



# *Faith Evangelical*

*Lutheran Church* *Walworth, WI*

October 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



Almighty God. Creator of all good and evil. We ask for your blessings while we navigate this beautiful world you built. Lord, even in hardship, help us to see the good that you do through us and for us.

Lord we ask that you are with those who are in need of your healing care and those who need your presence during times of transition especially Laurie Collins, Randy Scott, Susie Schaid, Kris Stehlow, Brent and Karla Tildahl, James Davids, Paul Erickson, and Pastor Lily Brellenthin and her family.

Lord, we are eternally grateful all what you do for us. Go before us and help us turn towards you. In your holy and precious name. Amen.

Martin Luther saw this seal, commonly known as the Luther Rose, as an expression of his theology and faith.



- The cross reminds us that Jesus died on the cross so we can be forgiven by God for all our sins.
- The heart reminds us that we believe in Jesus with all our heart.
- The rose reminds us of the peace we feel when we believe.
- The sky reminds us of the joy we share with God when we believe.
- The ring reminds us that this joy will never end.

## Meet Martin Luther Program

**Sunday, October 22 during the 9am worship service**

Confirmation and Faith Formation students will be sharing information about Martin Luther. You won't want to miss it. You will even be able to take a selfie with Martin!

## 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 after our church service. Please plan to stay for this informative presentation.

## *Meet Martin Luther*

Martin Luther was a German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor, and Augustinian friar. He was the seminal figure of the Protestant Reformation, and his theological beliefs form the basis of Lutheranism. Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507. He came to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church; in particular, he disputed the view on indulgences. Luther proposed an academic discussion of the practice and efficacy of indulgences in his Ninety-five Theses of 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Holy Roman Emperor. Luther died in 1546 with Pope Leo X's excommunication still in effect.

Luther taught that salvation and, consequently, eternal life are not earned by good deeds; rather, they are received only as the free gift of God's grace through the believer's faith in Jesus Christ, the redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority and office of the pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge. Luther considered all baptized Christians to be a part of the holy priesthood. Those who identify with Luther's teachings, are called Lutherans, though Luther insisted that Christian or Evangelical were the only acceptable names for individuals who professed Christ. His translation of the Bible into the German language (instead of Latin) made it more accessible to the laity. This had a tremendous impact on both the church and German culture. His hymns influenced the development of singing in Protestant churches. His marriage to Katharina von Bora, a former nun, set a model for the practice of clerical marriage, allowing Protestant clergy to marry.





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

**Sunday, October 1: *Loving Our Hispanic Neighbors***

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.

**Sunday, November 5: *Hunger and the Unhoused***

**Calling all Singers!**

After taking a few years to allow Covid to settle down, it's time to assemble a Festival Choir.

The plan is to meet during November and December (day and time TBD by the participants) and sing for Christmas worship. The resume in February to prepare for Holy Week and Easter worship.

Anyone interested in participating, please contact Rachel West.  
262-812-3786 (call or text) or [rachelrita22@gmail.com](mailto:rachelrita22@gmail.com)



**Did you know?**

As a perk of using Thrivent Financial, you are eligible for two \$250 gift cards each year to use for community projects. The church has a variety of projects these cards can be used for including community events and meals, Vacation Bible School, service projects and more. Please contact our treasurer, Kristi Reiersen, if you have questions about this Thrivent Action Team Program or if you have Action Dollars to share. Thank you!

**The 38th Annual Lake Geneva CROP Walk!**

The CROP Walk is taking place on October 8th! 14 area churches are participating! 25% of the money raised will stay in Walworth County and the rest will be used around the world to help communities survive and thrive!

The walk starts at the Lions Fieldhouse & Kishwaukee Conservancy in Williams Bay, and runs along beautiful Lake Geneva.

Registration is at 12:30 pm. Walk starts at 1:00 pm. The length of the walk varies depending on how far walkers are able to go.



Please contact Rachel West if you would like to join the walk or donate to this worthy cause!

A special noisy offering will be collected for the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 8th, at worship.



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship RIC Chat following worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm RIC Meeting 7:00 pm Wine & Word	<b>4</b> 7:10 am CHAOS Breakfast 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Worship Crop Walk Registration 12:30 pm Walk Starts 1:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 1:00 pm Speaker on Scams	<b>18</b> 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Worship Meet Martin Luther Program	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Worship Reformation Sunday Wear <b>Red</b> Today	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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The Looney Lutherans sign up deadline is Sunday, October 1st. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact the church office.



**Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School  
will be held at FELC  
June 17-21, 2024



### CHAOS High School Youth Group

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

**CHAOS Breakfast on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:10 am.**

Join us for fruit, bagels, donuts, and prayer to start your day!

Join our TeamReach with the code Chaos2324 to see our schedule of upcoming events.



If you would like to help prep and serve a Faith Formation meal, please sign-up with this [link](#) or contact Rebecca Roehl.

For more information on our Faith Formation and Confirmation Programs visit our website at [www.felcwalworth.com/education](http://www.felcwalworth.com/education)



Tuesday, October 17th at 12:00 pm. Come for a free meal and fellowship. 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.

Please make plans to join us for both

### Monthly Meetings

**RIC Core Team:** Tuesday, October 3rd @ 5:30 pm

**Wine & Word:** Tuesday, October 3rd @ 7:00 pm

**Worship Committee:** Tuesday, October 11th @ 6:00 pm

**Council:** Monday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm

# Worship Servers

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

<b>November 5</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	John S. & Steve M.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Liz H.
<b>November 12</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
<b>November 19</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Weborg Family.
<b>November 26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Tracey S.



Wear **red** on Sunday,  
October 29th for  
Reformation Sunday!



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am

## Scripture Readings for October

### October 1: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

### October 22: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### October 8: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### October 29: Reformation Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### October 15: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14



Be sure to grab your  
new *Christ in Our  
Home* booklets  
available in the  
Gathering Space!

“Lord,  
teach us to  
pray...”







## Monthly Financial Report August 31, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$10,410	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>527</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$10,937
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$10,843	
Synod Benevolence	0	
Committees	100	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>1,053</u>	
Total Cash		<u>11,996</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(1,059)
Checking Account Balance, August 1, 2023		14,529
Checking Account Balance, August 31, 2023		13,470

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

\*\* included monthly and specific donations

### Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	13,470	
Mission Investment Fund ***	105,476	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>210,332</u>	
Subtotal		329,278
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>19,950</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		309,328

### Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Aug. 31, 2023)**	88,042	79,235

### Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, July 1, 2023	20,475
New Dedicated	
Designated by Contributor	200
VBS	327
Youth Group	(1,053)
Balance, August 31, 2023	19,950



# *Faith Evangelical*

## *Lutheran Church*

### *Walworth, WI*

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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