



# 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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## Message from Pastor

Hello to the saints at Faith Lutheran!

As a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America I just accepted the assignment of being your interim pastor. Although this will be a "part time" assignment I look forward to meeting each of you in the next few months. To begin this relationship let me share a bit of information about me.

After 42 years of ministry in which I served four different congregations, I retired in 2013. I then moved to Elkhorn to join my wife of 47 years, Peggy, who retired early that year. We are proud parents of Matthew who is married to Marissa, they have two kids, Enzo and Giuliana and live in Chicago; and Lynn who is married to Craig, they have one daughter Kalia and live in Cypress Texas. Since our retirement Peggy and I have been active supporters of Lutherdale Bible camp which is very near our home. I have also served the church as a supply pastor (filling in on Sundays when pastor is gone) and a bridge pastor (filling in during periods between interim pastor and newly called pastor's arrival.). We are members of Sugar Creek Lutheran in rural Elkhorn. Actually Peggy is the real member there since last year I "filled in" at 17 different congregations for 34 Sundays . Peggy is an avid quilter and is an active member of SCLC sewing group, choir and bell choir. Unfortunately I have no hobbies but am an avid Packer, Brewer and Badger fan and go to lots of high school athletic events.

I will try to make myself available to you but you can help in that effort by seeking me out on Sunday or week days. Early in January my contact information will be posted along with times I will be open to visits. I will also begin a series of open ended questions where we will look at what needs to be in the future of Faith Lutheran. I see my primary role in this interim is to serve you as "pastor" and prepare you for the calling of your next resident pastor.

Karl Otto





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

**Sunday, January 13:** First Sunday after Epiphany, Jesus' Baptism using ELW Setting 8 and featuring WaterLife.

**Sunday, January 20:** Second Sunday after Epiphany using ELW Setting 8 .

**Sunday, January 27:** Third Sunday after Epiphany using ELW Setting 8 featuring the Young Believers, followed by the Annual Meeting after worship.



**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.**

**January Worship Assistants:**

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

**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: Kristi Reiersen, John Schwenn, Lynn Lottig  
January 27: Chad Roehl, Mary Heyer, Vera Maurer

**January Counters:**

January 6: Arnell Jorgensen, Grace Churchill  
January 13: Jim Haeni, John Schwenn  
January 20: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
January 27: Jim Haeni, Carlene Sensenbrenner

**February Worship Assistants:**

February 3: Rick Lottig  
February 10: Jim Haeni  
February 17: Penny Gruetzmacher  
February 24: Chad Roehl

**February Ushers:**

February 3: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich family  
February 10: Scott Kovarik, Mary Heyer, Brent Tildahl  
February 17: Kroening family  
February 24: Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss, Jim Haeni

**February Communion Assistants:**

February 3: Rick & Lynn Lottig, John Schwenn  
February 10: Jim Haeni, Chloe Weborg, Vera Maurer  
February 17: Penny Gruetzmacher, Devin Freymiller, Susie Schaid  
February 24: Chad Roehl, Mary Heyer, Gail Nelson

**February Counters:**

February 3: Jim Haeni, John Schwenn  
February 10: Arnell Jorgensen, Grace Churchill  
February 17: Jim Haeni, Carlene Sensenbrenner  
February 24: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn



# Children & Youth Opportunities



## Children's Faith Formation Epiphany Program

Sunday, January 6 9:00am Worship

Join us as the children share their knowledge of Christmas and the Epiphany through skits and music.

## Wednesday Faith Formation

**Wednesday, January 2**

**\*\*Dress Rehearsal\*\***

Faith Formation begins at 4:30 for all students.

## Faithline: Family Faith Formation Class

Wednesday, January 9

Topic: Creed

Meal at 5:15pm

Class at 6:00pm

Family Class and

7th-12th grade Class

Worship at 6:45pm



Regular Wednesday Faith Formation classes will continue weekly

January 16-30.

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 evening activities or worship on Wednesday, February 6.**

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.

**There is NO Confirmation or Worship on Wednesday, February 6.**



## CHAOS YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 20: 5:00-7:00pm  
Monthly CHAOS meeting  
Snacks, Games, and  
Conversation

February 10 4pm: Multi-church  
Youth Group Social here at  
Faith Lutheran

## Young Believers

Choir/drama group for students in 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade, directed by Rachel West.



**They meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.**

Don't miss the Young Believers as they share their musical talents in worship on January 27.

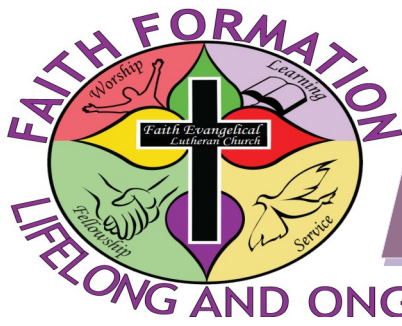
**There will be no Young Believers practice on Wed. Jan 9.**

## Food, Fun, and Friends

Wednesday, February 6 10:00-3:00

All 1st-6th graders welcome!





# Adult Opportunities

## Third Sunday Adult Study following worship

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

### ELCA Social Statements

January 20: Caring for Creation  
 February 17: Race, Ethnicity and Culture

## 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.

Our next gathering will be at noon on Thursday, January 10. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share.



January—Judi Gorges

February — Tracy Volbrecht

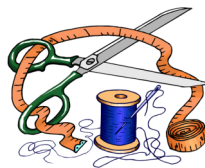


The next senior potluck is at noon on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Come join us for good food and good conversation!

# 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 on January 9

Join us for *Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship*



**Wine and Word** will meet Monday, January 7 at 7pm.

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

We will discuss Chapters 11-13 at our January meeting.

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!

# You Can Help



Join the Movement...  
**STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
Call Emergency Hotline:  
888-373-7888  
[www.jtme.org](http://www.jtme.org)  
Join the Movement Events, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

**Join the Movement!**  
We will welcome our local community leaders to discuss human trafficking, sexual assault, dating safety, and internet safety. We will then welcome a panel of those that are actively working to stop human trafficking and eliminate sexual assault in our community for a question and answer forum. Local agencies will be available to discuss resources.

Thursday, January 10, 2019 6 —9 pm  
Elkhorn High School Auditorium

**Stop Human Trafficking**  
**Eliminate Sexual Assault**

**Join the Movement!**  
**Stop Human Trafficking**

**Join Sugar Creek Lutheran Church and several local agencies for this event!**

**Thursday, January 10**

**6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Elkhorn High School Auditorium**

**FREE event!**

**For more information:**

**Dawn Heath**

**(262) 374-1491**

**or email: [dtheath16@gmail.com](mailto:dtheath16@gmail.com)**

**Register for this FREE event:**

**<http://bit.ly/JTMElkhorn19>**

- ◇ 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 "Columbia Trin 2019" written in the memo line. Send to:



Eastern University Women's Soccer

Attn: Brandon West

1300 Eagle Road

St. David's, PA 19087

## **BIG FOOT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

We are continuing to collect donations for our local food pantry. You may place items in the basket in the gathering space.





- ◆ The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, January 27 following worship.
- ◆ Students from our Faith Formation Classes continue to assist at the Big Foot Area Emergency Food Pantry on the first Wednesday of every month.
- ◆ Several members assisted with the visit to Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Drop N Shop date. It was a big success. We had 13 children here making gifts for family and friends.

Special thanks to Nancy Lee for all her work and to Arnell, Mary, Olivia, Marissa, Amanda, and Adalynn for helping that day!

Thank you to Arnell Jorgensen, Vera Maurer and Gail Nelson for preparing the meal for the members of Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season, especially Lisa Voss. It looks wonderful!

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

## January Baptismal Birthdays

1 Brent Tildahl  
18 Don Shunk  
26 Dan Christensen  
26 Marissa Kovarik  
27 Claude Nelson  
30 Olivia Haeni

## January Birthdays

3 Holly Kynell  
4 Joyce Forsythe  
22 Nancy Lee  
23 Brody Kynell

## January Wedding Anniversaries



### **Members:**

### **Family & Friends of Members:**

**To report any changes or additions call 275-3445 or email [secretary@felcwalworth.com](mailto:secretary@felcwalworth.com)**

**Members:** Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, Helen Van de Bogert, Van de Bogert, Jan Van Dreser,

**Family & Friends of Members:** The family of Ellen Fischer, Kay O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister), Mike O'Toole (Strehlow's brother-in-law), Rick Montag (Kris Strehlow's brother), Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law of Arnell's), Tom Fredrick (Stephanie Freimund's father), Steve Jacobson (Angie Kynell's cousin), Kristi Hugunin (friend of Rachel's), all service men & women, Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bruce Lewis, Mike Palmer, Jean Null & family, Rebecca Greco, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel's), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld & the synod staff, Wim Henebiens & Aria Pierce (friends of Rachel), Marissa Max (friend of Connelly's), Miles Kadlec, all victims of violence

## 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**