



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

March 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 been filled with many emotions as we continue to step into many unknowns. I have sought comfort and communal lament in the beloved words of the Psalms. They are filled with everything: poems that complain, songs that lift the roof with joy, formal prayers and some that make hardly any sense to us. The Psalms are filled with all sorts of images and metaphors, often piling in on top of each other. Even more, they are packed full of emotion: praise, anger, misery, joy, longing, gratitude, bitterness, fear, injustice, peace, confidence - you name it, it's there. Jesus even loved the Psalms. He knew them by heart (as did everyone else in his day) and often quoted them. When the early church tried to understand Christ's death and resurrection, they turned to these phrases. Christians ever since have found the Book of Psalms as a rich resource for prayer, and they have found Jesus weaved among the words. This is why during this season of Lent, we are traveling through the wilderness to the cross with guidance from the powerful words from a variety of Psalms. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Psalm 17:6-7 (NRSV) Keep reading, keep seeking our Lord. May God bless you on the way.

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 March Update

Internship Report

Vicar Lily, your Lay Internship committee and myself worked very hard in February to complete all the paperwork required by the seminary, candidacy committee and synod so that she is eligible for call to serve as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. We completed Vicar Lily's final evaluations at the end of February in preparation for her seminary and synod candidacy final interviews being held in March and April. We are on track for Vicar Lily's internship to be completed by the end of May. When all of Vicar Lily's seminary, synod and candidacy's requirements are complete, we will enter the call process for her to be your resident pastor. I appreciate your partnership, shared ministry and grace as this two-year process comes to a close.

Transition Process

The community and congregation reflection and data gathering groups have completed their work and we have approximately 6 pages of raw data to shift through. We need 3 – 4 people to help work through the data gathered and prepare a one-page conversation sheet for both the congregation and community reflection discussions to be held in April. Please let Pastor Dick or Tracy Volbrecht know if you are able to help with this portion of the process.

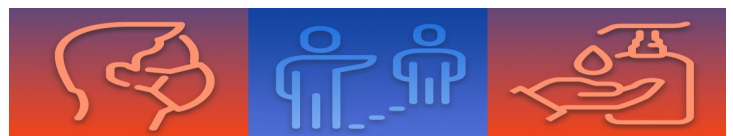
Peace,

Pastor Dick Inglett

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 March:

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent

[Exodus 20:1-17](#) *The commandments are given at Sinai*

[Psalm 19](#) *The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes*

[1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#) *Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

[John 2: 13-22](#) *The cleansing of the temple*

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Numbers 21:4-9](#) *The lifting up of the serpent*

[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](#) *You deliver your people from their distress*

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#) *Saved by grace through faith for good works*

[John 3:14-21](#) *The lifting up of the Son of Man*

March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) *A new covenant written on the heart*

[Psalm 51:1-12](#) *Create in me a clean heart, O God*

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#) *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

[John 12:20-33](#) *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

March 28: Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms

[Mark 11:1-11](#) *Jesus enters Jerusalem*

[Isaiah 50: 4-9a](#) *The servant of the Lord submits to suffering*

[Psalm 31: 9-16](#) *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit*

[Philippians 2:5-11](#) *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

[Mark 14:1-15, 47](#) *The passion of the Lord*



Starting Sunday, March 7, a drive-thru communion will be offered the first Sunday of the month.

Please drive up to the front door of the church under the canopy from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to receive Holy Communion from Vicar Lily.



WORSHIP

Wednesday Lenten Reflections

February 24

Theme: *Prayer*

Psalm 17



March 3

Theme: *Fasting*

Psalm 69



March 10

Theme: *Listening*

Psalm 5



March 17

Theme: *Solitude*

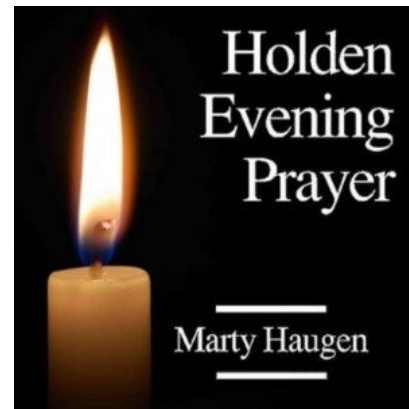
Psalm 62



March 24

Theme: *Forgiveness*

Psalm 51



Waterlife recorded the Holden Evening Prayer service for your enjoyment during the Lenten season. The link to the recording will be sent via email in the near future.



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday—April 1

Good Friday — April 2

Easter Sunday — April 4





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

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)

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.

*Meet Jennifer Vaun
FELC's newest staff member*



Greetings!

Thank you to all who have so kindly welcomed me into the Faith Lutheran family. I am honored and proud to accept the position as your new Office Administrator beginning March 1st. Working as the Office Consultant throughout January and February, it has been an amazing experience finding my way, learning names, meeting some members, working together with staff and volunteers, to appreciate all of their hard work...and becoming familiar with the foundation of your church home. I am also the Office Administrator at Luther Memorial Church in Delavan, going on 17 years now, as well as I have done additional work throughout Walworth County for over 25 years. I hope to only bring all of these continued years of knowledge, experience, and service to Faith Lutheran. As of March 1st, my office hours at Faith Lutheran will be Monday and Friday noon-3pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 9-11 am, should you have any questions or need any correspondence. shared.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Vaun

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer to our FELC team.





Adult Opportunities

Committee Meetings:

Worship Committee Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00pm



If you have not told us your favorite hymns, there is still time. Call the church office with your top four favorite hymns or use this link to let us know what songs you like: <https://forms.gle/7QZyKdxmM1AGbBQe6>

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.



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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

Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00pm

Book: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

We will be reading pages 1-149.

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: April 6 at 7pm

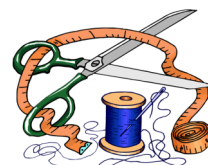


Faith Sew-ers

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

Faith Formation

Classes will continue on the current schedule for the month of March. Classes will be from 6-7pm each Wednesday. Students will go right to class at 6pm, as we are not meeting for worship at this time.



High School Youth Group

Sunday, March 21

5-6:30pm

Come for break and meaningful conversation.

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

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm

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

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.

Vacation Bible School

Faith Ev. Lutheran is hosting VBS this summer.

Theme: Who is My Neighbor

VBS will be mornings Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO IS
my neighbor?



DID YOU KNOW?

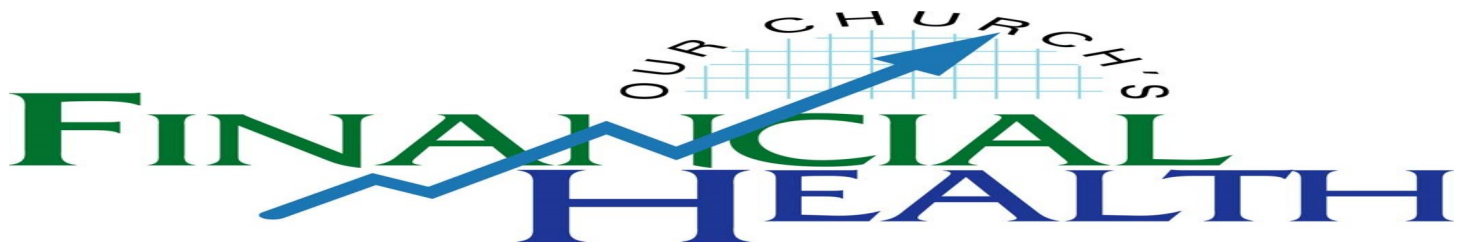
Thank You

- ♦ To Stephanie Freimund and Grace Churchill for sharing lay messages this month.
- ♦ To all who volunteer their time and efforts to keep the snow cleared at the church, especially Rich Bender and Larry Volbrecht.
- ♦ To the new council members- Sue, Karen, and Christine— for their commitment to our church.

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.

- ♦ A 'first Sunday of the month' drive-thru communion will start Sunday, March 7. We will use the same process that we did during outdoor worship last fall. Please drive up to the front door under the canopy from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to receive the wine and bread from Vicar Lily.
- ♦ Jennifer Vaun has been hired as the church administrative assistant starting March 1. Her office hours are listed on the last page of this newsletter.
- ♦ 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 10am-noon. Feel free to stop in to speak with them.
- ♦ Amanda Bender and Rebecca Roehl will be joining Pastor Kalen and 4 youth from Christ in Sharon and Pastor Dick, 3 chaperones, and 21 youth from Sugar Creek on a YouthWorks mission trip this summer to Leech Lake, MN.
- ♦ The January-March issue of Christ in Our Home is available for anyone interested in the Gathering Space.





Monthly Financial Report January 31, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$9,035	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>65</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$9,100
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$7,028	
Synod Benevolence	892	
Committees	209	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>23</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>8,152</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		948
Checking Account Balance, January 1, 2021		13,986
Checking Account Balance, January 31, 2021		14,934

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

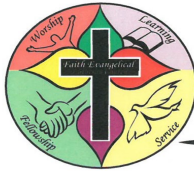
Checking Account	14,934	
Mission Investment Fund***	100,000	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>279,610</u>	
Subtotal	394,544	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,711</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		384,833

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Jan 31, 2021) **	9,298	8,785
Total Expenses	10,372	8,058

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, January 1, 2021	9,669
New Dedicated	
VBS	50
Youth Group	15
Youth Group	(23)
Balance, January 31, 2021	9,711



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Monday: Noon-3:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00-11:00am

Thursday: 9:00-11:00am

Friday: Noon-3:00pm

Staff

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

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

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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

