Mission Statement

November 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

How is it already November? We just keep moving forward. And that is why this is the perfect time to stop and reflect on who has helped us get to where we are.

The first Sunday in November we specifically take time to name and remember our loved ones that have passed away within this last year and longer.

I am reminded of these beautiful words by Linda Hogan, "Walking, I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. "Be still," they say. "Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands."

We are because of who they were, for the better or for the worse. We remember, we take note and we keep growing into who we are. There is something so special about having this moment on All Saints' Sunday, November 7th, to honor those people who have taught us so much about life. We light candles and know that even though these people have left this earthly realm, their presence continues to light up our lives. Their wisdom continues to prosper through our days and their love continues to hold us through the joys and challenges that we continue to face.

We miss these loved ones, and it continues to hurt, we continue to mourn in some ways. However we know that to mourn this much and to miss this much, means that we loved so big and we were so loved well. And that is what everyone hopes for in life.

Gather your memories, light a candle, say a prayer, make the time to honor those that have blessed us so, whether they have passed away this year or 40 years ago, if they still have a place in our hearts we can have this moment to take in remembrance of them.

This All Saints' Sunday I lift up Pastor Dan, an intern/vicar that was at my church while I was a sophomore in high school. He cared so deeply for the youth of the congregation and we connected so well, he was a big advocate for my call to ministry! He has been a pastor for years now and we continued connecting and cheering one another on from afar. Last month he passed away unexpectedly. He leaves behind his two young daughters and wife.

We name them, we remember them. Rest eternal grant unto them, Oh Lord, let light perpetual shine on them. May they rest in peace.

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



Scripture readings for November:

November 7: All Saints Sunday

1 Kings 17:8-16 God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath

Psalm 146 The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

Hebrews 9:24-28 The once for all sacrifice of Christ

Mark 12:38-44 A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes

November 14: 25th Sunday After Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 The deliverance of God's people at the end

Psalm 16 My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 The way to God opened through Christ's death

Mark 13:1-8 The end and the coming of the Son

November 21: Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 The one coming with the clouds rules over all

Psalm 93 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Revelation 1:4b-8 Glory to the one who made us a kingdom

John 18:33-37 The kingdom of Christ

November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 A righteous branch springing up from David

Psalm 25:1-10 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Strengthen hearts of holiness for the coming of the Lord

Luke 21:25-36 Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man



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.





November 7	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Rick L. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Rebecca R.
November 14	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Liz H.
November 21	9:00 am
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December 5	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Kristi R.
December 12	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Rebecca 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	
Ushers	Please contact the
Communion Assist.	church office if you are available!
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December 26	9:00 am
Reader	TBD
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	(no communion)
Projector	Kristi R.

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, Kris Strehlow, José and Karen Martinez, Diane Voss, Steve and Judy Miller and the Clark family

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... Luther Memorial Church, Delavan as they prepare to close, be with the members and community in this transition. And we lift up 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.

Saying Goodbye with Grace

Imagine the family scene during a health emergency or immediately after your death if you leave no instructions. What might it be like? Saying Goodbye with Grace is a 2-day series to assist you with "being prepared".

Each session includes community speakers and a light lunch:

Session one: November 13, 2021 at Christ Lutheran Church in Sharon.

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Session two: November 20, 2021 at FELC

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Please join us for a learning luncheon to inform, prepare and empower you to make decisions now regarding changes in your health and end of life. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are encouraged but not necessary. Please call FELC 262-275-3445 with any questions or sign up in Gathering Space. Child care provided if requested.



Free File of Life folders are available for free in the gathering space. The File of Life is a 5 inch by 4 inch "pocket" that has a magnet on the back and a form inside for you to complete with important medical information. The File of Life then is kept on your refrigerator, local emergency medical personnel are training to look for the File of Life on your refrigerator in case of emergency. The File of Life are provided by free by Walworth County Aging and Disability Resource center. If you would like help completing your form, or would like a form delivered to your house, please contact Laurie Collins, 262-949-3169.



Spaghetti Dinner—Youth Fundraiser

Sugar Creek Lutheran Church Elkhorn, WI
 Saturday, November 6 4:30 and 6:30
 Musical entertainment
 Call ahead for tickers. \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids, 5 and under free

Thanksgiving and Turkey Dinners

- Christ Lutheran Church 228 Martin St. Sharon, WI Saturday, November 6 from 4:00-7:00pm \$11.00 per dinner -Carry Out Only No phone orders— follow signs, enter from Martin St.
- Immanuel UCC Church, 111 Fremont St. Walworth, WI Saturday, November 13 from 3:00pm until food is gone \$12.00 per dinner- Carry Out Only

Big Foot High School Musical Production

Mamma Mia
Saturday, November 20th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 PM

Several youth from FELC are a part of this musical!

Winter Day Out

Sugar Creek Lutheran Church Elkhorn, WI
 Saturday, December 4—More info, to come
 A day out for persons with memory loss and their care partners.

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Order Poinsettias for Christmas! Order must be received by Wednesday, December 1st	White 6 inch Poinsettia # of plants x \$12 = \$
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Env. #	= \$
In memory of	Total \$
	Please mail this form &
In honor of	payment to:
	Faith Lutheran Church
	P.O. Box 128
Poinsettias may be taken home on Christmas Eve after worship.	Walworth, WI 53184



Adult Opportunities

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



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch on **Tuesday, November 9 at noon**. Food will be provided. No need to bring anything but yourself and a friend.



We have once again signed up to help the Salvation Army this Christmas season. If

you are interested in ring bells for one hour on Saturday, December 4 between 9am-6pm at Daniel's Sentry Foods in Walworth please call the church office or sign up in the Gathering Space. **Worship Committee** Next meeting: Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00 pm

Learning Committee Next meeting:

Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 pm

Small Town and Rural Cohort:

Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30pm At Luther Memorial Church, Delavan

Live Nativity Planning Team Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30pm

If you are interested in helping plan this year's Live Nativity please plan to attend.



Women ELCA





Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



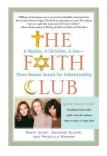
Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing *The Faith Club* chapters 8-12.

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 December 7.

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

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

Save the Date!



Youth Fundraiser

Christmas Cookies

Support our youth attending the 2022

ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.





Order Christmas Cut-Out Cookies by the dozen. Frosted Cookies: \$7.00 per dozen Plain Cookies: \$6.00 per dozen

See order form on the last page of this newsletter

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.

No Faith Formation, Confirmation or Family Worship on Wednesday, November 24. Happy Thanksgiving!



High School Youth Group

Our next meetings will be activity meetings.

Sunday, November 14 at 1:00pm in Amanda's garage for Live Nativity sign painting.

Saturday, December 4 at 10:00am at church for cookie baking and decorating and putting up lights for the Live Nativity.

CHAOS is for all high school students.

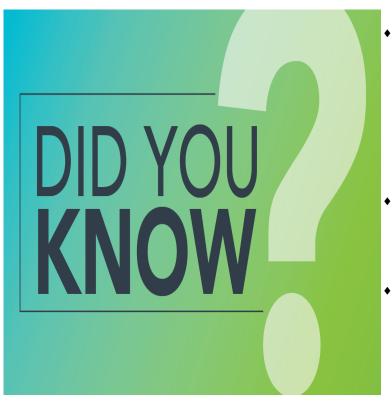
If you would like to be added to our group text, contact Rebecca at (608) 728-2798

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc



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.



Thank You

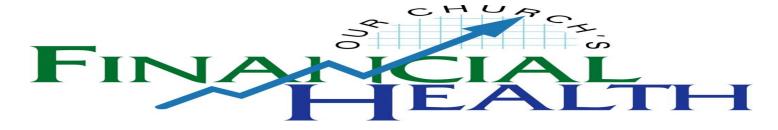
- To everyone who walked in and donated to the CROP Walk.
- To everyone who worked this summer and fall to keep the church yard and landscape looking so nice.

A flowering magnolia tree has been donated by the Fontana Garden Club and planted with a lovely bronze plaque in memory of our beloved church member Lynn Lottig. We invite the congregation to visit this memorial to pay tribute to Lynn. You will find the site just to the west of the driveway to the main church entrance.

Special thanks to John Schwenn, Rick Lottig, and Susie Schaid for the preparation and maintenance this heartfelt testimony and dedication.

- We are working to post Sunday worship services on Facebook. Most Sundays we will be streaming worship service live on Facebook at 9am, but due to unpredictable technology and Pastor Lily being off once a month, we are not always able to stream live. If available, we will upload a recording of worship as soon as possible. Links can also be found on our webpage.
- 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. November's picture will be Vintage Black Jesus by John Campbell from 1989
- The heating and cooling systems at the church are being serviced and repaired. Please dress in layers for worship service for the next little bit as we work to get our systems back up and running properly.
- October-December Christ in Our Home are available for pick up.
- If you would like to include any announcements in the December newsletter, please provide them to the church office by November 20th.
- The church is updating its records. If you have an updated address, phone number, or email 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.

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 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.



Monthly Financial Report September 30, 2021

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From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$5,163	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	0	
Total Cash Received		\$5,163
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$33,754	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	97	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u> 56</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>34,843</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(29,680)
Checking Account Balance, September 1, 2021		46,041
Checking Account Balance, September 30, 2021		16,361

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

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	16,361
Mission Investment Fund***	101,083
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	285,836
Subtotal	403,280
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash	

Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash
Unrestricted Cash Balance
394,955

Year to Date Information

	Budget	Actual
From Members to General Fund (Through September 30, 2021) **	83,685	75,197
Total Expenses	93,350	78,926

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, September 1, 2021	8,380
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	(55)

Balance, September 30, 2021 8,324

^{**} Includes monthly and specific donations



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Pastor Lily Brellenthin Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064 Email: pastor@felcwalworth.com

Rebecca Roehl, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries *Email:* education@felcwalworth.com *Call or text*: 608-728-2798

> Administrative Assistant *Email:* office@felcwalworth.com

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





Let us help with your Christmas Baking

Fresh baked cut-out sugar cookies available by the dozen-frosted or unfrosted from CHAOS Youth Group.



Cookies will be baked and frosted by the youth. Cookies will be ready for pick up after worship service on Sunday, December 5. Please make other arrangements if you cannot pick up your cookies on December 5.

Please return form below by Sunday November 28 to the church or email

Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com
Name and phone number:
Dozen Frosted cut-out sugar cookies for \$7 per dozen
Dozen Unfrosted cut-out sugar cookies for \$6 per dozen
\$ Total Amount Due
Payment can be included with order or you can pay at the time of pick up. Please make checks payable to: Faith Ev Lutheran Church with "cookies" in the memo line
I will pick up cookies on Sunday, December 5 after 9:00am worship

I need to make arrangements for alternative pick-up or delivery