



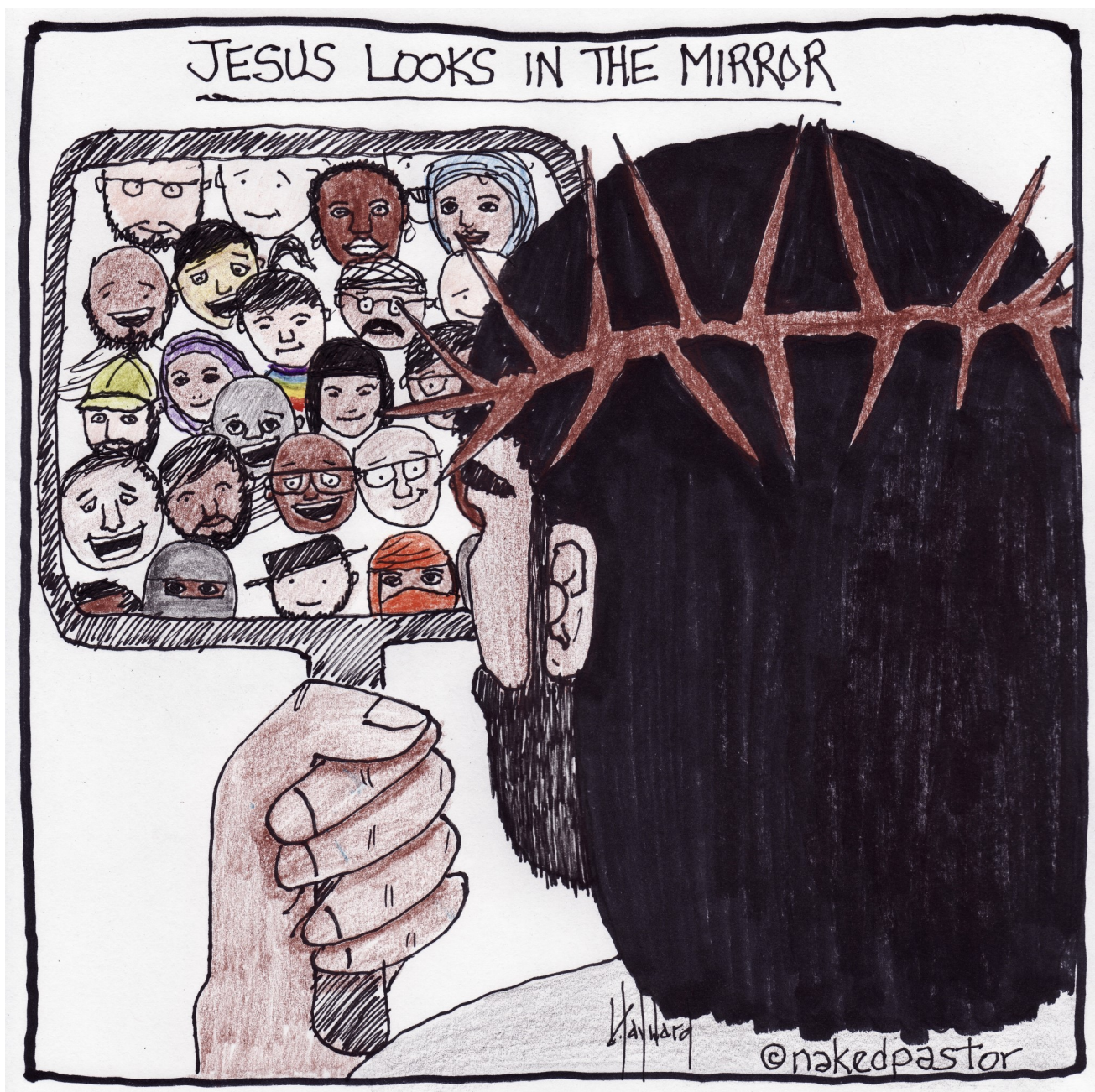
Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

September 2023

Mission Statement

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





Let Us Pray



Loving God. Thank you for the gift of this world; our creation is beautiful. Guide us as we work to be good stewards of your land. Help us use our gift to care for creation and all people.

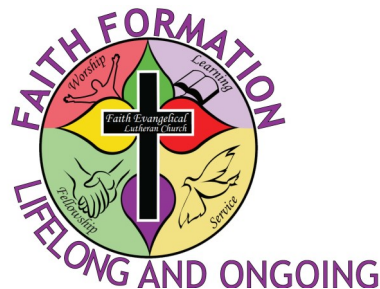
We pray for the family and friends of Gary Griffin (Tim Griffin's brother). May they find comfort in their time of loss. We also pray for strength and healing for Kris Strehlow, Brent and Karla Tildahl, and Paul Erickson and James Davis (Rachel West's cousins). Let our community surround these siblings with your divine care. Receive these prayers, as well as the ones in our hearts.

In your precious and holy name. Amen.



God's work. Our hands. Sunday 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.

Members of the congregation were encouraged to participate in this year's celebration by completing a random act of kindness during the month of August. Remember to return and post your note(s) on our 'cardboard castle church' door.



For register online and see the full schedule visit our website
www.felcwalworth.com/education

YOUNG DISCIPLES

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Wednesday, September 20 6:00 pm

It's Faith Formation Time

Faith Formation and Confirmation
(ages 3 - 6th grade) (7th - 9th grade)

Family Kick-Off Picnic - Devils Lane Park Shelter
Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm
Meal, Parent Meeting, Worship



Classes will be held at FELC
Wednesday Evenings September 20 - May 15
-Meal 5:30 -Class 6:00 -Worship 6:55

A Message from Pastor Lily

Stewardship is extremely important and yet often uncomfortable to talk about. Stewardship is quite simple; it's recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We are to live into our gratitude, being generous with our gifts.

So each fall we take time to talk about being good stewards of our funds. The synod is even hosting events around the area to better kick start these efforts. We have the honor of hosting one within our space. Saturday, September 16th there will be part of the Synod Stewardship Committee leading a presentation and conversation about all things: stewardship.

At Faith we will also start looking at our budget more in depth and ask our committees to prepare thoughtful budget requests by October 15th. Then we will send stewardship letters to the people of the congregation to be intentional about the money they would like to pledge for their offering for the next year. Looking at our next year and effectively budgeting gives clearer goals of what is a need and what is a want. We also get to be honest with one another about the future of our church from a standpoint of our monetary resources.

Now, don't forget, "Stewardship is quite simple, it's recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, and we are to live into our gratitude, being generous with our gifts." So... stewardship isn't just talking about money! By the end of the year we will also have a completed "Care for Creation" statement.

We show our love and respect for our Creator by our stewardship of creation, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. We must lean into the beauty and sacredness around us at every turn. To commit to this call we have prepared a "Care for Creation" Statement that we will work to live up to. (please see next page) This is a church resolution from our synod to actively participate in changing past practices to more earth friendly ones. This perspective leads us to a lifestyle for ourselves and our future generations.

Let's live into a new mindset with stewardship, we have gifts to bring to the table and we also have gifts placed within our hands that we need to better care for.

If you would like to join us at this kick off event with the synod, please register on the synod's website! If you would like to add any details to the "Care for Creation" statement please email Sarah.

It is a pleasure being good stewards of life with you.

Love and Peace,
Pastor Lily Brellenthin





Preliminary Care of Creation Statement

We commit to loving all of God's creation. May we be more intentional about our church home and the ways we can make a difference within and around our space:

- *Use cleaning products with no phosphates that are safe for the earth
- *Use paper products from recycled paper only
- *Run full dishwasher loads instead of hand washing dishes
- *Use glass communion cups as opposed to plastic ones
- *Use mugs instead of Styrofoam cups
- *Eliminate plastic silverware as well as plastic bags when possible
- *Turn off/unplug electron devices at church as well as lights when not in use
- *Change to energy-saving light bulbs
- *Discontinue use of balloons and glitter
- *Never leave faucets running
- *Pick up litter
- *Place a brick in the toilet tanks as a low cost alternative to low flush toilets

We all share in the responsibility and benefits of an environmentally cleaner church, community, and world. Sustainability isn't a chore, it's a calling.

Hair Cuts for Students!

Saturday, September 9th at Big Foot High School from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Students of every age and their siblings are invited to receive a free haircut from a licensed professional stylist.

Haircuts will take place in the make-up room off the auditorium at Big Foot High School. Enter from the east doors, or by the band room, and follow the signs.



*Please come with clean hair as we do not have a way to wash hair.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 am Worship	4	5	6 9:45 am Sew-ers	7	8	9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Hair Cuts at Big Foot High School
10 9:00 am Worship God's Work. Our Hands. Celebration Pancake Breakfast to follow worship	11	12 10:00 am All Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	13 9:45 am Sew-ers Faith Formation 5:30 pm Picnic in the Park	14	15	16 Synod Fall Stewardship Kick-off Event 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
17 9:00 am Worship	18	19 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch	20 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class/Parent Meeting 6:55 pm Worship 7:30 pm CHAOS	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship	25 6:30 pm Council Meeting	26	27 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Faith Formation 6:55 pm Worship 7:30 pm CHAOS	28	29	30
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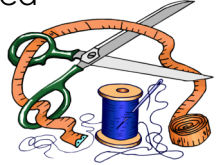
CHAOS High School Youth Group

- ♦ A place of love and acceptance
- ♦ All students are welcome regardless of church, school, or gender affiliation

Join us every Wednesday at **7:30pm** starting **September 20**.

The first Wednesday of each month we will meet at 7:10am for breakfast.

If you would like to be added to our group chat, contact Sarah or Rebecca



Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm

Faith Sew-ers

Meeting Wednesdays at 9:45 am!



Tuesday, September 19th at 12:00 pm.

Come for a free meal and fellowship.

Council Meeting

Monday, September 24th at 6:30

September 16th at 10am-12pm Synod Fall Stewardship Kick-off Event

Register at: <https://scsw-elca.org/stewardship/>



RIC CHATS is a new monthly discussion group based on learning and open discussion. We will meet after worship the first Sunday of every month to discuss a new topic.

Our first discussion will be **Loving Our Hispanic Neighbors** on **Sunday, October 1**. This topic was chosen because September 15-October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. Are you wondering why the 15th-15th? Come to the discussion group to find out.

Adult Night Out...right here in Walworth. The Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation will be presenting Looney Lutherans on Saturday, November 11 at 7 pm. Please join us for dinner at FELC prior to the play. Total cost \$40. (Play \$35, Dinner \$5)

RSVP to church 262-275-3445 by October 1, 2023.

(For Looney Lutheran info <http://bigfootfinearts.org/events/>)

Worship Servers

September 3	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	N/A
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

October 1	9:00 am
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Sheen Family
October 8	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Tracey S.
October 15	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Weborg Family
October 22	9:00 am
Reader	Students
Ushers	Larry & Tracy V.
Communion Assist.	Students
Projector	Students
October 29	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.



Sunday, September
10th following
worship in the
Gathering Space.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

Scripture Readings for September

September 3: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 17: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13.

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 10: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14:

Matthew 18:15-20.

September 24: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8:

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16:

Lunch and Learn....

Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 1 pm, Karen Gillingham from Walworth County Adult/Elder Protective Services will be giving a presentation on current phone, email and in person scams and how to keep yourself safe. This presentation will follow our monthly Lunch Bunch, so please make plans to join us for both.

November is Alzheimer's Awareness and Caregiver Appreciation Month

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Jake Sawyers, Dementia Care Specialist from Walworth County, will give a presentation related to these topics following the worship service. Please plan to stay for this informative presentation.



Monthly Financial Report July 31, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$13,854	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>12,939</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$26,793
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$24,858	
Synod Benevolence	1,173	
Committees	528	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>7,090</u>	
Total Cash		<u>33,649</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(6,856)
Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2023		21,385
Checking Account Balance, July 31, 2023		14,529

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	14,529	
Mission Investment Fund ***	105,476	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>230,282</u>	
Subtotal		350,287
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>20,475</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		329,812

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through July 31, 2023)**	77,037	70,325
Total Expenses	144,395	110,201

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, June 30, 2023	14,627
New Dedicated	
Johnston Memorial	12,919
Johnston Memorial	(6,960)
Christmas in July	(95)
VBS	20
VBS	(36)
Balance, July 31, 2023	20,475



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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00am – Noon

Staff:

Pastor Lily Brellenthin

Pastor Lily is on leave until the end of October.

If you need any pastoral care, please contact the church office.

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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