



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

December 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

We have stepped into a new church year and into the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting; the period while the seed is buried deep beneath the soil. We tend to it: offering it water, making sure it has proper sunlight, anxiously awaiting the first shoot to burst through the earth. We have four weeks ahead to prepare, to ponder, live into the true meaning of Christmas.

Each week we focus on a different theme and light another candle stepping from darkness into light. Just as this seed is waiting to grow, we await the birth of Christ. Beautiful things come from the dark.

This first week we are living into “**hope**”. Knowing that there will be times when we struggle to see the hope around us, and also knowing that Christ is the ultimate hope. If we can’t find hope around us, we have to let our hope out from within, from what God has gifted and continues to promise us.

The second week we will settle into “**peace**”. A peace that passes all understanding. A peace we struggle to find words for, but when we feel it, we can’t go back, we have been blessed. God’s peace is something we long for and something that is already present if we know where to look.

We then lead into the third week with “**love**”. This love should be spread all year long, all over the world. This might be the roughest week, even if it is the simplest word. Love God, love neighbor, love yourself. All of which are very important.

And finally right where we need to be with “**joy**” for our final week of Advent! Joy that the world is in good hands, joy of a new child born, joy that this innocent child is our Savior! Joy of beauty out of darkness and joy of life.

All of these themes begin to tell the story of Christmas that we have been waiting for. As well as they set the stage for our new church year and our new calendar year with words to live by: **Hope, Peace, Love and Joy**

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





Special Christmas Events and Services

December 19 - 5:00pm Drive-thru Live Nativity

December 24 - 5:00pm Christmas Eve

December 26 - 9:00am Lessons and Carols

January 2 - 9:00am The Christmas Journey

Holiday Helpers Needed!

We need helpers for Christmas Eve worship, December 24 at 5:00, Lessons and Carols, December 26 at 9:00, and The Christmas Journey, January 2 at 9:00. If you are willing to assist with these special worship services in any way please contact the church office or sign up in the Gathering Space. Thank you!



We have an opportunity to volunteer and serve our Afghan neighbors as they work to resettle into our state and country. Faith Evangelical Lutheran is working specifically with Lutheran Social Services (LSS), St. Benedict's and a couple area churches in hosting a family in our community. If anyone would like to work on committees to aid in items like transportation, emotional support, education, translation, etc. for this incoming family let Rebecca Roehl or Pastor Lily know. There is a special training and paperwork to complete. Otherwise as specific needs come up we will ask the congregation for donations. We will keep everyone up to date as we know. Thank you for your love and care for God's people at this time.

You're invited!

Please join our Christmas celebration, a special event for persons living with dementia and their loved ones. We have a fun filled morning of activities with our youth group. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

When: December 4th

Time: 10-12:30

Place: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church N5690 Cobblestone Road, Elkhorn

Please RSVP to the Sugar Creek Church office at 728-2222

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00am and on Wednesday evenings at 6:55pm

Scripture readings for December:

December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4 *My messenger is a refiner and purifier*

Luke 1:68-79 *In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Lk. 1:78)*

Philippians 1:3-11 *A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ*

Luke 3:1-6 *Prepare the way of the Lord*

December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Rejoice, the LORD is in your midst*

Isaiah 12:2-6 *In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Is. 12:6)*

Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice, the Lord is near*

Luke 3:7-18 *One more powerful is coming, baptizing with fire*

December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a *From Bethlehem comes a ruler*

Luke 1:46b-55 *You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly. (Lk. 1:52)*

Hebrews 10:5-10 *I have come to do your will*

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55] *Blessed are you among women / My soul magnifies the Lord*

December 24: Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7 *Light shines: a child is born for us*

Psalms 96 *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. (Ps. 96:11)*

Titus 2:11-14 *The grace of God has appeared*

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] *God with us*

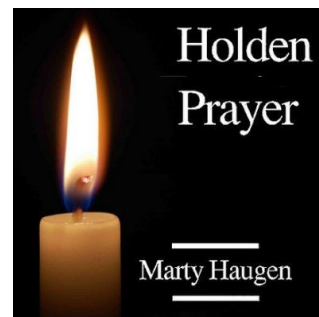
December 26: First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 *The boy Samuel grew in favor with the LORD and the people*

Psalms 148 *The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*

Colossians 3:12-17 *Clothe yourselves in love; let the peace of Christ rule your hearts*

Luke 2:41-52 *The boy Jesus increased in wisdom, and in divine and human favor*



Worship services each Sunday in Advent will be the Holden Prayer Service.

There will be no Wednesday evening worship on December 29.

Worship Servers

December 5		9:00 am	
Reader		Tracey S.	
Ushers		Bruce & Lisa V.	
Communion Assist.		Susie S.	
Projector		Rebecca R.	
December 12		9:00 am	
Reader		Pam C.	
Ushers		John S. & Rick L.	
Communion Assist.		Gail N.	
Projector		Kristi R.	
December 19		9:00 am	
Reader		Liz H.	
Ushers		Hemmerich Family	
Communion Assist.		Weborg Family	
Projector		Barb W.	
Christmas Eve		5:00 pm	
Reader		Penny G.	
Ushers		<i>Please contact the church office if you are available!</i>	
Communion Assist.			
Projector			
December 26		9:00 am	
Reader		Various	
Ushers		Tracy & Larry V.	
Communion Assist.		<i>(no communion)</i>	
Projector		<i>(Not needed)</i>	

January 2 9:00 am	
Reader	Various
Ushers	Rick L. & John S.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	TBD
January 9 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Barb W.
January 16 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Brent T.
Projector	Kristi R.
January 23 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
January 30 9:00 am	
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Rick L. & John S.
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Barb W.

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

As our annual meeting approaches we are looking for some new council members. If you would like to nominate yourself please fill this out and turn it in to the "Council Nomination" box in the gathering space.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Member Self-Nomination Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please share the ways you are currently involved in the life and mission of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Why do you want to serve on the church council?

Please indicate your interest in the following:

____ Executive Board position

____ Committee Chair or Service

I understand that the church council meets one evening per month, and if elected I am expected to attend these meetings to the best of my ability throughout a three-year term.

Signature: _____



Adult Opportunities

Committee Annual Reports and Budget Requests are due to the church office by Friday, December 3.



Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with Bell Ringing at Daniel Foods on Saturday, December 4. All of our spots are filled! Way to go!



The total raised this year is \$23,846.75. This is the 3rd largest total ever. Largest since 2006. Incredible response from our communities. This means \$5961.68 will be coming back to our area to donate to the 8 local pantries we support. That's \$745.20 for each pantry. Our church contributed \$2,432! Many thanks to all who participated. There is no greater cause. Susie Schaid



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch on **Tuesday, December 14 at noon.** Food will be provided. No need to bring anything but yourself and a friend.

Worship Committee Next meeting: Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm
Live Nativity Planning Team: Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30pm

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



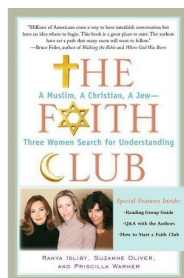
Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the final chapters of *The Faith Club*.

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 January 4. Our next book will be: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

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

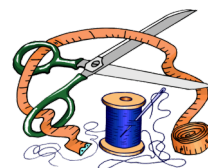


Faith Sew-ers

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

Youth Fundraiser Christmas Cookies

Thank you for supporting our youth attending the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering



in Minneapolis, MN with your cookie orders. Please pick up cookies on Sunday, December 5 after worship.



Faith Formation is open to all!

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.

There will be no Faith Formation, Confirmation or Family Worship on Wednesday, December 29.



Confirmation Classes

Young Disciples Confirmation Class meets 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.

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 19
5:00-6:00pm

Enter our parking lot from Read Street and drive thru to experience the story of Christ's birth.



Come and check out the new scenes added for this year.

Lights Needed: We need nights for the Live Nativity. We are accepting donations of white or blue lights or money to decorate the church yard for the Live Nativity. We also need a lot of spotlights. We are accepting spotlight donations, or if you have a spotlight we can borrow for the day on December 19 we would appreciate it.



High School Youth Group

Our next meeting will be making cookies and putting up Christmas lights

Saturday, December 4 at 9:00am in the Food Lab at Big Foot High School for cookie baking. After cookie baking, 1:00ish, at the church for decorating and putting up lights for the Live Nativity.

CHAOS is for all high school students.

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

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ The heat has been repaired in the sanctuary and works great. Thank you to 2 Seasons Heating and Cooling, Larry Volbrecht, and the property committee for all your work!
- ♦ Faith Formation had a service project night on November 17. Students wrote Christmas cards to send to immigrants, tied fleece blankets for Children's Hospital, made Homeless kits, sorted Personal Care Kit supplies, and created a banner to honor the memory of native children forced to attend boarding schools.
- ♦ With the donations collected during Christmas in July and from others, the Faith Sew-ers made and filled 60 stockings for students at Walworth Elementary and Middle School.



Thank You

- ♦ To Laurie Collins for all her work in bringing us Saying Goodbye with Grace. It was a wonderful and informative program.
- ♦ To Gail Nelson changing paraments and keeping the sanctuary beautiful.
- ♦ To everyone who served this year on a committee at Faith Ev. Lutheran. We appreciate your time and commitment to our church community.
- ♦ The bulletins each week include a prayer list, dates of upcoming activities, and the worship volunteer schedule on the back page. This is meant for you to take home and reference throughout the week.
- ♦ December's Image of Jesus is a picture from Bill Inmann entitled *Love Knows No Bounds*
- ♦ Wednesday Evening Family Worship starts at 6:55pm. Everyone is invited to join this meaningful worship service.
- ♦ If you would like to include any announcements in the December newsletter, please provide them to the church office by December 20th.
- ♦ The church is updating its records. If you have an updated address, phone number, or email please contact the church office. Also, 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.
- ♦ Christ in Our Home, a daily devotional, is available for pick up 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.

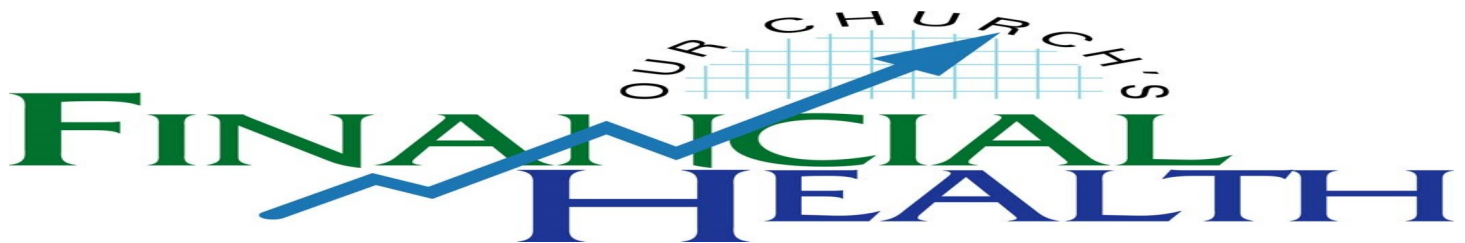


Prayers for Continued Healing: Kris Strehlow, José and Karen Martinez, Diane Voss, Karla Tildahl, Kathleen Scott (Tracey Scott's mother), Lynn Weborg (Perry Weborg's mother) and Nancy Prange (a friend of the Weborg family), Jean Kovarik (Scott Kovarik's mother)

Ongoing Prayers for Hope and Health: Shirley Heyer (Mary Heyer's mother), 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), Helene West (Rachel West's mother)

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."





Monthly Financial Report October 31, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$10,700	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$10,700
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$12,828	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	(150)	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>207</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>13,821</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(3,121)
Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2021		16,361
Checking Account Balance, October 31, 2021		<u>13,240</u>

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	13,240	
Mission Investment Fund***	101,626	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>285,836</u>	
Subtotal		400,701
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>8,117</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		<u>392,584</u>

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through October 31, 2021) **	92,983	85,897
Total Expenses	103,723	92,859

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, October 1, 2021	8,324
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	(207)

Balance, October 31, 2021	8,117
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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



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



			1 9:15 am Together Time 10 am Faith Sew-ers 6 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship	2	3 Committee Annual Reports & Budget Requests Due	4 9 am-6pm Bell Ringers (Daniel Foods) 9am-1pm CHAOS Cooking Baking (BFHS) 1 pm Christmas Lights
5 9 am Worship Service	6 9 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Wine & Word	7 9:15 am Together Time 10 am Faith Sew-ers 6 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship	8	9	10	11
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19 9 am Worship Service 5 pm Live Nativity	20 7:30 pm Council Mtg	21 9 am Staff Meeting	22 9:15 am Together Time 10 am Faith Sew-ers 6 pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY
26 9 am Lessons & Carols Service	27	28 9 am Staff Meeting	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	

