



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

October 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,

Fall is probably my favorite season. I love the cool weather, the leaves changing color, the hot beverages and sweaters. Some people might be quick to think once fall is here, that the year is pretty much over. And yet, we still have 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and we are just stepping into October, which means we have this month and two more before the end of 2020. We can say, "Let's just make it through this year", but why limit ourselves? Each day God is making us new. We start afresh each new breath, why wait until 2021, when we can grow into our new selves today?

We still have a lot of love to give 2020, and much justice to seek.

I looked back to our January 2020 newsletter just for fun and was stopped by my piece's ending statement. "We are sent out sharing the light and good news of God's love to all people. Stepping into 2020 we share this light and love with one another, without regrets." Of course we will mess up this "sharing of God's love" but imagine if we all just keep trying.

There are so many people worthy to be heard in the narrative of our nation that have been kept silent for too long. These people are beloved, sacred beings that God created in God's image along with us. I challenge us to be in the world, to not give up on it. Use our voices to give power to the voiceless. Use our love to care for God's beautiful creation. As the leaves change color, and fall turns to winter, let's transform together and pray that God's kingdom comes close

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 me at pastor@felcwalworth.com





Thank you Karla Tildahl for 40 years of music for FELC!

This fall marks Karla's 40th anniversary of playing organ for Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are very grateful for her continued ministry to our church. We are looking forward to hearing her music again and want to celebrate all she has done to enhance our worship experience.



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



Nina Chakrabarti

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Thank you Vicar Lily and Pastor Dick for all you do for our Faith Community!



Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Scripture readings for October:

October 4: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

Isaiah 5:1-7 The song of the vineyard

Psalms 80: 7-15 Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine

Philippians 3:4b-14 Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ

Matthew 21:33-46 The parable of the vineyard owner's song

October 11: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

Isaiah 25:1-9 The feast of victory

Psalms 23 You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over

Philippians 4:1-9 Rejoice in the Lord always

Matthew 22:1-14 The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast



October 18: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Indoor Worship

Isaiah 45:1-7 An earthly ruler as an instrument of God's will

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] Ascribe to the Lord honor and power

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

Matthew 22:15-22 A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

October 25: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Indoor Worship

Reformation Sunday

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 Holiness revealed in acts of justice

Psalms 1 Their delight is in the law of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Matthew 22:34-46 Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor



Outdoor Worship

- We will continue through October 11 with this format of outdoor worship. Indoor worship will begin October 18.
- 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.
- Drive-up Communion will be served under the canopy by the front door.





October 2020

Dear Members of Faith,

As we prepare ourselves for worshipping indoors starting October 18, there are some things we need to ask of you to help us stay healthy as a community and respect the needs of all our members.

Face coverings will continue to be required in the church building, and they will be required in the sanctuary for all attending worship.

Hand sanitizer will be available for your use at multiple places throughout the church.

Please be mindful of social distancing. Ushers will help seat people as they enter the sanctuary. Please keep two chairs between your party and the next group to ensure a minimum of 6 feet between family groups.

We all miss the community and each other, but we ask at this time that you do not linger in the gathering space for conversation.

Communion will be offered in the gathering space at the end of the service. Please remain seated in the sanctuary until an usher directs you. Once you have received communion, please exit the church.

We are looking forward to worshipping with all of you; however, please respect others and stay home if you are not feeling well, if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are being asked to quarantine for any other reasons.

Thank you for your cooperation,
FELC Worship Team





Adult Opportunities



CROP WALK: October 4

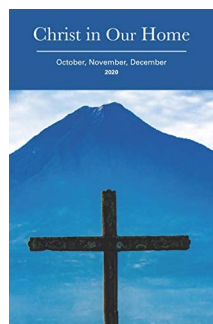
WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!

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

Committee Meetings:

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

Worship Committee Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00pm



Christ in Our Home daily devotional books are available in the gathering space. Pick up your copy today.

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm

Current Book: *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

We will discuss Chapters 6-11 on Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm. Invite your friends. All are Welcome. Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.



Faith Sew-ers

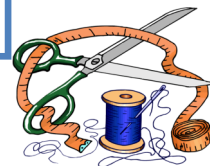
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

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, October 18 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



10 for 10

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

RAISING AWARENESS FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

10 DAYS | October 2 - 11, 2020

10 RUNS | Route details at stlukes-elca.org/10for10

10 YOUTH | Sharing their mental health story

10 CONVERSATIONS | Daily themes:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Relationships | 6 Giving Back / Service |
| 2 Sharing Your Story | 7 Mindfulness |
| 3 Positive Thinking | 8 Self-Compassion |
| 4 Physical Wellness | 9 Challenge Negative Thinking |
| 5 Self-Care | 10 You Matter |

JOIN US!

- > Watch the **daily video**, posted online at 6:00pm each day featuring a conversation with a community youth sharing their story related to the theme of the day.
- > Participate in the conversation by responding to the **daily question posted online**.
- > Check out the route details and **join a run** or be a **cheering section** along the route.
- > **Create your own** 10 days of 10 things such as 10 minute walks, pray for 10 people, write 10 letters. **Be creative, have fun and let us know** at #stlukes10for10.

The Church has the unique ability to offer hope, love and support.



stlukes-elca.org/10for10



Faith Formation

Classes are meeting on Wednesday evenings!



The current schedule:

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

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

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Classes

Classes have begun!
 Students are expected to attend outdoor worship on Wednesdays at 6:05 p.m. and class until 7:15 p.m.

To enroll a new student please contact the church office or Rebecca at the email below.

Wednesday, October 7

Faithline Family Class

6:00pm Worship for all

Classes to follow for preK-K, families, and Confirmation



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

Dear Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church family,



October brings so many changes in our world, which is already turned upside-down. Many are returning to school (whatever that looks like), people are getting their homes and gardens ready for the coming winter, and the days are getting shorter. We look around us and see a world that is different from anything that we recognize. The changes, uncertainty, and loneliness can lead to increased anxiety and depression. As a family of God we are called to care for one another through good and bad times.

There are many resources in the Walworth County area to assist us through these difficult days. The following is a list of resources that may be helpful to you or someone you know.

Suicide Hotline
800-273-8255

Walworth County Crisis Intervention
262-741-3200

Aging and Disability Resource Center
262-741-3400
<https://www.co.walworth.wi.us/376/Aging-Disability-Resource-Center>

Big Foot Emergency Food Pantry
111 Fremont Street
Walworth, WI
262-275-3252

Open Arms Free Clinic
205 East Commerce Court, Suite A
Elkhorn, WI
262-379-1401

LGBTQ
www.gbtwalco.org

Walworth County Drug and Alcohol Coalition
www.walcodac.com

Alcohol Anonymous
www.aa.org

New Beginnings APFV
Domestic violence help
www.newbeginningswalworth.com

Child and Family Therapeutic Systems
101 W. Evergreen Parkway Unit 1
Elkhorn, WI
262-275-5684
www.cfts.org

Aurora Behavioral Services
146 E Geneva Square
Lake Geneva
877-666-7223
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b3F85iPmt4g_ttdZo-NM-5mUeNUmpenTUPIbdmpMsLA/edit?usp=sharing

CA Counseling & Consultants, LLC
93 West Geneva Street
Williams Bay
262-607-6390
www.counselingconsultants.com





- ♦ Sunday outdoor worship services continue through October 11. Indoor worship starts October 18.
- ♦ Wednesday evening worship has started again. When the weather is good, worship with the Faith Formation students and their families outside in the “bowl” from 6:05-6:25pm. We would love to see you there!
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Update: A total of \$1,172 was donated for the Backpack drive to give Walworth Elementary and Middle School for school supplies for students in need. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generosity!!

Thank You

- ♦ To Vera Maurer for her bread-making skills in baking bread for communion.
- ♦ To the dedicated team of quilters. Our Faith Sew-ers this past year made 72 quilts! Quilts were given to Agape House, Mercy Hospital Day Surgery, Golden Years and Lutherdale.
- ♦ To the FELC mowing crew. The lawn has looked great all year. We appreciate your time and efforts very much!

- ♦ 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.

- ♦ Communion bread is now gluten-and allergen-free.

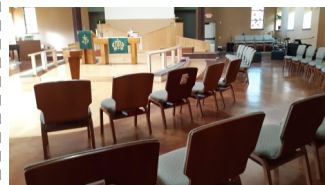


Your help is needed to clean the sanctuary chairs!

Saturday, October 10 at 8am

Please come if you are able to help clean and polish the sanctuary chairs. Text or call Larry Volbrecht if you plan to help (262) 903-3127. If you cannot make it on October 10, but would like to help please let Larry know. He is happy to set up a time to meet with you so you can help.

Thank you!





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

For the Congregation

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone at Faith for your thoughts, prayers, cards and memorials I have received following the death of my husband, Tom. Your love and generosity is truly a gift I will forever treasure.

Gail Connelly

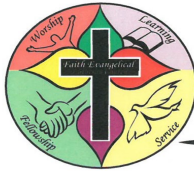
The Congregation of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Many, many thanks for your most generous donation of cash to be used for the purchase of school supplies. With your donation about 100 children went back to school with all the supplies they needed to help them be successful in school. Additionally, headphones were also purchased to aid in student learning. Thank you so much for keeping Walworth children in your hearts. I have enjoyed shopping for school supplies and seeing smiles on our families faces. Our families are very grateful.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Eileen Colman





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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

Email: education@felcwalworth.com

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

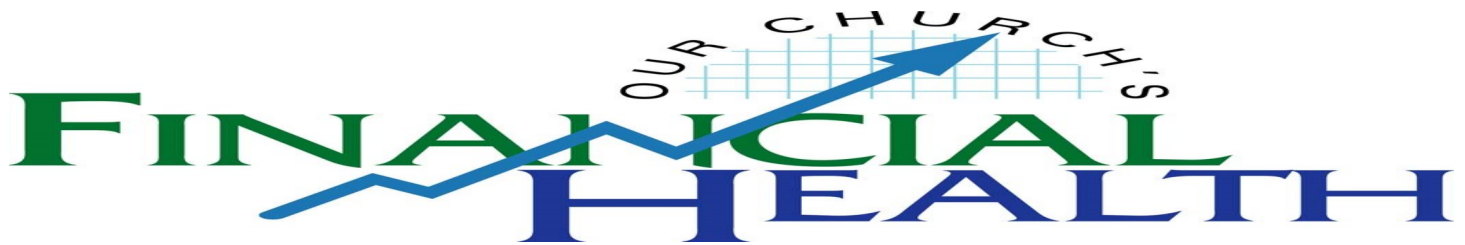
Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship

Brent Tildahl, Finance

Diane Voss, Learning

Perry Weborg, Property





Monthly Financial Report August 31, 2020

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$7,206	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$7,206
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$6,131	
Synod Benevolence	892	
Committees	0	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>13,536</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>20,559</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(13,353)
Checking Account Balance, August 1, 2020		16,007
Checking Account Balance, August 31, 2020		2,654

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	2,654	
Mission Investment Fund***	110,916	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>276,681</u>	
Subtotal	390,251	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,832</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		380,419

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through August 31, 2020) **	74,067	81,515
Total Expenses	87,228	68,751

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, August 1, 2020	22,046
New Dedicated	
Expense Reimbursement	100
Backpack Drive	1,172
Designated by Contributor	50
Projector System	(12,654)
Backpack Drive	(882)

Balance, August 31, 2020 9,832