



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

January 2022

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

A Message from Pastor Lily

Happy New Year!

The new year always brings up a mixture of feelings. We think of all of our failures of the last year as well as our accomplishments and we focus on goals and to-do lists, all of which can seem pretty overwhelming.

We think of our communities, what went well and what went wrong. At church we finalize budgets, we nominate new council members and prepare for our annual meeting at the end of the month.

We think larger, looking at our nation and country, will this be the year we find peace amongst one another? Will this be the year we stop COVID from spreading? Will we officially be away from “pandemic talk”? Who knows, but we need to start 2022 with a new found hope. We have all just witnessed another year in our life. If you are reading this, or listening to someone reading this read to you, you are alive! Let’s not waste any time. Time is so precious, we realize this even more as the years seem to go faster and faster as each new one passes us by.

We can dwell in the past, we can get caught up in how fast time is moving. Or we can change our mindset, live into each present moment even more and truly live, as Christ intended! We are given a new life in Christ each day, each moment, if we accept it.

Let’s start 2022 with this new mindset, without too many resolutions, but rather a change of heart. What if instead of focusing on a new diet or getting the newest iPhone or getting a raise at work or finding a spouse— we focused on a “word” for ourselves this year. What if we had our word and when we felt like we were floundering we meditated back on this word? These words can be simple or more complex: *love, **grace**, compassion, **peace**, empowerment, **gratitude**, movement, **presence**, kindness, **trust**, inspire, **breathe**, boldness, **joy**, encouragement, **hope**, resilience, **dream**, balance and **wonder**.* What word resonates with you? Choose your word, ponder, reflect and live into this practice throughout 2022. And remember you are not alone, we are in this together. God be with 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





You are invited to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church's
Annual Meeting.

Sunday, January 30 at 10:00am

Agenda Items Include:

- * Approving the Annual Budget
- * Committee Reports
- * Electing New Council Members



Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our annual meeting. Per the FELC Congregational Constitution, only official members of the church are able to vote or become council members. If you would like to become an official member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, or if you are unsure of your status, please contact Pastor Lily.



Stewardship
a way of life

Please return your pledge cards to the church as soon as you are able. Pledge cards can be returned to the offering plate during worship services or mailed to the church office. These pledges help the church create a realistic budget for the year and allow for appropriate ministry planning.

If you would like to sign up for electronic giving, forms are available in the Gathering Space.

Thank you for your generosity!!



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

Scripture readings for January:

January 2: Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock

Psalms 147:12-20 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

Ephesians 1:3-14 The will of God made known in Christ

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 God with us: the incarnation of the Word

January 9: Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you

Psalms 29 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

Acts 8:14-17 Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit

January 16: Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you

Psalms 36:5-10 We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit

John 2:1-11 The wedding at Cana

January 23: Third Sunday After Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people

Psalms 19 The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a You are the body of Christ

Luke 4:14-21 Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah

January 30: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 I appointed you a prophet to the nations

Psalms 71:1-6 From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong

Luke 4:21-30 Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown

Worship Services in Epiphany
will feature Setting Ten.



Worship Servers



January 2 9:00 am	
Reader	Various
Ushers	Rick L. & John S.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	N/A
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	Kristi R.
Ushers	Rick L. & John S.
Communion Assist.	The Weborg Family
Projector	Barb W.

February 6 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Brent T.
Projector	Rebecca R.
February 13 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Kristi R.
February 20 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Weborg Family
Projector	Barb W.
February 27 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Rebecca 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



Adult Opportunities

Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30 at 10am



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.



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch on **Tuesday, January 11 at noon.** Food will be provided. No need to bring anything but yourself and a friend.

Worship Committee: Next meeting
Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm
Learning Committee: Next Meeting
Thursday, January 13 at 6:00pm

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



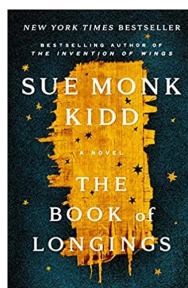
Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the first section of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

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

Next Month's Meeting will be on February 1.

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

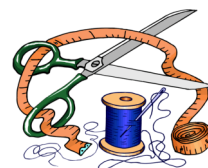


Faith Sew-ers

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

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Live Nativity a success this year!



Faith Formation is open to all!

New students are welcome to join at any time. Faith Formation classes are for children ages 3-6th grade. 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.

Classes and Wednesday worship will resume on Wednesday, January 5.

YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.



High School Youth Group

Sunday, January 16 at 4:00pm

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?

Thank You

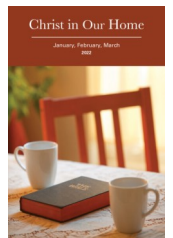
- ♦ To everyone who donated lights, cords, money, and time to the Live Nativity.
- ♦ To Lisa and Bruce Voss for decorating the church so beautiful for this Advent and Christmas season.
- ♦ To Council Members for all their service especially Perry Weborg and Diane Voss who are completing their 3-year terms. A special thank you to Tracy Volbrecht who is also completing her 3-year term and 2 years as president of our congregation. We appreciate all your hard work!

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of gift cards and stocking stuffers for our Walworth families. We appreciate all of the love and support during this holiday season.

Walworth Guidance Department
Lee Knoble-Janney
Jen Ott-Wilson

- ♦ Please prayerfully consider serving on church council. **Being a council member is a meaningful and important position and we need you!** Please fill out the form attached to this newsletter if you are interested.
- ♦ Pastor Lily's plan at the moment is to be on maternity leave the last week of February until about Easter. We have a variety of pulpit supply and lay-led worship for her time away. As well, like her sabbatical in July of 2021, there will be a list of "pastors on call" from area ELCA churches to step in when needed for pastoral care. We will be left in good hands; just wanting to keep everyone in the loop!
- ♦ January's image of Jesus is *The Baptism of Jesus* by Jeff Haynie from 2013. You can find this image on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Images from previous months are hanging in coat nook.
- ♦ Wednesday Evening Family Worship starts at 6:55pm. Everyone is invited to join this meaningful worship service.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ This year the students from Faith Formation will be presenting their annual children's program during the 9am worship service on Palm Sunday, April 10.
- ♦ If you would like to include any announcements in the February newsletter, please provide them to the church office by January 20th.
- ♦ Remember to keep the church updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email please contact the church office.
- ♦ The new Christ in Our Home, a daily devotional, is available for pick up in the Gathering Space. These devotions are a great way to center your day in your faith. They are free to you from the church. Please pick one up and enjoy!



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 would like to receive emails from FELC, or if you would no longer wish to receive communication from the church.



Prayers for Continued Healing: Tom Fredrick (Stephanie Freimund's father), Nicole Raskin, Kris Strehlow, José and Karen Martinez, Diane Voss, Karla Tildahl, Penny Gruetzmacher, 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), 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), family and friends of Gabi Dray (student of Liz Hemmerich)

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.

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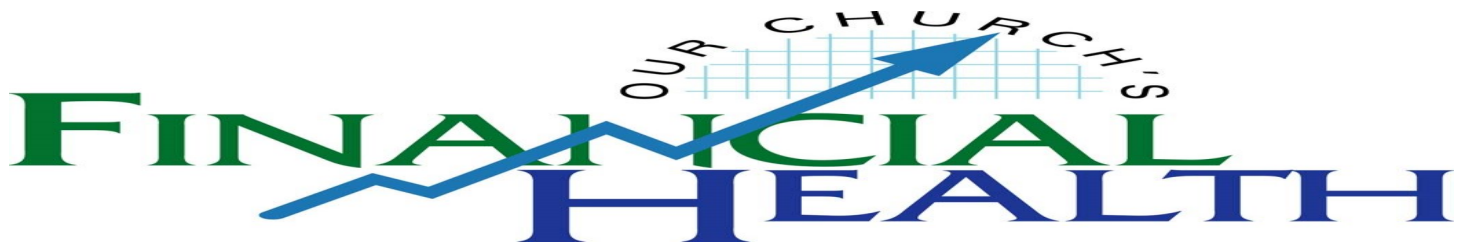
Given In Memory of

Bob Schaid
Lynn Lottig
Deena Faro
Chris Schwenn
Mary Kay Nordmeyer
Sue Hill
Bill Hinzpeter
Carol Czarnecki
Nora Pearl Stermer-Abernathy
Anne and Vic Brummer
Margaret and Bert Tildahl
June and Wennie Volbrecht
Marlene and Ron Macintosh
Nancy Volbrecht
The grandparents of Tim and Laurie Collins
The grandparents of Pam and Dan Christensen

Given In Honor of

Bob and Diane Voss
Eunice Schaid
The children and grandchildren of Dan and Pam Christensen





Monthly Financial Report November 30, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$6,595	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$6,595
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$ 7,843	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	877	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>758</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>10,414</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(3,819)
Checking Account Balance, November 1, 2021		13,240
Checking Account Balance, November 30, 2021		9,421

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	9,421	
Mission Investment Fund***	101,626	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>295,214</u>	
Subtotal	406,261	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>7,380</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		398,881

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through November 30, 2021) **	102,282	93,123
Total Expenses	114,095	103,269

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, November 1, 2021	8,117
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	20
Youth Group	(757)

Balance, November 30, 2021	7,380
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Administrative Assistant

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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



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: _____