



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

June 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,

I feel a call to action. A call to truly love our neighbors. We can love our neighbors by wearing masks; we can, in some cases, love our neighbors by staying home and, in other cases, going to work. We can love our neighbors by keeping our gatherings small and following the restrictions made to help keep neighbors and ourselves safe during the pandemic. We can also love our neighbors by acknowledging oppression and seeking justice.

God loves all of God's children. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. We can love our neighbors that have a variety of belief systems different from our own and we can love our neighbors of all skin colors. It is too often that people of color are taken advantage of and killed. Are we going to stand for this? How can we seek justice for our siblings in Christ?

I don't have all the answers; I am still listening and learning. All I can do is try, and I invite you to do the same. It isn't enough to just say, "This is bad," or "Things need to change." The change needs to start from within ourselves.

I grew up in a small town where most of the people looked like me, white. It wasn't until college when it just so happened that many of the friends I made were black. Occasionally hate crimes happened on campus, hate crimes especially targeting students that were black. I wasn't a target, I had the privilege of walking to class not feeling afraid. That wasn't the case for my friends. That isn't the case for many people at this time, in our country and in our world. A world that was created by love and for love to be spread. I'm without words. I am frustrated. Please proclaim with me these words as we strive to make this a safer place for all bodies to live.

Together, we will proclaim the value of Black bodies.

People deserve to be heard, lives need to be respected and saved.

For the mother who is still grieving the child she will never hold again. **We stand by you.**

For the child who lives in fear because his neighborhood is now barricaded with police. **We stand by you.**

For the father who feels forced to teach his son how to hold his head down rather than hold his head up.

We stand by you.

For the sister who is doubly-subjugated because her skin and gender is labeled ugly by outsiders and unworthy by her own community,

We stand by you.

Throughout our churches, our cities, our classrooms, our jobs, and our homes, we will continue to declare Christ's everlasting truth, that "who the Son sets free is free indeed." This is a promise that America cannot give and cannot take away.

We must proclaim: **Black justice matters, Black freedom matters, and Black lives matter.**

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



A Message from Pastor Inglett

Two things I have learned During the Pandemic

1. In my conversations with Vicar Lily, church leadership at Faith and Sugar Creek Lutheran and my own ponderings and musings the image of leadership that I have stumbled on is that we are all in a mine-field. Some people are simply choosing to live in denial that the minefield even exists. Some people's response to this mine-field experience is to panic and just run wildly hoping they might make to safety. Other folks are immobilized in fear. What we are looking for and are in need of is someone to tell us where to take the next step. Not all the steps at once or leave us where we are at and say you are on your own.

My natural way of providing leadership is collaborative and community directed. Listen to the hopes and hurts of the community, discern the gifts of the community and match the two together as we forward in ministry and mission together. That style has served me well for 30 years. I discovered in March of 2020 that style does not work when we are in the midst of the hour by hour, day by day shifting landscape of this current pandemic. We need leaders to tell us what is the present reality as best as they are able. Make decisions on behalf of the group that takes into consideration the safety and security of the least of these in our midst. Finally, we need leaders who are willing to reevaluate, admit when mistakes are made and provide enough hope that allows us to take the next step forward. We have talked about this new and temporary form of leadership and your church council, Vicar Lily and myself are committed to providing it with the people and community at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a people of the resurrection who always sees and provides hope in the midst and face of death. We are going to take each step together until the minefield is behind us.

2. Our relationships were not built for this. Some of you have commented that you are getting on each others nerves. Please know that is normal. Our intimate relationships are not and never have been built to meet all of our relationship, psychological and emotional needs. As human beings we are wired to connect to a social group and with the pandemic we are cut off from the larger social group and all of our relationship needs are focused on those in our household. That is way too much pressure on these relationship. I share this with you all so that number one you don't start to panic about your relationships with your spouse and children. Second, it is okay to take time away, go for a walk, call a friend, not do everything together 24/7. Talk with each other and come to an agreement on who and how other people may start to be let in to meet those social needs. My primary reason for sharing this with you is to let you know it is normal, it is temporary and you will be able to do a reset in the future.



Adult Opportunities

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

Ways to stay connected to the Church:

- ♦ Facebook: Follow our page so you don't miss a post. Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Walworth Wisconsin)
- ♦ Website: Links to worship services, Vicar Lily's Reflections, and Pastor Dick's Sermons.
www.felcwalworth.com
- ♦ South Central Synod of Wisconsin Community Page contains messages from Bishop Rogness and many other resources. <https://scsw-elca.org/community/>

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

ELCA Social Statements

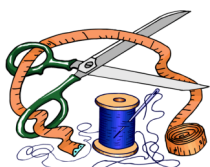
We will pick up our discussion on the topic of Genetics once we are able.



Potluck Luncheon
2nd Thursday of
every month
at noon

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

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

Wine & Word

First Tuesday of every month at 7pm

Current Book: *Expecting Adam: A True Story of Birth, Rebirth, and Everyday Magic* by Martha Beck

We will discuss Chapters 14-24 via zoom on June 2. If you would like the meeting link, please contact Rebecca Roehl.

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

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
**WHO IS
my neighbor?**



During this time of COVID-19 we are all making decisions that we feel are best to keep the most people safe. I am sorry to announce that we will be cancelling VBS this summer. Please plan to attend VBS next summer at Faith.

Faith Formation

Thank you to all the volunteers who made Faith Formation a success this year. FELC is so grateful to have such a wonderful group of dedicated people working with our children. We are grateful for you all!

Thank you to parents and families for committing to our program and helping your children grow in their faith. We appreciate all your time and effort! Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Watch your email, the webpage, and Facebook for announcements about summer activities as we are able to have them.



High School Youth Group

CHAOS meetings will continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm via Zoom until we can meet in person.

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 21

Contact Rebecca if you would like the meeting information or if you would like to be added to our group text.

education@felcwalworth.com or

(608) 728-2798

Dear Faith Families,
if you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.
The church is here to support you.
You are in our prayers!

For more information, or to help with any activity, please contact Rebecca Roehl at 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 or (262) 812-3064.

Thank You

- ♦ To the church leadership for working hard to keep us connected and making the best decisions they can with the information they have. We are grateful to have a team of people working hard to care for this community.
- ♦ To everyone who has shared ideas and help implement new creative ways for us to stay in touch as a faith family.

Learning Committee Meeting Thursday, June 18 at 7pm

If you are not currently on the Learning Committee, but would like to attend please contact Rebecca
education@felcwalworth.com)



Looking ahead through June with scripture:

June 7th, Holy Trinity Sunday:

[Psalm 8](#) How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#) Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

[Matthew 28:16-20](#) Living in the community of the Trinity

June 14th, Second Sunday after Pentecost:

[Psalm 100](#) We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

[Romans 5:1-8](#) While we were sinners, Christ died for us

[Matthew 9:35--10:8 \[9-23\]](#) The sending of the Twelve

June 21st, Third Sunday after Pentecost:

[Psalm 69:7-10 \[11-15\] 16-18](#) Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

[Romans 6:1b-11](#) Buried and raised with Christ by baptism

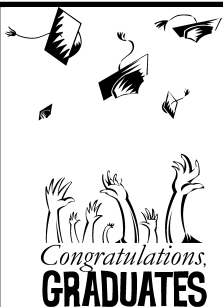
[Matthew 10:24-39](#) The cost of discipleship

June 28th, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

[Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18](#) Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

[Romans 6:12-23](#) No longer under law but under grace

[Matthew 10:40-42](#) Welcome Christ in



Congratulations to Ty, Taylor and Sydney!

Sydney Bender, Ty Freimund and Taylor Weborg are graduating high school. It was good to celebrate with them during worship on May 31". Also maybe say "cards can be dropped off or mailed to the church"



Prayers for Hope & Healing: Pat Grams, 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-in-law of Gail Connelly), all victims of violence

You Can Help

Reaching Out from Home

- ♦ Mail letters to friends and family
- ♦ Make phone calls to connect with people
- ♦ Put uplifting messages in your windows or on your driveway
- ♦ When you finish a good book mail it to someone else to enjoy
- ♦ Pray for the health and wellbeing of others

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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Church Office Hours:

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

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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

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

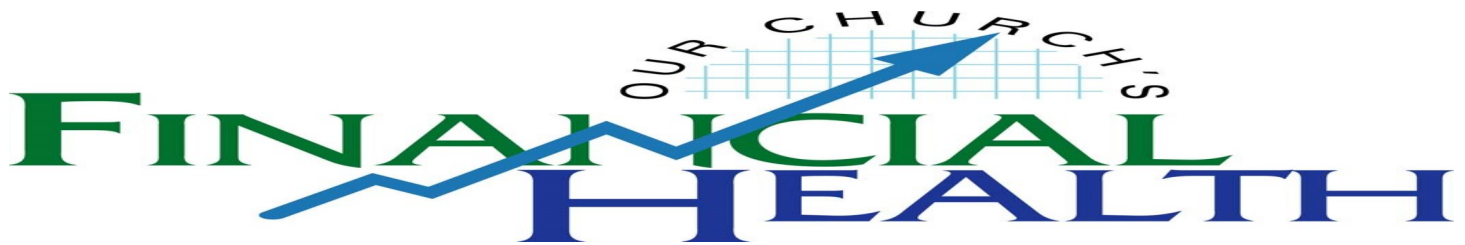
Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship

Brent Tildahl, Finance

Diane Voss, Learning

Perry Weborg, Property





Monthly Financial Report April 30, 2020

Cash Received:

From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$5,463	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>3,403</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$8,866

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses*	\$8,646	
Synod Benevolence***	1,784	
Committees	316	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>33</u>	
Total Cash Paid		10,779

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)	(\$1,913)
Checking Account Balance, April 1, 2020	17,043
Checking Account Balance, April 30, 2020	15,130

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	15,130	
Mission Investment Fund	109,283	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>270,973</u>	
Subtotal		395,386
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		23,150
Unrestricted Cash Balance		372,236

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through April 30, 2020) **	37,601	48,263
Total Expenses	44,448	35,779

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, April 1, 2020	19,780
New Dedicated	
Lottig Memorial Designated	1,300
Undesignated Memorial	50
Projection System	1,000
WELCA	53
Youth Group	1,000
VBS	(33)
Balance, April 30, 2020	23,150

***Due to the bookkeeping transition, two months of Synod Benevolence was paid in April.