Bevette Inman.

Welcome New Members!

Today we welcome Aaron & Roshanthi, Kayla & Arya Cantin to Faith Lutheran Church!

Lenten Services "Pauses for Lent"

Please join us every Wednesday at **6pm** (*this time is a big change from years past!*) for our Lenten services. Each Wednesday there will be a new word that the scripture will center around, and we will meditate on for the service.

Come to the Table – Lenten Soup Supper

Once again, we gather to share a meal every **Wednesday night during Lent at 5pm**. These simple soup suppers provide a time of sharing and friendship prepared by members of our congregation. Soup suppers allow families to attend worship without the pressure of preparing a meal at home and then rushing off to church.

First Communion Milestone

Saturday, April 9 is this year's date for **First Communion Milestone Instruction**. It's a day when moms, dads and students gather to fulfill the Baptismal Promise to *"bring them to the word of God and the Holy Supper."* **Fourth Graders (and older) and their parents** gather from **10 am to 12 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. During the **Maundy Thursday service on April 14, at 6 pm will be the public celebration of this milestone**. *Please note that children must be baptized to receive First Communion. If your child has not yet been baptized, please contact Pastor Yolanda at pastor.yolanda@faithlutheran-becker.org or call the church office at 763-261-5751.* Pick up a registration by the church office door, or ask Melissa Binnall for one.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY at FLC with your staff!

Please join us on Facebook Live, every Tuesday at 2pm for 15 minutes with Jesus. To participate, feel free to drop us your comments, whenever you choose to study with us, throughout the week.

Easter Flowers

Faith will be using a variety of spring flowers to decorate our Narthex and Sanctuary for Easter. **The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 27.** Below is the array of flowers to choose from. The cost will vary on which flower you choose to provide. Hydrangeas ~ \$17, Easter Lily ~ \$9, Tulips ~ \$9, Mums ~ \$9 The Easter Flower forms are located on the Information Table in the Narthex. Plants may be taken home any time **after** Easter Sunday. Thank you for sharing!

Youth Council Liaison

The FLC Church Council is looking for a High School Student willing to serve on the council as a youth liaison. This is a great opportunity to gain experience on how the council works, to share the needs of the children and youth in our congregation, and to get community service hours for organizations like NHS. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you - or your youth is interested – please call Donna at 763-261-5751. (PS, it's fun! 😊)

Synod Assembly

We are looking for three people to attend the ELCA Synod Assembly, June 11 on zoom. If you are interested, or would like to know about it, please call the church office at 763-261-5751.

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

Women of Faith are invited to the Great River Spring Gathering! Join women of the ELCA on **Saturday, April 2, at Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell beginning at 8:30am**. This year the theme is "Sparkle On" Women Aging in Gratitude, with Kim Kane. The cost is \$10 – you must preregister by calling Donna at the church office 763-261-5751.

Spirit Art!!

FLC has a great Adult education opportunity! Join us every fourth Sunday @ 8:30am. Come experience Scripture in a new way while engaging in a calming, stress-reducing environment!!

Thrivent Choice

FLC received \$1,207 Choice Dollars through the Thrivent Choice program in 2021. Let's do more in 2022! Thrivent has resources and programs to help in the communities you serve.

- **Thrivent Choice:** Encourage FLC Thrivent members to direct 2021 Choice Dollars® to FLC by 3/31/2022. There are free promotional materials available in the "Thrivent Choice Resources" section on [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com).
- **Personal Donations:** **Everyone** can use the Thrivent online giving platform to make a donation to FLC. Thrivent pays the donation processing fees - that means 100% of the donation goes directly to FLC.
- **Thrivent Action Teams:** Encourage Thrivent Clients to apply for a Thrivent Action Team to support your organization. Thrivent clients bring together friends and family to form a volunteer team – Thrivent provides up to \$250 in seed money and promotional resources to jump-start the volunteer project.
- Let's make 2022 the best one yet!

Seeking Volunteers for VBS

FLC is seeking volunteers to lead Bible Stories and games this summer during Vacation Bible School – July 24-28. Please notify the church office if you are willing to serve.