



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,

It has been amazing to serve as your pastor over past three years! Together we have explored what it means to be God's children called together in this time and place and sent out into the world to share God's love with others. It has been amazing to journey with you as we created an identity with a mission and vision statement that points us forward in ministry. In this time we have seen many children nurtured and loved as they have grown in their faith. From baptisms, faith formation, confirmation, and graduation we have experienced these young disciples facing the hard realities of this world and finding their faith there. I can't begin to describe the emotions I felt as Adalynn, Amanda and Matt shared their faith statements during their Affirmation of Baptism. To have walked with these young people through their struggles and to hear and know of their convictions now is truly amazing.

Together we have journeyed through many deaths and live into the hope of resurrection. I have been welcomed in your homes and the difficult times in your lives. We have rung bells, fed the hungry, served our neighbor and cared for the world God made. I have seen God in you and I hope that I have shown you the same. As I prepare to say goodbye as your pastor know that I will always carry you in my heart and I will pray for you and your ministry. Your impact on me and my family will never be forgotten. I truly believe that while our ministries will be happening in different locations, God is turning our world upside down and our actions have rippling affects beyond what we can imagine!

While my ministry at FELC as your pastor is coming to an end my time in this community is not immediately ending and I hope that our friendship can extend beyond my service here. The ELCA has guidelines in place for this to happen in ways that are healthy for you, me and your future pastor. Below is the Congregational Ethics: Members Relating to Former Pastor to help with this.

Congregational members make and maintain loving and caring relationships with their pastors and their family members. Within the realm of friendship it is appropriate to continue such relationships. Hospitality is always proper. It is not appropriate to engage them in discussions or to seek their advice concerning congregational matters or the current pastor.

The title of "Pastor" is appropriate for the person who has been called to your congregation. While that person serves you it is appropriate to address him/her by "Pastor." Once that person

ceases to hold the congregational office of pastor, all the responsibilities of that office are removed from him/her and the title of pastor is no longer appropriate to use for that person. Technically, they are still "Reverend" and are still a clergy person, but not your pastor.

The members should not turn to a former pastor at emotional and ceremonial times with expectations that the person will perform any pastoral acts, i.e. weddings, funerals, baptisms, home communions, etc. What is important at these times is that we know God is with us and blesses us. We are baptized children of God. We each have a relationship with God. The challenge is to indeed trust God and God's presence in our lives. These times are special opportunities to allow the called pastor to minister to you and, thereby, build relationship with you.

Whether it is a pastor who has been called by the congregation or an interim under contract, it is the responsibility of each member to love them, forgive them, and to turn to them for pastoral leadership. The concern of not knowing, or being known, by the "new" pastor is each member's responsibility to address.

Pastoral ministry is grounded in the relationship between the people and the pastor. Unfortunately, in our sinfulness, this relationship occasionally ends in discord. It is appropriate for the people through the congregation council to give to the Bishop a reflection of concerns. It is equally important that the congregation be reflective and honest about its part in the brokenness. It is vital that the congregation seek out the proper care and healing to better ensure healthier choices, relationships, and behaviors in the future. Unrealistic and diverse expectations are at the heart of most congregational conflict, if there are difficulties, your synod staff can assist you with appropriate resources.

When the clergy person leaves in the midst of conflict, it is inappropriate to continue to speak negatively about the former pastor and diminish the possibility of that one moving forward in a new ministry relationship. The challenge is found in Luther's word, "but defend him/ (her), speak well of him/ (her), and put the best construction on everything" (The Small Catechism, 8th Commandment)

Shalom, *Pastor Elizabeth*

WORSHIP



November Worship SCHEDULE



November Worship Assistants

November 4: Rick Lottig
November 11: Kristi Reierson
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

December Worship Assistants:

December 2: Penny Gruetzmacher
December 9: Jim Haeni
December 16: Chad Roehl
December 23: Rick Lottig
Monday, December 24: Kristi Reierson
December 30: Lessons & Carols Service

December Ushers:

December 2: Bode Tuchscherer & Brent Tildahl
December 9: Devin Freymiller & John Schwenn
December 16: Chloe Weborg & Jim Haeni
December 23: Brent Tildahl & Bruce & Lisa Voss
Monday, December 24: Hayer/Kovarik Family
December 30: Lessons & Carols Service

December Communion Assistants:

December 2: Penny Gruetzmacher, John Schwenn & Susie Schaid
December 9: Jim Haeni, Chloe Weborg & Lynn Lottig
December 16: Chad Roehl, Gail Nelson & Devin Freymiller
December 23: Rick Lottig, Vera Maurer & John Schwenn
Monday, December 24: Mary Heyer, Brent Tildahl & John Schwenn
December 30: NO Communion

Sunday, November 4: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY using ELW Setting 8 and featuring a litany of saints and Choir singing

Sunday, November 11: Farewell and God Speed to Pastor Elizabeth, Josh, Xander, Nico and Kenzie using ELW Setting 8 and featuring WaterLife

Sunday, November 18: Lay Service: WELCA ThankOffering Worship with Pie Social following

Sunday, November 25: Christ the King Lay Service: Christ Through the Seasons

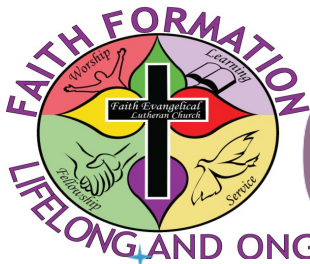


TRANSITION



The Church Council met with Rev. Steve Kottke, Assistant to the Bishop on Wednesday, October 31st to discuss the transition. The decision was made to have lay lead services on November 18th and 25th. Pastor Kottke is discussing Pulpit Supply with a local retired clergy member for the month of December, including Christmas Eve. An interim pastor will begin in the new year. Local clergy are also being contacted by the council to provide Emergency Coverage through this time.

If you are in need of Emergency Pastoral Care please contact the church office at 262.275.3445 and the office will contact the planned coverage person.



Children & Youth Opportunities



Wednesday Faith Format

Wednesday, November 7: Faithline: A Family Faith Formation Opportunity

- ◆ 5:15pm Meal
- ◆ 6:00pm Faithline Family Class with 7th - 12th Grade Discussion Topic: Opening parts of Worship (Greeting, Kyrie, and Hymn of Praise)
- ◆ 6:45pm Family Worship



Classes will continue weekly on Wednesdays

- 5:15pm Meal
- 6:00pm Classes for age 2.5 thru 8th Grade
- 6:45pm Family Worship, everyone Welcome!

Please note there are **No Faith Activities on Wednesday, November 21.** Happy Thanksgiving!

YOUNG DISCIPLES

7th & 8th Grade students meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:40pm with Worship at 6:45pm. This year they are focusing on Luther's Small Catechism. Kristi Reiersen will be teaching this group during the pastoral transition time. **There is NO Confirmation or Worship on Wednesday, November 21st.** Happy Thanksgiving!



Adults have time to shop and prep for Christmas in Peace

Children get to prepare presents in His Presence.

Saturday, December 1 from 10am-3pm

\$5 per child in grades 4K - 6th Grade

Includes lunch and 4 homemade crafts that can be used as gifts. RSVP to Rebecca Roehl, education @felcwalworth.com, by Sunday, November 18.



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, December 16th during worship.



CHAOS YOUTH GROUP

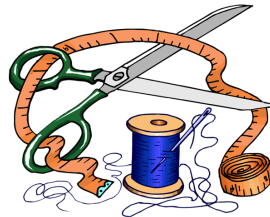
CHAOS 9th-12th grade Youth Group will meet on Sunday, November 18 from 5-6:30pm Join us for snacks, discussion, and games.

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!



Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship



Desserts Need for Hephatha Lutheran Church Sunday, December 23rd

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, December 22nd. Those wishing to participate please be prepared to leave at 7:00am on Sunday.

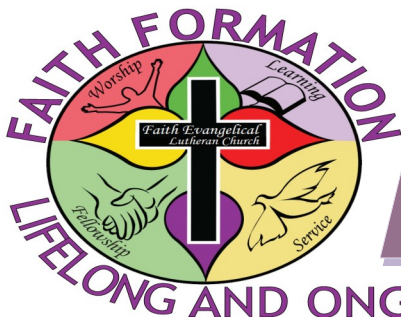


Wine and Word will meet Monday, November 5 at 7pm.

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

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
 November 18th: The Death Penalty**

Thursday, November 29th at Noon
All Age 65 plus INVITED

Senior's
Potluck
 Bring your favorite dish!



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, November 11th at noon.** Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share.



Community Opportunities



Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive
Friday, Nov. 30 & Dec. 7

RING THE BELL! For the Salvation Army. Volunteers are needed to fill the one hour time slots from 9:00 a.m.-

6:00 p.m. Families, Individuals, Couples, Friends are encourage to help with this service opportunity in our community. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.



Geneva Lake Manor is hosting a complimentary meal for all Veterans of Walworth County on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11. Opening ceremonies begin at 3 p.m., dinner will be

served from 4-7 p.m. Volunteers are needed! Please call Diane Morrison at 262-248-3145 to make a reservation or to volunteer. See flyer posted in Gathering Space for more information.

Celebrate

November Baptismal Birthdays

6 Jonathan Clark
14 Chris Lee
27 Molly Kovarik

November Birthdays

1 Gavin Volbrecht
1 Morgan Volbrecht
2 Bill Clark
2 Bruce Voss
11 Nicolas Lee
11 Mackenzie Lee

November Wedding Anniversaries

10 Tom & Gail Connelly



Members: Evie Andersen, Edith Hanstad, Shirley Heyer, Jose Martinez, Helen Van de Bogert, Jan Van Dreser, the family of Kenneth Schaid 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 Breitfeld & the synod staff, all victims of violence, all service men & women

LOOKING AHEAD....

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

Sunday, November 11th: Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Elizabeth and her family

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

Sunday, November 25th: Lay Service: Christ the King Through the Year

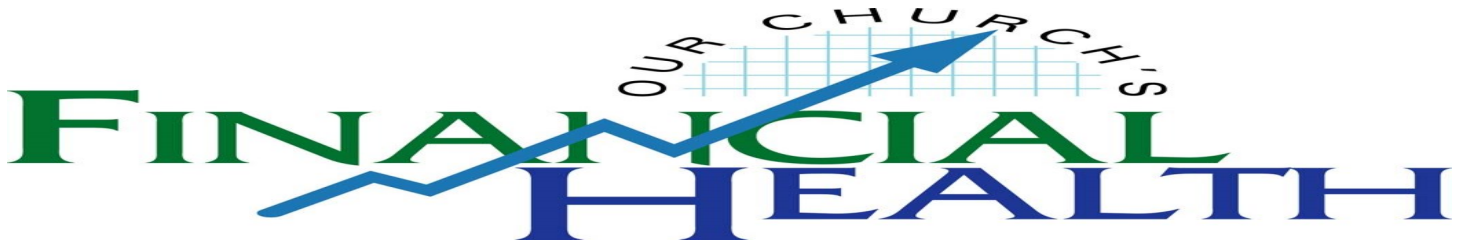
Sunday, December 16th: Young Believers Sing During Worship

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



**Monthly Financial Report
September 30, 2018**

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$11,294	
From Dividends/Interest	783	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>5</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$12,082
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$13,552	
Synod Benevolence	1,552	
Committees	(81)	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>2,124</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>17,147</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(5,065)
Cash Balance, September 1, 2018		<u>14,426</u>
Cash Balance, September 30, 2018		9,361
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>(22,203)</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance, September 30, 2018		<u>(12,842)</u>

* 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 September 30, 2018) **	86,378	88,039

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance , September 1, 2018		24,322
New Dedicated		
Mission Investment Recovery	5	
Member Synod Benevolence	(415)	
National Youth Gathering	(1,583)	
Expense Reimbursements	<u>(126)</u>	
Total Change in Dedicated		<u>(2,119)</u>
Balance , September 30, 2018		22,203