



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

February 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

As many of you know I am covid positive, quarantining with my family at home. Yesterday I was able to send in a video message for the sermon at worship and I connected with the church community on Zoom (video conferencing) for our church's annual meeting.

All of our planning still worked out even if things looked a little different. God provides in so many ways. I have had much time to reflect in this quarantine and will continue to for the next five days as I have tested positive again on the fifth day. I'm sure I will have more poetic thoughts about this time at a later date but for now, I will live in the moment.

Before our meeting yesterday we read through some beautiful liturgy. And some things that are just that good, should be repeated. One petition was as such:

"We celebrate this moment and the many ways God has held us together as a community. We give thanks for the gift our church building and the welcome it provides, even as we bless God for the marvel of technology and the new bonds of connection it makes possible. When our bodies need sanctuary, when our minds need expanding, when your grace must transcend our limitations, we remember: **God has called us for such a time as this.**"

At church we have had gospel lessons recently describing the early days of Jesus' ministry. Even Jesus had rough moments in his ministry. He witnessed many trials, new beginnings, hatred and the most recent gospel—Jesus' hometown community tried to push him off a cliff (Luke 4:21-30).

We aren't alone in this world. And God has called us for such a time as this. There will be good times and bad. Let us not give up on sharing the love of God, God hasn't given up on us and never will.

Take time to rest when needed, and get back up, keep the faith.

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



WORSHIP

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

Scripture readings for February:

February 6: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] *Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

Psalms 138 *I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I am the least of the apostles*

Luke 5:1-11 *Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people*

February 13: Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10 *Blessed are those who trust the LORD, they are like trees by water*

Psalms 1 *They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 *Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*

Luke 6:17-26 *Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full*

February 20: Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 *Joseph forgives his brothers*

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 *The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)*

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 *The mystery of the resurrection of the body*

Luke 6:27-38 *Love your enemies*

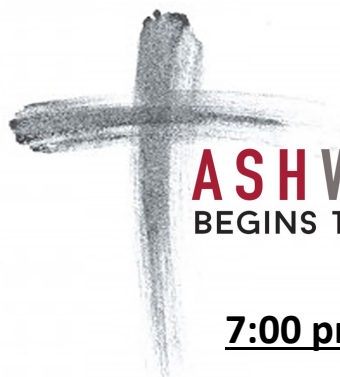
February 27: Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 *Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone*

Psalms 99 *Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2 *With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed*

Worship Services in Epiphany
will feature Setting Ten.



ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

March 2nd
7:00 pm Service at FELC

Worship Servers

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.

March 2 Ash Wed. 7:00 pm	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
March 6 9:00 am	
Reader	Susie S.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Kristi R.
March 13 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
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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

Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter

We have provided meals and served meals on occasion for the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter for many years now. This homeless shelter relies on churches in our area for a place to stay and meals prepared. This pandemic has halted some of our aid and access to volunteers, but we are working with this organization to see where we can help again, as the need is always there. Please watch for emails and announcements at church for more details and volunteer opportunities in the future! Thank you.



Afghan Refugee Resettlement

Things are moving forward with the resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan at St. Ben's. A group of volunteers here at Faith is prepared to help anyway we can. If this is something that interests you, please contact Pastor Lily for more information. **The need is high for male volunteers.**



Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in February. Watch for March in the next newsletter.

Worship Committee: Next meeting
Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00pm

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



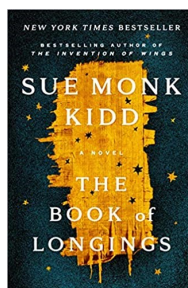
Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the middle 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 March 1.

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

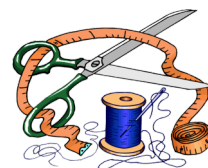


Faith Sew-ers

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

Giving Envelopes

Amanda Bender, Natalie Klamm, Karlie Kroening, Kelsie Kroening, and Rebecca Roehl are heading to Minneapolis, MN this July for the ELCA Youth Gathering and they need your help to get there.

In the Gathering Space you will find a display with 40 different envelopes. Each envelope is marked with a specific dollar amount (\$1-\$40). Please support the youth by selecting one (or more) of the envelopes, putting the designated amount of money inside, and returning it to the collection box.

Thank you so much for your support!!



Faith Formation is open to all!

New students are welcome to join at any time.

Faith Formation class 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.

There will be no classes or worship service on Wednesday, February 2

Faith Formation/Confirmation Spring Dates to Remember

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Classes at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

March 23: No Classes or Worship Service

April 6: Faith Formation Program dress rehearsal 6pm

April 10: Faith Formation Program during 9am service

April 13: No Classes or Worship Service

May 11: Last Day of Class

May 15: Celebration Sunday with Picnic



Confirmation Classes

Young Disciples Confirmation Class meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50pm with worship to follow

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, February 20 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?

- ◆ 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!
- ◆ February's image of Jesus is *Head of Christ* by Richard Hook from the 1960s. You can find this image on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Images from previous months are hanging in coat nook.
- ◆ Please complete the survey about adult discussion groups during lent. The survey will be sent via email and paper copies will be available in the Gathering Space.
- ◆ If you would like to meet with Pastor Lily her door is open for walk-in meetings on Tuesdays from 10-11am.
- ◆ Articles for the March newsletter should be turned into the church office by February 20th.
- ◆ Please keep the church office updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email.
- ◆ Paper copies of the annual report are available in the Gathering Space
- ◆ Christ in Our Home, a daily devotional, is available for pick up in the Gathering Space.



Thank You

- ◆ To 2 Seasons Heating and Cooling for being so great to work with and offer the church discounted prices so the heating and cooling systems can get repaired.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ To the 2022 Church Council. Thank you for all you will do to guide our church this year.

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.

Starting February 1st the Gathering Space at FELC will have a new banner. Created by our 5th and 6th graders and CHAOS Youth Group, the banner will be orange with black letters stating: "We Remember the Children." As you know, Amanda and Rebecca were on a mission trip in July to the Leech Lake Reservation in MN. On that trip, they learned about boarding schools run by Christian churches. Native children were forced to attend these schools, forbidden from speaking their native language, and physically forced to take on Christian culture. Many children perished at these schools. This past summer a mass grave of 215 children from the Kamloops Residential School was found. Bodies of children from the Rosebud Sioux were also returned home. The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association has asked that churches hang an orange banner for 225 days to remember these children and other indigenous children treated without respect. Our banner will hang in the Gathering Space until September 13, 2022.



Prayers for Continued Healing: 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), Adam Martinez (a son of a friend of Susie Schaid's)

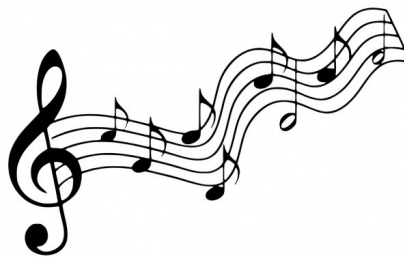
Ongoing Prayers for Hope and Health: Shirley Heyer (Mary Heyer's mother), Fran Winston (Pam Christensen's sister), Chuck Christenson (Angie Kynell's father), Kay O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister), Mike O'Toole (Strehlow's brother-in-law), Rick Montag (Kris Strehlow's brother), Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law 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)

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.

Special prayer for... Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Delavan WI. Their last service was this Sunday, January 30th, they are now turning things over to the synod as they work to close their church officially. Keep the members and employees in prayer as they move forward in grieve this ending, may they all find new beginnings.



A new furnace has been ordered for our sanctuary. The cost for the new furnace is about \$20,000. The cost of the furnace has been included in the 2022 budget. There will be a capital campaign to off set this large expense. Please watch for more information to follow.

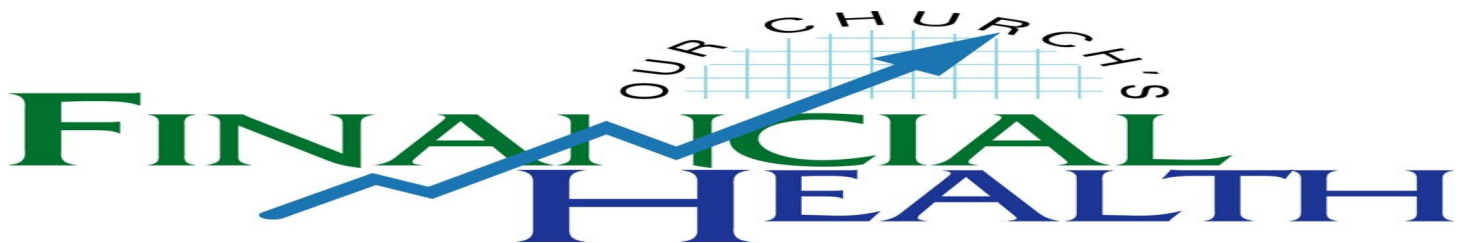


Anyone interested in participating in our 2 mini cantatas, please let Rachel West know (262-812-3786 or rachelrita22@gmail.com). The first one will be

performed in place of the lessons and sermon on Mar. 6th and the second will be performed on Apr. 3rd.

Due to covid and the ever changing protocols, we may not be able to sing so many songs or even do them live. So, the plan is to pre-record the songs and project them during the cantata.

Please come and join the choir to make these cantatas special offerings to the congregation!



Monthly Financial Report December 31, 2021

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$11,778	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$11,778
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$ 8,349	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	1,252	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>10,537</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		1,241
Checking Account Balance, December 1, 2021		9,421
Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2021		<u>10,662</u>

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	10,662	
Mission Investment Fund***	101,626	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>295,214</u>	
Subtotal		407,502
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>7,614</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		<u>399,888</u>

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through December 31, 2021) **	111,580	104,331
Total Expenses	124,446	114,156

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, December 1, 2021	7,380
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	234

Balance, December 31, 2021	7,614
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Congregation Council 2022

Executive Team

Will be chosen at the February council meeting

Council Members

Bill Clark

Laurie Collins

Gail Connelly

Penny Gruetzmacher

Elizabeth Hemmerich

Rick Lottig

Karen Martinez

Kristi Reiersen

Susie Schaid

Karlie and Kelsie Kroening, Co-Youth Representatives

Congregation Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.

