



# Faith Evangelical

## Lutheran Church

### Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

April 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,

We continue to be named, loved and cared for by God in ways we understand now and in ways we will later see. I believe that within the depths of our feelings and uncertainties God is beside us. As we head into what would be Holy Week within our churches and world, we understand that we are still isolated in many ways. We still feel as though we are living in the season of Lent. We are anxiously awaiting Easter, and we know it is coming, however within our church we know that the full Easter experience will not happen until we return face to face, sharing the peace once again hand in hand, and sharing treats in the gathering space. The Psalm that would have been for Palm Sunday, I invite you to read responsively within your families, including pets, with your phone buddies, within journals, whichever you seem fit. Together we can gather in reading the Psalms, we can see if this spiritual practice is one you are fulfilled by. So give reading the Psalms a try.

### Psalm 31:9-16

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You are my God.**
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love."**

Love and Peace,  
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](mailto:pastor@felcwalworth.com)





## **Worship Service Notes and Information**

For now we are going to skip Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter until we can gather together in person. What this means is Sunday, April 5, we will have readings, prayers, hymns and sermon as if we were meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have an Easter sermon and bulletin to posted and sent to the congregation for April 12. After that the readings, hymns and sermons will proceed forward from the May 3rd date until we gather again for worship in the sanctuary. Until then the bulletins, sermon links and Vicar Lily's reflections will continue to be posted on Facebook and sent out via email.

## **A Question About Giving**

A number of people at have asked "so without church services how can we maintain our giving to the church?" Here are a handful of options: mail your giving directly to the church office you can also set up and participate in direct deposit. If you are comfortable with this method you can come to the church office to pick up the direct deposit forms and fill them out to begin the process. As always please let us know how your church can continue to support you in this uncertain time.



# Adult Opportunities

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

**ELCA Social Statements**

We will pick up our discussion on the topic of Genetics once we are able.

## Phone Buddies

If you would like to have a member of our congregation call you on a regular basis during this time of social distancing please contact Laurie Collins at (262) 949-3169



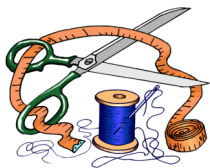
**Potluck Luncheon**  
**2nd Thursday of**  
**every month**  
**at noon**

Lunch Bunch Potlucks will resume as soon as we are able.

## Church to Church Cohort

Next Meeting: *to be determined at a later date*  
How and when this meeting will happen is still being determined.  
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. Will resume once we are able.**  
*Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship*



**First Tuesday of every month at 7pm**

Current Book: *Living Life Backwards* by David Gibson.

We will discuss Chapters 1-3 when we can meet again.

If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Rebecca Roehl.

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

## Wednesdays at 9:15am

Together time will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. At this time we encourage you to connect with one another via phone calls and letters.





# Children & Youth Opportunities

## Faith Formation Classes

Families, watch your email for updates. Rebecca will continue to send weekly Faith Formation at Home Sheets until we are able to meet again. At this point, plan to have class at church again starting the first Wednesday the children are allowed back at school.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**WHO IS**  
*my neighbor?*



## 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. Registration forms can be found on our website:  
[www.felcwalworth.com](http://www.felcwalworth.com)  
If you are interested in helping to organize VBS or helping at VBS please contact Rebecca.



## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation students please be checking your email. Vicar Lily will be sending weekly assignments so that we can continue with class. There may be options for virtual class time in the future. If you need assistance please contact Vicar Lily or Rebecca Roehl.

Middle School Mash-Up Palm Sunday Event has been cancelled. We will plan another Middle School Mash-Up event in late summer or early fall.



## Next Meeting to be Announced

If your high school student is not on the group text and would like to be added please contact Rebecca Roehl at 608-728-2798

Breakfast for High School Students will resume a week after school starts again.

For more information, or to help with any activity, please contact Rebecca Roehl at [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com)





- ♦ FELC has a Facebook page. Search for Faith Evangelical Lutheran (Walworth Wisconsin) and like us and follow us so you don't miss a post.
- ♦ Our synod has a community webpage <https://scsw-elca.org/community/> with resources for members during this time of social distancing.
- ♦ The church office is still open from 10am-Noon Monday-Friday.
- ♦ The new *Christ in Our Home* daily devotionals are available for pick up at the church.
- ♦ The church library is an excellent resource for good reads. You are able to borrow books at your convenience. Just return them when you are finished.
- ♦ The pastor's cell phone number and email have **not** changed. You can contact Vicar Lily via [pastor@felcwalworth.com](mailto:pastor@felcwalworth.com) or (262) 812-3064.

# Thank You

- To everyone who has reached out to help church members and neighbors at this time.
- Laurie Collins for leading our At Home Ministries.

## Faith Community -Personal Care Kits

Personal Care Kits are 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. We will continue our collection of items for personal care kits once we can get together again.

Items include:

Toothbrushes in original packaging

Sturdy Combs

Individually wrapped bars of soap (3-5oz)

Nail Clippers

Light-weight bath-size towels (dark colors)





**Prayers for Hope & Healing:** The family of Lynn Lottig, Pat Grams, Bob Voss, Karla Tildahl, Rose Haeni & sons, Matt & Nate, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen

**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](mailto:secretary@felcwalworth.com)**

# You Can Help

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.felcwalworth.com)

### ***Church Office Hours:***

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### ***Staff***

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

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Rebecca Roehl, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

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## ***Congregation Council 2020***

### ***Executive Team***

Tracy Volbrecht, President

Elizabeth Hemmerich, Vice President

Gail Nelson, Secretary

Bill Clark, Treasurer

Congregation Council meetings are  
held at 7:30 p.m.  
on the third Monday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.

### ***Committee Liaisons***

Amanda Bender, Youth

Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship

Brent Tildahl, Finance

Diane Voss, Learning

Perry Weborg, Property

