



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

May 2023

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

A Message from Pastor Lily

Happy May! Spring sports are in full swing, prom dresses are bought, wedding season seems to be starting, summer plans are being made, the end of the school year is in sight and the weather is slowly leaning into this idea of “spring” too! Life never truly seems to slow down but most would say that Summer has a feeling about it, a feeling of freedom, a feeling of taking a breath and a change of pace. Then we will blink and Fall will start again with the excitement of wearing a sweater once more, with cooler nights and schedules filling up as well. Before too long Winter will make an appearance too, with shorter days, snow, ice storms, cancellations, holidays and more indoor activities. (as some also make their getaway to a warmer climate to experience a warmer season once more)

That’s a lot, and that isn’t even counting all of the other things that come up and fill our day to day. We know and believe God is with us, but when do we take time to notice the presence of God?

When I used to write in a journal more frequently, I would end the day with a response to two questions: When did I see God and what did I learn today? When we are in the thick of it, when we are moving from one thing to another, we might not take the time to notice the divine, but what if we take a moment before our head hits the pillow? And when do we take time to admit we are still learning even after school ends or after we have graduated. I believe we are all learning new things each day if we are open to it. I believe that God makes an appearance each day if we are open to it.

I invite you to ask these questions more often. I encourage you to share with others your experiences. I hope we open our senses to the life that is before us, the good, the bad and the in between, because we are all in a different season and that season will change once again.

When my grandpa passed away, I was in high school and I was pretty torn up about it. I remember going to a memorial service that was for all of the residents that had recently passed at his nursing home. The pastor made a reference to our lives being like the seasons of the year and it really pulled me in. His ending note was “When in doubt, remember, Spring is coming.” We don’t know in what timing, we don’t know how long until the sun will be shining, but Spring will be here, we will not be in Winter forever. These are words I continue to live by, it gives me hope, and it helps me to realize even when we are promised new life, transformation and good things in the future, the timeline for such isn’t drawn out, so we must keep looking towards hope even days it seems more distant. Spring is coming!

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: Paul Erickson (Rachel West's cousin), Steve West (Rachel West's brother), Karla Tildahl, Penny Gruetzmacher & Tim Young (Community Member & Friend)

Prayers for the World: Let us pray for all of our neighbors: friends, family, strangers and enemies. This world needs more love, may we be the first to share it.

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

Thank you everyone that joined us for our “Water & Spirit” theme during this Lenten and Easter Season. We lifted up prayers with our stones on the river as well as collected loose change. We collected over \$257.56 and our faith formation families voted that we will purchase a portion of a well to provide clean water for up to 500 families.



Order your Pentecost Geraniums!

Geraniums will be planted on the church property!

Please return order form to the church office.

I/We wish to contribute \$ _____ toward the purchase of geraniums for Pentecost.

Name: _____ Env #: _____



My geraniums are:

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Due Friday, May 19, 2023



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, May 2nd at 7:00 pm



We will be discussing *Refresh Your Prayers* by Lori Hatcher
All Women are Welcome!

Worship Committee:

Next Meeting on Tuesday,
May 9th at 6:00 pm

Congregation Council Meeting

6:30pm on May 22nd.
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!**

Adult Night Out

**June 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm
in the Gathering Space.**

**RSVP to the office for a
free ticket by May 21.
Pasta Bar included.
BYOB, Games & Prizes!**



Our next Lunch Bunch will be
on Tuesday, May 16th 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 to
help us expand
fellowship at FELC!





Children & Youth Opportunities

Graduation Celebration

Sunday, June 5 at 9am service

Join us as we celebrate our high school graduates: Ava Cismoski, Ayla Gibbs, Devin Freymiller, and Chloe Weborg.

You are invited for a continental breakfast after the worship service. All are welcome for this time of fellowship and celebration.

Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, April 30

Following Worship Service
Freewill offering to support youth trips.



*If you have someone in your family graduating anything high school or beyond contact the church office with who, what, and a photo by May 19.

Celebration & New Member Sunday May 21

Celebrate another successful Faith Formation year with us!

Faith Formation and Confirmation students will be active in worship and share some special music.

Stay after worship for food, fellowship, outdoor games, and fun.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday, June 19-Friday, June 23

9:00am-Noon

Ages 3 years-7th grade

The Community Church of Fontana

Watch the church website and the Gathering Space for registration forms coming soon.

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



S'More Time with Christ

Join us on Wednesday, May 31
at 7:00 pm for firepit worship
& s'mores.



**Join us for the next
CHAOS gathering**



Faith Formation/Confirmation News

May 17: Last day of Class and Family Worship

Families are invited for a cookout meal
and family activities



**Wednesday,
May 10 at 7:30pm**

**High School
Youth Group**

Did You Know?

- The image of Jesus on display for May is *Tune In (Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness)* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity.
- **On Sunday, May 28, wear red to Worship Service for Pentecost.**
- Photographs are taken for documentation, publication and publicity purposed at FELC. If you prefer your image to not be used, please contact the church office to fill out the form.
- If someone in your family is graduating this year from anything, high school or beyond, please contact the church office 262-275-3445 or email: office@felcwalworth.com with details (who, where, when, along with a photo by May 19th!). We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, June 4th with a breakfast reception after the service.



new MEMBER SUNDAY

Join us May 21st for New Member & Celebration Sunday

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Lily.



Community Care Pantry Update: It has been brought to our attention that keeping food in the Community Care Panty is unsafe due to the extreme temperature changes. Our plan moving forward is to keep this pantry stocked with personal care items such as toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, feminine care products, bandages, etc. Donations for the Community Care Pantry can be left in the basket in the Gathering Space or dropped off in the church office. Thank you!!

Thank You

- Thank you Rick Lottig for teaching about the history of the church during Faithline.
- Thank you for everyone who has provided meals for Faith Formation.
- Thank you to the Nordmeyer, Bender & Kynell families who provided Easter breakfast.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for May

May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Recognition Sunday

Acts 7:55-60 *The martyrdom of Stephen.*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

1 Peter 2:2-10 *God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts.*

John 14:1-14 *Christ the way, truth, and life.*

May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 *Paul's message to the Athenians.*

Psalm 66:8-20 *Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.*

1 Peter 3:13-22 *The days of Noah, a sign of baptism.*

John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate.*

May 21: Seventh Sunday of Easter

New Member & Celebration Sunday

Acts 1:6-14 *Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure.*

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 *Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds.*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *God will sustain and restore those who suffer.*

John 17:1-11 *Christ's prayer for his disciples.*

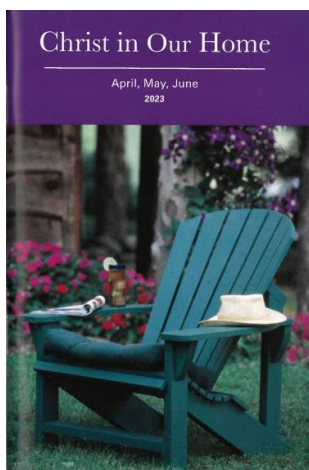
May 28: Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds.*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit.*

John 20:19-23 *The Spirit poured out.*



Christ in Our Home Booklets

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

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on Sunday, May 28th for Pentecost

S'More Time with Christ

Join us on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 pm
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Worship Servers

May 7 9:00 am	
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.

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.	Susie S.
Projector	Weborg Family

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

If you know you or your family will be gone in the next few months, please contact Sarah in the church office.



Monthly Financial Report
February 28, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$7,039	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>20</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$7,059
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$13,322	
Synod Benevolence	1,173	
Committees	330	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash		<u>14,825</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(7,766)
Checking Account Balance, March 1, 2023		6,624
Checking Account Balance, March 31, 2023		(1,142)

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	(1,142)	
Mission Investment Fund ***	104,370	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>240,282</u>	
Subtotal		343,510
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>10,481</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		333,029

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Mar. 31, 2023)**	33,016	18,137
Total Expenses	61,865	53,373

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, February 28, 2023	10,461
New Dedicated	
Designated by contributor	20
Balance, March 31, 2023	10,481



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Church Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – Noon

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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