



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

September 2020

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

A Message from Vicar Lily

People of Faith Evangelical Lutheran,

“Even when light fades and darkness falls--as it does every single day, in every single life--God does not turn the world over to some other deity...Here is the testimony of faith; darkness is not dark to God; the night is as bright as the day.”

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

I have mentioned this in my “Vicar on the Go!” a couple weeks ago. Then in my message on Sunday as well. This feeling of “darkness” is weighing heavy on us lately as a community, as a state and nation.

However, this is an excellent time of growth, personal and within our church. We have figured things out and kept an online presence, kept worship online and sent services out, and now an outdoor service. We have upheld connections, reached out to one another and shown up in new ways. This is amazing, we are still the church and it shows!

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 Jesus continues to heal, protect and teach us how to live into God's grace. We live out our faith in this pandemic and national unrest, pushing love and light into time and space.

For we know that our God is bigger than any obstacle, any trial, any thing that comes our way. As the good and bad of life comes knocking on our door, we learn to hold tight to our faith, our God and the promise that we are never alone. Let us continue to walk in the light and dark with God and each other. Lean into life. Lean on community.

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





For nearly 30 years, Gail Connelly has served Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church as church secretary. She has been the background and consistency that FELC has needed and relied on. She has been here when we asked her to help us with projects, to get organized for church events, order flowers for our sanctuary, and much more. She was always willing to lend an ear to listen.

Thank you, Gail, for your faithful service to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Special note from our church council to wear masks while inside the church.

Help us care for one another as we can!

As this is mandatory at this time, we have extra masks available.

- ⇒ Enter church
- ⇒ Have or put mask on
- ⇒ Sign in for accountability
- ⇒ Group leaders disinfect main surfaces used before exiting church



Please wear a mask

Nina Chakrabarti



Sunday Morning Outdoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Scripture readings for September:

September 6: 14th Sunday after Pentecost:

Ezekiel 33:7-11 *The prophet's responsibility to warn the people*

Psalms 119:33-40 *I desire the path of your commandments*

Romans 13:8-14 *Live honorably as in the day*

Matthew 18:15-20 *Reconciliation in the community of faith*

September 13: 15th Sunday after Pentecost:

Genesis 50:15-21 *Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

Psalms 103:8-13 *Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy*

Romans 14:1-12 *Accepting diversity in the community of faith*

Matthew 18:21-35 *A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith*

September 20: 16th Sunday after Pentecost:

Bible Sunday

Jonah 3:10-4:11 *God's concern for the city of Nineveh*

Psalms 145:1-8 *The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love*

Philippians 1:21-30 *Standing firm in the gospel*

Matthew 20:1-16 *The parable of the vineyard workers*

September 27: 17th Sunday after Pentecost:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 *The fairness of God's way*

Psalms 25:1-9 *Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love*

Philippians 2:1-13 *Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross*

Matthew 21:23-32 *A parable of doing God's will*

Outdoor Worship

- We will continue through September with this format of outdoor worship.
- We will gather outside in the parking lot in the shaded area.
- You are welcome to bring your own chair.
- We are encouraged to wear masks, and we will keep our distance.
- To stay safe and organized, please use the Devils Lane entrance only.
- Drive-up Communion will be served under the canopy by the front door.





Adult Opportunities



CROP WALK: October 4

Do you have a passion for feeding the hungry? Do you like rallying others around a good cause? If so, please consider becoming the CROP Walk coordinator for Faith Ev. Lutheran. For more information please contact Susie Schaid, Rebecca Roehl or Vicar Lily

Committee Meetings:

Learning Committee Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7 at 7:15pm
Topic: How is Faith Formation going?

Worship Committee Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00pm

WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!

Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news "What Matters", please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org. For other great information check out our synod website: www.scsw-elca.org

Church to Church Cohort

This is a group of small town and rural ELCA churches in our area. We meet to support one other, share ideas, and partner in ministry. This group met on August 18 and will meet again in January. If you are interested in being a part of this please contact Rebecca Roehl

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

Bring your mask and join us in the Gathering Space for conversation and Christian fellowship.



Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm

Current Book: *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo
We will discuss Chapters 1-5 on Wednesday, September 9
Invite your friends. All are Welcome.
Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.



Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

We are meeting again, but keeping our social distance.

Sheets needed for Quilts!

Dark colors are preferred. Please bring donations to the church.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship





Children & Youth Opportunities



High School Youth Group

CHAOS meets the 3rd Sunday
Next Meeting: Sunday, September 20 at 5pm

If you would like to be added to our group text contact Rebecca at (608) 728-2798

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc

Any high school students who are interested in a *mission trip* to Leech Lake, MN July 11– 16, 2021 should *contact Rebecca ASAP. Space is limited!*



This is a great opportunity to get to know students from area churches and serve God's people in a meaningful way.

All students currently in 9th-12th grade are welcome. You can invite your friends.

Save the New Dates:

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be July 24-28 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. Students who are in 8th-12th grade during the 2021-2022 school year will be eligible to attend.



Faith Formation

**Classes will begin
Wednesday, September 16**



Schedule for the beginning of the year is as follows:

5:30-6:00 PreK-K and 1st-2nd grade

6:05-6:25 Outdoor worship for all students, families, and everyone

6:30-7:15 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade, and Confirmation

Details and online registration will be emailed before the first class.

New students please contact the church office or Rebecca Roehl (email below)



Confirmation Classes

Classes begin Wednesday, September 16. Students are expected to attend outdoor worship at 6:05 p.m. and class until 7:15 p.m. To enroll a new student contact Rebecca at the email below.

Details and online registration will be emailed.

Parents please plan to attend a parent/ confirmand meeting Sept. 16 at 6:30pm

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Community Backpack and School Supply Drive! We raised over \$880 for students in need of school supplies. Your generosity is uplifting!

Please contact Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com or 608-728-2798 with any questions, suggestions, or to volunteer.



- ♦ Sunday outdoor worship services continue. You can watch these services virtually on Facebook and Vicar Lily's YouTube channel.
- ♦ Joy Mortensen-Wiebe has been elected to the office of Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. She will begin her term on October 1.
- ♦ Vicar Lily and Pastor Dick are available for open door meetings Tuesdays from 10am-noon. Please feel free to stop by and connect with them.
- ♦ If you need assistance, call the church office and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.
- ♦ Produce from the church garden is donated to the Big Foot Emergency Food Pantry. If this is something you would like to help with contact Larry Volbrecht.

Thank You

- ♦ To John Schwenn and Kristi Reiersen for serving as representatives to the Synod Assembly.
- ♦ To Rose Haeni and John Schwenn for their gardening work. The church grounds look great!
- ♦ To everyone who donated money for the Backpack Drive. We raised \$882 for students at Walworth Elementary and Middle



- ♦ A Reconnect Survey was sent to all members. Please complete survey online, or return a paper copy to the church, by Thursday, September 10. A booklet of the information received will be distributed to all members so we can all hear how everyone has been. We are interested in hearing from you! Contact the church if you did not receive a survey.
- ♦ Help will be needed cleaning the chairs in the sanctuary. Please watch your email for a "cleaning party" date.



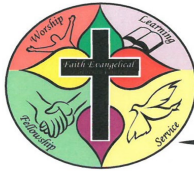
Prayers for Hope & Healing: Pat Grams, Shirley Heyer, Evie Andersen

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), family and friends of Thomas Connelly, Sr., and all victims of violence

You Can Help

We would love to pray for you and your families, and send more letters of encouragement to this community and beyond! Please reach out to Vicar Lily and let her know if the prayer list needs to be added to, changed, or modified.

We are the Church, here and at home. Let us know how we can serve you!



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Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

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Church Office Hours:

Varied at the moment

Please contact any staff member or leave a message,
and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience at this time.

Staff

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064

Email: pastor@felcwalworth.com

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

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Call or text: 608-728-2798

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

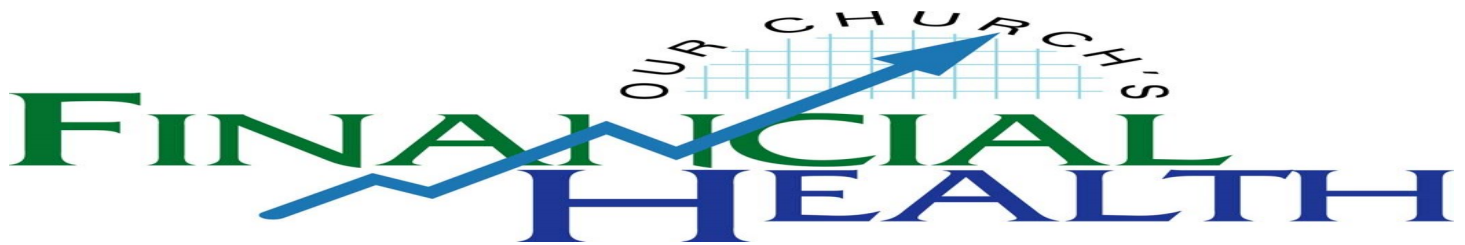
Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship

Brent Tildahl, Finance

Diane Voss, Learning

Perry Weborg, Property





Monthly Financial Report July 31, 2020

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$13,748	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$13,748
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$7,096	
Synod Benevolence	892	
Committees	0	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>7,988</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(5,760)
Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2020		10,247
Checking Account Balance, July 31, 2020		16,007

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	16,007	
Mission Investment Fund***	110,916	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>276,681</u>	
Subtotal		403,604
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>22,046</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		381,558

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through July 31, 2020) **	64,809	74,324
Total Expenses	76,533	60,355

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, July 1, 2020	22,750
New Dedicated	
Expense Reimbursement	10
Projection System	(709)

Balance, July 31, 2020	22,046
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