



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

April 2022

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

A Message from Pastor Otto

Run Mary Run

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance what did she do? She ran!

Mary ran back to the disciples and declared that something awe full had happened. Then Mary, Peter and John ran to the tomb. You would think that the first Easter was a time of reflection and prayer but no, it was full of emotion and action.

Easter morning was a moment of truth to the followers of Jesus. Until then, Mary Magdalene was barely mentioned in the gospel of John. Mary is the first of the followers of Jesus to make the trip and one of the first to spot the empty tomb...run Mary run. She states "we do not know where they have laid him". By calling Jesus "lord" and the plural "we" she identifying with the community of followers. That community had both male and female members, all charged with sharing this awesome news.

In the gospel account of the first Easter Mary talks with Jesus. In his words Jesus treats Mary with dignity , never as second class. And this seems to be the attitude of Peter and John as well. I mean they heard her account and ran to the tomb with her.

There is a lesson here. Wake up, listen and believe. Not just to what Jesus says but what he is saying through other believers as well. There are truths that we need to hear, there are insights and experiences other Christ followers have had that we can learn from. Whether our brothers and sisters are not of our race, age or gender, we need to listen to them.

Mary crosses the finish line as the very first apostle. Whenever you are on a personal marathon, know that you do not run alone, Jesus sees you and recognizes you, in the middle of your pain or struggle, he calls you by name. And then sends you off toward the finish line before you.

Mary is already on the run. And our challenge is to join her anyone else who claims JESUS AS LORD.



THINGS you SHOULD KNOW

hello
maternity
leave!
♥

Pastor Lily is will return from maternity leave on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please contact the church office, 262-275-3445 or email: office@felcwalworth.com, for the on-call pastor if needed.



Please remember to always extend
a warm greeting & welcome to our visitors ☺



If someone in your family is graduating this year from high school, college or graduate school, please contact the church office 275-3445 or email: office@felcwalworth.com with details (**who, where, when, along with a photo by May 15th!**). We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 5th with a reception after the service.

Order your Easter Lilies by Palm Sunday, April 10th

I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ toward the purchase
of lilies for Easter.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____ Envelope # _____

My lilies are:
In honor of _____

In memory of _____



Easter Lily

Please mail this form & payment to:
Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 128, Walworth, WI 53184

Holy Week Schedule



PALM SUNDAY



Faith Formation Program will include program presentations from our Faith Formation and Confirmation students.

Luke 19:28-40 Entrance into the final days

Isaiah 50:4-9a The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalms 31:9-16 Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

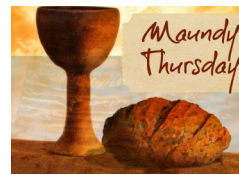
Philippians 2:5-11 Humbled to the point of death on a cross

**April 10th
9 am Service**



**April 15th
1 pm Service**

- Reading 1 **Matthew 27:1-10**
- Reading 2 **Matthew 27:27-32**
- Reading 3 **Matthew 27:32-34**
- Reading 4 **Matthew 27:35-38**
- Reading 5 **Matthew 27:38-44**
- Reading 6 **Matthew 27:45-51**
- Reading 7 **Matthew 27:52-54**



**April 14th
7 pm Service**

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 The passover of the LORD

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 The service of Christ: foot-washing and meal

Easter Sunday



**April 17th
9 am Service**

Everyone is invited to Easter Breakfast after the 9 am service. A Freewill donation will be collected for the Youth Mission Trip this July.



Acts 10:34-43 God raised Jesus on the third day

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

Luke 24:1-12 The women proclaim the resurrection

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

Scripture readings for April:

April 3: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people

Psalms 126 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Philippians 3:4b-14 To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings

John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

April 24: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus

Psalms 118:14-29 You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

Revelation 1:4-8 Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming

John 20:19-31 Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Worship Servers

April 3 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Rebecca R.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Rebecca R.
April 10 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Tracey S.
April 17 - Easter 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Rachel Perkins
Projector	Tracey S.
April 24 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Brent T.
Projector	Rebecca R.

May 1 9:00 am	
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Barb W.
May 8 9:00 am	
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Liz H.
May 15 9:00 am	
Reader	Faith Formation
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Faith Formation
Projector	Faith Formation
May 22 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Kristi R.
May 29 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



Lunch Bunch is Back!!
Our next lunch will be Tuesday April 12 at noon. **EVERYONE** is welcome. No need to bring anything, all food is provided.

Learning Committee: Next meeting
Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30pm
Worship Committee: Next meeting
Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00pm

Lenten Collection for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits



Lutheran World Relief sends Baby Care Kits to areas of the world experiencing natural disasters or humanitarian crises. See the display in the Gathering Space with needed items. Please take a tag and either purchase the item yourself or donate the amount of money needed for us to purchase that item for you (suggested monetary donation also written on the tag). The goal is to collect enough items to make 10 Baby Care Kits.

Women of the ELCA



Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



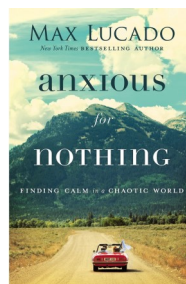
Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the first section of *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado.

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 May 3.

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information, or just come on April 5.



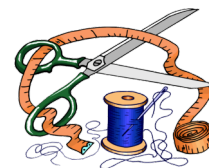
Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

In the lower level of the church

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship

We are working on some special projects and could use your help!





Children & Youth Opportunities

VBS June 13-17

Join us this year at St. Benedict Parish in Fontana for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. Programs for children 3 years old -7th grade. Volunteer Opportunities for everyone else!



Registration information to come!

Easter Breakfast

You are invited for breakfast after Easter worship service on Sunday, April 17. All are welcome for this time of fellowship and celebration.

A freewill offering will be collected to support youth attending the mission trip to Logan, WV this July.

Our Faith Formation Program will be on Palm Sunday, April 10, during the 9am service. Come worship with our children on this special day!



Faith Formation/Confirmation Spring Dates to Remember

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

New students are welcome to join at any time.
For information contact Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com

Giving Envelopes

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity!! Thank you for the \$890 you donated through the giving envelopes. We feel very blessed to be a part of this congregation! We are very excited to head to Logan, West Virginia in July for our mission trip and this fundraiser has brought us one step closer to making that a reality. Thank you!

~Amanda, Karlie, Kelsie, Natalie and Rebecca

Thank you so much for your support!!!



Life-changing
Christ-centered
mission trips.



High School Youth Group

Next meeting Sunday, April 24 at 4 pm

(Please note this is not our usual 3rd Sunday time)

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 is on maternity leave until Easter. We have a variety of pulpit supply and lay-led worship for her time away. As well there will be a list of "pastors on call" from area ELCA churches to step in when needed for pastoral care. Please contact the church office or Rebecca if you need anything while Pastor is away.
- ◆ In April we will be featuring two images of Jesus. The first will be *Jesus* by Louis Glanzman and the second will be *St. Mary Magdalene at the Tomb* by Br. Mickey McGrath. Images of Jesus are displayed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. You can view our Images of Jesus Gallery with all previous featured images hanging in the coat nook.
- ◆ The Faith Formation students planted Prayer Plants in their classes. The students are adding different items to their plants each week during Lent as a reminder of how God loves and cares for them. The students pray over the plants each week. You can see these plants in the various classroom spaces of the church.



Thank You

- ◆ To Rachel West and all the members of the Cantatas. Thank you for the beautiful music and enhancing our worship experience.
- ◆ To Pastor Otto, we appreciate all the time and love you give to this congregation.
- ◆ To Mary Heyer for teaching Confirmation class while Pastor Lily is away on leave.
- ◆ To the Faith Sew-ers who continue to work hard each week creating quilts for needs in our community. Their most recent project was creating 12 baby quilts for the Treehouse in Elkhorn.
- ◆ Please join us for our Family Worship at 6:55pm on Wednesdays. This 20 minutes worship is a great way to be renewed during the middle of your week. Come and soak up the unique energy and faith our children bring to worship. There will be no Wed. Worship on April 13.
- ◆ The new Christ in our Home daily devotional is available for you in the Gathering Space. Please help yourself; these are a wonderful way to keep centered in faith through out the week.
- ◆ Articles for the March newsletter should be turned into the church office by March 20th.
- ◆ Please keep the church office updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email.
- ◆ secretary@felcwalworth.com is no longer in use. Please contact the church office email at: office@felcwalworth.com

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.

Spiritual Reflection

Sugar Creek Lutheran Church
4:00 pm on April 21st

Please join us for a church service with communion.
Fellowship with refreshments following the service.



Prayers for Continued Healing: Kris Strehlow, José and Karen Martinez, Karla Tildahl, Penny Gruetzmacher, Jean Kovarik (Scott Kovarik's mother), family of Lynne Weborg, Perry Weborg's mother, Barb Riley

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), Nancy Prange (a friend of the Weborg family), Bruce Nelson (community member and friend to many)

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.

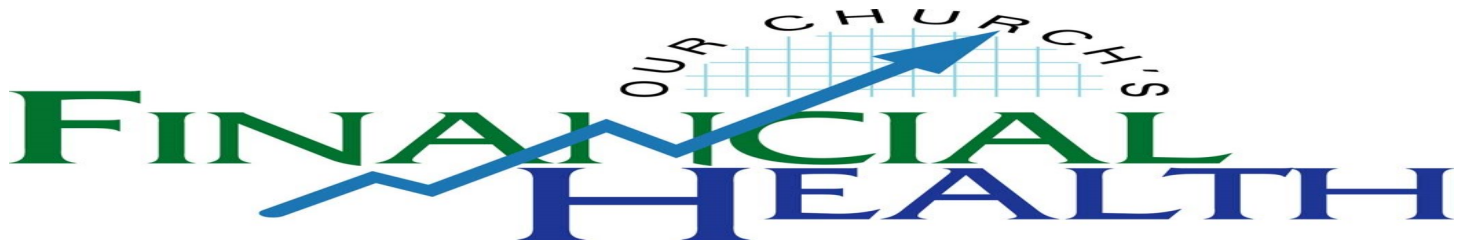
FELC updated COVID guidelines: (partial)

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church will be a mask optional congregation

- Online services will continue
- Congregational singing as deemed appropriate by the Worship Committee
- Offerings collected in the back of the sanctuary
- Sharing of the peace will remain distant
- Communion will be served on either side of the altar
- Socially distanced seating will be accommodated
- Greeting line after worship to resume at the pastor's discretion
- Coffee and... will be available occasionally

Complete church-wide COVID guidelines have been emailed. There are also some printed copies that can be picked up in the Gathering Space, or mailed upon request.

The COVID Response Committee will review these guidelines monthly.



Monthly Financial Report February 28, 2022

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$5,567	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$5,567
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$14,301	
Synod Benevolence	789	
Committees	66	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>15,156</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		60
Checking Account Balance, February 1, 2022		10,722
Checking Account Balance, February 28, 2022		1,133

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	1,133	
Mission Investment Fund***	102,167	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>290,619</u>	
Subtotal	393,919	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>10,018</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		403,937

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Feb 28, 2022) **	17,798	19,904
Total Expenses	30,336	30,889

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, February 1, 2022	9,554
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	491
Youth Group	(27)
Balance, February 28, 2022	10,018

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Church Office Hours:
 Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm
 Wednesday 9 am - 11 am
 Friday 9 am - 1 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Worship Service with Cantata	4	5 9:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Wine & Word	6 9:15 am Together Time 10:00am Faith Sew-ers 6:00pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship 7:30pm Learning Committee	7	8	9
10  PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship Service with Faith Formation Program	11	12 9:00 am Staff Meeting Noon: Lunch Bunch	13 9:15 am Together Time 10:00 am Faith Sew-ers	14  Maundy Thursday 7 pm Service	15  GOOD FRIDAY 1 pm Service	16
17  Easter Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service breakfast to follow	18 7:30 pm Council Mtg	19 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Committee	20 9:15 am Together Time 10:00 am Faith Sew-ers 6:00pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	21 4 pm Spiritual Reflections at Sugar Creek	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship Service 4:00pm CHAOS	25	26 9:00 am Staff Meeting	27 9:15 am Together Time 10:00 am Faith Sew-ers 6:00pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	28	29	30



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Congregation Council 2022

Executive Team

Rick Lottig- President

Kristi Reiersen - 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

Laurie Collins

Gail Connelly

Liz Hemmerich

Karen Martinez

Susie Schaid

Karlie and Kelsie Kroening, Co-Youth Representatives

