



Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church *Walworth, WI*

August 2023

Mission Statement

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



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023



Let Us Pray



Holy One,

We thank you for this community, and for places we can be our most authentic selves.

May we keep working towards justice for everyone, loving unconditionally and serving our neighbors near and far.

Today we pray for Rachel West's cousins, Paul Erickson, and James Davids. May they find the healing and peace they need. We also continue to pray for Karla Tildahl. May God give her hope and strength. Let our community surround these siblings with your divine care.

Receive these prayers, as well as the ones on our hearts.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is September 10, 2023

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

The Congregation Council of Faith Evangelical Church is encouraging members of the congregation to participate in this year’s celebration by completing a random act of kindness during the month of August. Ninety-five suggestions are available in the gathering space. Choose one (or more), or create some of your own, and once you’ve completed the act of kindness, post your note on our ‘cardboard castle’ door.



A Message from Pastor Lily

We are called to love others. We are called to serve others. We are called to live and treat others as Jesus did. This time of year leading up to “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, September 10th, we start gathering our forces and look outward to where we can help.

Looking back, some of the first times I remember learning personally about serving my neighbors was when my parents packed up all the sweet corn from our patch and delivered it to members of our church community and to our neighbors around town. Nothing was expected in return; it was just the joy of sharing what we had been blessed with.

As a teenager I went on mission trips with my church youth group, and we served others in ways I had never done before. One year we went to Philadelphia and worked in soup kitchens serving meals and homeless shelters organizing donations. We also worked with a church that was in the beginning stages of making their space inclusive for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We gave our time and learned from others.

In high school I went with my pastor to “take your daughter to work day.” I grew in my call to ministry. We brought communion to homebound members of the church, and we talked about life and the future. She listened to me and wanted to hear about my interests, what it was like believing in God and going to high school. There is power in conversation, sitting in one another’s presence and listening.

For this “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday we will combine all of our notes on serving others and celebrate with one another. (see info on previous page)

Another opportunity to serve our community has come up as well. This year at Faith we have the largest confirmation class we have had in a while. We have the ability to learn with and from our young people, while we serve others and grow in our faith in God and the Body of Christ among us.

We are looking for attentive adults that will be mentors to our confirmation students. Mentors will be paired with 2-3 students to journey with them through the years of confirmation.

Requirements:

- Be present for an information session with Pastor Lily
- Attend 4-6 classes per year to observe and lead small groups
- Check in with mentees bi-weekly via after worship chat, text, email or call
- Participate in service and special projects as scheduled

** Contact me if you are interested. Please note that we will pair mentor/mentees personalities as best we can, but not all volunteers will be assigned mentees this school year. **

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



Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 8th at 6:00 pm



Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, August 9th. Meet at Faith at 2:55 pm. Rebecca and Sarah will drive. Pack meals, enjoy dinner and return about 8:30 pm



August 10th 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.

Tuesday, August 15th at 12:00 pm.
Come for a free meal and fellowship.



S'More Time with Christ

Wednesday, August 16th at
7:00 pm at the firepit.



Bonfire

Sunday, August 20th at 7:30 pm



RIC Core Team Meeting on
Tuesday, August 22nd at 5:30 pm



Join us August 22nd at 7:00 pm
in the Gathering Space to
discuss *Still Stace*
by Stacey Chomiak

Back to School with God Backpack Blessing Sunday

Sunday, August 27th

Bring your backpack for a
back to school blessing.

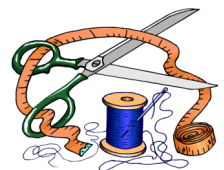


Council Meeting

Monday, August 28 at 6:30 pm

Faith Sew-ers

Meeting Wednesdays at 9:45 am!



Together Time

This gathering will be taking
a hiatus until further notice.

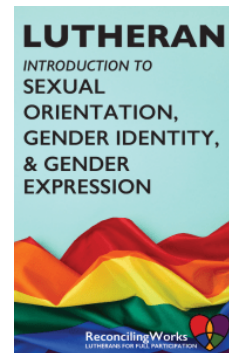
August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 9:45 am Sew-ers	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship	7	8 10:00 am All Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Spiritual Reflection Sugar Creek Lutheran Church 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	9 9:45 am Sew-ers 2:55 pm - 8:30 pm CHAOS Feed My Starving Children followed by Dinner	10 10am-2pm Food, Fun & Friends	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship Outdoor Service	14	15 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch	16 9:45 am Sew-ers 7:00 pm S'More Time with Christ	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship Mission Trip Recap 7:30 pm CHAOS Bonfire	21	22 5:30 pm RIC Core Meeting 7:00 pm Wine & Word	23 9:45 am Sew-ers	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship Backpack Blessing	28 6:30 pm Council Meeting	29	30 9:45 am Sew-ers	31	1	2
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Reconciling In Christ (RIC)

Available in the Gathering Space are informational booklets for you. Please take one, read it, and share it with your family. When you are finished with the booklet feel free to share it with a friend, keep it for future reference, or return it to church for some else to learn from. These booklets provide definitions of terms, information about personal pronouns and more. The world is constantly changing and how we identify and treat people who have been cast aside by society is constantly changing, our job is to learn what we can and to love whoever is in front of us.



Faith Formation/Confirmation



Our **kick-off event** will be on **Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30** at the Devils Lane Park shelter. This will include a meal, parent meeting and worship. The whole family is invited to attend.

- * Faith Formation/Confirmation is for all students ages 3 years old thru 8th grade on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:20pm from September 13-May 15.
- * We are open and free to all students regardless of church background or affiliation.
- * Registration forms for Faith Formation and Confirmation will be available in the Gathering Space and on the church website the second week of August.
- * Pass along this information to any friends, neighbors, or relatives you think might enjoy our program. There are brochures in the Gathering Space, or invite them to attend the kick-off event to learn more about our program.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Roehl at 608-728-2798 or email education@felcwalworth.com.



Thank you for your support. We had a great mission trip. On Sunday, August 20 we will share some of our experiences with you during the worship service.

~ Karlie, Kate, Natalie, and Kelsie

Worship Servers

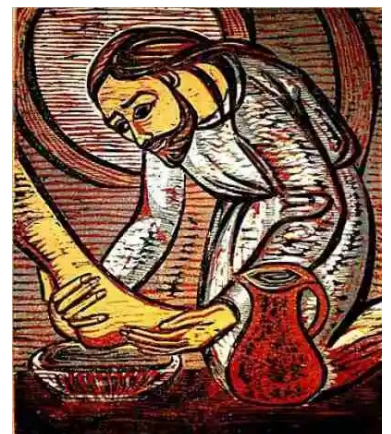
August 6	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Sheen Family
August 13	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	John S. & Jenny VdB.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	N/A
August 20	9:00 am
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Tracey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

September 3	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Liz H.
September 10	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
September 17	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Tracey S.
September 24	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Weborg Family

New Office Hours!

Tuesday - Thursday from
9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

This image of Jesus
washing feet reminds
us to serve others.
Title and artist are
unknown.





Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for August

August 3: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21: God fortifies the prophet against opposition.

Psalms 26:1-8: Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

Romans 12:9-21: Live in harmony.

Matthew 16:21-28: The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter.

August 10: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11: The prophet's responsibility to warn the people.

Psalms 119:33-40: I desire the path of your commandments.

Romans 13:8-14: Live honorably as in the day.

Matthew 18:15-20: Reconciliation in the community of faith.

August 17: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21: Joseph reconciles with his brothers.

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13: Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy.

Romans 14:1-12: Accepting diversity in the community of faith.

Matthew 18:21-35: A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith.

August 24: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11: God's concern for the city of Nineveh.

Psalms 145:1-8: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Philippians 1:21-30: Standing firm in the gospel.

Matthew 20:1-16: The parable of the vineyard workers.

The children during Food, Fun and Friends on July 11th helped repaint the play set while having fun together and growing in their faith.





Monthly Financial Report June 30, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$6,995	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>203</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$7,225
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$12,086	
Synod Benevolence	1,173	
Committees	941	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>217</u>	
Total Cash		<u>14,417</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(7,192)
Checking Account Balance, June 1, 2023		28,577
Checking Account Balance, June 30, 2023		21,385

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	21,385	
Mission Investment Fund ***	104,918	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>230,282</u>	
Subtotal		356,585
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>14,532</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		342,053

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through June 30, 2023)**	67,332	57,541
Total Expenses	123,763	83,733

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, May 31, 2023	14,519
New Dedicated	
Designated by Contributor	200
VBS	30
VBS	(217)
Balance, June 30, 2023	14,532



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Congregation Council 2023

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Gail Connelly - Vice President

Susie Schaid - Secretary

Kristi Reiersen – Treasurer

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Karlie Kroening

Kelsie Kroening

Karen Martinez

Jim Newman

Mike Sheen