



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church *Walworth, WI*

February 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



Holy God,

We pray for your presence to become even more known. This world needs you, we need you. We pray for our students going to QUAKE, may their faith in you grow. We pray for those with any new diagnosis, may health care professionals find answers and have plans for care. We pray for your followers as we settle into the season of Lent, may we be reflective, and see life and miracles in new ways.

We especially pray for the family and friends of Bob Vail, may your peace that surpasses understanding come down.

We continue to lift up Gerda Moritz, Karla Tildahl, Kris and Kevin Strehlow and Melany Christensen. Give them all strength for the journey.

All of these prayers and those on our hearts we give to you in Jesus' name. Amen.



Wednesday, February 14
Evening Worship at 7:00 pm

Thank You

- Thank you to Karlie Kroening and Kelsie Kroening for serving on Congregational Council! We appreciate your time and talents.
- Thank you for those who organized, donated items and participated in the Chili Fest!
 - Thank you for those who came and voted for the Annual Meeting.

A Message from Pastor Lily

Life has been busy, January has been the longest month and after we take a breath from Christmas it is already Lent. February 14th, when some will be celebrating Valentine's Day, others will head to church for Ash Wednesday. At least both groups will be celebrating love.

These days of dust.

These days of despair.

We can hear reality speak to us in a clear, ringing voice.

So we approach. Carefully.

Barely ready to hear the hard truths we long to be told about beautiful, terrible death.

How strange that it feels so right and good to walk forward together wearing our finitude,
a mess of ash smeared on our foreheads to be told:

“remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

How strange that it feels so right and good at the edge of awareness —
the balance point of being and nonbeing.

I catch my breath as I turn and look to see the shining faces all around.

I see it all in a glance:

how precious

how precious

how precious

how holy each single, imperfect life,

how beautiful

how great

how unconquerable each single, unfinishable life, because you deemed it so.

You looked on us, covered in death, as a man about to walk a darkening path, the only one who could wipe away our ashes with a single act of love.

—Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!

Kate Bowler, in her new book *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day*, just seems to have the right words when it comes to the messiness that is life. She has a Ph.D. is a 3x New York Times bestselling author, award-winning podcast host, and professor at Duke University. I have shared her words before and I'm sure I'll share some again.

Ash Wednesday begins our season of Lent, a season that we walk with Jesus to the cross. May this Lenten journey be for you what it needs to be. May you find days of reflection and thoughtfulness, restoration and hope along the way.

Love and Peace,

Pastor Lily Brellenthin

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262-812-3064, or email me at pastorlily@felcwalworth.com





In 2023, the Reconciling in Christ committee provided opportunities to have conversations about different aspects of the human condition - culture and ethnicity, housing insecurity, and disability. Thank you to all who participated in these RIC chats! While we will be taking a break from these chats, we want to encourage our congregation to stay curious about the lives of our siblings in Christ.

Reconciling in Christ, in their Vision Statement, seeks “To keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins. To keep dismantling barriers and building bridges. To keep working until all of God's beloved have equity.”

Take a look at your social circle - those people you talk with the most, who know you the best, and who you can always count on for a good time. It's comfortable to be around those who you share experiences and beliefs with - but it's also worth considering what perspectives we may be missing. Sometimes, when we surround ourselves only with people who are like us, we can become blind to the experiences, strengths, struggles, and even the humanity of others.

Take care to consider how you can extend God's love to those like you and those not like you, and how we can expand our minds and hearts to the great diversity of human experiences. When we find ourselves thinking, “I can't even imagine where that person is coming from,” instead ask, “What am I missing?” Be open to others' perspectives and stories, listen wholeheartedly, and enjoy where the conversation takes you!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

When: June 17-21 from 9am-noon

Where: Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

Who: Potty-trained 3 year olds – current 6th grade students

Current 7th grade students and older are encouraged to volunteer.

Registration will begin in April. If you would like to volunteer for VBS please contact Rebecca at any time.



School Referendum Presentation

On Sunday, February 25, following worship service at 10am, Phill Klamm, Walworth School District Joint 1 District Administrator, will present information about the upcoming school referendum. Please plan to attend to learn about the state of the school and why the district is asking for a referendum. There will be time for questions as well.



Coming soon! Noisy Lenten Offering.
Save your coins!



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 am Worship Faith Formation Program <i>The Miracles of Jesus</i>	5	6 7:00 pm Wine n Word	7 7:10 am CHAOS Breakfast 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship	12	13 10:00 am All Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Community Event Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Worship	15	16 Confirmation Students at Quake	17 Quake
18 Quake 9:00 am Worship	19	20 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch Newsletter Information Due to the office	21 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Faithline 6:55 pm Worship	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am School Referendum Presentation	26 6:30 PM Congregation Council Meeting	27	28 9:45 am Sew-ers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Class 6:55 pm Worship	29		
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Tuesday, February 20th at 12:00 pm.
Come for a free meal and fellowship.



CHAOS High School Youth Group

Breakfast

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:10am
All High School Students Welcome!



All ladies are invited to join for Wine and Word
on Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm.

We be discussing *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney.



Pastor Lily, Rebecca and our confirmation students are heading to
the Wisconsin Dells for a regional youth gathering.

Let us pray for them as they grow in their faith.



Faithline: Family Faith Formation

Wednesday, February 21

Parents of all students please join us for class at 6:00



Students attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in
New Orleans, LA this summer will be selling Butter
Braids starting February 21 as a fundraiser. Watch for
your opportunity to purchase these delicious treats.



Monthly Meetings

Wine & Word: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

Event Planning Meeting: Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm

Congregation Council: Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 pm

Worship Servers

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.	N/A
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.

March 3	9:00 am
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Susie & Terry S.
Communion Assist.	Rick L.
Projector	Tracey S.
Counters	Susie S. & Tracey S.
March 10	9:00 am
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	Weborg Family
Communion Assist.	Penny G.
Projector	Weborg Family
Counters	Gail N. & Diane V.
March 17	9:00 am
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Rick L & Kristi R.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Rebecca R.
Counters	Chad R. & Grace C.
March 24	9:00 am
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Sheen Family
Communion Assist.	Tracey S.
Projector	Sheen Family
Counters	Mike S. & Tracey S.
March 31	9:00 am
Reader	Kristi R.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Kristi R.
Projector	Liz H.
Counters	Grace C. & Tracey S.

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday



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

Sunday Scripture Readings for February

February 4: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 18: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 11: Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 25: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

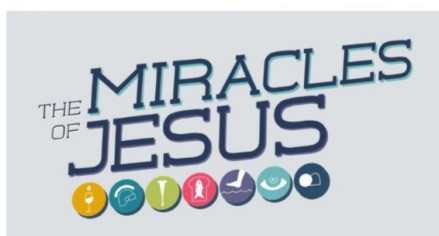
February 14: Ash Wednesday - Service 7:00 pm

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Faith Formation Program

Join the Faith Formation students on Sunday, February 4 as they present *The Miracles of Jesus*. The students have been working hard and are ready to share with you what they have learned.



Monthly Financial Report December 31, 2023

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, & Others	\$13,735	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>5,271</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$19,006
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$2,308	
Synod Benevolence	0	
Committees	2,450	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>310</u>	
Total Cash		<u>5,068</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		13,938
Checking Account Balance, December 1, 2023		(1,009)
Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2023		12,929

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

** included monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	12,929	
Mission Investment Fund ***	106,043	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>231,862</u>	
Subtotal		350,834
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>20,827</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		330,007

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Dec. 31, 2023)**	132,063	120,625
Total Expenses	247,559	175,622

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, Nov. 30, 2023	15,866
New Dedicated	
Tildahl Memorial	(182)
Designated by Contributor	2,402
Christmas in July	(128)
Youth Group	2,869
Balance, December 31, 2023	20,827



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Congregation Council 2024

Council Members

Laurie Collins

Jim Newman

Gail Connelly

Kristi Reiersen

Brody Kynell

Mike Sheen

Bill Lyon

Tracy Volbrecht

Welcome to our New Council Members!