#### **Mission Statement**

September 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

One part of my job is to remind us of the "why". Why we are here. Why we do what we do. Sometimes people say, "if you don't know the answer, it's probably Jesus." I definitely believe that to be true, and I would be lying if I didn't admit that I used it a time or two while in seminary. "Jesus" is the main answer to the questions, however when we dive deeper, and unpack more, the answers tend to be "Jesus, and.."

What a time to talk about different parts of worship and our call as Christians when this fall we will have at least two baptisms. These will be my first baptisms within this space and I am excited to be renewed with you all as we welcome and share in the promises of our beloved community in Christ.

As we have navigated and continue to navigate through this pandemic we have changed up parts of worship. So as we add more pieces back, or return to old ways of doing things, and expand to new ways, let's talk about it! I plan to use this space to take a few months and explain, ponder, and explore parts of worship.

On the 11th of September we will "receive the offering" once more. We are called to humble thyself, give what we can and use our gifts to grow the kingdom of God. One way we can do this is by tithing and giving offering. We have been doing this throughout the last few years, of course! Though, we haven't "received" it, at the altar. We have prayed over it and we have still been able to use this offering to further our ministries at church and beyond. (So we haven't done anything wrong.) But we are excited to "receive the offering" by bringing the offering to the altar, reminding us that the money doesn't just sit there in the back of the church. The money moves. The money from the blessings of God will continue to bless the kingdom of God and God's people.

We are saved by grace and not by our works. We are loved no matter what we give. And as followers of Christ we are called to give of ourselves, give of our abundance and work towards blessing others. So in worship we set our gifts down in the offering plate, or by direct deposit, we share our talents that God has given to us and we know that God is at work in the world.

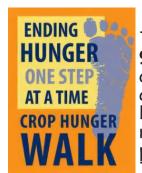
Love and Peace, Pastor Lily Brellenthin

If you want to reach me by the pastor phone, call or text at 262-812-3064, or email me at pastor@felcwalworth.com





#### VEGGIE, EGGS, AND A SIDE OF HOPE



The 37th Annual CROP WALK will take place Sunday, October 9th! Registration will be at 12:30 at the Lions Fieldhouse in Williams Bay as in past years. Walks of different lengths and difficulty will be available including wheelchair, walker and stroller options. Please consider helping us raise money for the global fight against hunger; 25% of the money we make goes back to our local food pantries. You can help by either pledging a walker or group of walkers or walk yourself and collect donations. This is an opportunity for every single member of our congregation to get

involved! Packer and Bear fans will not miss any games! More information will be posted and announced at future church services. Feel free to direct questions to our team leader, Susie Schaid (262) 275-6995 or <a href="mailto:slschaid@gmail.com">slschaid@gmail.com</a>

# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Service Project

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 2022. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On Saturday, September 10 from 10am-2pm FELC and the Chief's Closet will be hosting free haircuts for Big Foot and Walworth students and their siblings. Rachel West, Lisa Voss, and Laura Voss will be offering their time and services for the day. After receiving a haircut, students will be able to fill a goody bag for themselves from personal care items, hair care items, and school supplies purchased with the money this congregation generously donated during Christmas in July.

#### How you can help:

- Make/Donate refreshments and bring to the Church by Thursday, September 8. Label items: "hair cuts"
  - Cookies
  - Bars
  - Cheese and Crackers
  - Granola Bars
  - Plates/Napkins/Cups
- Volunteer the day of the event
  - Contact Laurie Collins or Rebecca Roehl







Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

#### **Scripture readings for September:**

#### Sept. 4: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20** Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God

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

Philemon 1-21 Paul says: Receive

Onesimus as a coworker

**Luke 14:25-33** *Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross* 

#### Sept. 25: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy

**Psalm 146** The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

**1 Timothy 6:6-19** Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?

**Luke 16:19-31** Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man

#### Sept. 11: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Exodus 32:7-14** Moses begs the LORD to turn from anger against the Hebrews

Psalm 51:1-10 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Christ Jesus came for sinners

**Luke 15:1-10** Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners

#### Sept.18: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Amos 8:4-7** Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor

**Psalm 113** The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

1 Timothy 2:1-7 One God, one mediator— Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people

**Luke 16:1-13** A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth





September 4	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Tracey S.
September 11	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Liz H.
September 18	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
September 25	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Barb W.

October 2	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Kristi R.
October 9	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Liz H.
October 16	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
October 23	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Barb W.
October 30	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Tracy S.

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

#### Spiritual Reflections

Spiritual Reflections is an intimate church service that takes place monthly at Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, N5690 Cobblestone Rd Elkhorn, WI. The service features familiar hymns, Bible passages and Communion presented in a calm, caring environment. The next service is September 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.



Our next Lunch Bunch will be Tues., Sept. 13th at noon. EVERYONE is welcome. No need to bring anything, all food is provided.

**Worship Committee**: Next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:00pm

## Women ELCA



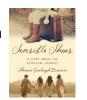
#### Wednesdays at 9:15am

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



#### Tues., September 6 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the last half of Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown



**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!

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information, or just come on September 6.

### Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

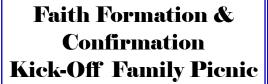
In the lower level of the church

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship





# Children & Youth Opportunities



September 14 6:00-7:15pm

Devils Lane Park Shelter The whole family is invited!

Taco dinner, parent meeting, games for the kids, and a family worship service.





#### **Faith Formation and Confirmation**

(ages 3 - 6th grade)

(7th - 9th grade)

- · Wednesday, September 14th Family Kick-Off Event
  - -6:00 7:15 pm
  - Devils Lane Park Shelter
- Wednesdays September 21st May 17th
  - Meal 5:30 pm
  - Class 6:00 pm
  - Worship 6:55 pm

Register online www.felcwalworth.com/education

**High School Youth Group** 

Next meeting: Sunday, September 18
4pm in the Gathering Space

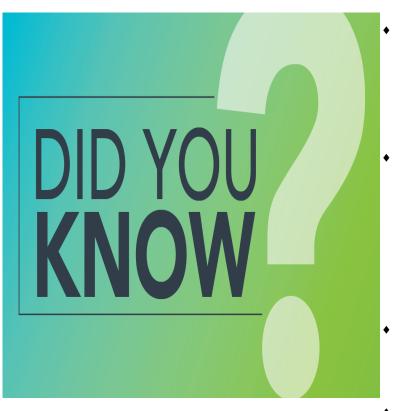
CHAOS is for *all* high school students.

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

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos\_felc

Pictures from Food, Fun, and Friends August 16





# Thank You

- Kevin Strehlow for painting the church mailbox post.
- The students of Food, Fun, and Friends for painting the railing on the east side of the church.
- ◆ John Schwenn, Rose Haeni, Susie Schaid, Brody Kynell, Clay Kynell, Camden Hemmerich, Rick Lottig, Bruce Voss, and Larry Volbrecht for helping keep the church grounds looking great.
- Christ in Our Home

  July, August, September
  2022

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!

- The 'Remember the Children' banner will have been up for 225 days on September 13. Before we remove it from its location in the Gathering Space please take another moment to read the information posted near the banner.
- Seventeen baby care kits and twenty personal care kits will be sent from our congregation to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. The items for these kits were collected during lent over the past few years and the children at Food, Fun, and Friends assembled the kits. These kits will be dedicated at during worship service on September 4.
- Our featured image of Jesus for September is Christ of Saint John of the Cross by Salvador Dali. Look for it on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.
- We are partnering with Walworth Jt. School District #1 in their "Better Together" campaign to help support the school as they continue to pursue the "best education for all"!
- ◆ If you'd like to meet with Pastor Lily, please reach out to schedule a time. Otherwise, the best time to just stop in is usually Tuesdays from about 10 am - 1 pm.
- Articles for the October newsletter should be turned into the church office by September 20th.
- Please keep the church office updated if you have an new address, phone number, or email.

Jennifer Vaun has left the position of Administration Assistant at FELC in order to pursue other opportunities. We thank her for her time and wish her the best.

Due to Jennifer's resignation, office hours have changed. The new office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-Noon.



**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Karla Tildahl, and Kristy Schwartz, the family and friends of Chuck Christenson (Angie Kynell's dad), Emily and Bobby Giannini and newborn twins (Susie and Terry Schaid's daughter and husband and grandchldren).

**Prayers for the World:** We pray for a better awareness of climate change, an end to gun violence and to better love our neighbors of all kinds and places.

\*If you would like anyone to be included, please call the church office 262-275-3445 or email office@felcwalworth.com. Thank you!

#### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Working to become Dementia

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church has a unique opportunity to take the lead in southern Walworth County by becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. Currently there are no Dementia friendly communities in Fontana, Walworth or Sharon.

Working to become In the coming months you will see some simple and important changes in our church environment that will make navigating our building easier for everyone.

On September 18, 2022 Jake Sawyers, Walworth County Dementia Specialist will provide a program after the church service that will help us better support the unique needs of people with dementia, their care partners and family members.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Laurie Collins (262-949-3169) with any questions.

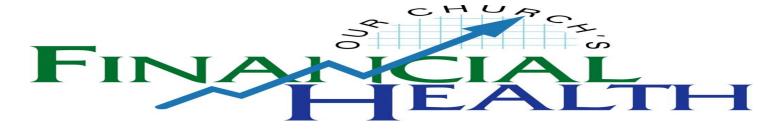
Dear Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Village of Walworth Public Works Department on behalf of the Board of Trustees wish to thank you for enlisting the **Food**, **Fun**, **and Friends** participants this year in painting the picnic tables of Badger Park. And the expression of our gratitude to the **Joyful Action** kids for their work at Devils Lane Park and the **God's Work**, **Our Hands** work skill at Toynton Park is overdue.

We are indeed encouraged by the community interest demonstrated by your members and their willingness to act. As we move forward in planning and improvements to the Village Park System, we are hopeful that your kind support and action will continue.

Sincerely,

Village of Walworth Public Works Committee



## Monthly Financial Report July 31, 2022

\$12,064

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From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$11,149
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>915</u>
Total Cash Received	

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses\* \$12,506
Synod Benevolence 863
Committees 0
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred) 141

Total Cash Paid 13,510

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid) (1,446)

Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2022 13,498

Checking Account Balance, July 31, 2022 12,052

#### **Unrestricted Cash Balance**

Checking Account	12,052
Mission Investment Fund***	103,256
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>282,166</u>
Subtotal	397,474

Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash14,839Unrestricted Cash Balance382,635

#### **Year to Date Information**

	Budget	Actual
From Members to General Fund (Through July 31, 2022) **	65,969	68,869
Total Expenses	82,197	89,536

#### Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, July 1, 2022	14,066
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	(141)
Furnace Fund	915

Balance, July 31, 2022 14,839

<sup>\*</sup> Includes changes in non-cash assets, current liabilities, and restricted transfers

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes monthly and specific donations



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#### Church Office Hours:

Monday: Closed Tuesday—Friday: 9 am - Noon

#### Staff

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

#### Congregation Council 2022

#### Executive Team

Rick Lottig- President Kristi Reierson - 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



# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church



Church Office Hours: Tuesday–Friday 9 am - Noon

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