



# Faith Evangelical

## Lutheran Church

### Walworth, WI

## Mission Statement

September 2021

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit, we at FELC experience God through **Worship, Learning, Service, and Fellowship.**

## *A Message from Pastor Lily*



Thank you all for making me feel so welcomed and loved. Your gifts for my ordination blew me away! I now have my first stole, something that I dreamed of wearing once a pastor! The youth of the church put together a quilt for me with our quilters guidance, I am honored to have this beauty! And thank you for a gift of beautiful wooden crosses that I may wear with my stole over my alb to work with my new title of "Pastor". I am still speechless and beyond excited to be where I am today.

As we step into this new chapter together let me start with some details about my new role.

Just a reminder that I will be working 33-37 hours per week as I am your  $\frac{3}{4}$  time pastor. Which makes it about 36 Sunday Services that I will lead throughout the year, which looks like one Sunday off per month plus my ability to take 4 weeks of vacation each year. The good news is we will be seeing a lot more of one another and I still will have flexibility within my schedule and you all will still see other familiar pulpit supply pastors and seminarians. How great is that? We are in a good place!

My weekly schedule will likely modify and mold as the weeks go on but here is my plan: Mondays I plan to work from home checking emails, making calls, occasional visiting. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays you will find me at church and within and around the community on pastoral care calls. Fridays I will try to keep things low key, I might be calling people back and won't be so glued to my emails, but do still reach out! Friday and Saturdays I will also have more family time and time finishing sermons. Sundays I'm all yours!

I will get back to my "Vicar on the Go!" type videos, as I work on a clever new title, perhaps, "Pastor on the Path!" Also, I will continue learning more about the community, church history and passions within.

Thank you in advance for grace as we figure out this new/continued relationship. Let's keep communicating and growing together. Thank you for this honor to serve you.

Love and Peace,  
Pastor 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)



# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Service Project

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**



**Sept. 12  
2021**

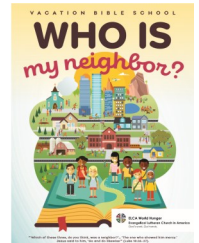
**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021.** This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

*People don't want to go to the dump and have a picnic, they want to go out to a beautiful place and enjoy their day. And so I think our job is to try to take the environment, take what the good Lord has given us, and expand upon it or enhance it, without destroying it.*

– Jack Nicklaus

**God's Work, Our Hands Project Date:  
September 19, 2021**

Following the example of the *Joyful Action* group of sixth and seventh graders who worked on community service projects during VBS in June, FELC volunteers will continue with this year's theme, "Who is my neighbor?". The kids focused on being good neighbors and served the community by painting the picnic tables in 'Devils Lane Park'. On Sunday, September 19, our volunteers will paint the picnic tables at Toynton Park.



Volunteers will meet at the park following worship. Please bring a paint roller (if you have one). A sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space, so we can plan for the event.



If you prefer to remain indoors, we have a task for you to help with...volunteers will finish the Christmas in July stocking project by stuffing goodies in each stocking. No experience needed!



***Please join us on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 19, 2021.***



## Scripture readings for September:

### September 5: 15th Sunday After Pentecost

**Isaiah 45:4-7** *Life streams in the desert,  
God comes with healing*

**Psalms 146** *I will praise the Lord as long as I  
live*

**James 2:1-10 [11-13]14-17** *Faith without  
works is dead*

**Mark 7:24-37** *Christ healing a little girl and  
a deaf man*

### September 19: 17th Sunday After Pentecost

**Jeremiah 11:18-20** *The prophet led like a  
lamp to slaughter*

**Psalms 54** *God is my helper,; it is the Lord who  
sustains my life*

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a** *The wisdom from  
above*

**Mark 9:30-37** *Prediction of the passion*

### September 12: 16th Sunday After Pentecost

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** *The servant is vindicated by  
God*

**Psalms 116:1-9** *I will walk in the presence of  
the Lord*

**James 3:1-12** *Dangers of the unbridled  
tongue*

**Mark 8:27-38** *Peter's confession of faith*

### September 26: 18th Sunday After Pentecost

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29** *The Lord's  
spirit comes upon seventy elders*

**Psalms 19:7-14** *The commandment of the  
Lord gives light to the eyes*

**James 5:13-20** *Prayer and anointing in the  
community*

**Mark 9:38-50** *Warnings to those who ob-  
struct faith*



*The worship team has created a new  
format for Sunday worship bulletins  
starting September 12. Your feed-  
back is welcome. Let us know what  
you think of the new format.*

# Worship Servers

September 5 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Rick L. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	<i>No Communion</i>
Projector	Rebecca R.
September 12 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Susie Schaid
Projector	Liz H.
September 19 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Jose M. & John S.
Communion Assist.	Karen M.
Projector	Rebecca R.
September 26 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Liz H.

October 3 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Kristi R.
October 10 9:00 am	
Reader	Pam C.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Pam C.
Projector	Barb W.
October 17 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	<i>No Communion</i>
Projector	Rebecca R.
October 24 9:00 am	
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Jose M. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Karen M.
Projector	Barb W.
October 31 9:00 am	
Reader	Confirmands
Ushers	Confirmation class
Communion Assist.	Confirmands
Projector	Liz H.

If you are unable to serve on your schedule date, please try to switch with someone or find a replacement. If you are unable to do so, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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



**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Jean Kovarik, Pam Clark, Kris Strehlow, Shirley Heyer, José and Karen Martinez, Diane Voss, the family and friends of David Woodrich, and the family and friends of Edith Hanstad, Steve Miller and Judy Miller with the loss of her son

**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'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, 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.



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch outdoors on Tuesday, September 14 at noon.

Main dish will be provided. No need to bring anything but yourself and maybe a friend.

In case of poor weather for outdoor eating a "rain date" is set for Tuesday, September 21.

## Faith Formation and Young Disciples Confirmation Kick-Off Night

**Wednesday, September 15 6:00-7:15pm**



Join us as we start the Faith Formation/Confirmation year with a Family Cook-out, Parent Meeting, and Worship Service

Meet in the shelter at Devils Lane Park (across from the church)

The whole family is invited!



**YOUNG DISCIPLES**



# Adult Opportunities

## Live Nativity Planning Committee

If you are interested in helping plan this year's Live Nativity please contact Rebecca Roehl at [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com). We will meet for the first time in the end of September.



## 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**. Ask the cashier for a green sticker. Call the church office if you need someone to pick up your receipts.

## Committee Meetings:

**Worship Committee** Next meeting:  
Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00pm

**Learning Committee** Thank you to all our members for their dedication! We will not meet in September. If you are interested in joining the learning committee please contact the church office.

If you are interested in helping with Wednesday evening Faith Formation, Confirmation, Family Worship, or meal in any way, please contact Rebecca Roehl at 608-728-2798 or [education@felcwalworth.com](mailto:education@felcwalworth.com)

# Women of the ELCA



**Wednesdays at 9:15am**

Join us in the Gathering Space for conversation and Christian fellowship.

**Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00pm**

We will be discussing the second half of the book *Educated* by Tara Westover.

**All women are welcome** to join us! Bring your friends. It is okay if you did not get a chance to read the book!

Next month's meeting: October 5 at 7pm. We will be discussing the first section of the book *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

Contact Rebecca Roehl if you would like a copy of either book.

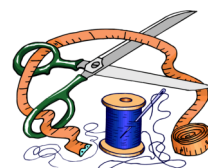


## Faith Sew-ers

**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 begins September 15

All children ages 3-6th grade are welcome to join us for Faith Formation classes.

Classes are split by grade level and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50pm followed by a Family Worship Service from 6:55-7:15pm.

### Faith Formation Kick-Off Event September 15 from 6:00-7:15pm Devils Lane Park Shelter The whole family is invited!

Cook-out, parents' meeting, games for the kids, and a family worship service.



### Confirmation Classes

Young Disciples Confirmation Classes will begin on September 15 and meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50pm with worship to follow until 7:15pm.

If you know of a middle school or high school students interested in becoming a part of the ELCA church please contact Pastor Lily or Rebecca Roehl for more information on Confirmation classes.



for a fun-filled time of games, lunch, crafts, and Bible lessons. Thank you to everyone who came, helped out with, and support this event!

Food, Fun, and Friends on August 17 was a success. 9 children joined us

## ELCA Youth Gathering 2022



July 23-29, 2022

All students in 8th-12th grade for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to attend. Please invite your friends!

**Informational meeting** for all interested youth and parents:  
**Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30pm**  
in the Gathering Space at Faith.



## High School Youth Group

Sunday, September 19 4:00-5:30pm  
**CHAOS** is for all high school students.  
Bring your friends and come be with us.

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 Heyer True Value Hardware for donating discontinued items to sell at the youth Sidewalk Sale and to Pearce's Farmstand for letting the youth use their farm wagons for the Sidewalk Sale. We are grateful for your generosity!
- ♦ To everyone who donated items, helped with set-up or clean-up, and supported the youth Sidewalk Sale. It was a huge success. We appreciate your support and generosity!

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.

- ♦ If you would like to include any announcements in the October newsletter, please provide them to the church office by October 20th.
- ♦ The church is updating its records. If you have an updated address, phone number, or email please contact the church office.
- ♦ Watch for weekly email communications including prayer requests and announcements. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to, please contact the church office.
- ♦ Pastor Lily continues to be available for open door meetings Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Feel free to stop in to speak with her.
- ♦ Faith Formation classes are free to any child who is interested in attending regardless of church affiliation. We have classes for students preschool-6th grade and Confirmation classes for students 7th-9th grade. Registration forms can be found on our website.
- ♦ Wednesday evening worship service will start again September 15 at 6:55pm. Faith Formation students will receive their Bibles during worship service on Wednesday, September 22.
- ♦ FELC's roof and gutters sustained damage from storms in November 2020. Thanks to diligent work from our property committee and an insurance claim, the church building received a new roof and other repairs in the end of August. Drive by and check out how good it looks!

### Administrative Assistant Schedule

Jennifer has some changes in her scheduling at the moment. She will continue to help as needed, in times that work for her. As we figure out if this is short term or long term, we will keep you posted and volunteers will be stepping in as needed.



## Monthly Financial Report July 31, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$9,595	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>50</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$9,645
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$10,824	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	(40)	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>205</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>11,925</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(2,280)
Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2021		29,198
Checking Account Balance, July 31, 2021		26,918

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

\*\* Includes monthly and specific donations

### Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	26,918	
Mission Investment Fund***	101,083	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>285,836</u>	
Subtotal	413,837	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>8,587</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		405,250

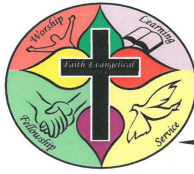
### Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through July 31, 2021) **	65,088	64,182
Total Expenses	72,602	57,384

### Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, July 1, 2021	8,644
New Dedicated	
VBS	98
Lutheran World Relief	50
VBS	(205)

Balance, July 31, 2021	8,587
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Monday-Thursday

9:00—11:00 a.m.

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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 7:30 p.m.

on the third Monday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.

### ***Council Members, Committee Assignments***

Amanda Bender, Youth representative, Learning Committee

Karen Martinez, Worship Committee

Susie Schaid, Member at Large

Diane Voss, Learning Committee

Perry Weborg, Property Committee

