



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

February 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,

“Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess.”— Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*.

After my sermon on Sunday, I continue to ponder “the call” we each have in our lives. Part of my time at Faith and my journey through seminary is this exploring of “my call”, it is literally built into my career path. However, the refining will continue and will most likely never be fully complete, I believe I will always be on this journey.

As we think about this *call*, I am also quickly drawn to living this out in our “vocation”. Which sometimes turns into a word that is thrown around loosely with the assumption everyone is in the know of its definition, which people continue to then, defined by themselves anyway. The Webster Dictionary definition being, “a strong inclination to a particular state or course of action especially: a divine call to the religious life. or an entry into the priesthood or a religious order. Or even the work in which a person is employed: occupation. We can read definitions all day, but it will look different for everyone. I know many people that say they have a 9 to 5 job but that isn’t their vocation. They enjoy their work but it isn’t what they were put on this Earth for. Other people say their single vocation and purpose on Earth is to be a parent.

I wonder if some believe their vocation is to “be a good person”, but I invite a deeper exploration of what a “good person” means. I believe there are plenty of people, believing they are “good” when I would define their thoughts and actions as “bad”. We don’t live in a strictly right and wrong world, it is a questionable, gray area kind of place. All I know is we need to keep living into this search within ourselves for deeper meaning and connection, Palmer has already stated, that we have it, so let’s retrieve it. We each have so much to offer and as we are given another day to live in this world that was created for us, we must live in complete gratitude for our abilities.

We are saved by a beautiful grace and nevertheless we are called *to be* in the world. We are called to live in the mess and be the face of God for others. Palmer’s “Let Your Life Speak” is a book I’ve had for a few years that I keep picking up for a few days and placing it back on the shelf, but today I commit to keeping it a little closer as I navigate this new decade and my call to serve God and God’s people. Where are you headed? Is there a committee you always thought of joining? Is there a project you have wanted to start at Faith? Will you step out in your faith and add to your journey? How can I support and encourage you?

Love,
Vicar Lily Brellenthin

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

Internship Report and Other Thoughts from Pastor Inglett

Vicar Lily is starting her spring semester with a class on Worship and the Sacraments. We have completed our 6-month evaluations and are putting the finishing touches on her Congregational Learning project. Her project will focus on how to organize and create a lay empowered congregation. Wednesday, February 5 Vicar Lily will lead and preach at our worship service. Thank you for our shared ministry.

On January 21, we had our quarterly Church to Church Rural and Small Town Ministry meeting at Faith Lutheran. This the group of Walworth county ELCA churches that is working together to support and encourage each other's shared ministry and mission. We celebrated the recent success of our Middle School Mash Up held at Luther Memorial in Delavan on January 19. Beyond sharing and catching each other up about what is going on in our individual churches we also spent some extended time talking about our role in supporting and empowering the faith of our elders. This is a topic that has been neglected in many churches. We are recognizing this is a demographic of people that is hungry to keep growing in their faith and has energy, time and skills for service to the church and greater community. Vicki Beduze was present with us to share about being an Alzheimer friendly congregation and shared resources for individual congregations to explore.

Pastor Dick Inglett



Staff & Open Door Meetings

Open Door meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 18, & 25.

All are welcome to attend!



Sunday, February 2: *Presentation of Our Lord Sunday—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

- ♦ Faith Formation Program

Sunday, February 9: *Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

- ♦ ELW Setting 10
- ♦ Featuring WaterLife

Sunday, February 16: *Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

- ♦ ELW Setting 10

Sunday, February 23: *Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday*

- ♦ ELW Setting 10
- ♦ Featuring the CHAOS Choir

Wednesday, February 26: *Ash Wednesday*

- ♦ 7:00pm Traditional Worship Service
- ♦ Imposition of Ashes



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

All are welcome!

Please note there is no Wednesday Worship on February 5



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.

LOOKING FORWARD....

Upcoming important dates and events:

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

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Traditional Worship 7:00pm

Lenten Worships: Wednesdays from March 4-April 1: Noon service with soup to follow. 6:45pm evening worship



Worship Leaders

February Worship Assistants:

February 2 Confirmation Class
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

March Worship Assistants:

March 1 Liz Hemmerich
March 8 Kristi Reiersen
March 15 Chad Roehl
March 22 Penny Gruetzmacher
March 29 Brent Tildahl

March Ushers:

March 1 Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss
March 8 John Schwenn, Kevin Strehlow, Steve Miller
March 15 Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family
March 22 Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik
March 29 Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss

March Communion Assistants:

March 1 Vera Maurer, Penny Gruetzmacher,
John Schwenn, Mary Heyer
March 8 Gail Nelson, Brent Tildahl, Susie Schaid
Barb Weborg
March 15 Chad Roehl, Chloe Weborg, Vera Maurer
Devin Freymiller
March 22 Penny Gruetzmacher, Gail Nelson,
John Schwenn, Mary Heyer
March 29 Brent Tildahl, Susie Schaid, Barb Weborg
Chloe Weborg

March Counters

March 1 Grace Churchill, Arnell Jorgensen
March 8 Brent Tildahl, John Schwenn
March 15 Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn
March 22 Brent Tildahl, Grace Churchill
March 29 John Schwenn, Arnell Jorgensen



February — Tracy Volbrecht

March — Lisa Voss & Rochelle Freymiller



*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

Sunday, Feb. 16 — Human Sexuality
Sunday, March 15 — Genetics

LENTEN ADULT STUDY

Join us for a Lenten adult discussion group Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45pm. We will be following a conversation guide published by the ELCA entitled, *Claimed, Gathered, Sent*. This discussion guide looks at what does it mean to be Lutheran and Church for the sake of the world.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Noon with soup lunch to follow
6:45pm Family Worship

Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, February 13
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

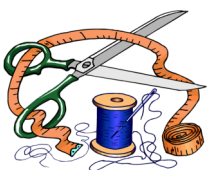
Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30pm

At Luther Memorial ELCA in Delavan.

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

See Rebecca Roehl with questions.

Women of the **ELCA** 



Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship



Tuesday, February 4 at 7pm.

We will be discussing Chapters 8-14 of our book *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!

March Meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm.



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



Wednesday, February 5
10:00am-3:00pm
Games, Food, Service, Fun, and Friends.
Day will conclude with serving at the Food Pantry from 2-3pm.

There will be no Faith Formation Activities or evening Worship on Wednesday, February 5.

Faith Formation Classes Wednesday Evenings

Classes will resume February 12

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

All students are welcome at any time!

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.

YOUNG DISCIPLES 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, April 5
Games and Pizza!

3:00-6:00pm at Luther Memorial in Delavan
More details to come!



Next Meeting
Sunday, February 23

5:00-7:00pm

Bring your friends for meaningful conversation and fun.

Our focus of the evening will be on prayer life.

We will also be looking at upcoming fundraising opportunities.

Breakfast for High School Students will resume on Thursday, April 9

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



- ◆ Students in our Faith Formation program receive one piece for a Nativity set each Christmas. Once they are Confirmed they receive their crèche and any other needed pieces to complete their set. If you or your son/daughter is missing a piece to their set, or has broken a piece, please contact Rebecca Roehl as we have extra pieces.
- ◆ Talking positively about FELC, and the ELCA in general, is a great way to spread the word about what we do.
- ◆ Our Church Library has a lot of great resources if you are looking for guidance or just a good read. Stop down and check it out!
- ◆ If you would like to connect with Pastor Dick or Vicar Lily, you can attend Open Door Meetings on most Tuesdays at 10:30am.
- ◆ 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.

Thank You

- Thank you to outgoing Congregation Council members Barb Nordmeyer, Stephanie Freimund and Kristi Reiersen for their service to the congregation.
- Thank you to Chad Roehl for servicing as FELC Treasurer.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who help with Wednesday Faith Formation and made our Presentation of Our Lord Program possible.
- Thank you Penny Gruetzmacher for taking pictures and making picture boards for the congregation.

Chili Dinner

Saturday, March 28

Save the date and invite your friends!



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, 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, Debbie Maresso (neighbor of Tildahls), the family of Ed Grendahl, Pastor Dick Inglett and family (death of his father), all victims of violence

You Can Help

Prayer Shawls:

The church is in need of more Prayer Shawls. If you have a talent in knitting or crocheting blankets and would like to help, please contact Vicar Lily or Rebecca Roehl for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate, teach, prep, and guide for Vacation Bible School this summer. We will be hosting VBS at FELC from June 15-19. Please contact Rebecca Roehl, education@gmail.com or call the church office, if you are interested in helping in anyway.

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!](#)

Sentry Receipts

WELCA collects Sentry receipts to help fund special projects. Receipts can be turned into the box in the gathering space. Check the date: make sure the receipt is dated within the last four months.



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 2020

Amanda Bender

Brent Tildahl

Bill Clark

Tracy Volbrecht

Penny Gruetzmacher

Diane Voss

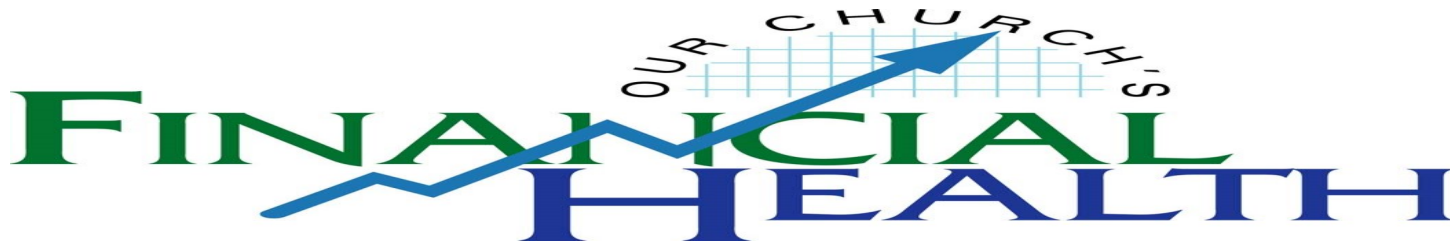
Elizabeth Hemmerich

Perry Weborg

Gail Nelson

The executive team and committee liaisons will be determined in February.

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

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

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

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