



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church
Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit, we at FELC experience God through **Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship.**

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PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

Hello FELC Disciples,

As I was out shopping recently I was amazed at the number of items for sale that emphasize thankfulness and how many of them emphasized this through Christian ideas. While there is a lot that I am thankful for, I also struggle because there is a lot in my life and in the world that I'm anxious about. I don't know how many times people have used Matthew 6:25-34, when Jesus discusses not worrying because God will provide, to tell me to stop being anxious. And while it is true this passage says that God will provide food and clothing so we should not worry about them it ends with, "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34) I think this ending is important because it is a reminder that trusting God doesn't eliminate anxiety. I would in fact say that this passage is honest about our living with anxiety in the midst of our thankfulness.

If we take seriously that "Today's trouble is enough for today" we have to admit that life is not perfect. We live in a world where things don't go according to plan. Cars break down, friends fight, wars are fought, people are starving, people get sick, children are harmed, loved ones die, sexual violence occurs and we can't seem to come together on how to improve

life for the greatest number of people. When sin and brokenness entered into our world it entered into our lives and it changed our relationship with God. Just as Christ's death and resurrection turned the whole world upside down from this reality by bringing light into darkness and life out of death. And, the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts helping us to believe. God's new reality now affects how we handle the realities of our lives and world.

We now live in the messy reality of humanness that leaves us thankful for the blessings God has provided while still experiencing anxiety because of the brokenness of the world and the unknown of how this brokenness is going to affect our lives. Faith comes into this though when we trust that God is big enough to hold our anxiety. When we can say that God's love has broken into our world and God is up to amazing things, even if I'm not always sure what they are. Faith is trusting in the midst of our anxiety that God is blessing our situation. Faith is also allowing others to show us God's love through their care and actions.

I pray that your November is filled with God's blessings and you have the opportunity to celebrate these blessings on Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Shalom, *Pastor Elizabeth*

WORSHIP



Sunday, October 7: 20th Sunday after Pentecost using ELW Setting 8 featuring Special Music and WELCA Quilts and Kits Dedication

Sunday, October 14: 21st Sunday after Pentecost using ELW Setting 8 featuring WaterLife and CROP Walk Special Offering

Sunday, October 21: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost using ELW Setting 8 and featuring Rainbow Singers and Young Believers with Students Receiving Bibles

Sunday, October 28: Reformation Sunday with Affirmation of Baptism with Confirmation Reception following

Notes for Worship:

Reformation Sunday—October 28th: As we celebrate our youth affirming their baptism we will also commemorate the 501st anniversary of the reformation. **Please participate in this service by wearing red.** Thank you!

All Saints Sunday—November 4th: This Sunday we will remember the saints, the people who have affected our lives and have died. If you have lost family members or friends since last year's All Saints Sunday that you would like included in the reading of the saints please have their name (with spelling and preferred name, example William or Bill) to the church office by **Monday, October 29th.** There will also be a place in the service for lighting a candle for saints that we remember who have died previously.

October Assisting Ministers:

October 7: Penny Gruetzmacher
October 14: Jim Haeni
October 21: Chad Roehl
October 28: Confirmation Students

October Ushers:

October 7: Brent Tildahl & Devin Freymiller
October 14: Scott Kovarik & Kroening Family
October 21: Bruce & Lisa Voss
October 28: Confirmation Students

October Communion Assistants:

October 7: Penny Gruetzmacher, Gail Nelson, John Schwenn
October 14: Jim Haeni, Mary Heyer,
October 21: Chad Roehl, Vera Maurer, Susie Schaid
October 28: Confirmation Students

October Money Counters:

October 7: John Schwenn & Gail Nelson
October 14: Jim Haeni & Carlene Sensenbrenner
October 21: Arnell Jorgensen & John Schwenn
October 28: Diane Voss & Grace Churchill

November Worship Assistants

November 4: Rick Lottig
November 11: Kristi Reiersen
November 18: WELCA
November 25: Brent Tildahl

November Ushers:

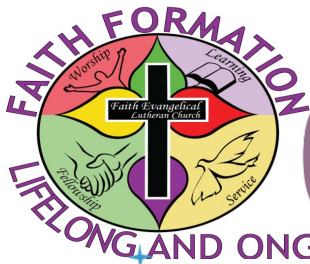
November 4: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht
November 11: Hemmerich Family
November 18: WELCA
November 25: Jim Haeni & Kroening Family

November Communion Assistants:

November 4: Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Jim Haeni
November 11: Chloe Weborg, Devin Freymiller, Gail Nelson
November 18: WELCA
November 25: Brent Tildahl, Susie Schaid, Vera Maurer

November Money Counters:

November 4: Carlene Sensenbrenner & Jim Haeni
November 11: Gail Nelson & John Schwenn
November 18: Arnell Jorgensen & Grace Churchill
November 25: Diane Voss & Jim Haeni



Children & Youth Opportunities



Wednesday Faith Formation

Wednesday, October 3: Faithline:
A Family Faith Formation Opportunity

- ◆ 5:15pm Meal
- ◆ 6:00pm Faithline Family Class with 7th— 12th Grade Discussion
- ◆ 6:45pm Family Worship



Classes will continue weekly on Wednesdays

- 5:15pm Meal
- 6:00pm Classes for Junior kindergarten thru 9th grade
- 6:45pm Family Worship, everyone Welcome!

Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website www.felcwalworth.com



Young Believers

Our choir/drama group for students in 1st- 6th grade, directed by Rachel West.

They meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.

They will share music with us on Sunday, October 21st during worship.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

7th—9th Grade students meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:40pm with Worship at 6:45pm. This year we are focusing on Luther's Small Catechism.

9th Grade students will Affirm their Baptism on Sunday, October 28th during Worship. This service will include youth leadership and family involvement. Congregation members will have the opportunity to hear their faith statements. Following this special service there will be a Reception to celebrate with these youth as they take on the promises of living their lives as Christ's disciples. Please come support our youth in this important faith milestone. **Parents and youth will have a Rehearsal on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:20pm.**



Attention all High School Students:

CHAOS YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, October 21st during the CROP Walk in Williams Bay

More Information Coming Soon by Email

All students grades 9-12 are welcome! Please bring your friends!

Women of the

ELCA



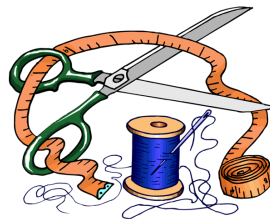
Wednesdays at 9:15am

All women of Faith are invited to share conversations, Christian fellowship and, of course, coffee and goodies. Please join us!



Desserts Need for Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday, October 21st

With the help of a Thrivent Grant we will again be providing a meal at Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Desserts are needed to complete this meal. Please bring desserts to the church on Saturday, October 20th. Those wishing to participate please be prepared to leave at 7:00am on Sunday. Confirmation youth will be joining us again this year.



Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

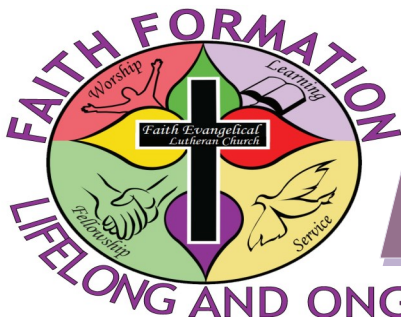
Wine & Word

Wine and Word will meet Monday, November 5 at 7pm.

We are reading the book *Enough: Silencing the Lies that Steal Your Confidence* by Sharon Jaynes.

We will discuss Chapters 6-7 at our November meeting.

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!



Adult Opportunities

Thursdays at 10:00am

Morning Prayer



Hobby & Craft

Group: As adults we often forget the importance of play so on the first and third Tuesdays from 10:00am to noon all are welcome to bring a hobby or craft to work on and coloring pages will be provided. We will begin with a short devotion and the rest of the time will be used for creativity, fellowship and fun. **We will meet on Thursdays October 2nd and 16th.**

The church & criminal justice
Health & health care Genetics
The death penalty Human sexuality

ELCA Social Statements

Church in society Education
Race, ethnicity & culture
Caring for creation Abortion

Third Sunday Adult Study following worship
October 21: Abortion

Thursday, October 25th at Noon

All Age 65 plus INVITED

Senior's Potluck

Bring your favorite dish!

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us

Tuesday, October 23 at 10:00am

Rediscover Macedonia: Generosity

Widow/Widower Potluck: This is not a formal grief or support group, but will offer the opportunity to build relationships with others that have experienced the loss of a spouse. **We will meet on Thursday, October 11th at noon.** Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share.

Community Opportunity



Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter Sausage & Gravy Biscuit Breakfast with REAL Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns and Beverage
Saturday, October 27th from 8:00—10:30am at Chapel on the Hill (N2482 Cisco Road, Lake Geneva)
Adults: \$10 Children 6-10: \$5 Under 6: Free
Tickets available at door or Advanced Sales Call 262-725-2016

Celebrate

October Baptismal Birthdays

12 Timothy Clark
16 Kevin Lee
20 Courtney Roehl
24 Laura Voss

October Birthdays

2 Perry Weborg
6 Lisa Voss
15 Molly Kovarik
25 Joyce Schunk
30 Olivia Haeni

October Wedding Anniversaries

5 Jan & Grace Van Dreser
27 Jim & Rose Haeni



Members: Evie Andersen, Edith Hanstad, Shirley Heyer, Jose Martinez, Kenny Schaid, Helen Van de Bogert, Jan Van Dreser, the family of Cathy Grams, the family of Mary Kay Nordmeyer

Family & Friends of Members: Marques Brugger, Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law of Arnell's), Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel's), Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), Rebecca Greco, Wim Henebiens (Rachel's friend), Kristi Hugunin (Rachel's friend), Steve Jacobson, (Angie's cousin), Miles Kadlec, Bruce Lewis, Marissa Max (Connelly's friend), Rick Montag (Kris' brother), Jean Null & family, Kay & Mike O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister and brother-in-law), Mike Palmer, Aria Perce (Rachel's friend), Kaitlyn Vegter (classmate of Clark boys), Dr. Katarzyna Zaremba, Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bishop Vivane Thomas Breinfeld & the synod staff, all victims of violence, all service men & women

To report any changes or additions call 275-3445 or email secretary@felcwalworth.com

LOOKING AHEAD....

Sunday, October 7th: LWR Quilt and Kits Dedication

Sunday, October 14th: CROP Walk Special Offering

Sunday, October 21st: Young Believers and Rainbow Singers and students Receiving Bibles; CROP Walk in the afternoon in Williams Bay

Sunday, October 28th: Affirmation of Baptism with Reception

Sunday, November 4th: All Saints Sunday with naming of saints

Sunday, November 18th: WELCA Thankoffering Service and Pie Social

Sunday, December 16th: Young Believers

Sunday, December 23rd: Mini Choir Contata

Monday, December 24th: 5pm Family Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 30th: Lessons & Carols Service and 5th Sunday Potluck Brunch

Sunday, January 6th: Epiphany Program

Congregational Resource Team SCSW-ELCA

Advocates for Healthy Mission

Interview Process Outline

The FELC Church Council has voted to participate in the Congregational Resource Team Interview Process. This process has proven to be an excellent way to hear the thoughts of individuals in the congregation as a tool toward moving ahead more fully engaged in the mission to which Christ calls the church and each of us as God's people. The process promotes a thoughtful approach in pondering the climate of the congregation without asking leading questions, which often prompt "expected" answers. The interview process is conducted in fifteen-minute increments with six pre-selected people from the congregation as well as the pastor and church council president. The congregational representatives should speak for as wide a spectrum of the congregation as possible in order for the team to form a balanced report document. Individuals participating in the process should be faithful in their attendance at worship. The formula for choosing individuals to be interviewed is the following:

2 persons chosen by the church council

2 persons chosen by the pastor

2 persons chosen together by the church council and pastor

For the interview process, the five questions are:

What is this congregation's purpose?

What gets in the way of that purpose?

What works well here now?

What else do you think we need to know?

How do you think this congregation will be doing in 5 (10) years?

The interview process team from the synod will include Rev. Steve Kottke and two listeners who will take thorough notes throughout the evening. The two team members who have served as the listeners for the interviews will each draft his/her own interview outline. Finally, the two interview outlines will serve as the basis for the team's action report, which is brought back to the council for reading, questions, and a discussion of the congregational work with the team. Future meetings may be scheduled at the invitation of the pastor and church council.

Finally, others in the congregation who wish to participate in the interview process may respond to the five questions and send responses to Rev. Steve Kottke (stevek@scsw-elca.org). Pre-addressed envelopes are available for your convenience.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Monthly Financial Report August 31, 2018

Cash Received:

From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$5,625	
From Dividends/Interest	0	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>665</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$6,290

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses*	\$8,954	
Synod Benevolence	0	*Will be caught up next month
Committees	71	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>22</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>9,047</u>

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)	(2,757)
Cash Balance, August 1, 2018	<u>17,180</u>
Cash Balance, August 31, 2018	14,423
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash	<u>(24,322)</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance, August 31, 2018	(9,899)

* Includes changes in non-cash assets, current liabilities, and restricted transfers

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (as of August 31, 2018) **	76,991	76,745

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance , August 1, 2018	23,679
New Dedicated	
Schaid Memorial (Coffee And...)	(22)
WELCA (Reimbursement)	89
Projection System (Rummage Sale Proceeds)	<u>576</u>
Total Change in Dedicated	<u>643</u>
Balance, August 31, 2018	24,322