



Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church *Walworth, WI*

January 2024

Mission Statement

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





Let Us Pray



Heavenly Father,

We come to you at the end of one year and the beginning of a new year with hearts open to you. Transform us with your love, fill us with your grace, move us with your wisdom and hold us through it all. We especially pray for the family and friends of Randy Scott, Don Maurer and John Schwenn: may your peace show up in the loved ones learning to continue life on earth without their beloved.

Lord, we continue to lift up Bill Lyon, Karla Tildahl, Kris and Kevin Strehlow and Melany Christensen. May your healing show up in their lives in new ways.

We ask for many blessings in 2024. Make your presence ever known. Amen.

Synod Assembly Representatives

We are looking for two members to represent our church at the synod assembly this year. The synod assembly is a gathering of ELCA churches in Southern Wisconsin whose representatives worship, plan and learn together at a day long event. This year the assembly is May 18, 2024. If you are interested in being a representative this year, let the office know or ask Pastor Lily if you have any more questions.



2024 **offering envelopes** are in the Gathering Space to be picked up.

A Message from Pastor Lily

How are you? How is your day going? We need to ask these questions more often and answer more truthfully.

When I was in the youth group at my church growing up we took time to share “highs and lows”. We made sure to check in with one another and hope to better understand what was going on in each others’ lives. We shared a “high” something good that happened within the previous week and a “low” something not so good that happened.

In college during meetings with my sorority sisters we shared “roses and thorns.” We took time during our meetings to see what others’ had been up to, sharing something good in the last month and something bad that happened in the last month.

At Faith Formation and Confirmation on Wednesdays at Faith we share our “blessings and burdens”. This has allowed a time of connection; with trusted relationships students have felt comfortable truly sharing their lives with us.

We should take more time within our daily lives to hold space for sharing, for sitting in all of life’s joys and challenges.

“Life isn't for the faint of heart, friend. It's a heavy burden trying to walk through a day you've never been to and it's no small task to just survive here, let alone trying to be perfect while doing it. Give yourself a break.” John Pavlovitz

On a podcast last week the panel of speakers shared a “rose, bud, thorn”. They shared something good that happened in their lives, something bad and something they were looking forward to. Sharing a “bud” can help change our perspective, and can help us look towards the light.

I invite you in this next season, this season where we slowly get more daylight, this season of transformation and newness of a new year to share more and listen more. I invite you to share “rose, bud and thorns” within your families, coworkers, and friends.

God be with you.

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





Friday, January 26th

Chili and all the fixin's

Free with a donation towards our youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July.

Chili dinner serving 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Silent auction 4:30-6:15 pm

Annual Meeting

January 28, 2024 at 10:00 am following worship

Members will meet to discuss the budget and future of FELC. Per the church constitution, you must be a member to vote.

If you are concerned about your member status,
contact Pastor Lily.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 pm Wine & Word	3 7:10 am CHAOS Breakfast 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship	8	9 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Community Event Meeting	10 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	11 6:30 PM Congregation Council Meeting	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Confirmation @ Hephatha Lutheran MKE	15	16	17 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship 7:30 pm RIC Core Meeting	18	19	20 Newsletter Information Due to the Office
21 9:00 am Worship	22	23	24 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	25	26 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm Chili Fest	27 Funeral 11am-1pm Visitation 1:00 pm Funeral Luncheon to Follow
28 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Annual Meeting	29	30	31 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship			
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Tuesday, January 16th at 12:00 pm.
Come for a free meal and fellowship.

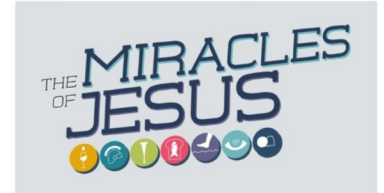


What: Faith Formation “The Miracles of Jesus” Program

When: Sunday, February 4 at 9:00 Worship Service

Who: All Faith Formation students

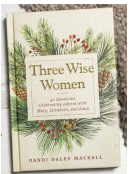
Why: To share with the congregation what we have learned about the great works of Jesus.



**All ladies are invited to join for Wine and Word
on Tuesday, January 3 at 7pm.**



The new year is a great time to join Wine and Word. In 2024 we will continue to meet monthly to discuss books. The January meeting will focus on the devotional *Three Wise Woman*. On Tuesday, February 6, we will be discussing *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney.



CHAOS High School Youth Group

CHAOS Breakfast on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:10 am.

Join us for good food, good friends, and good conversation!

All High School Students are welcome. Please come as you are. You are loved!

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



Thank you for a great Live Nativity!

Thank you to everyone who participated in, helped with, and/or drove-thru our Live Nativity this year. It was a great success; about 50 cars came through. The students did an amazing job!

Monthly Meetings

Wine & Word: Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

Event Planning Meeting: Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm

Congregation Council: Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm

RIC Core Meeting: Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm

Worship Servers

January 7	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Liz H.
Counters	Gail N. & Susie S.
January 14	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Perry W.
Communion Assist.	Tracey S.
Projector	Taylor W.
Counters	Tracey S. & Grace C.
January 21	9:00 am
Reader	Pam Ch.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Pam Ch.
Projector	Sheen Family
Counters	Gail N. & Mike S.
January 28	9:00 am
Reader	Susie S.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Tracey S.
Counters	Susie S. & Tracey S.

February 4	9:00 am
Reader	Students
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Students
Projector	Students
Counters	Chad R. & Grace C.
February 11	9:00 am
Reader	Rick L.
Ushers	Perry W.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Taylor W.
Counters	Diane V. & Gail N.
February 18	9:00 am
Reader	Susie S.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Susie S.
Projector	Sheen Family
Counters	Mike S. & Susie S.
February 25	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Tracey S.
Projector	Kristi R.
Counters	Chad R. & Tracey S.



Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00 am
and for Family Worship on Wednesdays at 6:55 pm

Sunday Scripture Readings for January

January 7: Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 28: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Thank You

- Bell Ringers
- Advent Readers
- Candle Lighters
- Gift Card Donators
- Pancake Breakfast Supporters
- Haircut Stylists and Planners
- Sanctuary & Gathering Space Decorators
- Live Nativity Helpers and Supporters

Thank you to Rick Lottig, Susie Schaid and Karen Martinez for serving on Congregational Council! We appreciate your time and talents.

2023 Crop Walk Update

Our area: 123 Walkers

We raised: \$18,000!

Since 1986, we have raised over half a million dollars!



Monthly Financial Report

November 30, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$8,766	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>182</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$8,948
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$10,498	
Synod Benevolence	3,519	
Committees	4,601	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>3,849</u>	
Total Cash		<u>22,467</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		(13,519)
Checking Account Balance, November 1, 2023		12,510
Checking Account Balance, November 30, 2023		(1,009)

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	(1,009)	
Mission Investment Fund ***	106,043	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>230,282</u>	
Subtotal		335,316
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>15,866</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		319,450

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Nov. 30, 2023)**	123,441	110,948
Total Expenses	226,926	160,767

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, Oct. 31, 2023	19,533
New Dedicated	
Tildahl Memorial	182
Johnston Memorial	(3,830)
Youth Group	(19)
Balance, November 30, 2023	15,866



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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