



# *Faith Evangelical*

*Lutheran Church Walworth, WI*

July 2023

## **Mission Statement**

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



**This is Christ's church.**

**There is a place for you here.**

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



# Let Us Pray



Dear God, we call out to you. We ask that you are with us today and everyday. This month we especially pray for those who have lost loved ones. We lift up the family of Chris Kroening, may you be with them as they learn to navigate life differently without him.

We ask for traveling mercies over the youth mission trip. May they feel your presence, may they learn about your love and grow in community. We also pray for your people needing extra healing: Gerda Mortiz, Rev. Karl Otto, Paul Erickson, Steven West and Karla Tildahl. Receive our written and spoken prayers, as well as the ones on our hearts.

In Jesus' holy name. Amen.



## Youth Mission Trip

Please keep Karlie, Kate, Kelsie, and Natalie in your prayers as they attend a mission trip with Sugar Creek Lutheran Church to Denver, Colorado from July 7-July 15. We very much appreciate the support of this congregation in making this trip possible for these young ladies.

Join us Sunday, July 23rd for  
**Christmas in July** Worship  
Service at 9:00 am.

## Outdoor Worship Services

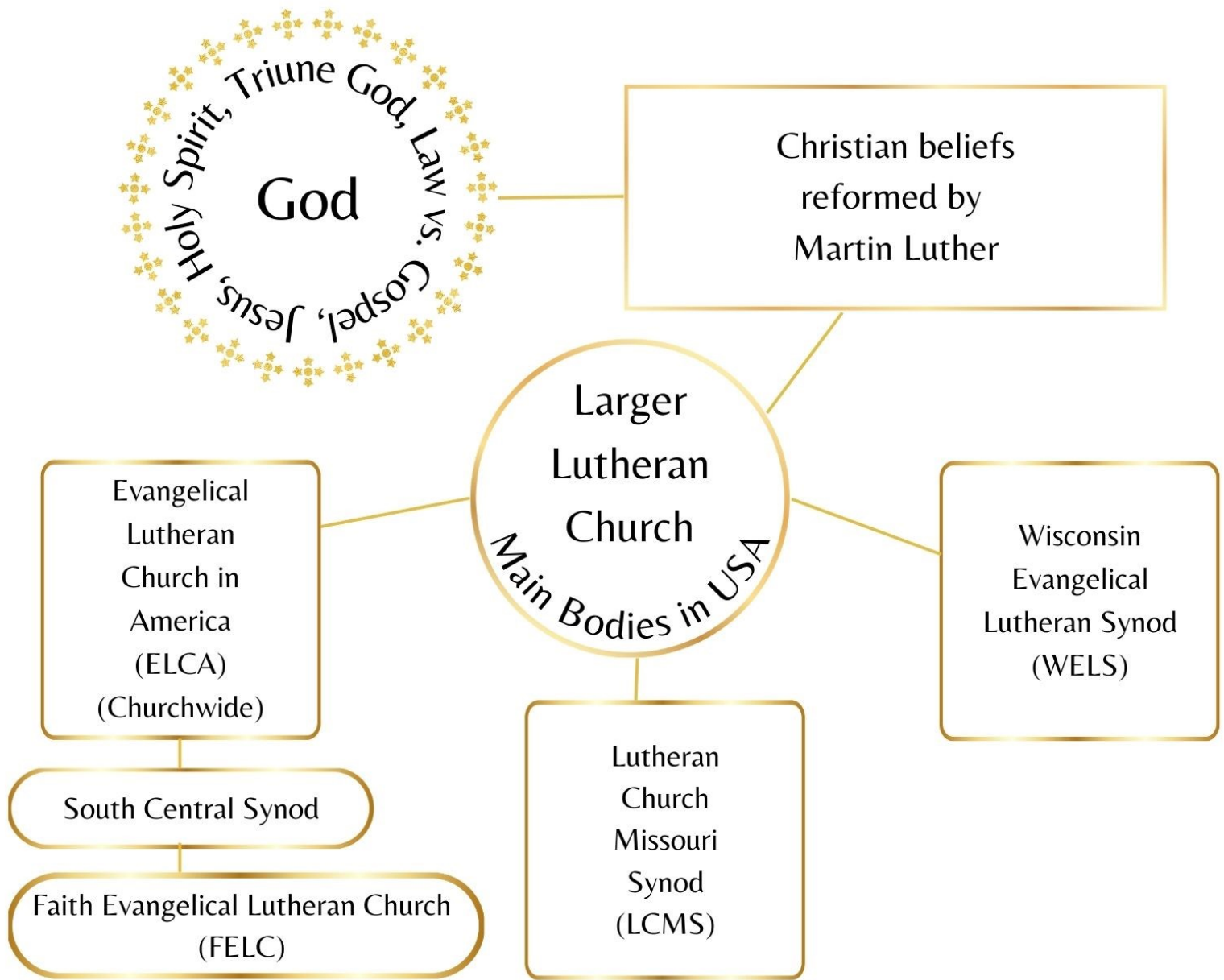
July 9th and August 13th  
Worship featuring favorite hymn sing.  
Make sure you bring a lawn chair!

*Friends Helping Friends Benefit*  
Sunday July 23, 2023  
1pm

*In honor of the Kroening Family*  
*West Park Shelter- 'Cornfest Grounds'*  
*335 W Madison St, Darien, WI*  
*Food - Drinks - Raffles - Activities*  
*Family Friendly Fun*  
*\*more information to come\**  
*Follow the event on Facebook*  
*Event is Open to the Public*

All proceeds benefitting the Kroening's Family fight against cancer

# Understanding the ELCA Church System



How often do we chat about the larger church? We are so connected in beautiful ways that we owe it to ourselves to talk about these connections! We are the Church, we are part of the bigger Body of Christ.

We are a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. This church body is broken down into 65 smaller sections which are called synods. We are a part of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, which is then made up of 133 congregations.

We meet annually in May at the Synod Assembly with two representatives from our churches. We also meet annually in August at the Churchwide Assembly with representatives from the synods across the USA. We gather to worship, learn and create change in an ever evolving world. God transforms us into a more inclusive, always welcoming community showing the radical love of Christ in the world.



# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10:00 am- 12:00 pm Visitation 12:00 pm Service 1:00 pm Luncheon
2 9:00 am Worship	3	4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship Outdoor Service 6:30 pm RIC Core Team Meeting	10	11 10 am-2 pm Food, Fun & Friends 4:00 pm Spiritual Reflection Sugar Creek Lutheran Church 7:00 pm Learning Committee Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship	17	18 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Wine and Word	19 7:00 pm S'More Time with Christ	20 7:30 pm CHAOS Campfire	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship Christmas in July 1:00 pm Kroening Fundraiser at West Park Shelter, Darien, WI	24 6:30 pm Council Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship	31	Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (262) 275-3445 office@felcwalworth.com Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday from 9am-Noon				

# *A Message from Pastor Lily*

One of my goals this year is to share more about the ELCA and our connections to the synod. In high school I was the youth representative on the synod council working with the bishop. Then throughout college I was a lay female representative and was a representative for our synod at the churchwide assembly. I also shepherded my home pastor into becoming a bishop of our synod a few years before I started seminary.

I have lived and breathed our larger church opportunities my whole life, and I am called to share more of this with you.

For example, at our last synod assembly May 20, 2023 three resolutions passed, and I am excited to see where our church takes these.

## **Resolution 1: Care of Creation**

Congregations are encouraged to care for creation better. The resolution recommends that congregations create and submit a brief Congregational Care for Creation Plan to the synod Care for Creation Team before the end of the year.

## **Resolution 2: Updating Reconciling in Christ Commitments**

We are called to update and review our commitment as a synod in being Reconciling in Christ (RIC) and encourage the churches within our synod to look into becoming RIC. (We are already moving in a great direction!)

## **Resolution 3: Land Acknowledgement**

The synod will appoint a Land Acknowledgement Taskforce to develop a land acknowledgement for use in the synod and to assist congregations in developing their own.

At the churchwide level a team has been formed within the last few months to start a two year conversation and commitment to “Restructuring the ELCA”. We are always being made new, and we are always reforming into an even better church.

Systems will continue to fail us, communities will continue to fail us, because we are a bunch of imperfect people. So we are relying on something bigger. We are following a God that is bigger, bolder and more beautiful than we can imagine. With God on our side, I am so empowered to see where this organization/church/community is headed! I will keep you updated!

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](mailto:pastorlily@felcwalworth.com)





**July 11 from 10 am - 2 pm**

All students ages 3 years to 8th grade are welcome to join for a day of fun, games, service projects and lunch.

This is a free event. No need to pre-register.

Next date: Thursday, August 10



RIC Core Team Meeting on  
Sunday July 9 at 6:30 pm



## Spiritual Reflection

On July 11th at 4:00 pm at  
Sugar Creek Lutheran Church  
in Elkhorn, WI for worship  
and fellowship.

## Learning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 18th at 12:00 pm.

Come for a free meal and fellowship.



Join us July 18th at 7:00 pm in the



Gathering Space to discuss

*A Long Walk to Water*

by Linda Sue Park

## S'More Time with Christ

Wednesday, July 19th at  
7:00 pm at the firepit.



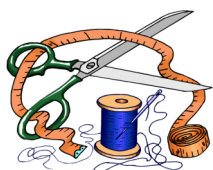
Next date: Wednesday, August 16



Campfire on Thursday, July 20  
at 7:30 pm. Meet by the firepit for  
s'mores, prayers and fun.

## Council Meeting

Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm



**Faith Sew-ers** will not be  
meeting for the month of July.  
They will pick back up in August.



Together Time

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

# Worship Servers

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

<b>August 6</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Sheen Family
<b>August 13</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	John S. & Jenny VdB.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	N/A
<b>August 20</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Tracey S.
<b>August 27</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Weborg Family



July's Jesus Image  
*Living Water (Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the Well)*  
 by Lauren Wright Pittman



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

## Scripture Readings for July

### July 2: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

**Jeremiah 28:5-9:** The test of a true prophet.

**Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18:** Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.

**Romans 6:12-23:** No longer under law but under grace.

**Matthew 10:40-42:** Welcome Christ in those he sends.

### July 9: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Zechariah 9:9-12:** The king will come in humility and peace.

**Psalms 145:8-14:** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**Romans 7:15-25a:** The struggle within the self.

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30:** The yoke of discipleship.

### July 16: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

**Isaiah 55:10-13:** The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose.

**Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13:** Your paths overflow with plenty.

**Romans 8:1-11:** Live according to the Spirit.

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23:** The parable of the sower and the seed.

### July 23: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Isaiah 44:6-8:** There is no other God than the Lord.

**Psalms 86:11-17:** Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

**Romans 8:12-25:** The revealing of the children of God.

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43:** The parable of the weeds.

### July 30: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

**1 Kings 3:5-12:** Solomon's prayer for wisdom.

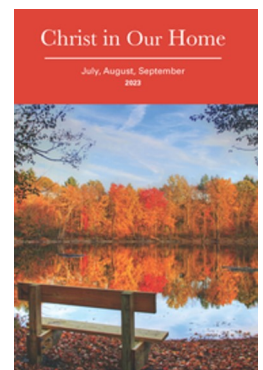
**Psalms 119:129-136:** When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding.

**Romans 8:26-39:** Nothing can separate us from God's love.

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52:** Parables of the reign of heaven.

## Christ in Our Home Booklets

New books for July, August & September are available in the Gathering Space.







## Monthly Financial Report May 31, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$16,079	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>12,243</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$28,322
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$(666)	
Synod Benevolence	1,173	
Committees	570	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash		<u>1,077</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		27,245
Checking Account Balance, May 1, 2023		1,332
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Checking Account Balance, May 31, 2023		28,577

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

\*\* included monthly and specific donations

<b>Unrestricted Cash Balance</b>		
Checking Account	28,577	
Mission Investment Fund ***	104,918	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>230,282</u>	
Subtotal		363,777
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>14,519</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		349,258

<b>Year to Date Information</b>		
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
From Members to General Fund (Through May 31, 2023)**	55,026	49,523
Total Expenses	103,130	69,435

<b>Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information</b>	
Balance, April 30, 2023	12,275
New Dedicated	
Schaid Memorial	100
Youth Group	2,144
Balance, May 31, 2023	14,519



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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