



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

December 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

We have started our Advent journey to the manger to meet baby Jesus. At church this looks like lighting extra candles and singing the Holden Prayer Service. As well this year we are listening to stories from people in our community, we are seeing where people are at and how they got there. Our journeys of faith are always moving.

Now this season can look different outside of the church. Some might be gathering gifts for giving during Christmas, some might be decorating or working extra hours to get things done before the holidays. Others even take this time to slow down and focus on the season of preparation. Each Advent there are words to focus on and each year even when the words remain the same, they seem to fit into our lives and expand our lives in a variety of ways.

The first week we think of *hope* in our lives, what keeps us going. Then we lean into *peace*, something our hearts desire. The last couple weeks sometimes switch and they are equally important. *Love* is a sign that the kingdom of God is near, love is a way we can be the face of God for others. Finally *joy* comes when we need it, joy is present as we settle into the Christmas season, when we welcome the Savior of the world in the most beautiful, innocent way.

I have been trying to lean into my own devotional practices as well, as these days seem to be extra busy for us. I have connected with the words of activist and empath Danielle Coke from her platform "Ohhappydani" on social media. She also has many items with her beautiful words sold at Target. She says this about Advent:

Advent sits in the tension of Christ who came and Christ who will come again. It's the promise that liberation will follow our suffering.
It's the reminder that we can hope for harvest while still tending the soil.
That peace requires our participation. That joy and longing can hold hands...We wait together.

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





Prayers for Continued Healing:

Laurie Collins, Melany Christenson (Angie Kynell's Mom), Karla Tildahl, Grace Van Dreser & Gert Moritz

Prayers for the World:

We pray for victims of senseless violence. Let our hearts be moved to action and reform, may hate be overcome with love.

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

May God Keep Us Healthy this Holiday Season

The other Trinity, COVID, Influenza and RSV.

The cold and flu season has arrived. The good news is we all know what to do because we have been "practicing" for the past almost 3 years. Please continue to wash your hands, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, maintain social distance and please stay home if you don't feel well. When in doubt, wear a mask. Our littlest congregation members are at high risk for RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). Please remember, as cute as they are, to avoid touching their face or hands and maintain appropriate distance.

Opportunity to Serve

Prayfully consider joining the congregation council. We value all voices in this church leadership position. For more information contact Pastor Lily.

Gift cards or donations for families in need at Walworth Elementary are due to the church by Sunday, December 4th.



Christmas Trees Available!

Who: You!

What: Cut down your own Christmas tree

When: Anytime

Where: On church grounds to the right of the shed

How: Contact the church office

Cost: Donation of your choice

Help to cut and transport trees in available.

Join us for Sundays in Advent

Members of our congregation will share their personal stories of faith. As we will prepare for the arrival of the Messiah with the beautiful music from Holden Prayer.



Special Services

Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00pm: "Christmas Eve Nativity Service"

Christmas Day Service @ 9:00am: "The Christmas Journey"

**New Year's Day Service @ 9:00am:
"Christ in the Heart of Christmas"**





Adult Opportunities



Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm

All women are welcome to join us!

December 6: Movie Night Social to watch *Where the Crawdads Sing*

January 3: No Wine and Word

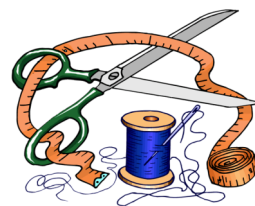
February 7: Discuss *Between Two Kingdoms*

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information, or just come on December 6th and meet us in the Gathering Space.

Worship Committee: Next meeting
Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm

Faith Sew-ers

Reminder, we will not be meeting
until January 18, 2023.



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 December 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.



Our next Lunch Bunch will be on
Tuesday, December 20th at noon.
EVERYONE is welcome.
No need to bring anything,
all food is provided.



Thank you to everyone who signed up to help
with Bell Ringing at Daniel Foods on Friday,
December 9th. We do still have a few spots
available!

Looking Forward!

Annual Meeting is January 29th.
Meeting immediately following
worship service.

Wednesday December 7 and
December 14 at 9:15am

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





Children & Youth Opportunities



Christmas Cut-Out Cookie baking and decorating.
All high school youth are invited!
Saturday, December 10
Noon—until we are finished
Meet at Big Foot High School— Foods Room.

Christmas Cookie Pick Up!
Sunday, December 11th
after Worship Service

Live Nativity

Enter our parking lot from Read Street to experience the Christmas story in a sweet and wonderful way with our Faith Formation students, live animals and music.



Live Nativity
Sunday,
December 11
5:00-6:00pm

Drive-thru at 420 Read St, Walworth



High School Youth Group

CHAOS is for *all* high school students.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11
7:35-8:45pm

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

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc



Confirmation Classes



Faith Formation and Confirmation
 (ages 3 - 6th grade) (7th - 9th grade)
We welcome all students at anytime!

Wednesdays - May 17, 2023
 -Meal 5:30 pm- Class 6:00pm- Worship 6:55pm

No Faith Formation, Confirmation or Family Worship on Wednesday, December 28th.

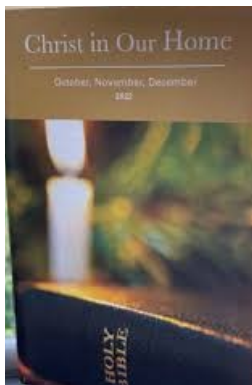
Merry Christmas!



- Time and Talents Booklets and the pledge forms are due by Sunday, **December 4th**.
- Annual budget and reports are due to Sarah ASAP. Email it to her at office@felcwalworth.com
- The Faith Formation & Confirmation students participated in a Service Day on November 30. They stuffed stockings for 1st graders at Walworth School, wrote Christmas cards to active military members and migrant families, made ornaments for church members and helped prep for the Live Nativity!
- The Free Little Library (on Read St) and the Personal Care Pantry (on Devils Ln) were projects from Joyful Action as VBS this summer. Feel free to place appropriate items in either box.
- The Jesus image for the month of December is "Jesus: Light of the World" by Mickey McGrath, OSFS.
- VBS will be June 19-23 from 9am-noon at The Community Church of Fontana.
- Coming soon! We know that emails sometimes come through with past employee names. We are getting

Thank You

- ♦ Thank you to Susie Schaid for leading the Stewardship Committee and working to bring the community of FELC together with their Time and Talents!
- ♦ Thank you to the select few who have turned in their Time and Talents booklets!
- ♦ Thank you to Lisa Voss & Crew for decorating the church for the holiday season!



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 for yourself and feel free to share with a friend

We officially have a mail box on site! Please use the following address instead of the PO Box.
420 Read Street, Walworth, WI 53184

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 no longer wish to receive communication from FELC.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture readings for December

Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 *From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace.*

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 *May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace.*

Romans 15:4-13 *Live in harmony, welcoming one another.*

Matthew 3:1-12 *A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

Dec. 24 Nativity of Our Lord I: Christmas Eve, Year A

Isaiah 29:2-7 *Light shines: a child is born for us.*

Psalms 96 *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.*

Titus 2:11-14 *The grace of God has appeared*

Luke 2:1-14 *God with us.*

Dec. 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10 *The desert blooms as God's people return from exile.*

Psalms 146:5-10 *The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.*

James 5:7-10 *Patience until the coming of the Lord.*

Matthew 11:2-11 *The forerunner of Christ.*

Dec. 25 Nativity of Our Lord II: Christmas Eve, Year A

Isaiah 62:6-12 *God comes to restore the people.*

Psalms 97 *Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of hearts.*

Titus 3:4-7 *Saved through water and the Spirit.*

Luke 2:8-20 *The birth of the Messiah revealed to shepherds.*

Dec. 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16 *The sign of Immanuel.*

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 *Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.*

Romans 1:1-17 *Paul's greeting to the church at Rome.*

Matthew 1:18-25 *A God near at hand.*

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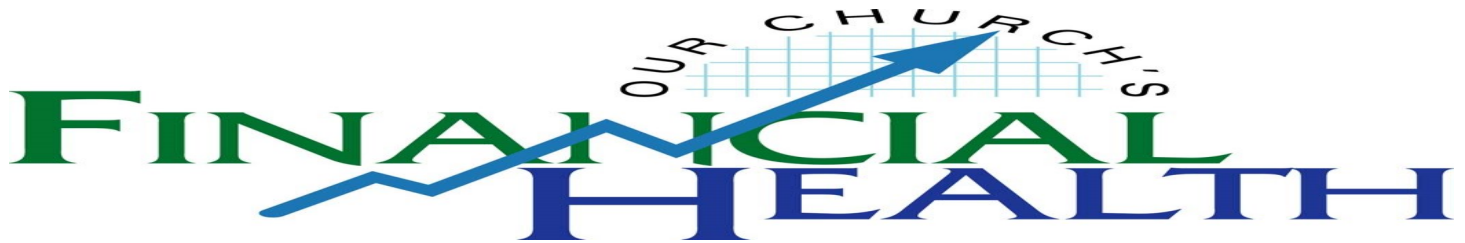
New Year's Day @ 9:00am:
"Christ in the Heart of Christmas"

Worship Servers

December 4 9:00 am	
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Kristi R.
December 11 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
December 18 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Barb W.
December 24 5:00 pm	
Reader	Various
Ushers	John S. & Kristi R.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	N/A
December 25 9:00 am	
Reader	Various
Ushers	John S.
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Tracey S.

January 1 9:00 am	
Reader	Various
Ushers	John S.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Needed
January 8 9:00 am	
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Hemmerich Fam.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Tracey S.
January 15 9:00 am	
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Liz H.
January 22 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
January 29 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Barb W.

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



Monthly Financial Report October 31, 2022

Cash Received:

From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$10,500	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>19,075</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$29,575

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses*	\$13,457	
Synod Benevolence	863	
Committees	779	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>757</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>15,856</u>

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)	13,719
Checking Account Balance, October 1, 2022	3,482
Checking Account Balance, October 31, 2022	<u>17,201</u>

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	17,201	
Mission Investment Fund***	103,811	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>250,282</u>	
Subtotal		371,294
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>8,224</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		360,070

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Oct 31, 2022) **	88,988	90,349
Total Expenses	151,680	134,162

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, October 1, 2022	8,575
New Dedicated	
Crop Walk	100
Lutheran World Relief	21
Youth Group	283
God's Work Our Hands	(53)
Christmas in July	(170)
Youth Group	(532)

Balance, October 31, 2022	8,224
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December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00am Worship Pledge and Times & Talents Due	5	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Wine & Word	7 9:15am Together Time 5:30pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	8	9	10 12:00pm CHOAS Cookie Baking at BFHS
11 9:00am Worship 10:00am Cookie Pick-Up 5:00pm Live Nativity	12	13 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship Comm. Meeting	14 9:15am Together Time 5:30pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	15 4:00pm Spiritual Reflection @ Sugar Creek Lutheran Church	16	17
18 9:00am Worship	19 6:30pm council Meeting	20 9:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Lunch Brunch	21 5:30pm Faith Formation 6:55pm Worship	22	23	24 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
25 9:00am Worship	26	27 9:00am Staff Meeting	28	29	30	31



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Church Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday—Friday: 9 am - Noon

Staff

Pastor Lily Brellenthin

Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064

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Rebecca Roehl, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Email: education@felcwalworth.com

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Sarah Quealy, Administrative Assistant

Email: office@felcwalworth.com

Congregation Council 2022

Executive Team

Rick Lottig- President

Kristi Reiersen - Vice President

Penny Gruetzmacher - Secretary

Bill Clark - Treasurer

Congregation Council meetings
are held at 6:30 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

