Mission Statement

March 2020

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

Message from Vicar Lily

People of Faith Evangelical Lutheran,

Even with an extra day in February, I can't seem to catch up. I feel like my "to do" lists keep filling with more wonderful opportunities, before other items are completed. Can anyone relate?

We have stepped into another season within the church, which means more organizing of material, gathering of volunteers and time devoted to church. We have recently said goodbye to a beloved member of our community. We have voted in a new council. We have voted on a new budget for the year. We are figuring out what it is like to have a treasurer outside of our congregation to work with us. We are anxiously awaiting our projection system in our sanctuary. We continue to support our youth in confirmation and faith formation, as well as our high schoolers with fundraising for their mission trip over the summer and next summer's youth gathering. Beyond that, we have much more! Our community dinner is coming up, and I'm excited to show everyone what we have been up to. We have been burnt out but we have been carried through each item that comes up. God is good.

So I leave you and myself with this, **you** are enough, **I** am enough, may this prayer be a blessing and reminder.

Lord, I have barely anything left to give.

I'm exhausted and worn out.

Yet there is so much left to do.

Grant me that last ounce of strength that sustained you on the cross and allowed you to give one last word of forgiveness, that I may be gentle with others and with myself.

And when that too is spent, help me stay present even in my emptiness, and let my presence be the first and last gift

I have to give.

Amen.

Love, Vicar Lily Brellenthin



A Message from Pastor Inglett



Our Lenten Journey

We journey through Lent for 40 days because it rained for 40 days and nights during the flood, the people of Israel wandered the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai when he received the Ten Commandments and because Jesus was in the wilderness of testing for 40 days. Lent is traditionally a time of preparation for Easter baptism. The newly baptized have died with Christ and joined him in his resurrection.

As we continue in our Lenten Journey I invite each and every one of us to join together and practice at least one of the traditional or classic Christian disciplines. These classic Christian disciplines can be placed into three broad categories.

Inward Disciplines

Meditation - as simple as 10 to 20 minutes per day of silent, focused breathing. Letting your mind be emptied of all that crowds it so that God has room to come in and speak to you.

Prayer - Mediation with a focus on speaking and listening to God. Time together in conversation with the one guiding you on your journey.

Fasting - For some this is a one day a week event. For others giving up of certain foods or times when you eat is an alternative to fasting.

Study – Reading the Bible or devotional type readings are individual opportunities to Study

Outward Disciplines

Simplicity - Slow down, try going 40 days without buying anything beyond food, stop looking at advertisements, simplify your life.

Solitude - In our socially saturated culture find time away or alone each day or larger time periods once or twice a week.

Submission - This would fall under the old category of giving up something for Lent. Bad habits can be broken and good habits can be developed during this 40 day journey.

Service - Give of yourself, your time and your energy to something beyond yourself and family. This is also an opportunity for families to work together towards a common good.

Corporate Disciplines

Confession - Each Sunday we speak and hear confession and forgiveness. There is also a service of individual confession and forgiveness found on page 243 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Worship – Every Sunday and Wednesday we come together to worship the God who loves and forgives us as seen most clearly in the person of Jesus Christ.

Guidance - Seek others out, listen to each other, see where you receive energy and let these be your guide as you journey this lent.

Celebration - Finally, find joy where ever you can and when Easter arrives Celebrate this journey that we will travel as God=s family.

My prayer is that we journey together as God=s Family and that our Spiritual Disciplines this Lent Serve Christ with Love.

In Christ,

Pastor Dick





Sunday, March 1: First Sunday in Lent

ELW Setting 3

Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday in Lent

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Featuring WaterLife

Sunday, March 15: Third Sunday in Lent

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Sunday, March 22: Fourth Sunday in Lent

• ELW Setting 3

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday in Lent

ELW Setting 3

LOOKING FORWARD....

Upcoming important dates and events:

Lenten Worship: Wednesdays from March 4-

April 1: Noon service with soup lunch to

follow; 6:45 p.m. evening worship

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday worship with Choir Cantata at 9 a.m.

Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday worship

at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 10: Good Friday worship at 1

p.m.

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday worship at 9 a.m.



Wednesdays in Lent March 4-April 1

Traditional Prayer Service at Noon
Soup Lunch to follow

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



Senior Choir (All ages welcome)

Rehearsals: Sunday mornings at 8 a.m.

Worship: 1st Sunday of the month

Cantata: Palm Sunday, April 5

CHAOS Choir (7th-12th grade)

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

Worship: April 26, May 17

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



Worship Leaders

March Worship Assistants:

March 1 Liz Hemmerich
March 8 Kristi Reierson
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 Jorgenson, John Schwenn
 March 22 Brent Tildahl, Grace Churchill
 March 29 John Schwenn, Arnell Jorgensen



March — Lisa Voss & Rochelle Freymiller

April — Gail Nelson

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

April Worship Assistants:

April 5 Chad Roehl
April 9 Pam Christensen
April 10 Kristi Reierson
April 12 Kristi Reierson
April 19 Brent Tildahl
April 26 Liz Hemmerich

April Ushers:

April 5 John Schwenn, Steve Miller
April 9 Brent Tildahl, John Schwenn
April 12 Larry & Tracy Volbrecht, Hemmerich Family
April 19 Brent Tildahl, Mary Heyer, Scott Kovarik
April 26 Terry Schaid, Bruce & Lisa Voss

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April 19 Devin Freymiller, John Schwenn
Barb Weborg, Chloe Weborg
April 26 Brent Tildahl, Penny Gruetzmacher,
Vera Maurer, Susie Schaid

April Counters

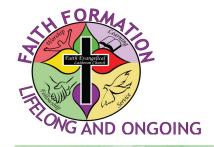
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April 12	Grace Churchill, John Schwenn
April 19	Arnell Jorgensen, John Schwenn
April 26	Grace Churchill, Brent Tildahl



Staff & Open Door Meetings

Open Door meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24, 31

All are welcome to attend!



Adult Opportunities

This discussion is open to all!stice Heatvery 3rd Sunday of the month: tics The deat come when you can! sexuality

ELCA Social Statements

Sunday, March 15— Genetics
Sunday, April 19 — Criminal Justice

Chili Dinner

Saturday, March 28 4:30-7:00pm Invite your friends!





Wine

Potluck Luncheon Thursday, April 16 at noon

There will be no Lunch Bunch Potluck in March.

Please join us instead for soup lunch each Wednesday following our noon Lenten prayer service.

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 explores what it means to be Lutheran and Church for the sake of the world.

Participants are invited to join Faith Formation students for a meal before class at 5:15 pm and stay for 6:45 worship after class.

Church to Church Cohort

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30pm
At Luther Memorial ELCA in Delayan.

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

See Rebecca Roehl with questions.

Women ELCA





Faith Sew-ers Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm.

We will be discussing the end of our book *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery

Our next book will be *Living Life Backwards* by David Gibson. See Rebecca for a copy .

All Women Welcome. Invite your Friends!



Wednesdays at 9:15am

Together time will resume April 15. Join us for a prayer service followed by a soup lunch starting at noon on Wednesdays during Lent.

April Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 7pm.



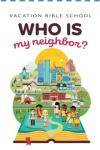
Faith Formation Classes Wednesday Evenings

Meal: 5:15

Fellowship: 5:45

Class: 6:00 Worship: 6:45

All students are welcome at any time!



Vacation Bible School June 15-19, 2020 9:00-11:30am

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

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



Confirmation students will meet at Faith Lutheran at 7:00am on Sunday, March 8 to head to Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee to help serve a meal.

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!



Bring your friends for meaningful conversation and fun.

Our focus of the evening will be faith at school.

We will also be looking at upcoming fundraising opportunities.



13th Annual Chili Dinner

Saturday, March 28 4:30-7:00 pm

Chili Dinner with all the fixin's, hot dogs, and dessert.

Open to all – a Community Meal

Freewill offering to support youth mission trip to New Orleans $\,$

Silent Auction will benefit youth attending ELCA Youth Gathering



Thank You

- To all those who work hard to keep our plants green and our church clean week after week.
- To our Altar Guild members for all the work they do behind the scenes.
- Laurie Collins for updating our AED machine parts and providing training.

- There is a calendar on the bulletin board in the gathering space for community events. If you have an event you think others might be interested in attending please feel free to add it to the calendar. Examples of possible events would be concerts, plays, sporting competitions, etc.
- Hephatha Lutheran Church in a ELCA church in Milwaukee, WI. After worship each Sunday morning, there is lunch for all members of the congregation and also members of the community. A group of people from Faith, including our confirmation students, are going to bring lunch to this congregation on March 8.
- If you would like an announcement or photo added to the Gathering Space TV announcements please email it Kristi at krisreierson@frontier.com or Rebecca at education@felcwalworth.com.
- If you would like to connect with Pastor Dick or Vicar Lily, you can attend Open Door Meetings on most Tuesdays at 10:30am.
- The pastor's cell phone number and email have *not* changed. You can contact Vicar Lily via pastor@felcwalworth.com or (262) 812-3064.

Faith Community Lenten Service-Personal Care Kits

During Lent we will collect items for Personal Care Kits to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to victims of natural disasters and refugees. These care kits help provide dignity for people who have had to leave everything behind.

Bring in the following items each week (Wednesday or Sunday).

March 4 and 8: Toothbrushes in original packaging

March 11 and 15: Sturdy Combs

March 18 and 22: Individually wrapped bars of soap (3-5oz)

March 25 and 29: Nail Clippers

April 1 and 5: Light-weight bath-size towels (dark colors)



How to Shock a Lutheran

FELC has an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This device is critical to save a life in the event of a sudden cardiac episode.

Many members of our congregation have received training on the use of the AED in their workplace or at a Basic Life Support class. If you would like to review the use of the specific AED used at FELC, the following 4-minute video is very helpful.

https://youtu.be/dkv2BrgLKa4

Many members of our congregation may not feel confident using the AED. This is understandable, and there are other important ways you can assist in the event of a medical emergency. Here are some ways that you can help:

- Someone must bring the AED to the location of the emergency. The AED is located in a white box mounted on the wall next to the elevator in the gathering space.
- It is important that someone calls 911.
- Someone needs to go to the door and direct the first responders to the location of the emergency.
- People must clear the area of the emergency to allow the first responders an area to work.
- The family members need to be comforted and supported. They may need help calling other family members.
- A blanket is located in the closet next to the AED and marked "Emergency Blanket." This should be brought to the scene to provide privacy for the patient.
- Pray. The victim, first responders, doctors, and nurses will need wisdom and strength as they work to save the life before us.
- Have respect for the privacy of the patient and family. Stay off of social media and do not share information with others.

Becoming prepared for an emergency empowers our congregation to respond in the best possible way for the best possible outcomes.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Laurie Collins 262-949-3169 bfhoops@frontier.com





Prayers for Hope & Healing: The family of Lynn Lottig, Pat Grams, Bob Voss, Karla Tildahl, Rose Haeni & sons, Matt & Nate, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen, Clare Elizabeth Fletcher (Tom & Gail Connelly's great-granddaughter)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing: 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), Christine Helke-Larsen's son, Glenn Larsen, Debbie Maresso (neighbor of Tildahls), Dorothy Eckert (Gert Moritz's sister), Denise Robertson (cousin of Gail Connelly), all victims of violence

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

You Gan Help

Soup Lunches

Sign up to bring soup or bread for our Wednesday soup lunch during Lent. Sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Space.

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:

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Gail Connelly, Secretary *Email:* secretary@felcwalworth.com

Rebecca Roehl, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries *Email:* education@felcwalworth.com

Congregation Council 2020

Executive Team

Tracy Volbrecht, President Elizabeth Hemmerich, Vice President Gail Nelson, Secretary Bill Clark, Treasurer

Committee Liaisons

Amanda Bender, Youth Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship Brent Tildahl, Finance Diane Voss, Learning Perry Weborg, Property Congregation Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.



