



# Faith Evangelical

## Lutheran Church

### Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

November 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,

While heading into “All Saints Sunday” November 1st, I am thinking about stories. Stories that bring me joy, stories that bring me despair, ones I love to share and ones I try to forget. All of which have brought me to where I am today. These stories usually involve people from all walks of life, many faith traditions, belief systems and cultures. These people are each living out their individual stories that happen to cross paths with mine.

During this year with so much transition and change, looking at a new normal, I can’t help but think of every person’s story playing out. Instead of physically crossing paths, it might look more like a wave from a distance, or sharing a peace sign from across the sanctuary. Either way we are living, we are moving forward in all sorts of ways, taking things one day at a time. I’ll end on this prayer that I also shared on Reformation Sunday. In all of our stories playing out, please be a good neighbor:

*May we who are merely inconvenienced in the pandemic, remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no health risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those that have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle into more quarantine at home, remember those who have no home. As fear continues to grip our country. Let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other.*

*Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.*

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](mailto:pastor@felcwalworth.com)





## ***Sunday Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.***

### **Scripture readings for November:**

#### *November 1: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

*Micah 3:5-12 Judgment upon corrupt rulers*

*Psalms 43 Send out your light and truth*

*1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 The apostle's teaching accepted as God's word*

*Matthew 23:1-12 All who humble themselves will be exalted*

#### *November 8: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

*Amos 5:18-24 Let justice run down like waters*

*Psalms 70 You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The promise of the resurrection*

*Matthew 25:1-13 The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

#### *November 15: 24th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 The day of the Lord*

*Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11], 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom*

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Be alert for the day of the Lord*

*Matthew 25:14-30 The story of the slaves entrusted with talents*

#### *November 22: 25th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Christ the King*

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 God will shepherd Israel*

*Psalms 95:1-7a We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand*

*Ephesians 1:15-23 The reign of Christ*

*Matthew 25:31-46 The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats*

#### *November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent*

*Isaiah 64:1-9 Prayer that God would come with power and compassion*

*Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.*

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end*

*Mark 13:24-37 The sudden coming of the Son of Man*



### **Upcoming Special Services**

November 1 All Saints Sunday

November 8 Commitment Sunday

November 22 Women's Service



## Communion Procedures for Indoor Worship

Stay seated until dismissed by an usher. Ushers will dismiss one group at a time. Please stay at each station until invited to proceed to the next station.

*Station #1: The side door of the sanctuary.*

- ♦ Do not enter the gathering space until the next station is open.

*Station #2: The bulletin stand.*

- ♦ Remove your mask and wait to receive communion.

*Station #3: The tall white table.*

- ♦ Remain at this table to fully receive communion. Leave the plate at the table, place the used cup in the wastebasket, and put back on your mask.

*Station #4: The exit doors.*

- ♦ Please exit the building after you receive communion so that the next group can safely and respectfully join the table of the Lord.

Communion is a time of reflection and not conversation. Please hold your moment, and don't feel rushed. Remember to respect the experience for those yet to receive.



### Safety Reminders from the FELC Worship Team

Now that we have begun worshipping again indoors, there are some reminders 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 seat people as they enter the sanctuary. Please keep two chairs between your party and the next group to ensure a minimum of six feet between family groups.
- 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 all miss the community and each other, but we ask at this time that you do not linger in the gathering space for conversation.



# Adult Opportunities

## Counters Needed

If you can count money please consider helping our counters count offering each week. We will train you!  
Contact the church office or Brent Tildahl if you are interested.

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

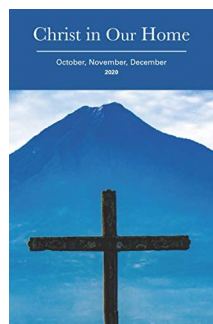
Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news "What Matters", please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

For other great information check out our synod website: [www.scsw-elca.org](http://www.scsw-elca.org)

## Committee Meetings:

**Worship Committee** Next meeting:  
Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00pm  
Agenda: Worship planning

**Learning Committee** Next meeting:  
Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm  
Agenda: Live Nativity



*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, November 3  
at 7:00pm**



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

We will discuss Chapters 12-17 on Tuesday, November 3 at 7pm  
Invite your friends. All are Welcome.  
Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.

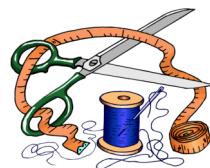


## Faith Sew-ers

**Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**

We are meeting again, but keeping our social distance.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship



## Sheets are still needed for Quilts!

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





# Children & Youth Opportunities

## Faith Formation

Classes are meeting on Wednesday evenings

The revised current schedule:

6:00 Family Worship Time

6:15-7:00 Classes for all students preK-Confirmation

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

\*Please pick up your children after Faith Formation under the front awning of the church



High School Youth Group

### Movie Night

Special joint  
event for  
CHAOS and  
Confirmation

**Saturday,  
November 21  
at 7pm**

We will watch a newly released  
Christmas themed movie on the big  
screen in the sanctuary.



CHAOS usually meets the 3rd Sunday  
of every month at 5pm at the church.

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

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos\_felc

Please contact Rebecca Roehl, Director of  
Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at  
education@felcwalworth.com or 608-728-2798  
with any questions, suggestions, or to volunteer.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Classes

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 Worship

6:15-7:00 Class

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

### H.O.P.E Day Retreat at Lutherdale

The Confirmation  
students participated  
in a day retreat at  
Lutherdale on

October 17. They experienced the high  
ropes course, archery, and other team  
building activities. They also participated  
in a service project and attended worship.  
Thank you to the members of Faith Ev.



Lutheran for  
your support of  
our Confirmation  
program!

Dear Family of Faith,



As we celebrate another year at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are asking you to continue the long history of this congregation's generous financial pledging. We are hoping you will complete your pledge card so we are able to budget and grow in the year of 2021.

We recognize that deciding to donate to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church involves MORE than money. Our church needs not only your financial support, but also **the gifts of your time and talent as well. We want to emphasize: time, talent and money.**

The Finance Committee is currently calculating the proposed 2021 operating budget. Obviously, the final details of this budget will be dependent upon the generosity of the congregations pledged giving for 2021

Putting together the yearly budget is a two part process. The first part is relatively easy as this part includes the fixed costs (which comprise the major portion of the budget) to run/maintain our church. These costs remain relatively constant.

The second part of the budget is our commitment to the spiritual ministries that define our church. These ministries include the music programs, children's programs, mission projects, education experiences and more. Without a vigorous and generous pledge response, spiritual ministry programs are the first to be cut back. Therefore, it is our responsibility to provide the financial support to fund not only the fixed cost, but just as importantly, the spiritual ministries.

Our 2021 goal is to increase both the number of returned pledge cards as well and increasing the giving by 5% over 2020. We prayerfully request **that you personally join with us by increasing your giving by 5% over 2020.** If you have not previously pledged, please prayerfully consider providing a pledge for 2021. A 2021 pledge card is included in hopes that you are able to plan now for next year and for us.

Please return your pledge card by either mail, email or bringing to church and placing in the offering tray by Sunday, November 8, 2020. To email response send to: [stewardship@felcwalworth.com](mailto:stewardship@felcwalworth.com)

Peace and Blessings,

The Stewardship Committee

Pastor Dick Inglett and Vicar Lily Brellenthin





**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2021!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/We are happy to support our church's programs in the following amount for 2021:

Pledge	#/Week	\$/Month	\$/Quarter	\$/ Annual
<b>General Fund:</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Interest Areas: Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Children Ministries \_\_\_\_\_ Property/Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_  
 Music \_\_\_\_\_ WELCA \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raising for our community \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

I already contribute through Electronic Giving:

\_\_\_\_ Please update my giving to the requested amount above

\_\_\_\_ Please continue with my current giving



**Prayers for Hope & Healing:** Pat Grams, Shirley Heyer,

**Ongoing Prayers for Healing:** Family and friends of Evie Andersen, 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 and her 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.



Help us care for one another as we can!

⇒ Put a mask on when entering the church. Extra masks are available in the gathering space.

⇒ Sign in for accountability.

⇒ Disinfect main surfaces used before exiting church.



# Thank You

- ♦ To the Weborg family for baking bread for communion.
- ♦ To the sanctuary cleaning crew for their help in preparing for indoor worship.
- ♦ To the Worship Team for a smooth transition to indoor worship.
- ♦ To the Faith Formation teachers and volunteers for helping get the Faith Formation year off to a great start.

- ♦ Wednesday evening worship has moved indoors. A family mini-worship service starts at 6 p.m. Classes for pre-K through Confirmation run from 6:15-7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Electronic giving forms are available. Please contact the church office if you would like one.
- ♦ We are looking for volunteers to help usher, read, run the PowerPoint, and count offering on Sundays. Please contact the church office or a worship committee member if you are interested in helping.
- ♦ 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.



Dear Members of FELC,

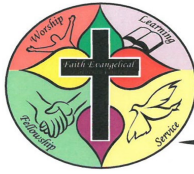
What a wonderful surprise to get so many cards in the mail thanking me for my years of volunteer service at the organ at Faith. It has been a joy for me to share my talent in leading our worship for the past 40 years. Thank you also to the Worship Team for delivering a beautiful fall floral arrangement for Brent and I to enjoy. Every time we look at it we are reminded of our family at Faith and missing all of you.

I thought I would share a bit of history with you. I have never had organ lessons but I played the organ at my home church in Minnesota during high school and then always belonged to large congregations that had professional organists. When we joined Faith there were actually 4 organists and one by one they left. Pastor Ruegg wanted our son Brad who was a freshman at the time and a very accomplished pianist to play and he wasn't too keen to take that on. I told Pastor Ruegg I had played as a teenager so we had a tryout and here I am still helping lead worship 40 years later.

Thank you again for your kind thoughts and the beautiful flowers.

Love in Christ,  
Karla





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Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

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

Tuesdays 10:00-Noon

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](mailto: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

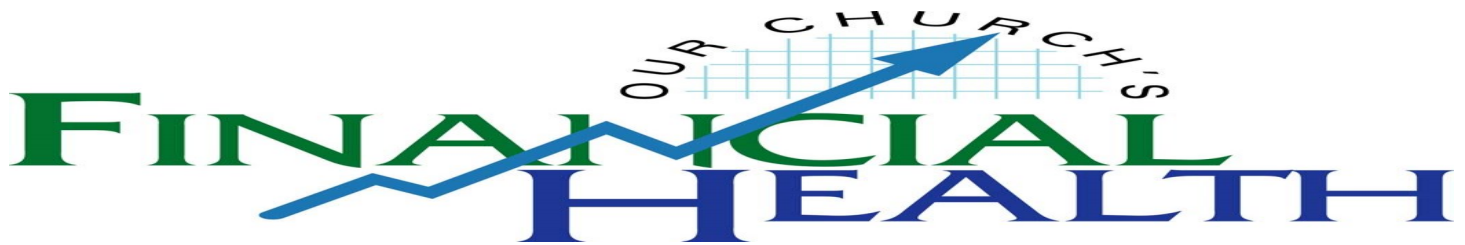
Penny Gruetzmacher, Stewardship

Brent Tildahl, Finance

Diane Voss, Learning

Perry Weborg, Property





## Monthly Financial Report September 30, 2020

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$10,849	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>360</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$11,209
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$5,454	
Synod Benevolence	892	
Committees	0	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>708</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>7,054</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		4,155
Checking Account Balance, September 1, 2020		2,654
Checking Account Balance, September 30, 2020		6,809

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

\*\* Includes monthly and specific donations

### Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	6,809	
Mission Investment Fund***	110,916	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>276,681</u>	
Subtotal	394,406	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,462</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		384,944

### Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Sept 30, 2020) **	83,326	92,364
Total Expenses	97,923	75,414

### Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, September 1, 2020	9,832
New Dedicated	
Designated by Contributor	(30)
Youth Group	(100)
Backpack Drive	(240)
Balance, September 30, 2020	9,462