November 2026

Becks Beacon

Grace and peace to the people of Becks Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.

As we enter the month of November and head rapidly toward Thanksgiving, it's a great time to look back and contemplate the people and things we're thankful for. I'm thankful that Lane's surgery was successful, though harder than expected and twice as long. I'm thankful for medical science and the skill of the doctors, nurses, and techs. And I'm thankful for our Teacher and Lord, for he teachings he offers us to live by. Jesus teaches us to welcome the foreigner, to feed the hungry, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to clothe the naked. When we do it for one of the least of these, we do it also for Jesus himself. This should transform everything about the way we live and see others.

Jesus tells us that the promises of the kingdom are for the poor, the mourning, the hungry, and the oppressed. It is for them that God's blessings come. This doesn't tell us that we should strive to be those things, but that we should try to serve them and lift them up, stand in solidarity with them. Jesus teaches us of the Kingdom of God, the transformation of the way our whole world works. Where healing is for all, especially those who are normally deprived of it. Where needs are met. Where riches and power are no advantage whatsoever.

I am thankful for these teachings and the way they can inspire us to follow Jesus and try to live as he calls us to live. What teachings are you thankful for? What else might you be thankful for? Enjoy counting up good things in your life in this Thanksgiving season.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,
Pastor Chris

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Monthly Stewardship	
Needed for the month of October — Budget	$13,132.00
October 4, 2026 —Budget —Facility Reserve	 $5,060.00 $540.00
October 11, 2026 —Budget —Facility Reserve	 $695.00 0.00
October 18, 2026 —Budget —Facility Reserve	 $7,047.00 $50.00
October 25, 2026 —Budget —Facility Reserve	 $2,164.00 $120.00
Received for October —Budget —Facility Reserve	 $14,966.00 $710.00

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Aldridge	*6*
Mark Klass	*12*
Roscoe Walker	*15*
Brett Moore	*21*
Arrington Lineberry	*22*
Christopher Leonard	*28*
Chase Blankenship	*30*
Vickie Vickers	*30*

Join us for Adult Sunday School on November 1 and November 15, 2026, at 9:30 AM in the Huddle Classroom.

Becks Lutheran Church
Minutes of Stated Council Meeting
September 27, 2026
Council Room, Office Suite

Members Present: Micky Beck—President, Marty Burris—Vice President, Selina Everhart—Secretary, Donna Myers, Artie Helton, Wade Brown, Pastor Chris Johnson

Members Excused: Shane Young

President Micky Beck called the meeting to order

No guests were present

Artie began the meeting with devotions; Donna will be providing devotions for the October meeting.

Donna made the motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, seconded by Wade.

Closed Session: The council did go into closed session

REPORTS:
FINANCIALS: Monthly income/ (loss) $2,473.78, year-to-date income/ (loss) $9,704.37. No monthly expenses were out of the ordinary. Offerings were up from last month but were slightly less than what is needed for August.

WORSHIP TEAM: Spoke/met on September 6 about concerns of the absence of the Chalice on the Altar. The Chalice will be placed back on the altar.

PROPERTY TEAM: The A/C unit for the Sanctuary has been resolved; this unit is 24 years old. The landscaper has completed the outside downspout drainage repairs; also, the fabric and stone work has been completed

PASTOR'S REPORT: Since the last council meeting, 3 Sunday services and 1 were supplied by Pastor Brenda Henry. Reformation Sunday will be Sunday, October 26, at First Lutheran at 7pm.
Lane has surgery on October 26 in Chapel Hill.

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH: No report

STEWARDSHIP TEAM: No Report

SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP TEAM:
Octogenarian Sunday is set for October 4, 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Blood drive, November 3, 2026. Proposed dates for 2027: January 5, March 2, May 4, July 6, September 7, and November 2. The motion to approve was made by Donna and seconded by Selina; all approved.

DISCRETIONARY FUND: As of August 31, 2026, **IN: 500.00, OUT: 86.51** to non-church member. Balance on hand: 3,896.25.

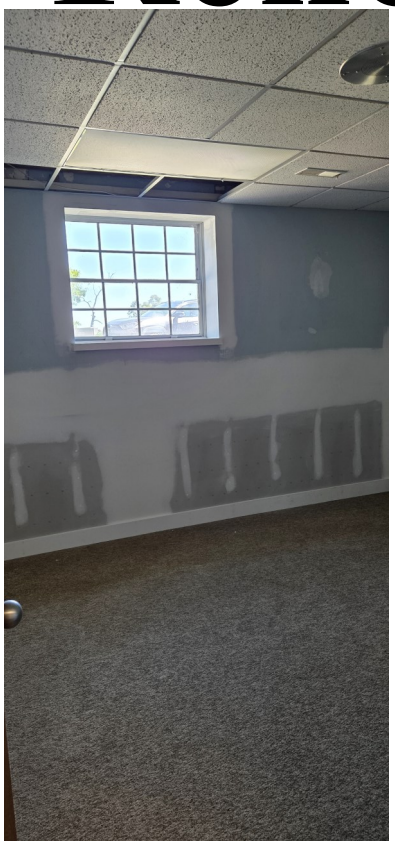
FOR DISCUSSION:
- The council finalized Octogenarian Luncheon.
- FEB deposits will be discussed later.
- 2026 annual meeting/election of 3 council members and 2027 budget
- Sharing of the peace: a request has been received from several members; we will begin sharing the peace again.
- Vacation request for Kelly, October 15, 16, and 19; motion to approve made by Marty and seconded by Wade, all approved.

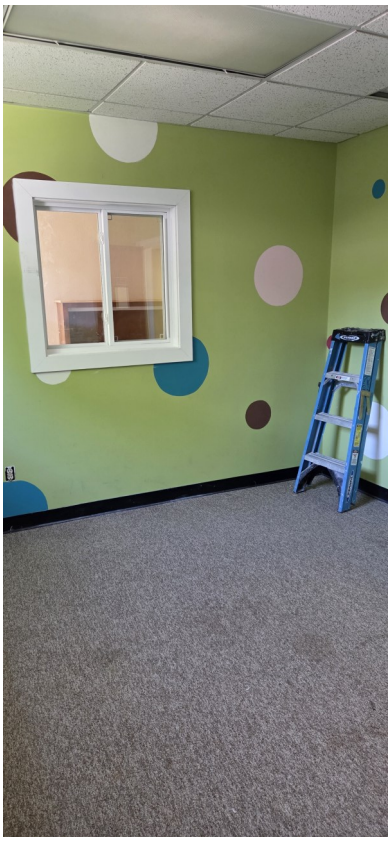
Motion to adjourn made by Selina, seconded by Marty.

The next meeting will be October 25, 2026, in the Council Room

Respectfully submitted,
Selina Everhart, Secretary

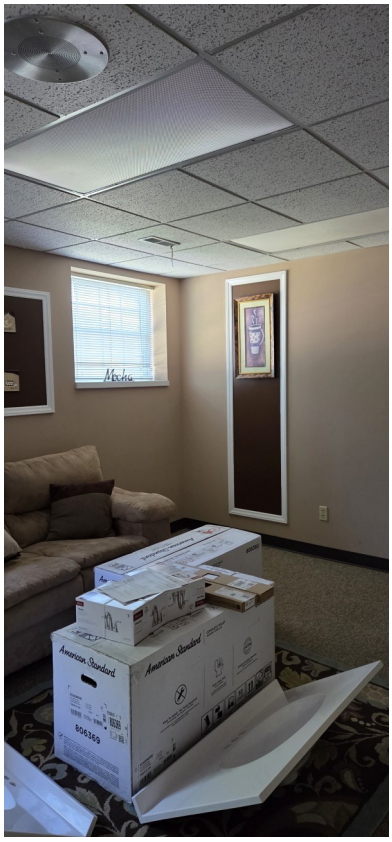
Renovation News





I would like to take this time to say "thank you" to the many people that helped with the remodeling of the basement to make our new Administrative offices and conference room and to those who helped Buford move all furniture from the old Office Complex to the new office spaces. We are indebted to Buford and Cathy for the time they spent monitoring and making sure construction was on schedule and making sure that folks had everything they needed to do the job.
Thank you to the Church Council for all of their time and cooperation making certain that all events run smoothly. Lastly, we thank the congregation for all their support in everything we do here at Becks!

Sincerely,
Micky Beck
Council President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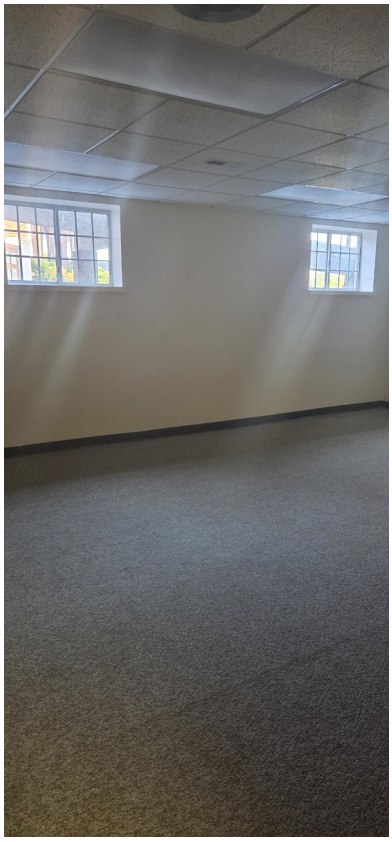
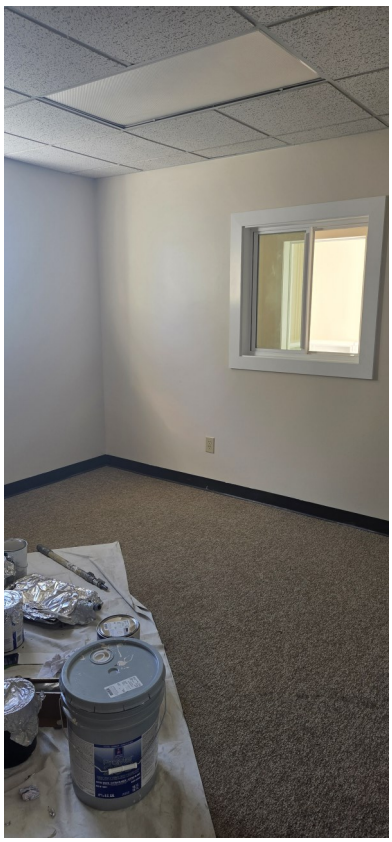
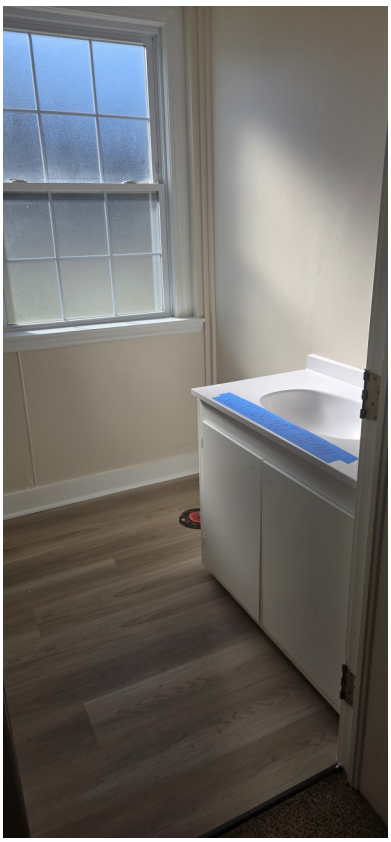






Renovation News

Over the past few months, there has been a ton of work done in preparation of the office relocation to the basement of the church. The following captures just a portion of this massive project!

June:

- June 1—Installed new photo cell for the outside pole lights.
- June 3 installation began for the new A/C and heat pump for the choir loft and completed June 4.
- On June 10 the lighting issue in the Sanctuary was located and the repair completed.
- From June 16 through June 24, Maria started priming and painted on door casings in the new office area.
- Also in June, all lighting in the basement office area was checked, cleaned, and replaced as needed.

July:

- On July 2, Buford met with Spectrum and installed new Internet system for FEB and new offices in basement.
- July 4 found Buford and Alberto running new internet cable throughout the old and new basement and FEB for new internet and phone service saving the church $2,500.00 in installation!
- A dedicated circuit was installed for the copier in the new area downstairs.
- Maria started paining the pastor's office as there was paint left over from the other portions of the project.
- Maria taped out the rooms for all trim work.
- Cathy started cleaning windows, baseboards, and doors in the offices.
- Volunteers were sought to help finish the cleaning.
- It was hoped to schedule carpet cleaning the last week of July and the first weeks of August.
- On July 7th, Maria painted the pastor's office and Mittie started cleaning all the baseboards, cabinets, and bathrooms. The communication cables in the new basement areas were strapped up and labelled.
- On July 8th, Mittie and Cathy worked on the remainder of baseboards, cleaned all the doors and inside windows. Old English was applied on the interior doors. New pushbutton locks were installed on the Administrative Office, Pastor's Office and Finance Room.
- Buford met with Kepley Moving to get a quote on moving items from the Office Complex to the new spaces.
- July 14th Mittie and Cathy finished cleaning all doors, the two stairways and the windows inside and out.
- At this point, the office space was 100% cleaned and ready for the carpet to be cleaned.
- July 17—Installed "additional parking in rear" sign at the front of the Church. Installed new black box for dropping off envelopes beside the door at the mailbox. Reinstalled two battery motion lights in the staircase from the Sacristy to the basement. Installed new light switch and receptacles in the maintenance room.
- Met with Haneline Monument and laid out the location of two donated benches given by the Klass family. This work was completed and the planning beds will be finished as the weather cools.
- July 21—Met with the General contractor and installed a new exterior door at the bathrooms. This completed the contract.
- July 22— Met with Walser Technology to address questions about the system and hardwired installation was completed.
- July 27 — Met with Kurt's Carpet Cleaning. All carpet in the new office area was cleaned. A quote was received and ultimately cleaned both stairways, the Sacristy and all red carpet upstairs mainly to address wine stains. All red carpet in the Narthex at the new front doors were cleaned.
- July 30 — stated moving items and long overdue trash out of the complex. Many necessary items were taken to the new space in the basement. Special thanks to Maria, her mother, Cathy, and Jackie for their time! The all-women team worked very hard!

August:

- August 1, we completed the office move to the Church basement! Thanks to Maria, Alberto, Maria's mom, Martin, Selena, Eva, Mittie, Arch, Chris, Jackie, Artie, micky, Kent, Pr. Chris and Kelly for the great turnout made light work of heavy work.
- August 6 — Installed doorbells at each basement red doors on the cemetery side and added signage. The last (hopefully) load of trash was taken to the dump. Thanks again Maria, Cathy, and Mittie for the help.
- Office phones were installed in the Admin office and Pastor's office.
- August 11 — Chamberlain Pest Control sprayed and treated the Church and FEB including the basement. Moving forward this will be done semi-annually.
- August 17 — the landscaper started working on the downspout drainage around the Sanctuary and corner of the FEB building at the firewall. Each downspout was inspected and repairs were made as needed. In some cases, this raised the connections about ground. Soil will be added to the ramp-side of the building, fiberglass fabric installed to assure the water runoff will be "away" from the building. It was discovered that, apparently due to drought earlier this year, the soil has separated from the building due to lack of moisture. During the office renovation, a leak was found and repaired in the copier room. Since the renovation, there has been a second area where water came in at the left corner outside wall of the movie room where it had never leaked before. The work completed by the landscaper has resolved these issues.

September:

- The Sanctuary A/C unit issue of water leakage has been resolved for now. It is noted that this system is 24 years old.
- Grady Hedrick completed the final work with the downspout drainage repairs around the Sanctuary. The fabric and backfill work including the stone was completed.

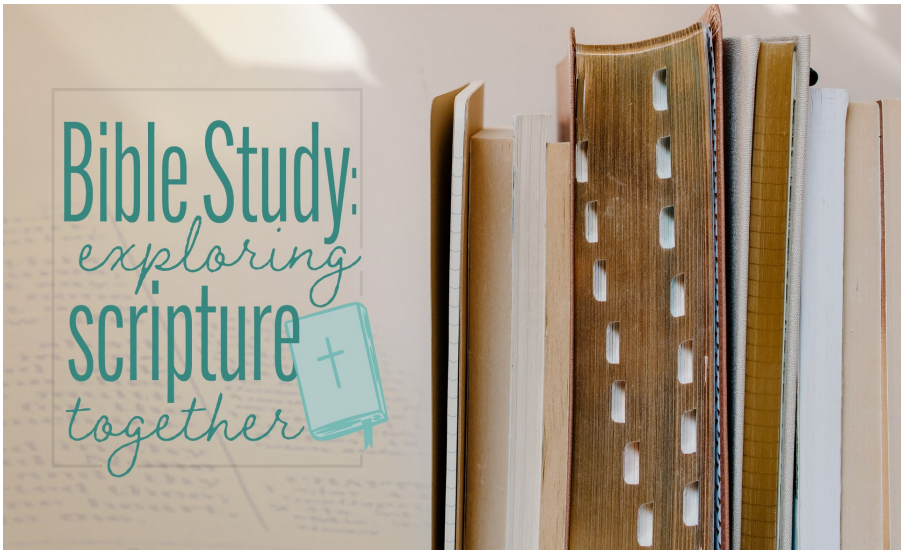
We are running a bit behind due to the rising costs of living.

Please consider making an additional offering over and above your usual gift to the church.
Thank you!

Lector Schedule

November
1 Eunice Myers
8 Tammie Beck
15 Kent Beck
22 Shane Young
29 Tammie Beck

December
6 Shane Young
13
20
27 Shane Young



Join us in the Church Parlor for
Our mid-week Bible Study!
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
12:00 Noon

Congratulations Alexandra Myers!

New York has a brand new attorney! Alexandra received news in October that she had passed the Bar Exam in NY.

Your church family is so proud of you Alexandra!

IT IS TIME FOR SHOEBOXES !!!

Samaritan's Purse has begun to collect shoebox gifts to be sent around the world to needy children.

Please help make a special gift box for a child who has very little that they can call their own. In addition to toys, these boxes help spread the Good News that Jesus loves them!

The boxes are on the hallway table for you to take, fill, and return by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15.**

Alan Hoppensteadt will be in the FEB after church on November 1 and November 8 if you would like to order your **shoebox online** and avoid the hassle of shopping. Bring a credit card.

You may also order online yourself! Just go to Google and enter "Build a Shoebox Online" and it will take you to their website.