



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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To all members of Faith and our Faith friends,

As you most likely know, Faith Lutheran is once again in a time of transition. Pastor Elizabeth's final day with us was November 11th, and she has begun her new position as associate pastor at Cross Lutheran in Burlington. We now start our journey toward a new pastor. It is a road we have been down before, but it is still a process. Indications are that it will take several months to complete.

In the meantime, life at Faith goes on. Our annual stewardship program has taken on added significance. More than ever, Faith needs the support of each and every one of us in a variety of ways.

First, we need your prayers to help Faith remain strong and meaningful. We are of course first of all a church. Prayer and worshipping together must be our foundation.

Second, the importance of everyone's presence at Sunday worship and other activities during the week cannot be overstated. Your voice in song, assistance in activities, taking communion together, and the sharing of the peace with others, creates fellowship and helps to bring God's presence to all.

Third, the continued and *additional* support of your financial treasures is needed for Faith to continue its ministry. The harsh reality is that we, like all churches,

need money to operate – money so that we can provide Christian education for our youth, give comfort to those in need, give hope for those in despair and spread the Good News of God's promise of Eternal Life. Please prayerfully consider making a generous financial pledge. We need a commitment from everyone to be able to plan. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider doing so. Most people have personal financial plans based upon their income. The church needs the same thing, but without everyone pledging, the church's planning becomes guesswork.

Fourth, we need your input. Let us know what is important to you. Four Church Council positions need to be filled. Can you serve Faith in that way? Help at Faith Formation (formerly CEC) is always welcomed. Ushers and communion assistants are needed. Can you provide treats for Coffee And...? Spring, summer and fall planting, weeding, watering and lawn mowing help is appreciated. Step up where you can. You'll be glad you did.

Your help and involvement at Faith in multiple ways is more important than ever. Please consider answering the call both financially and in some other way as well.

2018 Stewardship Team,
Rick Lottig, Tracy Volbrecht, Tyler Miller, John Schwenn, Brent Tildahl



Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent using ELW Setting 8 and the lighting of the Advent candle.

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent using ELW Setting 8, the lighting of the Advent candle and featuring WaterLife.

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent using ELW Setting 8, the lighting of the Advent candle and featuring Young Believers.

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent using ELW Setting 8, the lighting of the Advent candle and featuring the Senior Choir Cantata.

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Family Service at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 30: Lessons and Carols Service

Sunday, January 6: Epiphany Program featuring all students from Wednesday evening Faith Formation



We will be using Pulpit Supply for the month of December. The synod office is continuing to look for an interim pastor who will begin in the new year.

If you are in need of Emergency Pastoral Care, please contact the church office at 262.275.3445 or Gail Connelly on her cell phone at 414.218.3498 and she will contact the planned coverage person.

December Worship Assistants:

- December 2: Kristi Reiersen
- December 9: Jim Haeni
- December 16: Chad Roehl
- December 23: Rick Lottig
- Monday, December 24: Kristi Reiersen
- 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: Heyer/Kovarik Family
- December 30: Lessons & Carols Service

December Communion Assistants:

- December 2: Lynn Lottig, 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

December Counters:

- December 2: Jim Haeni & Carlene Sensenbrenner
- December 9: Arnell Jorgensen & Grace Churchill
- December 16: Jim Haeni & John Schwenn
- December 23: Arnell Jorgensen & John Schwenn
- December 30: Jim Haeni & Carlene Sensenbrenner

January Worship Assistants:

- January 6: Epiphany Program
- January 13: Penny Gruetzmacher
- January 20: Chad Roehl
- January 27: Kristi Reiersen

January Ushers:

- January 6: Epiphany Program
- January 13: Kroening Family, Chloe Weborg
- January 20: Terry Schaid, Jim Haeni, Bruce & Lisa Voss
- January 27: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn, Bruce & Lisa Voss

January Communion Assistants:

- January 6: Epiphany Program NO Communion
- January 13: Penny Gruetzmacher, Sue Schaid, Devin Freymiller
- January 20: Chad Roehl, John Schwenn, Lynn Lottig
- January 27: Chloe Weborg, Mary Heyer, Vera Maurer



Children & Youth Opportunities



Wednesday Faith Formation

No Faithline: Family Faith Formation Class in December

Regular Wednesday Faith Formation classes will continue weekly throughout December. We will spend our time preparing for our Epiphany program on January 6.

Wednesday Faith Formation Schedule:

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

No Faith Formation activities, or worship, on Wednesday, December 26.

Wednesday, January 2—Dress Rehearsal
Faith Formation begins at 4:30 for all students.



Young Believers

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

They meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.

Don't miss the Young Believers as they share the song, *One Thing Remains* during worship on December 16.



Confirmation Classes

7th & 8th Grade students meet on Wednesday nights during Faith Formation class time. The focus of this year's lessons is Luther's Small Catechism. Kristi Reiersen will be teaching this group during the pastoral transition time.

There is NO Confirmation or Worship on Wednesday, December 26.



CHAOS YOUTH GROUP

December 9: Multi-church youth social 4-7pm at Elkhorn Area High School Agility Center

December 15: Cookie Decorating 1-6pm at Faith

December 16: Cookie Distribution

Let us help with your Holiday Baking



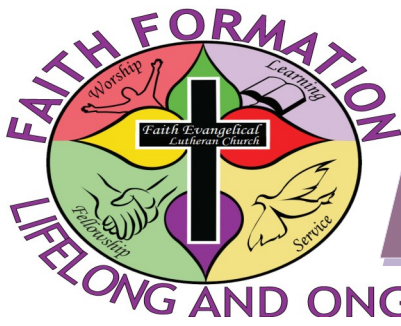
The Youth are once again and selling Christmas cut-out cookies. All proceeds will go towards the CHAOS Youth Group for meetings, events, and trips.

\$7 per frosted dozen

\$6 per un-frosted dozen

Order forms in the gathering space. Please have your order in no later than Sunday, December 9.

You can also email Rebecca at education@felcwalworth.com with your order.



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
December 16: Caring for Creation**



There will be no Senior Potluck in December. Monthly potlucks will resume on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

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 not meet in December. Our next gathering will be January 10. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share.

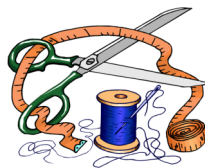


Women of the ELCA



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

Resumes in January

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship



Holiday Supper & Concert

All women of Faith are invited to a holiday supper at 6 p.m. on **December 10** followed by the music department concert at Big Foot High School at 7 p.m.



Wine and Word will meet Monday, December 3 at 7pm.

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

We will discuss Chapters 8-10 at our December meeting.

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!

You Can Help

- ◇ Lutheran Disaster Response has begun addressing immediate needs, including providing food and necessities to survivors of the California wildfires. They are also preparing to help with rebuilding structures and providing emotional and spiritual care. They can use your prayers and financial support.

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116

Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check memo line.

- ◇ Molly Kovarik is looking for support. She is traveling with Eastern University Women's Soccer team to do mission work in Medellin, Columbia. Through religion and soccer they work to build meaningful relationships. Please consider supporting her if you are able. Take a moment to look over the letter from Molly in the gathering space for more information. Checks should be made payable to "Eastern University Women's Soccer" with "Colombia Trip 2019" written in the memo line. Send to:

Eastern University Women's Soccer

Attn: Brandon West

1300 Eagle Road

St. David's, PA 19087



From the Big Foot Area Emergency Food Pantry 2018 Yearly Report:

We averaged 86 families a month, [but] we serviced 260 different families [throughout the year].... What we usually see is a family that has hit a speed bump and comes to us for help. After a fairly short period of time they get back on their feet and we just don't see them again. Your donations are working as intended. We could not do that without the incredible support we continue to get from so many organizations, schools, clubs, businesses, churches, and individuals. Thank you all! That includes our hard-working dedicated volunteers. It's a team and community effort you should all be proud of. We truly live in a very special area.

-Jack Meredith

Collection basket for the Food Pantry can still be found in the gathering space. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.



- ◆ Church decorating is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 at noon. Contact Lisa Voss (262-325-8855) if you can help.
- ◆ We will be providing a meal at Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Desserts are needed for this meal. Please bring desserts to the church on Saturday, December 22nd. Those wishing to help serve at Hephatha please be prepared to leave at 7:00am on Sunday, Dec. 23.
- ◆ Students from our Faith Formation Classes continue to assist at the Big Foot Area Emergency Food Pantry on the first Wednesday of every month.
- ◆ WELCA made Gifts of Gratitude and collected a special thankoffering to help local projects.

Thank You

Thank you to all the people of FAITH who helped with the homeless shelter last month. A special thank you to the following:

- * The Confirmation class for the delicious evening meal
- * Brent Tildahl and John Schwenn for the overnight care
- * Voss family for a delicious breakfast.

The Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter appreciates your generous support and caring.

Thank you to all the lay leadership who have stepped up to help during this time of transition. Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is a true community of believers, and we could not do it without each and every one of you.

Celebrate

December Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Voss
- 2 Emily Schaid
- 2 T.J. Schaid
- 15 Bruce Voss

December Birthdays

- 4 Brent Tildahl
- 7 Karl Nelson
- 9 Barb Weborg
- 12 Claude Nelson
- 15 Marissa Kovarik
- 31 Lindsay Roehl

December Wedding Anniversaries

- 22 Brent & Karla Tildahl



Members: Evie Andersen, Shirley Heyer, 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

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

MOVING FORWARD....

Please take time during the month of December, to fill out a Membership Information Form. We are in the process of updating our records and need your current information. Thank you.

Starting in January we will be updating prayer requests monthly. Please send prayer requests to the church office by the 20th of the month (newsletter deadline). Prayer requests will appear in the newsletter and Sunday insert for one month. This will allow for prayer requests to be current and up-to-date. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

Monthly Financial Report October 31, 2018

Cash Received:

From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$6,907	
From Dividends/Interest	2,850	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>540</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$10,297

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses*	\$17,630	
Synod Benevolence	776	
Committees	924	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>201</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>19,531</u>

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid) (9,234)

Cash Balance, October 1, 2018 9,361

Cash Balance, October 31, 2018 127

Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash (22,542)

Unrestricted Cash Balance, October 31, 2018 (22,415)

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Year to Date Information

	Budget	Actual
From Members to General Fund (as of October 31, 2018) *	95,765	94,946

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, October 1, 2018		22,203
New Dedicated		
Schaid Memorial (Music)	(48)	
Crop Walk (received and paid \$153)	0	
Mission Investment Recovery	260	
Expense Reimbursements	<u>127</u>	
Total Change in Dedicated		<u>(339)</u>
Balance, October 31, 2018		22,542