



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

June 2023

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



Family Fun Transgender by NakedPastor - David Hayward

**"A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**

John 13:34



Let Us Pray



Dear God, we call out to you. We ask that you are with us today and everyday. While we move forward into these warmer days, we lift up local prayers. We ask that you be with Chris Kroening, Patrick Grams, Gerda Mortiz, Rev. Karl Otto, Paul Erickson, Steven West and Karla Tildahl. Please give your people healing and comfort where they need it. Lord, we also lift up the people who are stepping into the next chapter of their lives. We especially pray for our new members and our graduates. May they be blessed during this time of transition. In Jesus' holy name. Amen

Legacy Gift

A special thank you for the generous legacy gift from the estate of David Johnston. Council has received the congregation's ideas for this memorial and will be looking into your suggestions over the next couple of months.



Next Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, June 20th at 12:00 pm.
Come and join for a free meal and fellowship.

Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm

Loved by God Book Collection

Available in the Gathering Space is a collection of diverse children's books covering a variety of topics. Feel free to sign out a book and share it with the children in your life or read it yourself. Cross your name off the list when you return the book. Enjoy!



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

What is RIC?

The acronym RIC stands for Reconciling in Christ. Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work.

What does that mean for our church?

In becoming an RIC church we will strive to become a community that explicitly states a welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions whether that be as visitors, church members, council members, church staff, or clergy. This journey will involve conversations with church community members, educational opportunities, and a revision of our welcome statement and current church policies.

What to expect:

During the month of June a member from the RIC core team will share a statement at the beginning of each worship service. There will be a display of children's books covering a variety of topics in the Gathering Space. You will see new images and intentional signs of welcome displayed around the church building. In the upcoming months more conversations and educational opportunities will be presented on the topic of intentional welcoming.

If you have any questions or comments about RIC please speak with one of the core team members: Penny Gruetzmacher, Liz Hemmerich, Rebecca Roehl, Tracey Scott, Tracy Volbrecht, and Rachel West. We want to talk about this process with you. Also, the core team has room to grow, so if you are interested in joining us, please let us know.

THE PANDEMIC IS OVER ! Or is it ?

The World Health Organization has stated that the COVID pandemic is over. What does that mean? It really changes nothing for us. Yes, the number of infected is lower, and the number of deaths is less but it is still important to care for yourself and others. Please continue to:

- *Wash hands frequently
- *Social distance when necessary
- *Wear a mask if recent positive test or symptomatic
- *Stay home if you are not feeling well

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 9:45 am Sew-ers 7:00 pm S'More Time with Christ	1	2 6:00 pm Adult Night Out	3
4 9:00 am Worship Graduation Recognition	5	6	7 9:45 am Sew-ers	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship	12	13 10:00 am All Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Spiritual Reflection at Sugar Creek Luth. Ch. 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	14 9:45 am Sew-ers	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship	19	20 Vacation Bible School 9:00 am - Noon at The Community Church of Fontana 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Wine & Word	21 9:45 am Sew-ers 7:00 pm S'More Time with Christ	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship	26 6:30 pm Council Meeting	27	28 9:45 am Sew-ers	29	30	1

A Message from Pastor Lily

Summer is near, we can almost taste it! The students are counting down the days left of school (possibly the teachers too!) Families are finalizing vacation plans, grandparents are looking forward to extra time with their grandchildren. And yet for some, summer doesn't change much of their day to day. Some people still go to their 9-5 and others continue to be retired and design their own schedule. Others are taking things one day at a time, seeing where pain levels are at, and seeing what they can get done daily.

At church we are planning for the Fall Season. We are preparing for Confirmation and Faith Formation during my maternity leave in September and October. We are arranging pulpit supply and the settings we will use for worship. We might even talk a little about Advent and Christmas as time never seems to slow down.

Time doesn't slow down. There might be more sunlight these days but 7pm continues to be 7pm which is bedtime for some. (Don't let my toddler fool you; there will be days when bedtime will be before the sun goes down.)

So, as time won't slow down itself, what can we do to slow it down ourselves?

We could "stop and smell the roses" or in our case the lilacs. We could write a letter, set our phones down for the day, have a day without a schedule or to-do list and see where time takes you. I feel as though these are easier said than done. However part of our call as followers of Jesus is to leave our worry at the door, be present with people and truly listen. We are called to love others where they are at and never take any day for granted as no one is guaranteed tomorrow. True time, the only time that truly is, is the now.

How will you spend this time? How will you enjoy your days?

My goals in this season are to remain in the present the best I can and to have grace for myself. I want to practice more gratitude, and take more deep breaths. I want to spend less time in front of a screen of any kind and more time in front of people and loved ones soaking in all the time we have.

Throughout the plans and schedules, among the vacations and naps, let us focus on the warmth of the sun and Son. May God bless us this season and may the Holy Spirit be present with us in all of our actions. Instead of passing from point A to point B so fast, may we take time for others and time for ourselves. May we see the hope in the world and spread it. We all deserve to smile without worry of the future, as the present moment is most important and already here.

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





Adult Night Out!

Join us June 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space for a fun night out!
Pasta Bar included.

BYOB, Games and Prizes!
RSVP and receive a ticket from the office.



Join us June 20th at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space to discuss *Carnegie's Maid*.

Geneva Lakes West Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday, June 19-Friday, June 23 from 9:00am-Noon
Ages 3 years-7th grade at
The Community Church of Fontana.



Faith Sew-ers

Meeting every Wednesday at 9:45am.
Anyone is welcomed!

Sew-ers are looking for new flat sheets.



Together Time

Together Time will **NOT** be meeting for the summer.



10:00 am - 2:00pm **July 11th & August 10th**
Children ages 3 - 8th grade.



Graduation Celebration.

Join us Sunday, June 4th, to celebrate and honor our graduates at 9:00 am
Worship Service

Spiritual Reflection

On June 13th at 4:00 pm at
Sugar Creek Lutheran Church
in Elkhorn, WI for worship
and fellowship.



Worship Servers

June 4	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Hemmerich Family
June 11	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Tracey S.
June 18	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Sheen Family
June 25	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Weborg Family

July 2	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Tracey S.
July 9	9:00 am
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Sheen Family
July 16	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Taylor W.
July 23	9:00 am
Reader	Various
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Rebecca R.
July 30	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Tracey S.
Projector	Barb W.

S'More Time with Christ

May 31st, June 21st, July 18th
& August 16th at 7:00 pm
Worship, s'mores and fellowship.





Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for June

June 4: The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1--2:4a: The creation of the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 8: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13: Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth.

Matthew 28:16-20: Living in the community of the Trinity.

June 11: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15--6:6: God desires steadfast love.

Psalm 50:7-15: Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God.

Romans 4:13-25: The promise to those who share Abraham's faith.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26: Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter.

June 18: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a: The covenant with Israel at Sinai.

Psalm 100: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Romans 5:1-8: While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35-10:8: The sending of the Twelve.

June 25: 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13: The prophet must speak despite opposition.

Psalm 69:7-18: Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind.

Romans 6:1b-11: Buried and raised with Christ by baptism.

Matthew 10:24-3: Have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant.



Monthly Financial Report
April 30, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$15,758	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>2,545</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$18,303
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$9,953	
Synod Benevolence	1,173	
Committees	507	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>750</u>	
Total Cash		<u>12,383</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		5,920
Checking Account Balance, April 1, 2023		(1,142)
Checking Account Balance, April 30, 2023		4,778

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	4,778	
Mission Investment Fund ***	104,918	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>240,282</u>	
Subtotal		349,978
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>12,275</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		348,703

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Apr 30, 2023)**	44,021	31,630
Total Expenses	82,479	64,770

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, March 31, 2023	10,481
New Dedicated	
Schaid Memorial	155
Designated by Contributor	1,700
WELCA	100
Youth Group	333
Expense Reimbursement	256
Designated by Contributor	(500)
Expense Reimbursement	(250)
Balance, April 30, 2023	12,275



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Congregation Council 2023

Executive Team

Rick Lottig – President

Gail Connelly -Vice President

Susie Schaid - Secretary

Kristi Reiersen – Treasurer

Council Members

Laurie Collins

Karlie Kroening

Kelsie Kroening

Karen Martinez

Jim Newman

Mike Sheen