



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

January 2021

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,

I have completed another semester of seminary, which leaves me with one left until graduation. I just finished a course called, “Preaching the Gospel of John: Abundant Life as a Vision for Christian Community”. I continue to be amazed at how God speaks to us through these familiar books of the Bible. John’s gospel speaks so much good news for us for an abundant life. So during this pandemic, as we step into a new year together, let us live into this abundance we have from God as described in the good book.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:1-5

We are reminded that Jesus was present from the beginning, Jesus doesn’t belong to a specific time and space.

Through this we know that Jesus, our ultimate host has created an eternal invite for us to the table, to the Body of Christ with one another, and this radical unending welcome leaves no one behind and calls each of us by name.

The Gospel of John is also filled with signs. Jesus shows his divinity by providing for people. He changes water into wine, heals people, feeds the five thousand and walks on water. We might not see the incarnate Jesus do these things today, but we see people in the world being the hands and feet of Christ among us. We are connected to an extraordinary God that provides abundance in our lives in more ways than one, loves us through and through, and calls us *extraordinary*. Let us continue into 2021 with this awareness.

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



A Message from Pastor Dick Inglett

Faith Lutheran Transition and Visioning Process

As we move forward through our two-year internship process and as this relationship is coming to a close we are looking to our future. To help the transition from internship to called pastor I am suggesting the following timeline and process. The goal of this process is to help us develop a vision and understanding of who we are as a congregation. Provide a snapshot of the community context that we are serving. Our vision of ourselves and the community context we find ourselves in will then determine how we will move forward as a congregation in relationship with Vicar, soon to be Pastor, Lily.

January and February - Two groups of 4 -5 people. One group will gather information about the community of Walworth. The other group of 4 – 5 people will gather information about Faith Lutheran. The language I am putting forward is looking at the hopes and hurts of the community and the church. People who know the community, have connections to community leadership and are willing to look at the reality of the Walworth community are who we need to participate in the first group. For the second group of 4-5 people we are looking for those who know the congregation, its history and its present. This group should include people who have lived most of their lives at Faith Lutheran as well as newer folks who might have some fresh perspective.

March – The data and information gathered in January and February will be shared with and discussed by the congregation. This group of 4 -5 people should be good at taking a lot of data and information and putting into a concise document for discussion. Their primary role is not to push an agenda but present a current snapshot.

April – Develop a “transition” document to be shared with and discussed by the congregation. The people we are looking for to serve in this capacity will put together a forward-looking document that is based in what has been learned in the data gathering months of January and February and what is heard in the March discussions of this data.

May – Develop a call document to share with the congregation, Vicar Lily and the synod office. A call document is what every congregation needs to put together when they call a new pastor. This document will be the basis for your ministry together as Pastor and congregation. The hope is that it and the transition document will serve as a guide for the mission and ministry that Faith Lutheran and (soon to be) Pastor Lily Brellenthin will share.

This looks like an ambitious schedule because it is. What I am envisioning is that the same people are not expected to walk the entire journey of this process. Each step needs to include 4 – 5 people to shepherd each phase. I will meet with and guide each group and make sure that there is a smooth transition between each phase.

This month I wanted to give you all a brief overview of the process and proposal. Each month we will expand and share more as we move forward. Please look over each month’s topic and let myself, Vicar Lily or a church council member know how you would like to serve.

Peace, Pastor Dick Inglett



Scripture readings for January:

January 3: Second Sunday of Christmas

[Jeremiah 31:7-14](#) Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock

[Psalm 147: 12-20](#) Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#) The will of God make known in Christ

[John 1:10-18](#) God with us; the incarnation of the word

January 10: Baptism of our Lord

[Genesis 1:1-5](#) God creates light

[Psalm 29](#) The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

[Acts 19:1-7](#) Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

[Mark 1:4-11](#) Revelation of Christ as God's servant

January 17: Second Sunday after Epiphany

[1 Samuel 3:1-10](#) The calling of Samuel

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#) You have searched me out and known me

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#) Glorify God in your body

[John 1:43-51](#) The calling of the first disciples

January 24: Third Sunday after Epiphany

[Jonah 3:1-5](#) Repentance at Nineveh

[Psalm 62:5-12](#) God alone is my rock and my salvation

[1 Corinthians 7: 29-31](#) Living in the end times

[Mark 1:14-20](#) The calling of the disciples at the sea

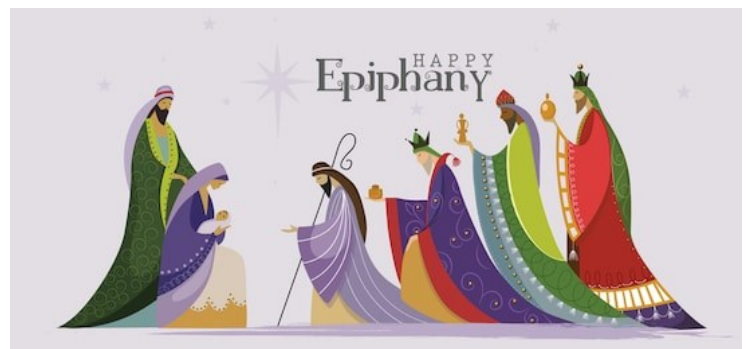
January 31: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#) The prophet speaks with God's authority

[Psalm 111](#) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#) Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols

[Mark 1:21-28](#) The healing of one with an unclean spirit





Prayers for Continued Healing: Scott Jones (Rich and Shirley Jones' son), Shirley Heyer, Jean Kovarik, Kris Strehlow

Ongoing Prayers for Hope and Health: 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), Tom Fredrick (Stephanie Freimund's father), Steve Jacobson (Angie Kynell's cousin), Kristi Hugunin (friend of Rachel's), Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bruce Lewis, Jean Null & family, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel's aunt), 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, Denise Robertson (cousin-in-law of Gail Connelly).

General Prayers: our siblings in Christ that are victims of violence, people committed to serving our country, health care professionals, essential workers, and all affected by this pandemic.



Save the Date:
Sunday, January 31
More information to come!

ANNUAL MEETING

Safety Reminders from the FELC Council

At this time, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Walworth County and based on recommendations by health officials and the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Council has decided to some new safety precautions.

- In-person worship will be suspended at this time. Join us for virtual worship.
- Faith Formation classes for grades preK-6 will move to virtual.
- Groups of more than 10 will not be allowed to meet/gather in the church building.
- Face coverings will continue to be required in the church building.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for your use at multiple places throughout the church.
- Continue to sign-in if you are in the building for contact tracing purposes.
- Please be mindful of social distancing.



FELC Council will reassess the COVID-19 situation in our area and our church policies at their next meeting on Monday, January 18.



Adult Opportunities

Opportunities for Serving on Church Council

FELC Congregational Council is looking for three members to serve on council, each for a three-year term. Church council provides an opportunity for you to become involved in FELC in a meaningful way as a leader and a decision maker. Please prayerfully consider how you could use your gifts to serve Faith Evangelical Lutheran. Contact any council member with questions or if interested.



Committee Meetings:

Worship Committee Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 14 at 7:00pm

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.

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**. Call the church office if you need someone to pick up your receipts.

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 the church office. (262) 275-3445

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am starting again January 6.

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



**Tuesday, January 5
at 7:00pm**

New Book: *Living Life Backwards: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* by David Gibson, Chapters 1-5, pages 1-90

Meeting will be hybrid fashion via zoom and in the gathering space. All are welcome.

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.

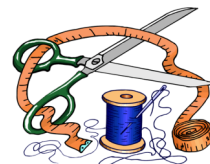


Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

We are meeting again starting January 6, but keeping our social distance.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship





Children & Youth Opportunities



High School Youth Group

Next Meeting

Sunday, January 17

5-6:30pm

Come for break and meaningful conversation.

All high school students are welcome to join us!

CHAOS 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

Thank you to everyone who ordered cookies!!!

27 dozen cookies were made and between cookies and donations the youth made about \$200. Thank you so much for your support!!!

Also, thank you to all the youth who helped bake and decorate cookies!

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.

Faith Formation

Classes for will meet at church starting again on Wednesday, January 13.



Students will go right to class at 6pm, as we are not meeting for worship at this time. Class will be from 6 to 7pm.

Virtual lesson will be available on January 6.

Families, please watch your email for more information as it becomes available.



Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm

Confirmation Class will continue to meet at church on Wednesday evenings.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Live Nativity a success. There were about 85 cars that drove past our Nativity scene. If you missed it, you can see a video of it on our Facebook page. Thank you again to all who helped, especially our Confirmation students and their families.



- ♦ Church groups that are meeting indoors are limited to ten (10) people. Remember to sign the register on the counter in the Gathering Space.
- ♦ Virtual worship services will be available each week. Also look for weekly updates and special messages on-line from Vicar Lily.
- ♦ Watch for weekly email communications including prayer requests and announcements
- ♦ The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021.
- ♦ The finance committee is still working on the church mission investment plan (budget) for 2021. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please consider doing so soon.
- ♦ 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.

Thank You

- ♦ To the participants of the Live Nativity presentation on Christmas Eve.
- ♦ To those who sent in recordings for worship, advent candle lightings, readings, and songs. It has been so great to see different faces and hear many voices in our virtual worships.
- ♦ To everyone who rang bells on Dec. 11 at Sentry for the Salvation Army.
- ♦ To the Worship Team for planning meaningful worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

We received a thank you note from Walworth Elementary School thanking everyone for their donations to the gift card drive.

- ♦ The new Lutheran Digest is available for anyone interested in the Gathering Space.



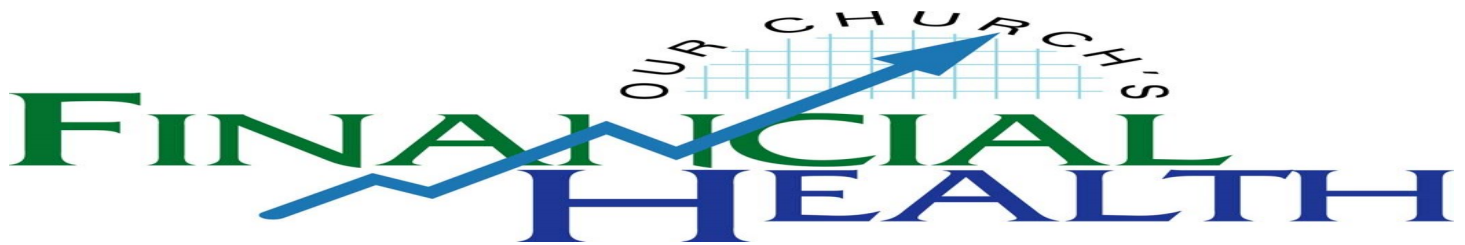
Help us care for one another as we can!

⇒ 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.





Monthly Financial Report November 30, 2020

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$6,039	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>200</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$6,239
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$7,118	
Synod Benevolence	892	
Committees	0	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>8,010</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(4,253)
Checking Account Balance, November 1, 2020		2,556
Checking Account Balance, November 30, 2020		785

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	785	
Mission Investment Fund***	111,747	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>276,680</u>	
Subtotal	389,212	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,362</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		379,850

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Nov 30, 2020) **	104,562	104,016
Total Expenses	119,314	92,214

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, November 1, 2020	9,162
New Dedicated	
Designated by Contributor	200
Balance, November 30, 2020	9,362



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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

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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

