



# Faith Evangelical

## Lutheran Church

### Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

May 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*

A big thank you to everyone that came out to a Town Hall Meeting, they ended up being very special moments of connection within our community. It meant so much to see this continued support and love as we step into transition and a new relationship together. I feel so honored to be stepping into this next chapter with you!

It seemed to be helpful to share a bit of my current process of becoming a pastor in these meetings and I thought here might also be another good place to share with you:

The middle of April, Bishop Joy met with other bishops in our region to officially call me into this synod. So this means I have been granted for my first call to a church to be in the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, which is great for us!

May 7th is my Approval Interview for acceptance as a candidate for Ordination in Word and Sacrament, this interview will take place with the Candidacy Committee within our synod. This committee has been with me through my seminary career, and given me the “go-ahead” each step of the way. This upcoming interview is the final piece. Alongside of course, finishing these two weeks of finals. May 16th, I will graduate from seminary with a Masters of Divinity.

Later in May, once I have graduated and planned a date for Ordination, I will schedule a month away from Faith Evangelical. This will allow a true transition from vicar to pastor. (have no fear, Worship Committee and Council is planning out my absence, you will be cared for!) Once I am ordained, a special congregational meeting will be arranged by council to officially call me to Faith. Then as a pastor to the church “at large” from my ordination, I will start here, and we will plan Installation. This will make me “officially” your pastor, instead of just “at large”.

Ordination most likely will be mid summer at my home congregation of Luther Valley Lutheran Church, Beloit and Installation at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Walworth. sometime late summer/early fall. As these dates are arranged we will be sure to get the word out.

Lastly, I need to give a major shout out and thank you to Pastor Dick Inglett and Sugar Creek Lutheran Church of Elkhorn. Thank you for believing in us and believing in me. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, your love and your pastor.

I continue to stand in awe of the Holy Spirit working in this experiment/experience of a two year part time, with an off site supervisor, during a pandemic, with all additional challenges, sorrows and joys of life mixed in. I am so grateful for the strength that only comes from above. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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)



# Farewell Thank You from Pastor Dick Inglett

In high school I ran the mile in track. I loved to run the race and I rejoiced when it was over. The rejoicing was not because the race was over but a celebration of a race well run. That is the best way I can describe how I am feeling as my race with you comes to an end. Hard to believe that we started this run two years ago. What started as a hopeful experiment is now ending with a congregation and newly formed pastor ready to join together as shepherd and flock, pastor and church. I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to join you in this journey and the privilege I had to watch both Vicar Lily and you all grow in confidence and competence, skills and service. As I take my leave from you please know you will continue to be in my prayers as I look forward to hear and witness all the wonderful mission and ministry that you and Pastor Lily Brellenthin will share.

*Pastor Dick Inglett*

*Thank  
you*

## Thank you!

I want to thank the congregation of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for the gift cards and parting gifts shared with me as I end my time of ministry with you. Throughout my time with you I have experienced your welcome and appreciation for our work together. It has been my privilege to be with you these past two years.

Again thank you so much for all you have given me and all we have shared.

Peace

Pastor Dick Inglett.

## Worship Helpers Contact Office

With the times such as they are, we do not want to make any assumptions about comfort levels. If you are, were, or want to be a helper during Sunday worship please contact the church office -

**Email: [office@felcwalworth.com](mailto:office@felcwalworth.com) or Phone: 262-275-3445**

Helpers needed include: readers, communion assistants, ushers, and clicker (for the PowerPoint). It takes all of us to make worship meaningful and we are grateful to be back together as a community!



**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](mailto:scsw-elca.org/news).



## Scripture readings for May:

### May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 8:26-40** Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian

**Psalms 22:25-31** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

**1 John 4:7-21** God's love perfected in love for one another

**John 15:1-8** Christ the vine

### May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Outdoor Worship: Affirmation of Baptism and Celebration Sunday**

**Acts 10:44-48** The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

**Psalms 98** Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

**1 John 5:1-6** The victory of faith

**John 15:9-17** Christ the friend and lover

### May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26** Matthias added to the apostles

**Psalms 1** The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

**1 John 5:9-13** Life in the Son of God

**John 17:6-19** Christ's prayer for his disciples

### May 23: Day of Pentecost

**Acts 2:1-21** Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

**Psalms 104:24-34, 35b** Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

**Romans 8:22-27** Praying with the Spirit

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15** Christ sends the Spirit of truth

### May 30: The Holy Trinity/First Sunday After Pentecost

**Isaiah 6:1-8** Isaiah's vision and call

**Psalms 29** Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

**Romans 8:12-17** Living by the Spirit

**John 3:1-17** Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

**Luke 24:36b-48** Eating with the risen Christ





We are worshipping indoors, in our sanctuary, on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. If you are not able to join us, you can access a recording of the worship on our Facebook page or website. The one exception will be Affirmation of Baptism/Celebration Sunday on *May 9*. *We will have an outdoor worship* to celebrate Bode's Confirmation and the end of the Faith Formation year.



Wear **red** for  
Pentecost Sunday,  
May 23rd.

May 2021

Dear Members of Faith,

As we prepare ourselves for worshipping indoors, 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.

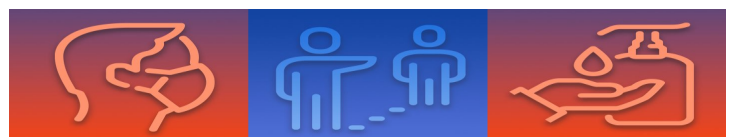
Hand sanitizer will be available for your use at multiple places throughout the church.

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. Usher will also assist with communion procedures.

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.

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







**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), Karen and Jose Martinez, Dave Woodrich

**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

  
**PENTECOST**



# Adult Opportunities

## *Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter*

Thank you to all who donated food, time and money to get meals to the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter. Your work with this ministry is greatly appreciated! The shelter is closed for the spring/summer and will open again sometime in the fall. We will look at opportunities to support them again at that time.

### **Are you a stamp collector?**



**If you would like a box of stamps collected over several years prior to 1992, call Christine Larson (262) 903-4888.**

### **Committee Meetings:**

**Worship Committee** Next meeting:  
Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00pm

**Learning Committee** Next Meeting:  
TBD end of May/early June

## Women of the ELCA



**Wednesdays at 9:15am**

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

### **Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm**

Book: *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream

We will be reading pages 1-75

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: June 1 at 7pm

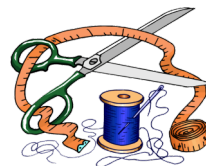


### *Faith Sew-ers*

**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

## Materials Needed for VBS

If you are able to help with any of the following items for Vacation Bible School this summer, please drop them off at the church during regular office hours or on Sunday morning.

**Thank you for your support and generosity!**

### For Crafts:

Wooden beads (yellow, blue, and red)  
50 squares of wood (2x4s cut into 4inch squares)  
Duct tape of various colors and patterns  
60 Foam Bowls

### For Service Projects:

Lip balm  
Granola bars  
Snack size candy bars  
Band aides  
Travel size Hand Sanitizer  
Fleece for blankets (1.5-2 yards)  
Yarn

Cash donations are always welcome! Thank you!!!

## Important Dates:

**Sunday, May 9:** Outdoor worship service for Affirmation of Baptism and Celebration Sunday

**Wednesday, May 12:** Last day of class

## Faith Formation

Final Class May 12

Families are invited!!

Join us for outdoor worship, a family project, and an ice cream social to celebrate our Faith Formation year.



## High School Youth Group

May Meeting is TDB

Watch your text or

Instagram for more information

All high school students are welcome to join us. Our usual meeting date is the 3rd Sunday of each month from 5:00-6:30pm.

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

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos\_felc



## Confirmation Classes

Please bring cards for Bode Tuchscherer to the church by Sunday, May 9 to show our support for him on his Confirmation.

## 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 are available on our [website](#)

Register by May 31 for early bird discount

If you are interested in volunteering during the week, please contact Rebecca at (607) 728-2798 or [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto: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.
- ♦ 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 continues to be available for open door meetings Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Feel free to stop in to speak with her.
- ♦ Confirmation and Faith Formation students collected toilet paper and baby wipes for Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as a continuation of our ongoing ministry with them. The students collected over 108 rolls of toilet paper and 40 packages of wipes which were delivered to Hephatha on Monday, April 12.

## Thank You

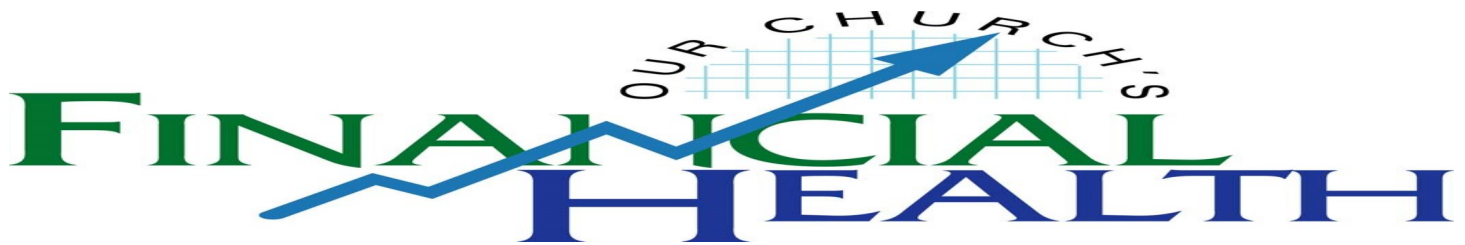
- ♦ To everyone who helped make outdoor Easter worship meaningful and successful.
- ♦ To the grounds crew for keeping the church grounds looking great this spring
- ♦ To everyone who made, donated, and delivered food to the Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter

- ♦ This spring people from FELC made, donated, and delivered 6 dinners and a weeks worth of breakfast food to the Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter.
- ♦ One of our youth, Bode Tushscherer, will be confirmed during the worship service on Sunday, May 9. To show our support for Bode, we are asking congregation members to write him a card. You can send/drop it off at the church anytime before May 9, or bring it with you to worship that day.
- ♦ The April - June issue of Christ in Our Home is available for anyone interested in the Gathering Space.

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 March 31, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$16,110	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>525</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$16,635
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$6,347	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	322	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>7,605</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(1,298)
Checking Account Balance, March 1, 2021		13,636
Checking Account Balance, March 31, 2021		22,666

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

\*\* Includes monthly and specific donations

### Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	22,666	
Mission Investment Fund***	100,542	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>279,610</u>	
Subtotal	402,818	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>10,195</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		392,623

### Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Mar 31, 2021) **	28,903	30,520
Total Expenses	31,117	24,005

### Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, March 1, 2021	9,670
New Dedicated	
WELCA	425
Youth Group	100
Balance, March 31, 2021	10,195



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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***

Vicar Lily Brellenthin

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Jennifer Vaun, Administrative Assistance

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

***Email:*** [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto: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

Susie Schaid, Member at Large

Diane Voss, Learning Committee

Perry Weborg, Property Committee

