

# Faith Talk!

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# July, August, and September 2022!



FLC would like to invite you and your friends to a fun filled week of Vacation Bible School. Kids discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. There will be incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! All are welcome; no exceptions!

Registration forms (required) are located near the office door in the narthex or visit our website at Sunday school/VBS <u>www.faithlutheran-becker.org</u>

# Worship in the Round!

Wednesday, July 20 – 6 to 7pm



We will be grilling hot dogs! Bring a shareable side potluck, and enjoy a Campfire Worship on the lawn behind the church!

Please join us because the fun is for everyone

of all ages... Everyone is welcome; no exceptions!

See you on July 20!

## **Support Local Business**

FLC will has started our SLB gatherings once again for the Summer season.

Please join us as we eat lunch together at a local



establishment on the first (12pm) and third (6pm) Thursday of the month. The goal of this program is to build camaraderie, support local businesses, and enjoy our neighbors in the city of Becker. All are welcome, with no exceptions! See you soon!

Dates: July 7 @ noon, July 21 @ 6pm, August 4 @ noon, August 18 @ 6pm

# Fall Schedule begins...



Rally Sunday, Sept. 11, marks the beginning of our exciting ministries at FLC!"

 God's Work Our Hands" opportunity... making a positive difference, in Jesus' Name

- Our children return to Sunday School
- Grapple returns
- Confirmation class (S³) begin on Wednesday's
- Tenth Grade Retreat "#FaithStrong"
- Senior High Retreat "Light the Fire"
- Milestones will be recognized throughout the program year
- Music Ministries
- Weekly Bible Study returns
- Mission & Outreach activities
- Women of Faith circles

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Hello Faith Lutheran Church family!

Why do I belong to FLC? Well, having moved here almost three years ago, we were looking for a church home. I have to admit, part of why I belong to FLC is pretty selfish. I show up on Sundays (or watch on Facebook Live) to hear an uplifting or guiding message from the pastor. I love those Sundays when I feel the Pastor knows exactly what I need to hear, and is speaking directly to me - it is personal.

I also belong to FLC because of the social aspect. Now we joined during covid during an online service, but we knew this was a place we could gather with other people who loved Jesus.

I also joined FLC because of a greater power.

#### Hebrews 10:25

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

The Bible instructs us to be in relationship with other believers. The church is the place where we come together to encourage one another as members of Christ's body.

#### Romans 12:5

... so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (NIV)

It is for our own good that God wants us in fellowship with other believers. We need each other to grow up in the faith, to learn to serve, to love one another, to exercise our spiritual gifts, and to practice <u>forgiveness</u>. Although we are individuals, we still belong to one another.

And it is with this that I ask you to share your spiritual gifts! We have some wonderful opportunities at FLC and we need you! Decorate the church, help with music at VBS, or join us on the church council. If interested in any of these, please contact Donna in the church office. We look forward to seeing you at FLC!

God bless,

Minda Anderson President, FLC Church Council

#### Dear Faithful Ones:

What a glorious summer it has been for me and my family! Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy Family Leave, to get to know Baby Kalan, and to bond again with my sweet family.

I am looking forward to my return on July 18, just one day after Kalan turns one year old! We have a fun and faith-filled summer lined up here at FLC with:

- Family Fun Nights every Wednesday from 6-7pm
- Worship in the Round on July 20th at 5:30pm
- VBS July 24-28
- Senior High Retreat entitled, Light the Fire, on August 13th
- another retreat for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade confirmands entitled #FaithStrong held September 9-11
- God's Work our Hands Sunday on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>



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as well as the start of Sunday School, Confirmation, and Senior High Ministries galore!

As usual, you can continue to count on us to provide dynamic preaching and exceptional music ministry on Sunday mornings! As September continues to roll out, we will be establishing our *Women of Faith circles, hosting Bible Studies in person on Tuesday mornings and online, and engaging the community of Becker in Mission and Outreach activities* that make a difference!

I am so excited to kick off the new program year, to see all your beautiful faces in the building and continuing to follow Jesus out into the neighborhood to be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus, in Becker and beyond.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Yolanda

Hello Beloved Children of God!

I hope your summers are going fabulously! I have made it halfway through seminary and only have one year left. It is crazy how time has flown. I can say that I am exhausted, but still loving it!

I have loved getting to experiment with the creation of Spirit Art for the confirmation students, Sunday school students, and adults. We are taking a break from Spirit Art over the summer, but I am leading *Family Fun Nights* every Wednesday starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7pm. Please join us because the fun is for all ages! If you have an idea of something we could do on one of those nights, please come talk to me and we can try to make it happen.

I'm also excited to say we will be doing "Worship in the Round" on Wednesday, July 20th, a hot dog grill-out, bring a shareable side potluck, and Campfire Worship on the lawn behind the church!

Sadly, summer is so short, that we will soon be rolling into fall activities which will begin in September. I pray each of you can enjoy summer and it's warm weather to the fullest, so that when September comes we will all be ready to start hunkering down for winter again.

May God's face shine upon you and bring you peace, Vicar Molly B. Wills

Greeting Siblings in Christ!

Where did the year go? It seems like yesterday, you installed me as Director of Music and Worship and now, it is already summer! As I am writing this, I also realize that by the end of this quarter, I will have been in place for a whole year! Thank you to all of you for trusting me in leading worship for your spiritual needs here at FLC.

As we prepare for the fall, I would like to take time to thank everyone who helps in the preparation of worship, along with those who assist me in making the experience as good as it has been. Thank you to the Joyous Ringers and their trust in me to lead and organize this very talented group. Thank you to all those who assist in leading music on Sundays: Sue Doering, Katy Aanenson, Austyn Clemen, Bekah Kanable, Calvin Denson-Lehman, and Judy Bachler. Finally, all who

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help in the sound booth with technology; Gary Morgan, Sandy and Gregg Engdahl, Vicki Leerhoff, Sue Doering, Cam Aanenson, and Jen Harmoning. Without all these individuals, we would not be able to do what we are able to do at Faith.

As many of you are aware, Tom and Lori Keller have decided to discontinue their membership with us at FLC. These two were monumental in their time and talents in music and worship. I want to thank them for their dedication over the last 20 years and will miss them dearly.

Worship is an ongoing thing at FLC. With that, comes opportunity to serve if you feel the calling to do so. I am always looking for assistants to help with reading, individuals that like to assist in the sound booth, and those who may feel called to either sing, play piano, or participate with the bells. If you are feeling any of these as a possible calling to serve; reach out to me and let's have a conversation about this!

Again, thank you for entrusting me in your worship experience! I enjoy serving our church! God's Blessings,

Nathan Oliver
Director of Music and Worship

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