



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

May 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,

“There's only us, there's only this
Forget regret, or life is yours to miss
No other path, no other way
No day but today.”
Quoted from the musical “Rent”.

When in doubt, do something you love. Do something that sparks joy. I like to lay out on our deck in the sun. I enjoy watching musicals and the other day the choice was “Rent”, about a group of people from all parts of life, building friendship, overcoming obstacles, learning, and loving themselves and others. (rated PG-13)

During a time when in the church and the world we plan to not plan, we need to take care of ourselves. When I am unable to have control of my life as a whole, I start with something small, I complete a task one at a time. For example, I wash the dishes, then I might move to something a little more challenging, like vacuuming a couple area rugs, then I move towards cleaning out closets. Anything mixed between my work and school assignments, that I have the power to complete and see the physical progress, helps boost my mood.

Once something is accomplished I am empowered that I can do it again, and I move to writing an essay for seminary or writing a sermon. Those are what my “productive” days look like. And some days are just lazy, some days my mental health needs a break and that is okay. Some days the dishes just pile up, the grass grows another inch without being mowed and the baby runs around with a dirty face all day. But I know that when the list is completed and when it isn't, I am loved the same by a mighty God, my worth doesn't change.

What do you need today? Where will your energy be placed? Will it just be placed on the sofa? Sometimes that's where it needs to be. God loves you, your community at Faith loves you. Take care of yourself, however that looks for you.

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





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

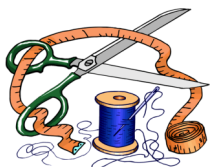
We will pick up our discussion on the topic of Genetics once we are able.



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 1-13 via zoom on May 5.

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.





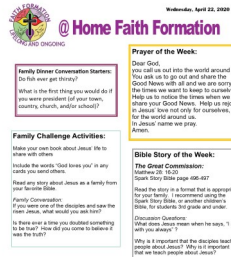
Children & Youth Opportunities

Faith Formation Update:

Faith Formation classes have been cancelled for the rest of the spring.

@ Home Faith

Formation sheets will continue to be emailed home and posted on Facebook through the first week of June.



Vacation Bible School has been postponed until further notice. Our hope is to host VBS later this summer. Watch the website, our Facebook page, and the June newsletter for more information.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Students please continue to watch your email for updates and lessons from Vicar Lily. More information will come about a final class meeting on Wednesday, May 13.



High School Youth Group

CHAOS meetings will continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm via Zoom.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 17

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

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

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!



- ♦ 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.

Thank You

- ♦ To everyone working hard to keep our church looking nice inside and out.
- ♦ To everyone who has shared ideas and help implement new creative ways for us to stay in touch as a faith

- ♦ 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.

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)





Looking ahead through May with scripture:

May 3rd- Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Psalm 23: *The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want*

1 Peter 2:19-25: *Follow the shepherd,
even in suffering*

John 10:1-10: *Christ the shepherd*

May 10th- Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16: *Into your hands,
O Lord, I commend my spirit*

1 Peter 2:2-10: *God's people chosen to
proclaim God's mighty acts*

John 14:1-14: *Christ the way, truth,
and life*

May 17th- Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Psalm 66:8-20: *Bless our God, you
peoples; let the sound of praise be
heard*

1 Peter 3:13-22: *The days of Noah, a
sign of baptism*

John 14:15-21: *Christ our advocate*

May 24th- Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35: *Sing to God,
who rides upon the clouds*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11: *God will sus-
tain and restore those who suffer*

John 17:1-11: *Christ's prayer for his
disciples*

May 31st: Pentecost Sunday

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b: *Send forth your
Spirit and renew the face of the earth*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13: *Varieties of
gifts from the same Spirit*

John 20:19-23: *The Spirit poured out*

Love and Peace,

Vicar Lily Brellenthin



Congratulations to Ty, Taylor and Sydney!

Sydney Bender, Ty Freimund and Taylor Weborg are graduating high school. Help us celebrate them on Sunday, May 31. If you would like, cards for our seniors can be mailed to them or dropped off at the church.



Prayers for Hope & Healing: The family of Lynn Lottig, Pat Grams, Bob Voss, 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

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

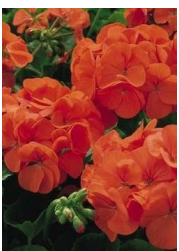
You Can Help

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.



We are currently accepting donations for red geraniums and other flowers to be used in the sanctuary on Pentecost and planted outside the church. Please mail your donation to the church (FELC PO Box 128 Walworth, WI 53184) or drop it off at the church weekdays from 10 to noon. If you would like to make your donation in memory of, or in honor of, someone please include that information with your donation. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Staff

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064

Email: pastor@felcwalworth.com

Gail Connelly, Secretary

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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 March 31, 2020

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$10,634	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>350</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$10,984
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$4,847	
Synod Benevolence	0	
Committees	299	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>542</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>5,688</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		5,296
Checking Account Balance, March 1, 2020		<u>11,747</u>
Checking Account Balance, February 29, 2020		17,043

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	17,043	
Mission Investment Fund	109,283	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>270,973</u>	
Subtotal		397,299
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>19,780</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		377,519

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through March 31, 2020) **	28,035	42,800
Total Expenses	33,753	25,209

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, March 1, 2020	19,973
New Dedicated	
VBS	(541)
Undesignated Memorial	350
Balance, March 31, 2020	19,780