



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

January 2020

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit, we at FELC experience God through **Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship.**

Message from Vicar Lily

People of Faith Evangelical Lutheran at Walworth, WI.,

Another Advent season has come and gone. The season of Christmas continues until the 5th of January, so don't lose heart! In my family growing up we had the tree up until Valentine's Day, so wherever you are in your holiday festivities, you are in a good place. I am thankful to have celebrated the season with the faith formation crew, Jost and I attended many winter concerts for our youth, what talent we have! I also appreciate how small the world is and how close knit our surrounding communities of Walworth County are. I was able to attend the Elkhorn Christmas Parade early December and saw many youth from Sugar Creek as well as Faith Evangelical Lutheran Churches. As well, this holiday season my little family felt very welcome into your traditions on Christmas Eve. Thank you as well for many gifts, including a home for Christmas.

Can you believe I have been a part of the Faith Evangelical family for about six months? I am still in awe of everyone working together to make this opportunity work. In June I was a nervous vicar, feeling so new, wondering if I would ever remember anyone's name, would I even know how to explain the definition of "vicar" to people. Now I stand before you in January with confidence brought to you from a merciful God and the support of a great congregation, plus a wonderful supervisor pastor. We are in a good place heading into a new decade, with excitement for what 2020 has in store for us. 6 months down, a fourth of the way through my vicarship and a step in my faith journey.

January 6th we begin the season of Epiphany. The wise men join the narrative, Jesus is baptized, so much to look forward to. Like the light of the Christmas star that guided the magi to Jesus, this light reminds us that we are children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out sharing the light and good news of God's love to all people. Stepping into 2020 we share this light and love with one another, without regrets.

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

Also if you want to reach me by the pastor phone, call or text at 262-812-3064, or email at pastor@felcwalworth.com





A Message from Pastor Inglett

Pastor Inglett's Reflections

There is an old story about a fishing village on the Atlantic Coast in upper New England. As the fisherman returned to the docks after weeks out on the ocean fishing their families were there when they arrived. All except one family. As that fisherman walked into his home, he asked "why weren't you at the docks with rest of the families." His wife replied, "because we were here at home waiting for you." "I appreciate that you were waiting but why weren't you looking", he asked

The Advent readings this month are about looking and not waiting. There is a difference after all. Waiting is passive it is something that happens to you. Looking is active, it anticipates, it something you do. In Advent we are not waiting for Christ to come. We are looking with lamps lit, checking the door every time we hear the slightest noise outside. Advent is a time of good stress, it is a time anticipation and not resignation.

I know this can be confusing because the anxiety of Christmas has turned into what gift will we get or give, how we will get it all done, will we keep it together until Christmas day. There is a lot of anxiety around our preparations for Christmas, none of it has to do with looking for the Christ.

What if we looked for the Christ in Advent? What if all of our Christmas preparations were about looking for Christ, preparing our lives for his arrival? How might this Advent season look for us as a church, for our church families and for our individual lives? I do not have the answers. I do look forward to hearing your experiences of looking for Christ's arrival this Advent.

Advent Peace, Pastor Dick Inglett



Staff & Open Door Meetings

Open Door meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 21, & 28.

All are welcome to attend!

WORSHIP



Sunday, January 5: Second Sunday After Christmas , Epiphany

- ♦ ELW Setting 10

Sunday, January 12: Jesus' Baptism, First Sunday after Epiphany

- ♦ ELW Setting 10
- ♦ Featuring WaterLife

Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday After Epiphany

- ♦ ELW Setting 10
- ♦ Mission Investment Plan (Budget) review and discussion

Sunday, January 26: Third Sunday after Epiphany

- ♦ ELW Setting 10
- ♦ Annual Meeting following worship

LOOKING FORWARD....

Upcoming important dates and events:

Sunday, January 19: Mission Investment Plan (budget) review and discussion

Sunday, January 26: Annual meeting following worship

Sunday, February 2: Faith Formation Presentation of Our Lord Program

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship



**Wednesday Night Family Worship
at 6:45 p.m.**

All are welcome!



Senior Choir (All ages welcome)

Rehearsals: Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.

Worship: 1st Sunday of the month

CHAOS Choir (7th-12th grade)

Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Worship: February 2, February 23, April 5, May 17

*Contact Rachel West for more information about
any of the above choirs.*



Worship Leaders

January Worship Assistants:

January 5 Brent Tildahl
January 12 Penny Gruetzmacher
January 19 Rick Lottig
January 26 Liz Hemmerich

January Ushers:

January 5 Bruce & Lisa Voss, Terry Schaid
January 12 Jose Martinez, Steve Miller, John Schwenn
January 19 Larry & Tracy Volbrecht,
Dave & Liz Hemmerich
January 26 Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik

January Communion Assistants:

January 5 Brent Tildahl, Gail Nelson, John Schwenn
January 12 Penny Gruetzmacher, Karen Martinez
Vera Maurer, Chad Roehl
January 19 Rick Lottig, Lynn Lottig, Chloe Weborg,
Devin Freymiller
January 26 Susie Schaid, Gail Nelson, Barb Weborg,
Pam Christensen

January Counters

January 5 Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn
January 12 Grace Churchill, Brent Tildahl
January 19 Pam Christensen, John Schwenn
January 26 Grace Churchill, Arnell Jorgensen

February Worship Assistants:

February 2 Chad Roehl
February 9 Kristi Reiersen
February 16 Brent Tildahl
February 23 Penny Gruetzmacher

February Ushers:

February 2 Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss
February 9 John Schwenn, Jose Martinez, Steve Miller
February 16 Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family
February 23 Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik

February Communion Assistants:

February 2 Confirmation Class
February 9 Gail Nelson, John Schwenn, Karen Martinez
Mary Heyer
February 16 Brent Tildahl, Chad Roehl, Susie Schaid,
Vera Maurer
February 23 Penny Gruetzmacher, Devin Freymiller,
Barb Weborg, Chloe Weborg

February Counters

February 2 Arnell Jorgensen, Brent Tildahl
February 9 Grace Churchill, John Schwenn
February 16 Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn
February 16 Grace Churchill, Brent Tildahl



January — Judi Gorges

February — Tracy Volbrecht



If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions,
please contact the church office.



Adult Opportunities

This discussion is open to all!
 Every 3rd Sunday of the month.
 Come when you can!

ELCA Social Statements

Church in society, Education
 Race, ethnicity & culture
 Sunday, Jan. 19 — Not Meeting
 Sunday, Feb. 16 — Human Sexuality

ADULT MINISTRY:

If you are interested in helping bring in speakers or lead classes for adults in our congregation on any topic you are passionate about please contact Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com. There are many resources available through the synod and other places to help with these programs.

Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, January 9
 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.

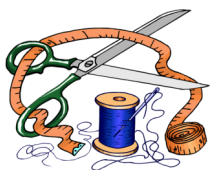
Church to Church Cohort

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21 at
 6:30pm

Here at Faith Evangelical Lutheran

Anyone interested in collaborating with other area churches in a variety of ways is invited to attend.

Women of the ELCA



Faith Sew-ers

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

Wine and Word: Tuesday, January 7 at 7pm.



We will be discussing Chapters 1-7
 of our new book.
Grandma Gatewood's Walk

**All Women Welcome.
 Invite your Friends!**



Wednesdays at 9:15am

All women of Faith are invited to share conversations, Christian fellowship and, of course, coffee and goodies. Please join us!



Children & Youth Opportunities

Free Breakfast for all High School Students!
Every Thursday morning starting at 7:15

Faith Formation Classes Wednesday Evenings

Classes will resume January 8

Meal: 5:15
Fellowship: 5:45
Class: 6:00
Worship: 6:45

All students are welcome at any time!

Faith Formation students will be working on their Faith Formation program during the month of January. If your child is unable to attend our program on February 2, please contact Rebecca ASAP.

**Vacation Bible School
Save the Date!
June 15-19, 2020**

VBS will be at Faith Evangelical Lutheran this summer. We hope you can join us.



Confirmation Classes

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

Registration forms available on www.felcwalworth.com

Save the Date!
Middle School multi-church Social
Sunday, January 12
Games and Pizza!

3:00-6:45pm at Luther Memorial in Delavan
\$5 per youth or RSVP to Rebecca by January 8 and FELC will cover your cost.

*Carpool being organized see Rebecca



Next Meeting
Sunday, January 19

5:00-7:00pm

Bring your friends for meaningful conversation and fun.

We will have pizza and welcome friends from Christ Lutheran in Sharon to this meeting.

For more information, or to help with any activity, please contact Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com



- ♦ WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."
- ♦ At the Annual Meeting on January 26 Faith Evangelical Lutheran members will elect new council members, select representatives to the Synod Assembly and approve the 2020 Mission Investment Plan (budget). Please plan to attend. Your voice is important to this church.

Thank You

- Thank you to the Confirmation students who presented the message on Sunday, Dec. 15 about their retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp.
- Thank you to the volunteers who rang bells for the salvation army.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped decorate our church so beautifully for this Christmas season.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who help with Wednesday Faith Formation.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas cookies to support our youth.

- ♦ There are three positions open on the church council. Please prayerful consider serving FELC in this capacity.
- ♦ Due to the timing of school break, the Faith Formation Program will be presenting its annual program on February 2 in honor of Presentation of Our Lord Sunday.
- ♦ Vacation Bible School will be hosted at FELC this summer, June 15-19.
- ♦ The pastor's cell phone number and email have not changed . You can contact Vicar Lily via pastor@felcwalworth.com or (262) 812-3064.

****If you are interested in being on Church Council, please see any current church council member. ****



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

Members: Lynn Lottig, Pat Grams, Bob Voss, Karla Tildahl, Laurie Collins, Rose Haeni & sons, Matt & Nate, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, the Volbrecht family, Penny Gruetzmacher

Family & Friends of Members: Fran Winston (Pam Christensen's sister), Chuck Christenson (Angie Kynell's father), 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, Jean Null & family, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel's), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), Interim Bishop Peter Rogness & the synod staff, Wim Henebiens & Aria Pierce (friends of Rachel), Miles Kadlec, Madeline Zindrick, Rebecca Blonsky-Nummelin (Rachel's niece), Yvonne Reynolds (friend of Gail Connelly's), Christine Helke-Larsen's son, Glenn Larsen, Nicole Raskin (recovery from surgery), Debbie Maresso (neighbor of Tildahls), the family of Ed Grendahl, Pastor Dick Inglett and family (death of his father), all

You Can Help

Join a Committee:

Stewardship, Learning, Property, Technology, Worship, or Finance

There are several committees at Faith looking for new members with fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining any of the following committees: Stewardship, Learning, Property, Technology, Worship, or Finance, please contact the church office.

We are the church; come and be a part of it!

Faith Formation Guest Cook

If you are interested in providing a meal one Wednesday evening for our Faith Formation students please see Rebecca or email education@felcwalworth.com

Big Foot Area Food Pantry

Donations can be placed in the basket in the gathering space at any time.

Sentry Receipts

WELCA is always collecting Sentry receipts to help fund special projects. Receipts can be turned into the box in the gathering space.



Contact Us:

Address: 420 Read Street P.O. Box 128, Walworth WI 53184

Telephone: 262-275-3445

Website: www.felcwalworth.com

Church Office Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Staff

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064

Email: pastor@felcwalworth.com

Gail Connelly, Secretary

Email: secretary@felcwalworth.com

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

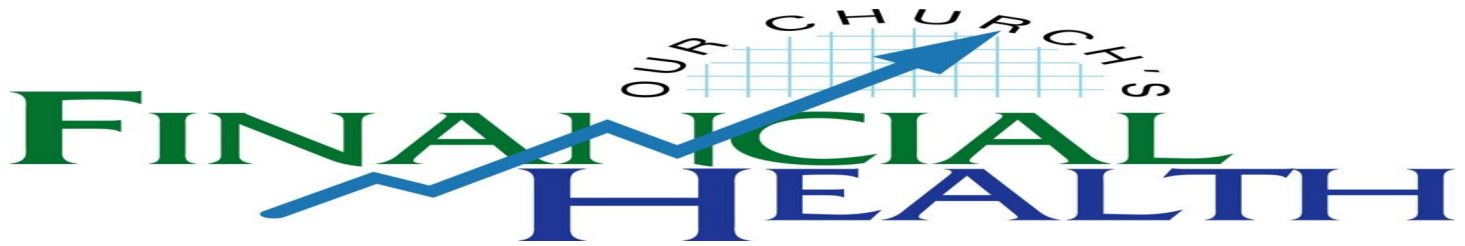
Property: Perry Weborg

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. All are welcome to attend.



Monthly Financial Report November 30, 2019

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| Cash Received: | | |
| From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others | \$5,760 | |
| From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred) | <u>1,143</u> | |
| Total Cash Received | | \$6,903 |
| Cash Paid: | | |
| Operating Expenses* | \$9,249 | |
| Synod Benevolence | 1,928 | |
| Committees | 889 | |
| For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred) | <u>39</u> | |
| Total Cash Paid | | <u>12,105</u> |
| Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid) | | (5,202) |
| Checking Account Balance, November 1, 2019 | | <u>11,028</u> |
| Checking Account Balance, November 30, 2019 | | 5,826 |

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

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|---|----------------|---------------|
| Checking Account | 5,826 | |
| Mission Investment Fund | 108,480 | |
| Endowment Fund (Fund A) | <u>268,189</u> | |
| Subtotal | | 382,495 |
| Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash | | <u>26,035</u> |
| Unrestricted Cash Balance | | 362,286 |

Year to Date Information

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| From Members to General Fund (as of November 30, 2019) ** | 106,720 | 102,430 |
| Total Expenses | 136,626 | 121,873 |

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance , November 1, 2019 | 24,931 |
| New Dedicated | |
| VBS | 1,004 |
| Youth Account | <u>100</u> |
| Balance , November 30, 2019 | 26,035 |