

Faith Talk! News from Faith Lutheran Church of Becker, MN

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Dear Faith-Full Ones:

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! This November, I have much for which to give God thanks!

First, I thank God for Jesus, who lived, died, and rose again, forgiving our sin and gifting us with eternal life.

Secondly, I give God thanks for the gifts of family, friends, and our community of faith. I want to give a special thank you to our Church Council, led by Sandy Engdahl, and our Pastoral Search Committee, led by Terry Neill, who

worked so hard to call me to Faith and to welcome me with such aplomb!

These first few weeks at Faith have been a whirlwind of joyful activity! I attended the Trail of Treats, which was a fun and joyful gift to the community. I noticed that God's children, from every walk of life, were wandering through our parking lot, drinking cider and playing games in our educational building, roasting smores at our bonfire, and riding on the back of Gary's tractor through the cemetery. Oh my!

What a wonderful way for the citizens of Becker, and beyond, to encounter the radical hospitality of this congregation. *Truly, we welcomed all as Christ*. This welcome was not taken for granted by a member of the community, who pulled me aside and said, "I know that it takes a lot of courage for Faith to call you, and for you to answer. I wish you all the best!"

These words have been with me ever since. Your love, determination, and courage were on display as we confirmed a class of twelve young adults, bearing witness to their affirmation of baptism. Your compassion, generosity, and creativity were also revealed as you hosted the many guests present for my installation.

Truly, you can be proud of yourselves! The lay leadership in this congregation is second to none. You ensured that, "All are welcome; no exceptions!," rang true, as you read scripture, sang hymns, provided special music, ushered, shared Holy Communion, fed, and provided a jubilant welcome to all of our siblings in Christ gathered to celebrate with us!

As we look forward, into the month of November, I invite each of us to experience the deepest gratitude in our hearts for our #faithstrong community. I encourage you to take time to pray and reflect on the many blessings that God has showered upon you. I also implore you to meditate upon the ways in which you can share the gifts of your time, talent, and treasure with Faith Lutheran Church in 2020 and beyond.

Great things are happening here, and I believe that the future could not be brighter! As a missional congregation, committed to sharing the good news throughout the neighborhood, I know that each of us — from the youngest to the oldest- has an important role to play, in sharing God's love with all who will receive it.

In closing, thank you, just for being you! You are uniquely created in the image and likeness of our God, and you are good!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism

October 13

Isla Rae Luniewski, daughter of Brittney & Marcus Luniewski

Thank you to:

- © The Money Counters
- Wanda Russin for helping with the October Newsletter assembly
- © Pat Gedatus for picking up the Sanctuary flowers each week
- All the worship volunteers each Sunday in October
- © Call Committee & Installation Service



Thank you Faith Lutheran!

Dear Faith Lutheran,

The Becker Food shelf thanks you for the gifts of money.

The money will be used to help stock our shelf and towards the Holiday baskets.

Thank you,

Becker Food Shelf JMB

A Prayer of Thanksgiving!

A prayer of Thanksgiving to God and to all of the massive volunteers to help us find our nephew, Ethan.

Jeff & Brenda Haus



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019!



Blessings on your Birthday!

Jake Sable Nov 19 Kaylee Waddell Nov 1 Nov 20 Jackie Hanson Nov 2 **Austin Berning** Megan Imholte Nov 21 Karin Pauly Nov 3 Nov 3 Miranda Bechtold Nov 21 Khloe Blattenbauer Sarah Colford Nov 22 Camie Ihrke Nov 3 Nov 5 Chris Weberg Nov 22 Grace Wynia Nov 5 **Emery Johannes** Nov 22 Kirsten Haessly Sharon Radeke Nov 23 Kellan Colford Nov 5 Nov 7 Allen McCann Nov 24 Jasper Blakeney Nov 9 Brody Bjerga Nov 25 Laura Bond Nov 10 Keaton Colford Nov 25 Melinda Mlenek Nov 10 Ryan Veldman Nov 27 Jordyn Edling Nov 11 Ailee Titcomb Nov 29 Mya Nevala Nov 29 Trinity Robinson Nov 11 Noah Handeland Nov 14 Cody Klatt Nov 30 Amanda Paige Nov 14 Jeff Edling Nov 30 Betsy Ziemer Nov 16 Nicole Schmidt Nov 30 Dominic Lombard Nov 17 Ruth Johnson Nov 30 Jayden Larson Nov 19 Bobbie Leonard Nov 30 Melody Rust



Nov 1 Nov 2	Kim Golembeck Beau Pauly	Nov 23 Nov 25	Parker Meyer Amy Anderson
Nov 2	Kasey Quast	Nov 25	Brad Rust
Nov 2	Khloe Blattenbauer	Nov 25	
Nov 3	Riley Defries	Nov 25	Madeline Mlenek
Nov 5	Sharon Radeke	Nov 25	Olivia Cook
Nov 10	Ashley Falenschek	Nov 25	Rylee Gunderson
Nov 10	Leah Lutgen	Nov 25	Vinnie Cook
Nov 11	Brad Bolton	Nov 26	Kelsey Pederson
Nov 11	Ray Person	Nov 26	Riley Wilke
Nov 13	Austin Sable	Nov 27	Katy Aanenson
Nov 16	Oliver Knutson	Nov 28	Anna Wynia
Nov 17	Kaelyn Lombard	Nov 29	Brandon Abrahamson
Nov 18	Stephanie Graftaas	Nov 29	Kurt Haag
Nov 19	Scarlett Olson	Nov 30	Drake Rhodes
Nov 22	Clara Bond	Nov 30	Levi Rhodes
Nov 22	Lola Seifermann	Nov 30	Ronn Hubbard
Nov 23	Audrey Peckskamp	Nov 30	Tucker Rhodes



September 2019 & Year-to-Date Financial Analysis

Month of September + / (-)				
General Fund	Actual	Budget	vs. Budget	
Contributions	\$19,016	\$18,310	\$ 706	
Facility Use Income	\$ 0	\$ 192	\$ (192)	
Other Income	\$ 377	\$ 96	\$ 281	
Total Income	\$19,393	\$18,598	\$ 795	
Expenses	\$13,520	\$16,752	\$ 3,232	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,873	\$ 1,846	\$ 4,027	
Mortgage Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	vs. Budget	
Contributions	\$ 5,534	\$ 6,140	\$ -606	

Year-to-Date			+ / (-)
General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	vs. Budget
Contributions	\$121,538	\$142,878	\$(21,340)
Facility Use Income	\$ 625	\$ 1,500	\$ (875)
Other Income	\$ 7,005	\$ 8,250	\$ (1,245)
Total Income	\$129,168	\$152,628	\$(23,460)
Expenses	\$138,947	\$150,771	\$ 11,824
Net Income (Loss)	\$(9,779)	\$ 1,857	\$(11,636)

Mortgage Fund Transactions & Balance	<u>Summary</u>
Initial Mortgage Fund balance 1/1/19	\$ 21,894
2019 Mortgage Fund Contributions to-date	\$ 52,657
Less total 2019 Mortgage Payments to-date	\$ 47,889
Equals Mortgage Fund balance 9/30/19	\$ 26,662

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. If you need a



convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

Visit Faith Lutheran's website, or find enrollment forms available on the kiosk, or contact Donna in the church office for more information.

Sick... Shut-in... Hospitalized?

If you – or a loved one – is sick, shut-in, or hospitalized, and would like a visit, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Yolanda. Due to medical privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church or pastor. It will be Pastor



Yolanda's honor to provide a pastoral care visit bringing conversation, holy communion, and/or prayer in your home, facility, or hospital. Just ask!

Women of Faith's Annual Craft and Bake Sale!

Check us out for that special baked treat, and homemade soups. *Or just stop in for lunch!* We will be serving great Sloppy Joes and the best homemade soup around! Also available to purchase will be "soup to go in containers".

You will find unique crafts just in time for the holidays! Join us ... You won't be disappointed!

Saturday, November 9 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Craft/Bake Sale Opportunities!

- ✓ Baked items are needed, please bring to the church the night before (Nov. 8) or the morning of the sale (Nov. 9). If you have not noticed, we have the best bakers around!
- ✓ Food trays are available for your baked goods in the narthex
- If you are crafty and would like to donate some crafts please bring them into the church the night before the sale. Thank you!
- Lots of crafters will be on-site selling unique homemade crafts be sure to stop by and shop for that special gift.

Interested in Joining the Congregation?

New Member Classes Offered

Mark your calendars! For those who would like to become members of Faith Lutheran, you are invited to these new member orientations! Whether you are new to church or transferring from another congregation, please attend this class.

November 24 –

Learn about Lutheranism and what makes Lutherans unique among the different denominations of the Christian faith.

What is the mission of Faith Lutheran and how can you participate? Learn about the many opportunities available to grow your faith and participate in sharing our mission.

We will meet after worship at 10:30 in the Disciple room on November 24.

New Members will be officially received on December 1. Contact the office at 763-261-5751 or email the office at faith@faithlutheran-becker.org to let us know you are coming. We look forward to getting to know you!

Poinsettias in December!

Once again, Faith
Lutheran will be
decorated with beautiful
poinsettias for the Advent and
Christmas season. The
poinsettias will be placed at the

front of the church during the holiday season and you may take yours home after worship the Sunday after Christmas.

Come December look for the display on the "Welcome Center" in the narthex to honor or remember someone in a special way. Fill out the form, include your payment, and place it in the decorated box. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Eve Service to Gather at South Santiago Lutheran Church

Grateful souls of the Becker Community will gather at 7pm on Wednesday, November 27, for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service.

Worshippers of all denominational backgrounds attend this uplifting time of thanking God for countless blessings. The services move to a different area church each year, and includes local musical church groups. Lots of delicious pies will be served after the service. There is always so much to be thankful for and this is such a great way to begin that thanksgiving celebration!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Please contact the church office at faith@faithlutheran-becker.org to take advantage of the following opportunities:

- 1. Would you like to become a member of Faith Lutheran Church? We would like to host you for a New Member's Training and welcome you into this community of faith!
- 2. Would you like to be baptized? Pastor Yolanda will be happy to baptize you, your child, or grandchild, whether you are 0 or 102! (Yes! Adults can be baptized!)
- 3. Do you feel called to be a Lay Minister to the Sick and Shut in who are living at home, assisted living communities, or nursing homes? Pastor Yolanda will train you to visit, pray, share Holy Communion, and/or provide vigil to those who are dying.
- 4. Would you like to participate in a Christian book club, once a month, on Wednesday at 7:30pm?
- 5. Would you like to participate in an Adult Bible Study & Friendship Gathering, once a month, on Wednesday at 7:30pm?

Youth NEWS & NOTES...

Bible Bash...

Thirteen gathered to learn about the Bible!

A BIG Congratulations to our Bible Bash Recipients! Five preschool children and eight – third graders received Bibles on Sun, Sept. 29.

Cormac Blakeney Tommy Boe Olivia Cook

Ronin Delgado Genevieve Binnall

Jasper Blakeney Ty Nunemacher Haley Gleisner Levi Rhodes

Colton Karst Madelyn Monnier Jack Glenz Anna Wynia

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry Schedule

Grapple (Grades 5-6)

5:00 – 6:15 Gathering and lesson

Confirmation (Grades 7-9)

6:15 – 6:30 Gathering

6:30 - 7:30 Lesson

Senior High Gathers (Grades 10-12)

7:30 Gathering and lesson

Thank you for your flexibility as

Pastor Yolanda begins ministry with us here at Faith.

Recombining the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade classes will allow Pastor Yolanda to also meet with our senior high youth.

If you are in grades 5-12

and have not yet joined us, please do so. Bring your friends.
All are welcome; no exceptions!

#faithstrong #followtheyouth

Join us for this year's Christmas Programs:

The 2019 Christmas Cantata – *The Fourth Gift* and the Children's Christmas Program...

We all know about the gifts the three Wise Men brought to give to the Baby Jesus, but did you know that there was another gift given to him as well? A fourth gift? What was it? And who gave it? Come and find out on Sunday, December 8th at the 9:30 service!

The service will include music from the Joyous Ringers, the Faithful Five and the Christmas Choir. *Interested in adding your voice to the choir?* Rehearsals for the Christmas Choir will be held after church services (from 10:45-12:00) on each of the Sundays November 10 – December 1. All are welcome to join in! The more the merrier!

Immediately following the Cantata on December 8, the Senior High Youth group will be serving a delicious breakfast from 11:00 – 12:00.

The Sunday School students will then present their Christmas program from 12:00 – 12:30. Plan to join the children and hear them tell the story of Jesus birth.

Come and join us for one, two or all three of the events that day...leave filled with the Christmas spirit!

Adult Bible Study

Tuesday morning at 9am
You are invited to study the
Bible with us! Adults will meet
in the Disciple room. All are
welcome; no exceptions!



Twelve students confirmed on October 27

We're proud to introduce to you our Confirmands for 2019. Confirmation is not an ending but another milestone in our journey of faith. We celebrate with these young people as they affirm their baptismal promises and commit to a life of faithfulness and service to God. Confirmation is traditionally celebrated on Reformation Sunday each fall.



Back row: Will Mackedanz, Hayden Harmoning, Tristan Pickwall, Eric Seavert, Parker Meyer, Max Blattenbauer

Front row: Pastor Yolanda, Emery Johannes, Kylie Quast, Kaidyn Pederson, Gavin Swanson, Camden Aanenson, Zach Defries

Officers

Sandy Engdahl (1/20) President 320-333-8784

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Mike Elvester

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At Large Members

Kaelyn Lombard (1/20)

Sue Doering (1/20) 763-262-4790

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La Vonne Lund (1/20) 763-261-2659

Wayne Bachler (1/21) 763-275-0139

Lynn Wilson (1/21) 763-262-5075



"... And after he saved the animals, he started turning up on the mailing lists of environmental organizations."

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 12, 2019 Meeting

Present: Sandy Engdahl, Roy Kollar, Gary Morgan, Wayne Bachler, Pastor Mike Zaske, Mike Elvester, Sue Doering, Ben Pany, Kaelyn Lombard, and Lynn Wilson

Absent: La Vonne Lund

Meeting was called to order by President Sandy Engdahl at 5:01pm.

- I. Devotion Pastor Mike Luke 15
- II. Agenda Review
 - a. Agenda was reviewed, and items added or changed as requested.
 - b. Sue motioned to approve the agenda: Mike second. Motion carried.
- III. Hail Damage to Church Protech Restoration (Ben Montroy)
 - a. Class 5 storm came through in July from St. Cloud over to Wisconsin
 - b. Pictures taken of the roof damage
 - c. Product options were provided as well as information about Protech. Ben also walked through the process of the repair.
 - d. Gary Morgan will contact the Church's insurance provider to review insurance options and process.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Review of August 2019 Financials Gary
 - a. Review & Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - i. The Aug General Fund income was \$-2,093 vs. actual expenses. YTD \$-15,653
 - The Aug Mortgage Fund income was \$1,034 vs. expenses. YTD \$4.539
 - iii. Actual comparisons YTD with General Funds and Mortgage Funds combined:

1.2018: (\$-9,723)

2.2019: (\$-11,114)

- iv. General fund checking is at \$-9,242.
 - i. Electric bill is about \$3,400 less than last year. Water expenses are about \$750 down and gas is about \$600 less.
 - ii. Envelope giving is very consistent over the last 8 years.
 - iii. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Ben Pany, second by Wayne Bachler. Motion carried.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Continue discussion on Stewardship (from June 13 meeting)
 - i. Square Terminal
 - i. Ordering of the terminal requires setting up at the time of order. It requires an individual (not business) tax identification number.
 - ii. Wayne Bachler's tax identification number will be used to set up the account.
 - iii. Reporting available for giving unit identification.
 - b. Sabbatical Policy and Parental Leave Policy
 - i. Proposed paid sabbatical after 7 years of service for a period of 2 months during the summer months.
 - ii. Proposed paid parental leave of 6 weeks (maternal or paternal). Includes birth or adoption of a new child.

November 2019 Faith Talk

VI. New Business

- a. Pastoral Changes
 - i. Pastor Mike's resignation has been received. Farewell will be on September 29.
 - ii. Offer for Pastor Yolanda has been submitted to the synod.
 - iii. Pulpit supply for October needs to be lined up.
- b. Call Committee Thank You from Council
 - i. Sandy to get a card and recognize the Call Committee at a future church service.
- c. Becker Cub Scout Pack
 - i. Offered the Education Wing as a future meeting site if need be.
- d. Facility Review Team
 - i. \$512 dollars donated from the picnic. Additional matching fund were offered up to \$500 as well.
 - ii. Next meeting to be scheduled to review for September 30 at 5:30 PM.
- e. File cabinets in Education Wing
 - i. Morgan's and Seavert's have taken two. The remaining unclaimed ones will be brought to the used furniture store in St. Cloud.
- f. Cultivating Generous Congregations
 - i. Seminars in Marshall, MN to educate congregations on stewardship opportunities. Dates are 9/28, 11/2, and 1/11/20.
- g. Fall Festival September 21 from 11AM-3PM
 - i. Indoor and outdoor activities.
 - ii. New activities Quilt raffle, Plinko, indoor bingo in the Education Wing, giant Jenga, Tensies, scarecrow making contest,
 - iii. Reusable bags with the church logo provided by Women of Faith.
 - iv. Donations needed Clothing for scarecrows and coins for the hay dive.
 - v. Planning to set up Friday night.
- h. Trunk or Treat October 26 from 5PM-7PM
 - i. Possible activities Hay ride behind the church, fire pit with s'mores, cider/hot chocolate,
 - ii. Will reach out to Becker Robotics to see if they would like to make a joint effort.
- i. 2020 Sweetheart Dinner Consider hosting at Faith
 - i. Last year 176 adult tickets
 - ii. Considering a menu change as well Pasta Bar: noodle varieties, sauce options, protein choice, salad, garlic bread
 - iii. Looking for possible youth activities to appeal to younger families.
 - iv. Sue to reach out to Deb Swanson to see if she is interested in helping start the committee to get the planning started.
- j. Landscaping Project
 - i. Gary would like to review the plans with Mitchell Johnston sometime over the winter to evaluate starting in the spring.
- k. Recommendations from Pastor Yolanda
 - i. Worship Slides
 - 1. Approximately 1 hour per week once familiar with the software
 - 2. Done at the church due to software licensing
 - 3. Requires high attention to detail
 - 4. Need 2-3 people to commit to doing it
 - ii. Hospitality Team Need to look at developing
 - iii. Tuesday and Wednesday Bible Studies Combine into one

VII. Ministry Team Reports

- a. Facility Care Team
 - i. Playground Recently cleaned up from weeds and old toys. Need new awning for the play set. Looking at possible options between cloth and wood. Play set could use resealing and new mulch in the area.
 - ii. Front landscaping Trees in the bushes were trimmed out. Bushes also to be trimmed.
 - iii. Lights in sanctuary Baptismal font lights have been replaced.
 - iv. Spotlights will be left on parking lot trees and twinkle lights will go on the front bushes.
- b. Senior High Youth
 - i. Working to start up regular meetings the first and third Wednesdays of the month. One group meeting and the other in Mission Trip planning and prep.
 - ii. Need adult volunteers for the Mission Trip.

VIII. Adjournment

- Next meeting October 10 at 5PM.
- b. Motion to adjourn meeting by Sue Doering. Second by Wayne Bachler. So moved at 7:40 PM.



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

David

Luke 1:46-47

"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will Mary exalt him." Exodus 15:2

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."

1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; I Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David



• The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've

recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

- 1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
- 2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 11:00 Pastor Yolanda's Installation Service
3 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	4	5 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Women of Faith	6	7 8:30 Executive Clergy Seminar	8	9:00 Band practice 9:00am to 2pm Craft & Bake Sale
Daylight Savings Ends		6:30 Joyous Ringers	5:15 Grapple 6:15 7, 8 & 9th Grade 7:30 Sr. High Youth			
10 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with New Life Band and Noisy Offering 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments 10:45 X-mas Choir	11 11:30 Social Seniors	12 9:00 Bible Study	13	14 9:30 PALS	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN THE OFFICE	16
		6:30 Joyous Ringers	5:15 Grapple 6:15 7, 8 & 9th Grade 7:30 Sr. High Youth	7:00 Council		
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		6:30 Joyous Ringers	5:15 Grapple 6:15 7, 8 & 9th Grade 7:30 Sr. High Youth		Jr. High Youth Ga	thering—Willmar
24 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with New Life Band 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments 10:35 New Member	25	26 9:00 Bible Study	27 10:00 Newsletter Assembly — NO Classes —	28	29	30
Orientation 10:45 X-mas Choir		6:30 Joyous Ringers 7:00 Community Choir @ SSLC	7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service @ SSLC	— Office Closed —	— Office Closed —	

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POSTMASTER: Please deliver by November 4, 2019

Prepared especially for...



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Worship Schedule

November 3	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Baptism
November 10	9:30 am Worship with the New Life Band, Noisy Offering
November 17	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
November 24	9:30 am Worship with the New Life Band
November 27	7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at South Santiago Lutheran