



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

April 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

Easter is all about new life and I am surely feeling this at Faith this year.

We have welcomed new members in the Fall and we are going to be officially welcoming more new members among us in the Spring. We have the largest group on Wednesday Evening Faith Formation and Worship than we have had in a long time. My Confirmation Class currently has six students and by next year we might have around twelve with the next class coming up. Our online participation in Sunday morning worship stays constant and our in person worship remains creative, reflective, personal and meaningful. We tried something new this Lenten Season and everyone was engaged in this playful theme of "Water & Spirit."

Instead of just living in the "what was" of before the pandemic, we are living into new normal and eagerly trying new things! We have formed a small group to get more events on the calendar. We have been chatting about more "Free Breakfasts", "Chili Dinners", and "Adult Night Outs". We have ideas of building community, spreading love, fundraising, friend making, and service opportunities. Are you excited?

Our "Lunch Bunch" free lunches once a month seemed like they were missing something. So we added a little transportation service where we connect with members that might not have a ride and we make it work for some old friends to join us. Would you like to be added to the list?

Some people outside of the church say that the church in general is dying, but I see the church rising again. We are evolving and starting anew, fitting into the new era and standing out for what and who we believe in.

We have gone through many changes and challenges throughout the last few years and before that. We learn and grow from each moment. Now we look forward to life with the Risen Christ in the Season of Easter. So what's next?

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: Grace Churchill, Karla Tildahl, Tim Young (Community Member & Friend), Grace Van Dreser, Gert Moritz & Melany Christenson (Angie Kynell's Mom).

Prayers for the World: As the seasons change and in our area of the world, we see more sunlight, we pray for our neighbors going into the cold and darker days.

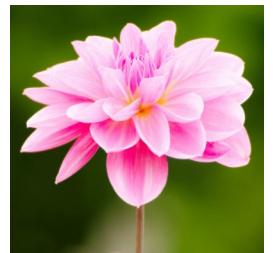
*If you would like anyone to be included, please call the church office 262-275-3445 or email office@felcwalworth.com. Thank you!

Eunice Schaid Celebration of Life

Join us as we celebrate the beautiful life of Eunice Schaid.

Service will be Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Luncheon to follow



Holy Week Services!

Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7th at 1:00 pm



Easter Sunday Service, April 9th at 9:00 am

Breakfast to follow Easter Sunday Service



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!

Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm



We will be discussing *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*

by Kathie Lee Gifford.

All Women are Welcome!

Worship Committee:

Next Meeting on Tuesday,
April 11th at 6:00 pm

Congregation Council Meeting

6:30pm on April 24th.

All are welcome to attend!



Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 9:45am

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

**Quilters need flat sheets
in any size!**

Come Soar with WELCA

2023 Elkhorn Conference Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9am-12:30pm

Luncheon to follow

Hosted by First English

Lutheran Church in

Whitewater, WI



Our next Lunch Bunch will be
on Tuesday, April 18th at noon.



EVERYONE is welcome.

No need to bring anything,
all food is provided.

Sign up to host Coffee And...
on the bulletin board in the
Gathering Space





Children & Youth Opportunities

Faithline: A Family Faith Formation Opportunity

Wednesday, April 12

Meal 5:30

Class 6:00

Worship 6:55



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

MONDAY, JUNE 19-FRIDAY, JUNE 23

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact the church office or Rebecca Roehl if you are interested.

Anyone entering 8th grade or older is welcome to volunteer.

Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, April 30th

Following Worship Service

Freewill offering to support youth trips.



Join us for an upcoming CHAOS gathering

Wednesday, March 29 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 19 7:30pm

Sunday, April 30 8:30am

Wednesday, May 10 7:30pm



Faith Formation/Confirmation News

Wednesday, April 5: No Class or Family Worship

Wednesday, April 12: Faithline

May 17: Last day of Class and Family Worship



- The image of Jesus on display for April is Resurrected Christ Outside the Tomb, artist unknown.
- On March 3, seven high school students joined Rebecca and Sarah for a fun night of bowling sponsored by a donation from generous church members. The students had a great time sharing in community together.
- **Reminder:** Offering Envelopes are waiting to be picked up in the Gathering Space.
- If you need to use the church copy machine to make personal copies, we ask that you help with the cost of paper and ink by making a donation to the church. The suggested donation amount is \$0.10 per copy, black or color. Money can be given to Sarah in the church office. Thank you.
- The Women of the ELCA Elkhorn Conference Board is looking for new members. Contact the church office for more information.

Thank You

- The Worship Committee thanks everyone who has joined us during our Lenten Season with our theme, “Water & Spirit.” Our river has been overflowing with rocks and prayers we have lifted up.
- Thank you for those who donated to our Noisy Offerings. We are delighted by your generosity. Next month’s newsletter will share our total and what we were able to purchase to help with the water crisis.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for April

Apr. 2: Palm Sunday

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.*

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

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *The mission of Christ: to save the world.*

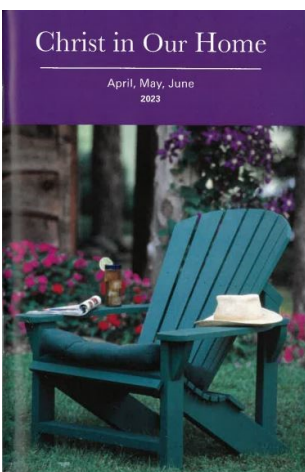
Apr. 9: Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

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.*

Colossians 3:1-4 *Raised with Christ to seek the higher things.*

Matthew 28:1-10 *Proclaim the resurrection.*



Christ in Our Home Booklets

New books for
April, May & June
are available in the
Gathering Space.

Apr. 16: Second Sunday of Easter

1 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David.*

Psalms 16 *In your presence there is fullness of joy.*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *New birth to a living hope through the resurrection.*

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

Apr. 23: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Receiving God's promise through baptism.*

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 *I will call on the name of the Lord.*

1 Peter 1:17-23 *Born anew through the living word of God.*

Luke 24:13-35 *Eating with the risen Christ.*

Apr. 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 *The believers' common life dry bones of Israel brought to life.*

Psalms 23 *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

1 Peter 2:19-25 *Follow the shepherd, even in suffering.*

John 10:1-10 *Christ the shepherd.*

Worship Servers

| April 2 9:00 am | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Reader | Liz H. |
| Ushers | John S. |
| Communion Assist. | Rick L. |
| Projector | Tracey S. |
| April 9 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Tracey S. |
| Ushers | Hemmerich Family |
| Communion Assist. | Tracey S. |
| Projector | Rebecca R. |
| April 16 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Chad R. |
| Ushers | Sheen Family |
| Communion Assist. | Chad R. |
| Projector | Sheen Family |
| April 23 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Kristi R. |
| Ushers | Susie & Terry S. |
| Communion Assist. | Kristi R. |
| Projector | Liz H. |
| April 30 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Chad R. |
| Ushers | Rick L. |
| Communion Assist. | Chad R. |
| Projector | Rebecca R. |

| May 7 9:00 am | |
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| Reader | Kristi R. |
| Ushers | Weborg Family |
| Communion Assist. | Kristi R. |
| Projector | Taylor W. |
| May 14 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Chad R. |
| Ushers | John S. |
| Communion Assist. | Chad R, |
| Projector | Rebecca R. |
| May 21 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Students |
| Ushers | Students |
| Communion Assist. | Students |
| Projector | Students |
| May 28 9:00 am | |
| Reader | Rick L. |
| Ushers | Tracy & Larry V. |
| Communion Assist. | Rick L. |
| Projector | Liz H. |

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
February 28, 2023

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|---|------------|--------------|
| Cash Received: | | |
| From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others | \$7,754 | |
| From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred) | <u>185</u> | |
| Total Cash Received | | \$7,939 |
| Cash Paid: | | |
| Operating Expenses* | \$3,162 | |
| Synod Benevolence | 1,483 | |
| Committees | 255 | |
| For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred) | <u>209</u> | |
| Total Cash | | <u>5,109</u> |
| Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid) | | 2,830 |
| Checking Account Balance, February 1, 2023 | | 3,794 |
| Checking Account Balance, February 28, 2023 | | 6,624 |

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

| | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Checking Account | 6,624 | |
| Mission Investment Fund *** | 104,370 | |
| Endowment Fund (Fund A) | <u>240,282</u> | |
| Subtotal | | 351,276 |
| Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash | | <u>10,461</u> |
| Unrestricted Cash Balance | | 340,815 |

Year to Date Information

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| From Members to General Fund (Through Feb. 28, 2023)** | 20,011 | 11,248 |
| Total Expenses | 41,232 | 38,484 |

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Balance, January 31, 2023 | 10,485 |
| New Dedicated | |
| Designated by contributor | 185 |
| Youth Group | (209) |
| Balance, February 28, 2023 | 10,461 |

April 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service | 3 | 4 7:00 pm Wine & Word | 5 9:45 am Sew-ers | 6 Maundy Thursday 1:00 pm Together Time 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service | 7 Good Friday 1:00 pm Good Friday Service | 8 |
| 9 Easter 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Breakfast | 10 | 11 4:00 pm Spiritual Reflection at Sugar Creek Luth. Ch. 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting | 12 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faithline 6:55 pm Worship | 13 1:00 pm Together Time | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:00 am Worship Service | 17 | 18 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch | 19 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Meal 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship 7:30 pm CHAOS | 20 1:00 pm Together Time | 21 | 22 Eunice Schaid Celebration of Life 11:00 am |
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| 30 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast | <p>Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (262) 275-3445 office@felcwalworth.com Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday from 9am-Noon</p> | | | | | |



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Monday: Closed

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Congregation Council 2023

Executive Team

Rick Lottig – President

Gail Connelly -Vice President

Susie Schaid—Secretary

Kristi Reiersen – Treasure

Council Members

Laurie Collins

Karlie Kroening

Kelsie Kroening

Karen Martinez

Jim Newman

Mike Sheen