



Faith Talk!

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Looking ahead to April, May, June 2022!

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

April 10 Palm Sunday

8:30 Sunday School/Grapple
9:30 Worship with New Life Band
10:30 Refreshments

April 14 Maundy Thursday

6:00 Service with 1st Communion

April 15 Good Friday

6:00 Good Friday Service

April 17 Easter Sunday

9:30 Worship with Communion
10:30 Refreshments



Sunday School/Grapple

We have been having a wonderful time in Sunday School and Grapple this year. If you have a child pre k – 6, it is not too late to join us! We have exciting adventures in store for the year end.

April 9 Communion Milestone (4th grade and up)

April 10 *Spirit Art* with Vicar Molly

April 10 Children process with Pastor Yolanda and Vicar Molly

April 14 Maundy Thursday 1st Communion Service

May 22 Last day of Sunday School & Celebration of Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers

Wednesday Family Fun Night

Once again, FLC is proud to present our Wednesday Family Fun Nights! This year our program will run from **Wed, June 22 to Wed, Aug. 17, from 6-7pm**. Members of all ages, are invited to join us for outdoor activities on the lawn, fun snacks, and the opportunity to get to know our church family better! We especially encourage those families with children ages 0-18 to attend, and adults to volunteer and serve. We will receive a freewill offering at each event to cover the cost of our activity and food; See you soon!

Spirit Art ~ 4th Sunday

Come join Vicar Molly for Spirit Art, 4th Sundays, at 8:30am, in the Fellowship Hall! She will be teaching us an artistic medium, while at the same time inviting us to dwell deeply in the word of God, as we rest our souls in Jesus. All are welcome regardless of artistic ability!

College Scholarships...



Available at Faith

Faith Lutheran Church continues an exciting opportunity of assisting our youth in receiving a higher education. The purpose of setting up a college scholarship fund is to:

- Support our youth in further Christian education
- Assist our students with their financial package
- Encourage our youth to grow in faith and wisdom in service to God and humankind

The guidelines and application are available on our Website or the church office. The deadline is May 1, 2022.



It is my honor to be elected as the new President of Faith Lutheran Church of Becker. My name is Minda Anderson and my husband Duane (or Dewey if you get to know him well), and I moved to the Becker area 2 1/2 years ago when I took the position as the

Assistant Superintendent at Becker Public Schools.

I am originally from the New London-Spicer area. Dewey and I have four grown children.

When called by the nominating committee to consider running for a position on the council (and possible the President), I prayerfully considered my time, talents, and treasures and said YES.

Now many of you may not know that our church, FLC, has a constitution and bylaws (which I heard at the annual meeting we will be looking to update) and if you are a Robert's Rule loving committee dork like me, you know that the constitution is a bid deal. It's the "rules" that guide our congregation including the duties of the President which are found more extensively in the bylaws. What I found even more interesting was that right in that very important constitution (Chapter 8, Article 4) it states the privileges and duties of the members of this congregation. Privileges and duties. This is what our constitution says about membership:

It shall be the privilege and duty of members of this congregation to:

- a. Make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and sacraments;
- b. Live a Christian life in accordance with the word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran church; and

- c. Support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.

Time, talents, and treasures - it is our duty and our privilege to share these with the church.

I am honored (and privileged) to share my time, talents, and treasures as our Council President. And as my first duty, I ask you, in this mission moment, to reflect on your time, talents, and treasures that you share with our church? I am looking forward to our time together this year and working with all of you to guide our church in faith as called by God.

God bless!
Minda



Alleluia, He is risen; he is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

It is my greatest joy to greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus, the Christ! For most of us, spring has sprung, and we are anticipating our Easter plans with

eagerness. It may have been a while since you have been able to meet in large family groups and will undoubtedly be excited to see one another. While you are gathering, don't forget to come see us at FLC. On Saturday, April 2, we will co-host our Easter Egg Hunt with the Becker Chamber of Commerce (4pm).

Thereafter Holy Week services will begin on Sunday, April 10th. We will host Palm Sunday (9:30am), Maundy Thursday (6pm), Good Friday (6pm), and Easter Sunday (9:30am)!

Won't it be wonderful to assemble as siblings in Christ on such a special day? Our Minister of Music and Worship, Nathan Oliver says, *"We're planning for one big party!"* on Easter morn.

In May, we can't wait to celebrate with our youth as they conclude their Sunday School, Grapple, and Confirmation programming! We thank all the adult volunteers who made Christian Education possible this year. We are grateful to those of you who taught in classrooms, served snack or pizza, attended Faith in Action outings, and led milestones or special events. Without faithful volunteers like each of you, our children would be bereft of the exemplary educational opportunities that FLC is able to offer.

Finally, once June is upon us, we will again be looking for fun and exciting opportunities for our church family to engage in together. If you have ideas for Wednesday Fun Nights, please let any member of the FLC Staff or Church Council know. We are pleased to help facilitate fellowship and fun amongst all our members of every age!

I love you, FLC.
It is an honor to be your pastor,



Hello Beloved Children of God!

I am currently in my fourth term at seminary and the time is flying! I have my first preaching class this spring term. I have been preaching since June 2021, so I'll be

interested to see what the class teaches me and how it may or may not change the way I give sermons. I'm also taking Prophets & Poetry, Reading Hebrew, and History of Christianity I. I find myself overwhelmed with classes, internship, and family life; but spring is in the air, and I feel a sense of excitement within me. I'm not sure if it is because of the classes (which I am very interested in), the coming of spring, or a combination of, but I will take it either way!

I started offering monthly adult Spirit Art in January and so far, it has been good. It is a restful way to prepare oneself for worship. It is being offered every fourth Sunday – please join us! If you find yourself interested in trying it but not able to come into the building, it is fairly simple. All you need is a piece of paper, a pen or pencil, and your Bible. If you have some nice, calming music to put on in the background that helps but is not necessary. Then choose a scripture passage – I usually use the passage that will be preached on that Sunday, but it doesn't have to be that. Read it aloud to yourself, then while contemplating the scripture draw any shapes that comes to mind, overlapping them. After doing that, start filling the various spaces within the shapes with repeating patterns, such as dots, spirals, hashtags, etc. After meditating on the scripture and doodling for about ten minutes, break and read the scripture again, then continue doodling. This can take as long as you'd like. Spirit Art is meant for quieting your soul and hearing the Word of God, not for beautiful artistry. I hope you find some peace within it and some fun!

May God's face shine upon you,
Vicar Molly



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Lent is in full swing, Easter is on its way, and spring is coming! I don't know about you all, but winter seems to get harder and harder. If it weren't for all the things happening here at FLC, winter would drag on forever!!

Wednesday evening worship has been an absolute blast! Soup dinners have been fantastic and the energy during worship has been a lot of fun. Along with our Sunday worship's, the church is starting to get a buzz again. I am thankful to all of you who are starting to attend in person once again!

Spring also brings the end of our programming for the year. I am very thankful for all the groups, which make our Music and Worship experience as good as it is.

Thank you to the Joyous Ringers, New Life Band, and all who assist during worship, without you, our worship would not be as enhanced as it is. Last but not least, a big thank you to Sound and Technology, without them our sound and visuals in the sanctuary and online would not exist.

As we draw closer to the cross and tomb, I hope no matter what circumstances you may be going through, remember, Jesus is with us and died for us! What an awesome God we have!

Blessings,

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