

Mission Statement

October 2021

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



I have always enjoyed the season of autumn. And perhaps it started with my kindergarten best friend having that same name, who knows. I love the smells and sights that fall brings. Nothing like having a beautiful reminder that change can be good. At the change of seasons we are reminded that the world keeps moving, nothing stands still for long, and we need to move with it.

So as you crunch the leaves on the sidewalk on your way to school or while you drive to work and you start to see the leaves changing colors across the landscape, remember with all the change that is happening or is to come, the promise and constant is God. Change is good, change is inevitable, and change is sometimes scary. But through it all, we have God on our side, supporting us, loving us, and keeping us on our individually crafted path.

We have much to look forward to this season and specifically this month. At the very beginning of October we can support our local students at the Homecoming Parade and Homecoming Football Game at Big Foot, October 1st.

Following that, this weekend, October 3rd, we will join efforts with our surrounding communities at the Crop Walk in Williams Bay. What a way to get outside and enjoy the fall weather, while working to end world hunger.

October 10th, I will officially become your pastor in an "Installation Service" within our Sunday Worship.

And rounding out the month we will celebrate with our 9th Grade Confirmation Students with their "Affirmation of Baptism" on October 31st.

We have a wonderful month ahead with much more added to the mix described in the following pages.

Let's make October a great month! Hope to see you soon!

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





October is Clergy Appreciation Month



Take a moment to appreciate the clergy who have made a difference in your life. We encourage you to send cards to Pastor Lily and other clergy who are important to you.

We will have a special celebration to appreciate Pastor Lily on October 10 following the worship service.



Confirmation Service and Cards:

Join us as we celebrate our 9th grade students as they Affirm their Baptism on Sunday, October 31 during our 9am worship service. We will be collecting cards for all our confirmands: Addie Butke, Kelsie Kroening, Karlie Kroening, and Holly Kynell. Cards can be dropped off at the church office or put in the basket on **Confirmation Sunday October 31**.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Service Project 2021



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is a day to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

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 continued



with this year's theme, "Who is my neighbor?". They focused on being good neighbors and served the community by painting the picnic tables in Toynton Park. on Sunday, September 19.

Volunteers met at the park following worship. Lunch followed at the church. Check out the hard-working volunteers...







Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Service Project



Join the 36th Annual CROP Hunger Walk. Sunday October 3rd, 2021. Registration is at 12:30pm - Lions Fieldhouse in Williams Bay. Walk at 1:00pm through Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy plus the Village and lakefront of Williams Bay. There are 4 distances to choose from: a stroller walk, 1-mile, 3-mile, or 6-mile.

Help raise money for the global fight against hunger. 75% of all monies raised go to world hunger relief, 25% of all monies come back to Walworth County.In response to the global Covid-19 pandemic, your support is needed more than ever.

Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family. All ages are welcome! If you cannot walk, please pledge to support other walkers. See your congregational CROP Walk Team Captain for more information.

Please like our Facebook page, just search for Lake Geneva Area CROP Walk.

Come join us for a great cause and great fellowship! Questions? See your CROP Walk Team Captain or email lgcropwalk@gmail.com

CROPHUNGERWALK.ORG



Scripture readings for October:

<u>October 3: 19th Sunday After Pentecost</u> **Genesis 2:18-24** Created for relationship **Psalm 8** You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5) **Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12** God has spoken by a Son **Mark 10:2-16** Teaching on marriage October 17: 21st Sunday After Pentecost Isaiah 53:4-12 The suffering servant Psalm 91:9-16 You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9) Hebrews 5:1-10 Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

October 10: 20th Sunday After Pentecost **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15** Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live **Psalm 90:12-17** So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12) **Hebrews 4:12-16** Approach the throne of grace with boldness October 24: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost Jeremiah 31:7-9 The LORD gathers the remnant of Israel Psalm 126 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5) Hebrews 7:23-28 Christ the merciful high priest



The worship team has created a new format for Sunday worship bulletins. Your feedback is welcome. Let us know what you think of the new format. <u>October 31: Reformation</u> Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD Psalm 46 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7) Romans 3:19-28 Justified by God's grace as a gift John 8:31-36 Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth

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	TBD
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	TBD
Projector	Barb W.
October 17	9:00 am
Reader	Pam C.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	No Communion
Projector	Rebecca R.
October 24	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Jose M. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Karen M.
Projector	Barb W.
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Projector October 31	9:00 am
Projector October 31 Reader	9:00 am Confirmands



November 7	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Rick L. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Rebecca R.
November 14	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Susie Schaid
Projector	Liz H.
November 21	9:00 am
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Rick L & John S.
Communion Assist.	Pam C.
Projector	Rebecca R.
November 28	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
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 or Phone: 262-275-3445



Prayers for Continued Healing: Jean Kovarik, Pam Clark, Kris Strehlow, Shirley Heyer, José and Karen Martinez, Diane Voss, Steve Miller and Judy Miller, the Hemmerich family with the loss of Dave's grandmother, Maxine Lutz

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.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS & Events

- Big Foot Homecoming Parade Friday, October 1 at 2:00 pm
- Fontana Library has free take and make craft projects available For the public. Library hours Monday Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-1.

The Walworth County Rural Ministry and Small Town Church committee met on September 9, 2021. The committee consists of members from FELC, Sugar Creek Lutheran, Luther Memorial Church and Christ Lutheran. The goal of the committee is to share ideas and work together to initiate programs within our congregations.

Information was presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Walworth County (ADRC). ADRC has a web site and newsletter that can be found at <u>www.co.walworth.wi.us</u>. The ADRC information is found under the Government tab. Upcoming events include a AARP Safer driving class (October 19, 2021) and a Savvy Caregiver class designed for caregivers of persons with dementia. (October 5 - November 16)

Information was shared of possible opportunities in assisting Afghan refugees that may be coming to our area. This is in the very early planning stage.

Pastor Lilly, Kristi Reierson and Laurie Collins attended this meeting.



Adult Opportunities

Worship Committee Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm

Live Nativity Planning Committee

If you are interested in helping plan this year's Live Nativity please contact

Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com.



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch outdoors on Tuesday, October 12 at noon. Food 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, October 19.

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 <u>the last four months</u>. Ask the cashier for a green sticker. Call the church office if you need someone to pick up your receipts.





Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



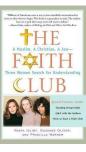
Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing a new book *The Faith Club*. For October meeting read Chapters 1-7.

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 will be on November 2.

Contact Rebecca Roehl if you would like a copy of the 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



Heyer True Value Sidewalk Sale & Cookout! Saturday, October 9th Sale starts at 9am. Cookout from 11am-4pm.



Come and support our youth attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.



Young Disciples Confirmation Classes has begun and will 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.





1st and 5th grade Faith Formation Students received Bibles during Family Worship on Wed., Sept. 22.

Faith Formation has begun!

Students are still welcome to join. 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.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2022



Youth Gathering meeting Wed., Sept. 29 at 7:20pm.

We will be making plans for our Sidewalk Sale and Cook-out at Heyer True Value.



High School Youth Group

Sunday, October 17 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

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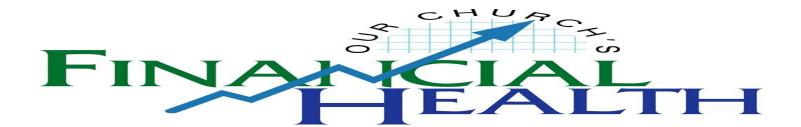


- To everyone who participated in God's Work, Our Hands either painting picnic tables or creating and stuffing Christmas stockings. A special thank you to Kristi Reierson for organizing our service activities and Nancy Lee for sewing all the stockings.
- To Susie Schaid for leading our church in the CROP Walk.
- To Lisa Voss for preparing our Faith Formation Kick Off Event Meal.

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.
- FELC sent 25 school kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. Items for the school kits were collected through donations from families at Vacation Bible School and FELC members during our Christmas in July drive. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- The new Sunday bulletin format has a prayer list, activities for the week, and the worship volunteer schedule on the back page. This is meant for you to take home and reference throughout the week.
- On a bulletin board in the Gathering Space each month you will find a new image of Jesus and information about that image. These images are meant to help us all along our Faith Formation journey as we ponder what different images of Jesus might mean to different people and consider the fact that no one really knows exactly what Jesus looked like.
- It is a tradition at FELC for congregation members to give cards to the students being Confirmed. Please see the Children and Youth Opportunities page about details on this year's Confirmands.
- October-December Christ in Our Home are available for pick up.





Monthly Financial Report August 31, 2021

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

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Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	46,041	
Mission Investment Fund***	101,083	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	285,836	
Subtotal		432,960
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		8,380
Unrestricted Cash Balance		424,580

Year to Date Information

	Budget	Actual
From Members to General Fund (Through August 31, 2021) **	74,387	70,054
Total Expenses	82,978	43,880

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, August 1, 2021	8,587
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	(207)

Balance,	August	31,	2021
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Monday-Thursday 9:00—11:00 a.m.

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Administrative Assistant *Email:* office@felcwalworth.com

Congregation Council 2021

Executive Team

Tracy Volbrecht, President Elizabeth Hemmerich, Vice President Penny Gruetzmacher, Secretary Bill Clark, Treasurer

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



Congregation Council meetings are

held at 7:30 p.m.