



# Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

August 2019

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 Vicar Lily

People of Faith Lutheran at Walworth, WI.,

As my journey at Faith continues, I wondered where to take this message in the newsletter... I wondered what the congregation needed... I wondered what I needed... so after a long weekend in Door County I write with a clear and more relaxed mind.

What I needed was rest, peace and solitude. Summer can be a wonderful time to take trips, or stay home and get stuff done. It is the perfect time to watch or play baseball, or take a boat out on the lake or sunbathe on the shore. As much as the summer can be a relaxing time, it can also be filled with anxiety. What will the next school year look like? How will the garden fair if we don't get more rain? Will I get all my 4H projects done? What if I get heat exhaustion from these hot days of summer? In Door County, just off of the Potawatomi State Park in Sturgeon Bay, my husband and I stayed on a little island. We paddled our canoe to our little slice of heaven. While on this island we dipped our feet in the water, we played cards, watched the sun rise and set, read books that weren't for seminary, we took naps and time seemed to slow down. We breathed deeper and were so mindful of how precious life is.

I was drawn to scripture, with a key phrase you will recognize. "Be still and know that I am God." The Bible is quick to mention the grand powers of God, the mighty miracles of Jesus but we need to also remember the sweet whispers of peace, and the quiet truth that rejoices in our solitude. Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

I invite you to take more moments to sit in awe of God. Take that extra moment of peace, take that extra breath, give that extra hug, and spread a little more love. You won't regret it!

In God's Peace,  
Vicar Lily Brellenthin

P.S. If you want to reach me by the pastor phone call 262-812-3064!



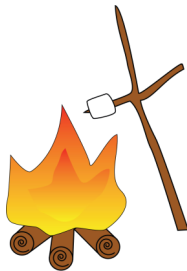


**Sunday, August 4:** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost using With One Voice

**Sunday, August 11:** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost using With One Voice and featuring WaterLife

**Sunday, August 18:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost using With One Voice

**Sunday, August 25:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost using With One Voice...*Back to School with God Sunday* with Blessing of Backpacks and Bags



## S'more Time with Jesus

Wednesdays at 7pm at the fire pit

Bring your favorite lawn chair and join us for a 20-30 minute worship around the campfire. Our evening together will be filled with prayer, praise, music, food, and fun. Invite your neighbors and join us around the fire.

### August Worship Assistants:

August 4: Brent Tildahl  
August 11: Barb Weborg  
August 18: Kristi Reiersen  
August 25: Pam Christensen

### August Ushers:

August 4: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn  
August 11: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family  
August 18: Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik  
August 25: Bruce & Lisa Voss, Terry Schaid

### August Communion Assistants:

August 4: Brent Tildahl, John Schwenn, Vera Maurer  
August 11: Chloe Weborg, Devin Freymiller, Gail Nelson  
August 18: Vera Maurer, Susie Schaid, Karen Martinez  
August 25: Pam Christensen, Lynn Lottig, John Schwenn

### August Counters:

August 4: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
August 11: Grace Churchill, Pam Christensen  
August 18: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
August 25: Grace Churchill, Pam Christensen

### September Worship Assistants:

September 1: Rick Lottig  
September 8: Chad Roehl  
September 15: Kristi Reiersen  
September 22: Pam Christensen  
September 29: Brent Tildahl

### September Ushers:

September 1: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn  
September 8: Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family  
September 15: Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik  
September 22: Bruce & Lisa Voss, Terry Schaid  
September 29: Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn

### September Communion Assistants:

September 1: Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Karen Martinez  
September 8: Chad Roehl, John Schwenn, Gail Nelson  
September 15: Vera Maurer, Susie Schaid, Mary Heyer  
September 22: Pam Christensen, Lynn Lottig, John Schwenn  
September 29: Brent Tildahl, Gail Nelson, Pam Christensen

### September Counters:

September 1: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
September 8: Grace Churchill, Pam Christensen  
September 15: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn  
September 22: Grace Churchill, Pam Christensen  
September 29: Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn



# Adult Opportunities

The church & criminal justice  
Health & new medicine  
The death penalty Human sexuality  
**ELCA Social Statements**  
Church in society Education  
Race, ethnicity & culture  
Caring for creation Abortion

**Third Sunday discussion group following worship**

**Social Statements Discussions will resume on Sunday, September 15**



## Potluck Luncheon Thursday, August 8 at noon

Join us the second Thursday of the month for a delicious meal and fun conversation!  
Invite a friend.  
Bring a dish to pass.



## Ladies Retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp October 11-12, 2019

Need to slow down, savor a warm beverage, chatting with friends and enjoy time with God? Cost: \$60  
RSVP by Friday, August 23. For more info contact Pam Clark 608-436-4366 or pclark925@charter.net  
Registration forms available on church bulletin board.

## Lutherdale Friday, August 9 & 30 Fish Fry

Meal Served 4:30-7:00pm  
All Meals Include Salad Bar and Beverages  
Adults \$16, Children (10 & Under) \$8



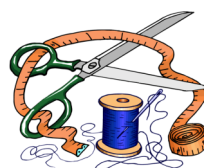
# Women of the ELCA



## 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 a.m.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

## Wine and Word will meet Tuesday, August 6 at 7pm.



Discussing the final chapters of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant  
Our new book, *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber will be available.



**August** — Kristi Reiersen

**September** — Arnell Jorgensen

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!





# Children & Youth Opportunities

**Save the Date: August 25**  
**Back to School with God Sunday**  
**9:00am Worship**

**Help at the food pantry Wednesday,**  
**August 7 from 2-3pm.**

**Meet at the food pantry and arranged**  
**to be picked up from there as well.**

**Food, Fun, and Friends**  
Students entering K-8th grade   
**Thursday, August 22: 10am-3pm**


Theme: Back to School with God  
We will be playing games, doing a craft, and preparing for worship on Sunday, August 25. Anyone interested in singing or participating in a skit for Sunday worship at 9am on August 25 should plan to attend.

**Sunday, August 25 9:00am Worship**  
**Back to School with God Sunday with**  
**Blessing of the Bags.** (*Bring backpacks, work bags, diaper bags, purses, briefcases, etc.*)  
After worship registration and schedules for Faith Formation 2019-2020 will be available.

## 2019 Summer Service Trip

This was a great experience. Watch for more trips in the future, and for ways you can help raise money for causes now dear to our hearts.



**Wednesday Faith Formation** for children, youth, and families will start again on Wednesday, September 11  
Parent Meeting at 6pm 

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

**Confirmation Classes**

7th & 8th grade students meet on Wednesday nights during Faith Formation class time.

Classes will start on  
September 11, 2019

**Parent/Confirmand Meeting**  
Sunday, August 25  
10:15am (Following Worship)



## Young Believers

Children's choir and drama group for 1st-6th grade students.

Regular rehearsals will resume  
September 11 at 4:45pm.

**New this fall: 7th-12th grade choir!**  
**Plan to be a part of this exciting new group.** Rehearsals will be Wednesdays 7:30-8:00pm starting September 11.

Next meeting:

Sunday,

August 18 5-7pm

Come for snacks and conversation.  
**All high school students welcome.**  
Bring your friends!

We will be planning this year's activities.



- ♦ You can worship with Holy Communion at Synod Office every Thursday at noon with a Brown Bag Lunch at 12:30.
- ♦ The Blessing of the Bags on August 25 is for everyone. Bring any bag you take out of our home with you to be blessed as we move into the fall.
- ♦ Anyone is welcome to attend Council meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.
- ♦ The most up-to-date calendar of church activities can be found on our website, [www.felcwalworth.com](http://www.felcwalworth.com). If you want something posted on the church website please contact Rebecca Roehl.

# Thank You

- To the kids who helped paint the swing-set!
- To everyone who has helped keep the church grounds looking so nice this summer!
- To everyone who is helping make our worship experience meaningful.

- ♦ Wine and Word will be starting their new book, *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber, in September. All women and their friends are welcome to join!
- ♦ Feed My Starving Children can feed a child for a day for a quarter. Watch for opportunities to help support this important mission.
- ♦ If you like, or share, a post on our Facebook page, more people will see that post.
- ♦ We collect Sentry receipts which help fund special projects. Turn in your receipts each month to the container in the gathering space. (Make sure the date at the bottom of the receipt is visible.)

# Celebrate

## August Baptismal Anniversaries

7 Matt Haeni  
11 Patrick Lee  
21 Natalie Roehl  
24 Nate Haeni  
28 Amelia Nelson

## August Birthdays

1 Nate Haeni  
14 Taylor Weborg  
15 Greg Kovarik  
18 Kevin Lee  
20 Jon Clark  
22 Jose Martinez  
23 Bill Beckman  
29 Milo Hemmerich

## August Wedding Anniversaries

15 Kevin & Kris Strehlow



**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, Rose Haeni and sons, Matt & Nate, Matt Pruessing,

**Family & Friends of Members:** the family of Bev Pruessing, the family of Jan Van Dreser, 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, Madeline Zindrick, Rebecca Blonsky-Nummelin (Rachel's niece), Tom Parker (friend of Connelly's) all victims of violence

## LOOKING FORWARD....

Upcoming important dates and events:

**Sunday, August 25:** Back to School with God Sunday

**Wednesday, September 11:** Wednesday Evening Faith Formation begins

**Wednesday, October 2:** Faithline Family Class

# You Can Help

## Altar Guild

Altar Guild is in need of volunteers to help set up for Sunday worship. You will be trained! Please contact Gail Nelson if interested in helping.

## Faith Formation

If you like working with students, young or old, and helping them learn about the love of God, then you are a perfect candidate for helping with Wednesday Evening Faith Formation. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities. There is a spot for you, for sure! Contact Rebecca via [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com)

## MALE PRESENCE NEEDED!

We are in need of male role-models for our students. Yes, you! You, are a positive role model for our children. Please consider spending some time with them. Contact Rebecca Roehl for ways you can get involved.

## Backpacks

Backpacks are available to fill with school supplies to help students in need from Walworth Elementary and Middle School. Sign out a backpack. Buy the supplies on the list found inside the backpack. Return the backpack to the gathering space in Faith no later than Sunday, August 18. Thank you for your help!

Don't forget we are always collecting donations for the Big Foot Area Food Pantry!

## *FELC Congregation Council*

Executive: Kristi Reiersen, President  
Rick Lottig, Vice President  
Barb Nordmeyer, Secretary

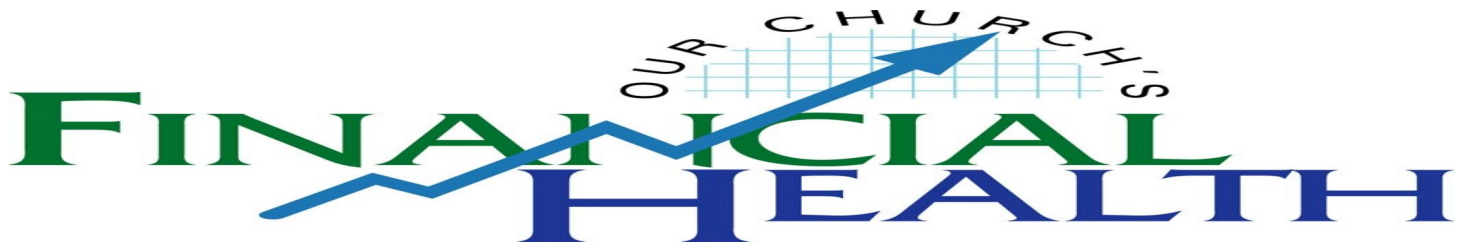
Chad Roehl, Treasurer

### Committee Liaisons

Finance: Brent Tildahl  
Learning: Amanda Bender, Diane Voss  
Property: Perry Weborg

Stewardship: Tracy Volbrecht  
Technology: Stephanie Freimund  
Worship: Gail Nelson

Congregation Council meetings are held at 7 p.m.  
on the third Monday of the month.



## Monthly Financial Report June 30, 2019

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$11,867	
From Dividends/Interest	2,648	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>675</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$15,190
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$9,841	
Synod Benevolence	964	
Committees	1,732	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>12,537</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		2,653
Cash Balance, June 1, 2019		<u>9,842</u>
Cash Balance, June 30, 2019		12,495
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>(22,359)</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance, June 30, 2019		(9,864)

\* 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 June 30, 2019) **	60,010	60,044

## Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

<b>Balance</b> , June 1, 2019		25,684
<b>New Dedicated</b>		
Bev Pruessing Memorial Undesignated	540	
Sound System (Bev Pruessing Memorial)	30	
Expense Reimbursement (Rev. Otto Gift)	105	
Restricted Cash for Next Year (transferred to Gen Env)	<u>(4,000)</u>	
Total Change in Dedicated		<u>(3,325)</u>
<b>Balance</b> , June 30, 2019		22,359



## Notes from Pastor Inglett

We are one month into our internship process with Vicar Lily and Faith Lutheran. I have heard directly from you that you are excited about this new ministry and having Vicar Lily with you. I have also heard indirectly, out in the community, that you see this opportunity as exciting and a breath of fresh air. One of my observations is that you are all doing a good job at making sure that Lay leadership and involvement does not drop off. A couple of reasons this is important is that Lily is half time and she is a student. The other reason this is important is that you are setting the standard and example of a new model of ministry that is lay person centered. In this new partnership the questions we will be asking are what is it that you absolutely need a pastor to do and what areas of ministry are best served by trained and empowered lay people.

Please know that this is one of the things that I am focusing on and learning about as we move forward. As we do move forward, I will be looking at where does leadership need to be developed at Faith Lutheran so that mission and ministry can effectively live and share the Good News of God's Kingdom. At our staff meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> I asked for a list of things that Faith Lutheran does in the community. I am asking that from all of you. It is important for us to discover first what is it that we are doing in the community. The second piece will be to ask what are the present hopes and hurts in our community? From there we will see how our gifts for mission and ministry can intersect with the realities of our community.

Rebecca and Vicar Lily are in the midst of planning how we will nurture the faith life of our youth and adults through our educational programming. Your worship committee has put together an ambitious schedule to nurture the worship life of Faith Lutheran. Done well, both of these will build the relationships within the congregation. What we need to look at together is the service piece of congregational life. The purpose of nurturing faith and building relationships is to empower people to go out and share this good news.

In our time together my hope is that we keep these three foci always in front of us as path to follow and a direction to pull towards. Faith, Relationships and Service.

Quick reminder about feedback to Vicar Lily and the role of the Lay Internship committee. The feedback you give to Vicar Lily about any of her work and/or her sermons and worship leadership is limited to what you would normally give to any Pastor that preaches at Faith Lutheran. From my experience this is generally "thank you, I appreciated your message," or something very specific that touched you, spiritually, emotionally or personally.

I doubt any of you say to an ordained Pastor or supply Pastor "you need to ..., you could improve by ... when I give a speech I ..." If you wouldn't say it to a guest pastor do not say it to Vicar Lily. Here is why. You are at church to worship. None of us are at worship to judge and evaluate. Secondly, the evaluation of Vicar Lily's preaching and worship leadership is the responsibility of the Lay Internship committee and myself, as her supervisor. Periodically, people in the congregation will have opportunity and responsibility to fill out sermon evaluations. The Lay internship committee will hand these out and collect them as they go about their feedback process. If something that is preached or done by Vicar Lily that does hurt or offend you shaking hands at the end of the church is not the place for that to be voiced. The more effective way to do this is to wait 24 hours, think about it and if you are still upset ask speak to Vicar Lily at some later time if you would like me, as her supervisor, to be present I would welcome that.

We are learning as we form this model of ministry. My hope is to provide some clear boundaries and expectations right off the bat. As a reminder, most Tuesday mornings at about 10:00 a.m. we will have open staff meetings. These times are your opportunity to help us work together. Also, it lets you know when I am available to you on a consistent basis.

Peace,  
Pastor Dick Inglett