

Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

February 2023

Mission Statement

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

A Message from Pastor Lily

Do you pray?

How often do you pray? Who do you pray for? What does your prayer life look like?

We pray together at worship on Wednesday and Sunday. We pray together for our members and community that are in need of extra healing and care within our newsletters and bulletins. Many committee meetings start with a devotion or prayer and many end with the Lord's Prayer. In Confirmation and Faith Formation Class we take specific time to talk about prayer and why we do it.

Let's return to my previous question, "do you pray"?

God loves you, God loves to hear from you. Coming together in prayer is wonderful and needed within our community in Christ, and additionally we need to brush up on our prayer life individually.

Is prayer for you or for God?

God knows what is on our minds and hearts, but do we? Sometimes it's good for us to honestly take time away from the world and take time to be with God in prayer/conversation. Imagine what can come of it! Jesus is God's Son and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three in one, and yet many places in our scripture Jesus still prays to God. How beautiful is that?

Do we need to always have the "right" words or must we always pray with joy or can we pray in anger and frustration?

Who is to say what words are "right" or "wrong", let the Holy Spirit guide you, just speak from your heart and see where God meets you. Some prayers might involve you speaking to God and other prayers might involve more listening to God. Look at the Psalms, many of them are spoken in song or in prayers and many of them are lamentations, frustrations, sorrows and some are more joyous. I believe we have a big God, one that can handle all of our big feelings.

So if you are getting back into prayer, where do you begin?

Just begin. Talk to God while you are driving, talk to God when you are taking a restroom break, look through the Psalms, start with the prayers in the newsletter and pray over our communities in need of extra love, look up a prayer online, pray through the Lord's Prayer and really think on the words or just begin.

Let us pray: God, we are here, you are here. Bless this moment together. We want to know you more, we want to bring your kingdom near. Let us see the world as you see it, guide us, help us grow. And let us always act in love, in and to the world you so love. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

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 pastorlily@felcwalworth.com





Prayers for Continued Healing: Penny Gruetzmacher, Karla Tildahl, Melany Christenson (Angie Kynell's Mom), Grace Van Dreser & Gert Moritz.

Prayers for the World: May we pray for an end to human trafficking. Lord, show us the solutions that exist and need to be imagined to end the exploitation of the vulnerable. God commands us to love; let us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking in love so we can be instruments of God's peace and a catalyst for the liberation of the exploited and enslaved. Let it be so, Lord, let it be so. ~ Churchwide Women of the ELCA, 28 Prayers, a time of prayer leading up to the Super Bowl to end human trafficking.

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



***Wednesday,
February 22
Evening Worship
at 7 p.m.***

Lenten Theme 2023

***Water & Spirit: A journey of reflections
from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection
of Jesus Christ.***



Wednesday Worship Services

- 1 pm Lenten Devotions
- 6:55 pm Family Worship



Adult Opportunities



Together Time

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Every Thursday at 1:00pm

This is a time for all of us to enjoy casual conversation and being in each other's company. Please join us whenever you can!

Many of us have been captivated by the recent story of Demar Hamlin, the young football player who survived sudden cardiac death thanks to the use of an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**. This event reminds us as a congregation that we need to be ready to respond in the event of a sudden cardiac death in our building. FELC has an AED that is located next to the elevator door in the gathering space.

Please, click [here](#) to watch a 6 minute video that reviews the use of the same AED we have at FELC.

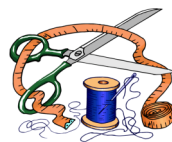
South-Central Synod of
Wisconsin presents

LEAD

February 11, 2023

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Middleton, Wisconsin

From 8:30am to 3:30pm
www.scsw-elca.org/LEAD2023



Faith Sew-ers Wednesdays at 9:45am

Any skill level is welcome. Your help is needed to create beautiful quilts help people locally and internationally.



Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm

Discuss *Between Two Kingdoms* by
Sulieka Jaouad

All Women are Welcome!

Contact Rebecca Roehl for more information.
We will begin discussion on *the Rock, the Road,*
and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford on
Tuesday, March 7.

Annual Meeting is Sunday,

January 29th.

Meeting immediately following
worship service.



Our next Lunch Bunch will be on Tuesday, February 21 at noon.

EVERYONE is welcome. No need to bring anything,
all food is provided.



Children & Youth Opportunities



High School Youth Group

CHAOS is for all high school students.

Next meeting:

Monday, February 6th from 7-8pm

If you would like to be added to our group text,

contact Rebecca at (608) 728-2798

Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc



Faith Formation Sunday Program

The Light of the World

Sunday February 5

Join us the 9am worship service for a special program from our Faith Formation and Confirmation students. Skits, music, and a special message will all be a part of this meaningful worship service.

Faithline: A Family Faith Formation Opportunity

Wednesday, February 22

Meal 5:30pm

Class 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship: 7:00pm



Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

9am-Noon

at The Community Church of Fontana.

More information to come later this spring.

Faith Formation (ages 3-6th grade) and Confirmation (7th - 9th grade)

We welcome all students at anytime!

Wednesdays - May 17, 2023

-Meal 5:30 pm - Class 6:00pm -Worship 6:55pm



If you are willing to help prep, serve and clean-up a meal for Faith Formation one Wednesday this spring, please contact Rebecca Roehl.



- Offering envelopes have been ordered. We are unsure of the arrival date and apologize for the delay. Thank you for your patience.
- The Gathering Space is getting a new dishwasher.
- The PO Box is officially gone! Please mail to 420 Read St. Walworth, WI
- The new image of Christ on the Gathering Space bulletin board for February is Face of Christ in the Sky by Rastan.
- Three seventh grade students and Pastor Lily will be attending Quake at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells February 10-12. Quake is a youth event filled with learning, worship, service and fun as participants grow in relationship with Jesus, our Lord, and each other.

Thank You

- You may have noticed the little houses that have appeared on the church property. These were painting and donated by the middle school Joyful Action group at VBS this past summer. The house on Read Street is a **Free Little Library**. Please feel free to take and leave a book at any time. The house near Devils Lane is a **Community Personal Care Pantry**. This house contains some canned goods, but is mostly for personal care items such as band-aides, chap stick, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, feminine hygiene products and more. Please feel free to add items to this house and spread the word that this resource is available to the community.

- Thank you everyone who helped with our Advent/Christmas season services.
- Thank you to those who helped get the church ready for the wedding in January.
- Thank you to Bill Clark, Penny Gruetzmacher & Liz Hemmerich for your service on the Congregation Council. We appreciate all you do for our FELC Community.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for February

Feb. 5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9 *The fast God chooses.*

Psalms 112:1-9 *Light shines in the darkness for the upright.*

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 *God's wisdom reveals through the Spirit.*

Matthew 5:13-20 *The teaching of Christ: salt & light*

Feb. 12: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *Choose life.*

Psalms 119:1-8 *Choose between life and death.*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 *God gives the growth.*

Matthew 5:21-37 *The teaching of Christ: forgiveness.*

Feb. 19: Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18 *Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai.*

Psalms 2 *You are my son; this day have I begotten you.*

2 Peter 1:16-21 *The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration.*

Matthew 17:1-9 *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved son.*

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to the LORD, your God.*

Psalms 51:1-17 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.*

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 *Now is the day of salvation.*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith.*

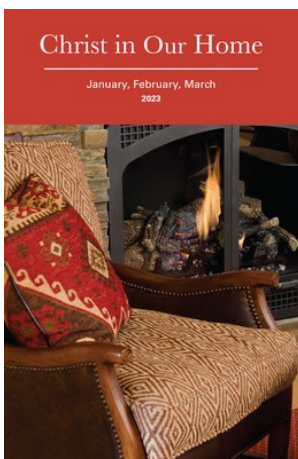
Feb. 26: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 *Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Psalms 32 *Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.*

Romans 5:12-19 *Death came through one; life comes through one.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days..*



Christ in Our Home

January, February, March
2023

Christ in Our Home

Booklets

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.

Worship Servers

February 5 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Confirmation Students
Projector	Confirmation Students
February 12 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Weborg Family
February 19 9:00 am	
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Sheen Family
February 26 9:00 am	
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	John S.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Tracey S.

If you are a new Worship Server, contact the office to get training before your date.

March 5 9:00 am	
Reader	Rochelle F.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Weborg Family
March 12 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Tracey S.
Projector	Sheen Family
March 19 9:00 am	
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	TBD
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Tracey S.
March 26 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
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



**Monthly Financial Report
December 31, 2022**

Cash Received:

From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$9,805	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$9,805

Cash Paid:

Operating Expenses*	\$6,130	
Synod Benevolence	0	
Committees	516	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>99</u>	
Total Cash		<u>6,745</u>

Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid) 3,060

Checking Account Balance, December 1, 2022 13,249

Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2022 16,309

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	16,309	
Mission Investment Fund ***	103,817	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>250,282</u>	
Subtotal		370,408
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>8,318</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		<u>362,090</u>

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Dec. 31, 2022)**	106,786	107,911
Total Expenses	182,016	152,950

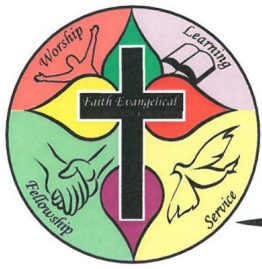
Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, December 1, 2022	8,417
New Dedicated	
Christmas in July	(99)
Balance, December 31, 2022	8,318

February 2023

January '23							March '23						
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29	30	31						26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship	2 Outside Event	3	4
5 9 am Worship With Faith Formation Program	6 7:00-8:00 pm CHAOS	7	8 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship	9 1:00 pm Together Time	10	11
12 9 am Worship	13	14 4:00 pm Spiritual Reflection TBD Worship Committee	15 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship	16 1:00 pm Together Time	17	18
19 9 am Worship	20 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 12:00pm Lunch Bunch	22 Ash Wednesday 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faithline Family FF 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship	23 1:00 pm Together Time	24	25
26 9 am Worship	27	28				



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Monday: Closed

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Congregation Council 2022

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Rick Lottig – President

Kristi Reiersen – Vice President

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Laurie Collins

Gail Connelly

Karlie Kroening

Kelsie Kroening

Karen Martinez

Susie Schaid