



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

April 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,

Here we are in April once more! Hard to believe it, and this year we walk forward with much more hope.

As we continue in God's love on our faith journeys, let us bring our reflections from Lent. We prayed, listened deeply, practiced solitude, focused on fasting and prepared our hearts to forgive as God forgives us. We will soon experience Easter, and whether we are physically together or apart, we know that Jesus will die and rise again. We have victory over death and that is something we continue to have in Christ no matter our circumstance.

Poetry has helped put words to my thoughts during this pandemic, and this poem by Malcolm Guite written for Easter 2020 still feels relevant today as we step into Holy Week 2021. May this be a blessing for you as well.

*And where is Jesus, this strange Easter day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
Than he was sealed in that dark tomb.*

*The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
And he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large, and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in his empty grave.*

*He might have been a wafer in the hands
Of priests this day, or music from the lips
Of church choirs, instead he slips
Away from church, shakes off our linen bands
To don his apron with a nurse: he grips
And lifts a stretcher, soothes with gentle hands
The frail flesh of the dying, gives them hope,
Breathes with the breathless, lends them strength to cope.*

*On Thursday we applauded, for he came
And served us in a thousand names and faces
Mopping our sickroom floors and catching traces
Of the coronavirus which was death to him:
Good Friday happened in a thousand places
Where Jesus held the helpless, died with them
That they might share his Easter in their need,
Now they are risen with him, risen indeed.*

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

Community and Congregation Reflections Conversations

You are invited to attend one of three opportunities to engage in a congregational conversation that reflects on the community we serve and our current identity as a congregation. The three dates are Wednesday, April 21 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. , Sunday, April 25 following the Sunday morning worship service and Tuesday, April 27 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to serve as a transition conversation. We think it will be a helpful process as you move from your current relationship with Vicar Lily as your intern to the new relationship and identity that you will have when Faith Lutheran and Lily Brellenthin enter into a pastor/congregation relationship.

This will be a guided conversation based on two reflection documents: one focused on the Walworth Community and the other on Faith Lutheran's current identity and self-perception. These two documents will be handed out at the meetings and Pastor Dick Inglett will guide us through a series of reflection questions to help us dig deeper into who we are as a church and the community we are called to serve.

Pastor Dick Inglett



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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 scsw-elca.org/news.

Continued Safety Reminders from the FELC Council

- Continue to keep groups meeting at the church to 10 people or less.
- Worship will continue to be available virtually.
- 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 continue to reassess the COVID-19 situation in our area and our church policies each month.





Scripture readings for April:

April 1: Maundy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1-4 \[5-10\] 11-14](#) *The Passover of the LORD*

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#) *I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.*

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#) *Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes*

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#) *The service of Christ: footwashing and meal*

April 2: Good Friday

[Isaiah 52:13--53:12](#) *The suffering servant*

[Psalm 22](#) *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)*

[Hebrews 10:16-25](#) *The way to God is opened by Jesus' death*

[John 18:1--19:42](#) *The passion and death of Christ*

April 4: The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day

[Acts 10:34-43](#) *God raised Jesus on the third day*

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad*

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#) *Witnesses to the risen Christ*

[Mark 16:1-8](#) *The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

April 11: Second Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:32-35](#) *The believers' common life*

[Psalm 133](#) *How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity*

[1 John 1:1--2:2](#) *Walking in the light*

[John 20:19-31](#) *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

[Acts 3:12-19](#) *Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

[Psalm 4](#) *The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

[1 John 3:1-7](#) *The revealing of the children of God*

[Luke 24:36b-48](#) *Eating with the risen Christ*

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 4:5-12](#) *Salvation in the name of Jesus*

[Psalm 23](#) *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

[1 John 3:16-24](#) *Love in truth and action*

[John 10:11-18](#) *Christ the shepherd*



WORSHIP

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 28th
Join Us for Worship Virtually.

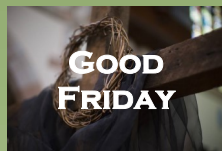
Join
Us
for
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Week
Worship
&
Activities



Maundy Thursday, April 1st
Drive-Thru Journey with Jesus
5 - 6 pm. Enter the parking lot
from Read Street, drive-thru to experience foot
washing, the Last Supper, Holy Communion, and praying in the
Garden of Gethsemane.



Watch the stripping of the altar during a virtual service.



Good Friday, April 2nd Join Us for Worship Virtually.



Easter Sunday, April 4th Let us gather together at 9
am in our parking lot for outdoor worship. A virtual
worship will also be available.



Easter Sunday, April 4th Let us gather for outdoor worship (on the north-
east section of the parking lot) with communion at 9am, weather permitting
(above 40 and not raining). Feel free to bring your own chair and drive-
thru communion under the awning. Virtual worship service will also be
available.

Sunday, April 11 and Sunday, April 18 we will also have outdoor worship,
weather permitting, with the service posted virtually on Sunday afternoon.



Prayers for Continued Healing: Jean Kovarik, Pam Clark, Kris Strehlow, Shirley Heyer, Penny Gruetzmacher

Ongoing Prayers for Hope and Health: Mary Jones (Tanya Butke's mother), Scott Jones (Rich and Shirely Jones' son), 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 West's), Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bruce Lewis, Jean Null & family, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel West's), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel West's aunt), Wim Henebiens & Aria Pierce (friends of Rachel West), Miles Kadlec, Madeline Zindrick, Rebecca Blonsky-Nummelin (Rachel West's niece), Yvonne Reynolds (friend of Gail Connelly), Christine Helke-Larsen and her son, Glenn Larsen, Denise Robertson (cousin-in-law of Gail Connelly), Russel (Tracey Scott's friend), Laura Langston (a good friend of Rachel West's), Paulette (Rachel West's sister in law)

We also pray for... the deepest care for people that are victims of gun violence, racist and hate crimes, we lift up those committed to serving our country, health care professionals, essential workers, and all affected by this pandemic.



***Order your
Pentecost Geraniums today!***

Geraniums will be planted on the church property.



I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ toward the purchase of geraniums for Pentecost.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ Envelope # _____

My geraniums are:
In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please mail this form & payment to:

Faith Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 128
Walworth, WI 53184





Adult Opportunities

Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter **Needs Meals**

Faith Evangelical Lutheran has committed to providing food for breakfast the **week of April 11** and the evening meal for **April 15 and 16**. If this is a ministry that interests you, please go to this address: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1raySnDaKu2Pk78lcmBuKoZTAMENLK3oVliNrwhB-Fvo/edit?usp=sharing> and sign up to help as you are able. If the link does not work for you, or if you have questions, please contact Rebecca Roehl. Monetary donations can also be made to help with purchasing food.

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(more details can be found on page 2)

Committee Meetings:

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

Learning Committee Next Meeting:
Thursday, April 15 at 7:00pm

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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

Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm

Book: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

We will be reading pages 149-end

We will be meeting hybrid fashion via zoom and in the gathering space.

All are welcome, however works for you!

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.

Next month's meeting: May 4 at 7pm

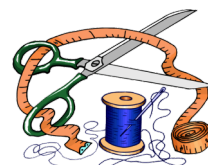


Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

We are meeting at church and keeping our social distance.

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship





Children & Youth Opportunities

Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 31: No Faith Formation

Thursday, April 1: Journey with Jesus
drive -thru experience

Sunday, May 9: Affirmation of Baptism and
Celebration Sunday

Wednesday, May 12: Last day of class

Faith Formation

Classes will continue on
the current schedule for
the month of April.

Classes will be from 6-7pm each
Wednesday.

Students will go right to class at 6pm.



YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm

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

Leech Lake Mission Trip Fundraiser

We are in need of money to help pay for our rental vehicle to Leech Lake, MN for the mission trip July 11-16.

Anyone who makes a donation will be in our prayers during the week and will be sent a postcard from Leech Lake with an update on how things are going.

Donations can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off/mailed to the church. Please indicate mission trip on your donation and include your name so we can send you a post card.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and generosity.

High School Youth Group

Change of date for April:

Sunday, April 25

5-6:30pm

Come for break and meaningful conversation. Help us plan our upcoming movie night.

All high school students are welcome to join us.

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

Follow **CHAOS** on Instagram. [@chaos_felc](https://www.instagram.com/chaos_felc)



Vacation Bible School

Theme: Who is My Neighbor

When: Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25

Where: At Faith, outside as much as possible

Registration forms will be available on our website soon.

If you are interested in volunteering during the week, please contact Rebecca at (607) 728-2798 or education@felcwalworth.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO IS
my neighbor?





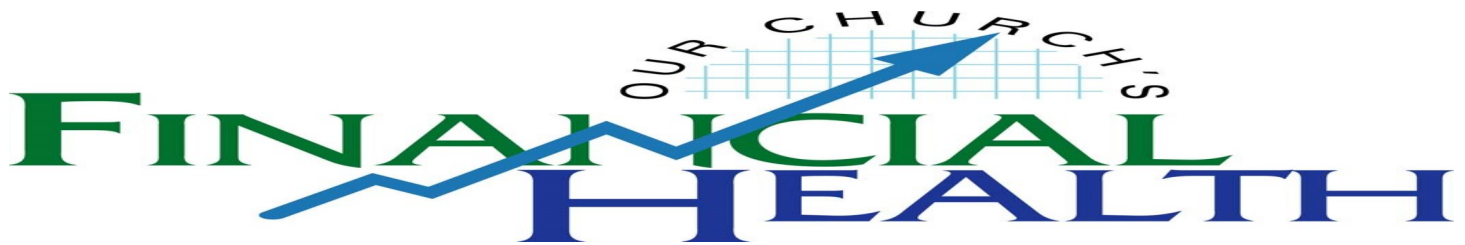
- ♦ The church is updating its records. If you have an updated address, phone number, or email please contact the church office.
- ♦ Church groups that are meeting indoors are limited to ten (10) people. Remember to sign the register on the counter in the Gathering Space.
- ♦ Virtual worship services are available each week. Links can be found on our webpage.
- ♦ Watch for weekly email communications including prayer requests and announcements
- ♦ Vicar Lily and Pastor Dick continue to be available for open door meetings Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Feel free to stop in to speak with them.
- ♦ The April - June issue of Christ in Our Home is available for anyone interested in the Gathering Space.

Thank You

- ♦ A very Big Thank You to Nancy Lee for the monumental hours she has spent at home and in church being the main stay piecing, sewing, and ironing the many quilts to be finished. Also extending thank you to all the present and past ladies that have and continue to complete the quilts.
- ♦ Also another Big Thank You to all congregation members that have provided the messages and music for our lay services, the youth program, and others like all of you for your support during this year of compromise.



If you are receiving this newsletter in paper form and would prefer to receive it electronically, please contact the church office at (262) 275-3445 Also, please let us know if you no longer wish to receive communication from FELC.



Monthly Financial Report February 28, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$6,918	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$6,918
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$6,861	
Synod Benevolence	979	
Committees	354	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>22</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>8,216</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(1,298)
Checking Account Balance, February 1, 2021		14,934
Checking Account Balance, February 28, 2021		13,636

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	13,636	
Mission Investment Fund***	100,000	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>279,610</u>	
Subtotal		393,246
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,647</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		402,893

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Feb 28, 2021) **	18,597	14,160
Total Expenses	20,745	16,300

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, February 1, 2021	9,711
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	(23)
VBS	(41)
Balance, February 28, 2021	9,647



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Church Office Hours:

Monday: Noon-3:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00-11:00am

Thursday: 9:00-11:00am

Friday: Noon-3:00pm

Staff

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

Email: education@felcwalworth.com

Call or text: 608-728-2798

Congregation Council 2021

Executive Team

Tracy Volbrecht, President

Elizabeth Hemmerich, Vice President

Penny Gruetzmacher, Secretary

Bill Clark, Treasurer

Congregation Council meetings are
held at 7:00 p.m.
on the third Tuesday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.

Council Members, Committee Assignments

Amanda Bender, Youth representative, Learning Committee

Dave Freymiller, Stewardship Committee

Christine Larsen, Member at Large

Karen Martinez, Worship Committee

Sue Schaid, Member at Large

Diane Voss, Learning Committee

Perry Weborg, Property Committee

