



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!

Some of my friends in the ministry are not Lutheran! Rex (American Baptist) and Corey (Church of Christ) began our friendship as pastors in the same neighborhood. But, quickly our friendship became more than that, we became "brothers in Christ". We laughed and cried together and shared our personal struggles. What a joy it is even now when we are miles apart and talk only on Facebook.

I bring this up since January 20 begins The Week of Christian Unity. This often overlooked time is designed to get Christians to talk with other Christians who do not belong to the same congregation or denomination. During this week we remember what Jesus prayed about as recorded in the gospel of John chapter 17, "*that they (Christians) may be one as we are one... so that others may come to believe*". So celebrate with me and your friends, "*your siblings in Christ*" as our bishop likes to say it, that we do share a treasure, our faith in Christ. Listen to them and learn from them the rich diversity there is in Christ's body in the world.

See you in church,
Pastor Otto





Sunday, February 3: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 10: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, using ELW Setting 8 and featuring WaterLife.

Sunday, February 17: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany using ELW Setting 8 . Youth led worship, Young Believers skit and song, Rainbow singers song

Sunday, February 24 : Seventh Sunday after Epiphany using ELW Setting 8

Choir Schedule

February 3: 8am rehearsal (no anthem)

February 17: 8am rehearsal

February 24: 8am rehearsal

March 3: 8am rehearsal

(anthem: *How Deep the Father's Love*)

March 6 Ash Wed.: 6:30pm rehearsal

(anthem: *I Need Thee Every Hour*)

HELP IS NEEDED

9 volunteers are needed each Sunday to assist with various parts of worship. We are in need of worship assistants, communion assistants, ushers and counters. Will you help? Please contact Gail Connelly via secretary@felcwalworth.com

February Worship Assistants:

February 3: Rick Lottig

February 10: Kristi Reierson

February 17: Youth Led Service

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,

February Communion Assistants:

February 3: Rick & Lynn Lottig, John Schwenn

February 10: Gail Nelson, Chloe Weborg, Vera Maurer

February 17: No communion

February 24: Chad Roehl, Mary Heyer, Gail Nelson

February Counters:

February 3: John Schwenn

February 10: Arnell Jorgensen, Grace Churchill

February 17: Carlene Sensenbrenner

February 24: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn

March Worship Assistants:

March 3: Rick Lottig

March 10: Barb Weborg

March 17: Chad Roehl

March 24: Kristi Reierson

March 31: Brent Tildahl

March Ushers:

March 3: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, Kris & Kevin Strehlow, John Schwenn

March 10: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family

March 17: Brent Tildahl, Scott Kovarik, Mary Heyer

March 24: Kroening Family

March 31: Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss

March Communion Assistants:

March 3: Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Vera Maurer

March 10: Barb Weborg, Chloe Weborg, Devin Freymiller

March 17: Chad Roehl, John Schwenn, Mary Heyer

March 24: Gail Nelson, Karen Martinez, Susie Schaid

March 31: Brent Tildahl, Vera Maurer, Lynn Lottig

March Counters:

March 3: Arnell Jorgensen & John Schwenn

March 10: Grace Churchill & Carlene Sensenbrenner

March 17: John Schwenn & Grace Churchill

March 24: Arnell Jorgensen & Carlene Sensenbrenner

March 31: John Schwenn & Grace Churchill



Children & Youth Opportunities

Food, Fun, and Friends

Wednesday, February 6
10am-3pm

Lunch Included (\$3 suggested donation)
All 4K-8th graders are welcome to join us on your day off for some food, fun, and friends.

If there is snow bring your snow gear for sledding. Plan on a service activity (possibly at the Food Pantry) and other fun!



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.

Wednesday Faith Formation

No Faith Formation evening activities or worship on Wednesday, February 6.

Faithline: Family Faith Formation Class

Wednesday, February 13
Topic: Prayers of the church and Offering

Meal at 5:15pm

Class at 6:00pm

Family Class and
7th-12th grade Class

Worship at 6:45pm



CHAOS YOUTH GROUP

February 10 4-7pm: Multi-church Youth Group Social here at Faith Lutheran

Invite all your friends :)

CHAOS will not meet Sunday, February 17

Regular Wednesday Faith Formation classes will continue weekly

February 20-27.

Wednesday Faith Formation Schedule:

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

Young Believers

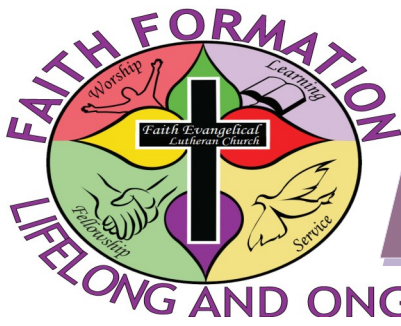


Choir/drama group for students in 1st- 6th grade, directed by Rachel West.

They meet on Wednesdays at 4:30pm.

Don't miss the Young Believers as they share their musical talents and drama skills in worship on February 17.





Adult Opportunities

Third Sunday Adult Study following worship

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

ELCA Social Statements

February 17: **Race, Ethnicity and Culture**
 March 17: **Peace**

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, February 14. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share.

LEAD 2019 - Get Ready!

Saturday, March 9 - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Location: Evangelical Lutheran Church
 315 Main Street - Mount Horeb

Leadership Education and Development Day
 Theme: Building Beloved Community

Opportunities for any and all leaders of our church.
 Register at: <https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2019>

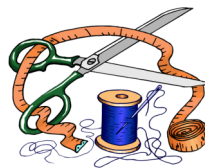


The next senior potluck is at noon on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Come join us for good food and good conversation!

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
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

WELCA Quarterly Meeting: Sunday, February 10



Wine and Word will meet Monday, February 4 at 7pm.

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

We will finish the discussion on this book with Chapters 14-15.

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!



February — Tracy Volbrecht

March — Lisa Voss & Rochelle Freymiller

You Can Help

Male Chaperone Needed

What: Weekend Confirmation Retreat at Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI

When: Friday, March 15 7pm - Sunday, March 17 10am

Why: To enrich the faith of our Confirmation students and yourself

Contact Rebecca if you are interested: education@felcwalworth.com

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED AT THE SYNOD OFFICE!

Regular Volunteer work at the Synod Office: Your synod is looking for people who are available and able to donate the precious gift of their time to help with general office work. This could be an ongoing volunteer spot of one day a week or as needed for a couple hours just as an example. We will work with your desired schedule. Your synod staff would love the chance to get to know you and this a fun way to do just that and be a big help to the synod staff.



<http://signup.com/go/urPBwwv> - General Office Volunteer Work

Hold the date! Sunday, February 24 for the Next Racial Equity Ministry Learning Event



4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: New Life Church - 7564 Cottage Grove Road, Madison

*Light refreshments * Free Will Offering*
No Need to Pre-Register*

If you missed Henning Garvin's presentation on Ho-Chunk history, you can watch it on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/K6UgcfZAJlI>

BIG FOOT AREA EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

We are continuing to collect donations for our local food pantry. Please place items in the basket in the gathering space. Cash donations are also appreciated.





**DID YOU
KNOW**

- ◆ The more we talk to you youth about the dangers of chatting with strangers through social media the more we can keep them safe.
- ◆ Karla, Pam, Pastor Otto, and Rebecca all attended a local presentation on Human Trafficking. Please see them if you would like more information.
- ◆ The TV and computer in the gathering space were donated by members of Faith. The intent of these items is to have announcements and pictures scrolling during Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Thank You

To everyone who attended meetings and helped create the mission investment plan and annual report for this year. We appreciate greatly the wonderful lay leadership in this church family!

To the following members for their service on Church Council. We appreciate the time and energy you have spent on this church!

- Pam Clark
- Nick Freymiller
- Rose Haeni
- Scott Kovarik
- Larry Volbrecht

To Brent Tildahl for all his work with the Men's Homeless Shelter. Also to the Hemmerich family and Tildahl family for providing meals

To Rick for all his meaningful sermons on Sundays when we have been without a Pastor. To Mary Heyer and Tracy Volbrecht for helping with Children's Sermons.

Celebrate

February Baptismal Birthdays

8 Lindsay Roehl
14 Steven Lee
23 Amanda Lee
27 Gavin & Morgan Volbrecht

February Birthdays

3 Emma Roehl
5 Christine Larsen
14 Kris Strehlow
18 Bob Voss
23 Olivia Kovarik
23 Chad Roehl

February Wedding Anniversaries



Members:

Family & Friends of Members:

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

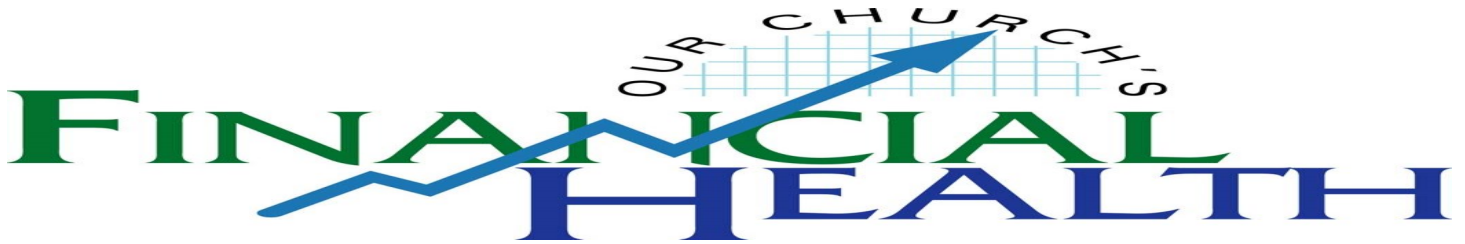
Members: Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, Helen Van de Bogert, Van de Bogert, Jan Van Dreser,

Family & Friends of Members: The family of Jim Haeni, 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), Miles Kadlec, all victims of violence

MOVING FORWARD....

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

In 2019 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.



Monthly Financial Report December 31, 2018

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$11,326	
From Dividends/Interest	2,870	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>4,190</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$18,386
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$11,948	
Synod Benevolence	1,552	
Committees	599	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>14,099</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		4,287
Cash Balance, December 1, 2018		<u>18,239</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2018		22,526
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>(23,397)</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance, December 31, 2018		(871)

* 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 December 31, 2018) **	115,415	112,620

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance , December 1, 2018		22,542
New Dedicated		
Restricted Cash for Next Year	4,000	
Projection System *transfer from undesignated memorials	45	
Expense Reimbursement *from WELCA	100	
Mission Investment Recovery *transfer to General Envelopes	(1,990)	
Expense Reimbursements *Money not spent in 2018	(2)	
Evangelism *Transferred to appropriate GL Account	(1,299)	
Schaid Memorial Undesignated	20	
Schaid Memorial Undesignated	(20)	
H. Fischer Memorial Undesignated	25	
H. Fischer Memorial Undesignated	<u>(25)</u>	
Total Change in Dedicated		<u>854</u>
Balance , December 31, 2018		23,397