



Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church Walworth, WI

Mission Statement

March 2022

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

A Message from Pastor Lily

Let us pray,

Oh Lord, help us to hear you saying, "I am your hope" over all the other voices. Oh Lord, your word says, you are the hope for hopeless, so we are running to you with both hands stretched out and grabbing on to you. Fill us up with hope and give us a tangible reminder today that hope is unbreakable and present always. Oh God, you know those things in our hearts that we barely dare to hope for, today we give them to you, we trust them to you, and ask of you because we know that you can do more than we could ever imagine or request in our wildest dreams. Oh God, you are our hope and we trust you today and always. Amen.

There have been so many new stresses and messes throughout these last two years especially. And as we approach the two year anniversary of the "shutdown" I have noticed some mixed feelings within myself and people around me.

It has been awhile since I have really felt hopeful in the larger sense. I have found little moments to be hopeful each day as my toddler speaks another clear sentence, as I finish another item on my to-do list and as I connect with a friend I haven't talked with in a long time. However, my hopes for the world have been feeling a little more hidden, or not as easy to find each day.

Then this week there has been a bit of a switch for me. I am so hopeful for our new leadership found in our church's council. I am so hopeful for people coming together for our "Capital Campaign" for raising funds for our new furnace and air conditioner. I am so hopeful for conversations with our young people that keep coming to church each Wednesday night to learn, to grow in their faith, to spread love to one another and to our world. I am so hopeful for life moving forward beyond these two years with a newfound appreciation of life in itself! I am so hopeful for this new life joining our family, as I live out these last couple days of pregnancy. God remains so very good.

Whatever the future holds, whatever continues to come of this pandemic, we continue to be held by a big, bold God and a loving community here at Faith. And for that we pray, "Oh Lord, Thank you, Amen!"

Love and Peace,
Pastor Lily Brellenthin





THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW



hello
maternity
leave!



Pastor Lily is on maternity leave, and she will not be checking emails or phone calls. Please contact the church office, 262-275-3445 or email: office@felcwalworth.com, for the on-call pastor if needed.

Offering envelopes are now available
in the gathering space!

PLEASE NOTE: Several envelope/giving numbers have changed, as we have reassigned the numbers to cut back on the expense of everyone getting envelopes, since many giving electronically, or in other ways, no longer use them. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions.



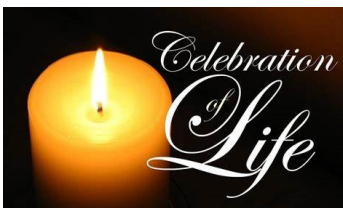
As of March 1st Jennifer's in-office hours will be:

Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 11 am

Friday 9 am - 1 pm

NOTE: If there's anything important outside of the set office hours, Jennifer regularly checks emails on her phone. Feel free to email office@felcwalworth.com. She will respond to you as quickly as possible.



**Thomas E Fredrick's
Celebration of Life**

Saturday, March 12th at Christ Lutheran in Sharon, WI.
11am service, fellowship lunch to follow ending at 2pm



Spiritual Reflection

Where: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church
N5690 Cobblestone Road
Elkhorn, WI 53121

When: the 3rd Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates:

March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th,
July 21st, August 18th, September 15th,
October 20th, November 17th, & December 15th

Time: 4:00 PM

Who: persons with memory loss, care partners, family,
and friends. All are welcome!

Please join us for a church service with communion.
Fellowship with refreshments following the service.

Please call the church office at 728-2222 with any questions or
concerns.

WORSHIP

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 9:00am and on Wednesday evenings at 6:55pm

Scripture readings for March:



March 2: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to the LORD, your God*

Psalm 51:1-17 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10 *Now is the day of salvation*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith*

March 6: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 *The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)*

Romans 10:8b-13 *If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved*

Luke 4:1-13 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

March 13: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 *The covenant with Abram and his descendants*

Psalm 27 *In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

Philippians 3:17--4:1 *Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior*

Luke 13:31-35 *I have desired to gather Jerusalem as a hen gathers her brood*

March 20: Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the LORD*

Psalm 63:1-8 *O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 *Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians*

Luke 13:1-9 *Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree*

March 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent

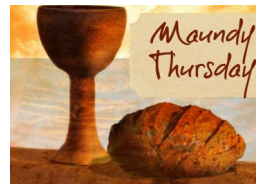
Joshua 5:9-12 *Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land*

Psalm 32 *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son*

Worship Servers



Worship Servers are needed for Maundy Thursday, April 14th and Good Friday, April 15th services. Please contact the church office (262) 275-3445 or office@felcwalworth.com if you are available.

Thank you!

March 2 Ash Wed. 7:00 pm	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Chad R.
Projector	Rebecca R.
March 6 9:00 am	
Reader	Penny G.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Kristi R.
March 13 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	Brent T.
Projector	Rebecca R.
March 20 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Barb W.
March 27 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Liz H.

April 3 9:00 am	
Reader	Chad R.
Ushers	Bruce & Lisa V.
Communion Assist.	N/A
Projector	Rebecca R.
April 10 9:00 am	
Reader	Tracey S.
Ushers	John S. & Rick L.
Communion Assist.	Gail N.
Projector	Kristi R.
April 17 9:00 am	
Reader	Liz H.
Ushers	Hemmerich Family
Communion Assist.	Weborg Family
Projector	Barb W.
April 24 9:00 am	
Reader	Brent T.
Ushers	Tracy & Larry V.
Communion Assist.	Brent T.
Projector	Rebecca R.

If you are unable to serve on your schedule date, please try to switch with someone or find a replacement. If you are unable to do so, please contact the church office. Thank you!
 Email: office@felcwalworth.com or Phone: 262-275-3445



Adult Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to help with the Spirit of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter, the resettlement of Afghan refugees, connecting with the homebound, or in any other ministries at FELC please contact the church office or Rebecca Roehl.



Worship Committee: Next meeting
Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00pm

Lenten Collection for Lutheran World Relief

You may recall during Lent of 2020 we collected items for Personal Care Kits. We collected enough items to make 20 full kits. Thank you everyone!

This lent we would like to collect items for Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have some donations from previous years already. We are looking to collect the rest of the items needed to make 10 kits. Watch the Gathering Space for a display with information on how you can help.



Women of the ELCA



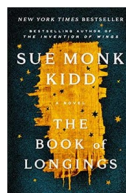
Wednesdays at 9:15am

Join us in the Gathering Space for conversation and Christian fellowship.



Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm

We will be discussing the end of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd.



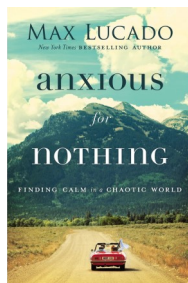
All women are welcome to join us! Feel free to invite your friends. It is okay if you did not get a chance to read the book you

Faith Sew-ers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

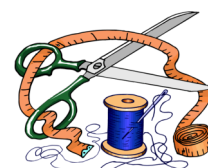
In the lower level of the church

Join us for Quilt Making and Christian Fellowship



Next Month's Meeting will be on April 5. We will be discussing the first section of our new book: *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado

Contact Rebecca Roehl if you would like a copy of the new book.





Children & Youth Opportunities

Youth Trip Update

Amanda Bender, Natalie Klamm, Karlie Kroening, Kelsie Kroening, and Rebecca Roehl had to change their plans this summer. The ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN has been cancelled. Thanks to fast thinking by Pastor Dick Inglett, however, the group is now all set

to go on a mission trip. They will be traveling to Logan, West Virginia July 23-19 with YouthWorks to help the community there. While still



Life-changing
Christ-centered
mission trips.

mourning the loss of the ELCA Youth Gathering, the group is very excited about the new opportunity.

Faith Formation is open to all!

New students are welcome to join at any time.
For information contact Rebecca Roehl at education@felcwalworth.com

Faith Formation/Confirmation Spring
Dates to Remember

March 2: Ash Wednesday

Classes at 6pm, Worship at 7pm

March 23: No Classes or Worship Service

April 6: Faith Formation Program dress rehearsal 6pm

April 10: Faith Formation Program during 9am service

April 13: No Classes or Worship Service

May 11: Last Day of Class

May 15: Celebration Sunday with Picnic



Confirmation Classes

Young Disciples Confirmation Class meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50pm with worship to follow. New students are welcome. Contact Rebecca or the church office for more information.

Giving Envelopes

In the Gathering Space you will find a display with multiple envelopes. Each envelope is marked with a specific dollar amount (\$1-\$40). Please support the youth as they raise money for their mission trip by selecting one (or more) of the envelopes, putting the designated amount of money inside, and returning it to the "thank you" box.

Thank you so much for your support!!!



High School Youth Group

We will not meet in March.

Next meeting Sunday, April 24 at 4 pm

CHAOS is for *all* high school students.

If you would like to be added to our group text, contact Rebecca at (608) 728-2798


Follow CHAOS on Instagram. @chaos_felc



Thank You

- ◆ To Luther Memorial for the gift of some beautiful items for our worship space and for more practical items for our office space.
- ◆ Thank you so much for the baby blessing and celebration with gifts at church and the meal train coming to bless my new family of four! I am honored to be a part of this community! See you all around Easter! Take care! Pastor Lily Brellenthin
- ◆ To Liz, Kristi, Bill, and Penny for giving their time and leadership skills to the church and joining the executive committee. We are grateful you have felt the call to serve FELC in this way.
- ◆ To the many area ELCA pastors who have agreed to be on call while Pastor Lily is away for maternity leave.

If you are receiving this newsletter in paper form and would prefer to receive it electronically, please contact the church office at (262) 275-3445 Also, please let us know if you would like to receive emails from FELC, or if you would no longer wish to receive communication from the church.

- ◆ Pastor Lily's is on maternity leave until Easter. We have a variety of pulpit supply and lay-led worship for her time away. As well there will be a list of "pastors on call" from area ELCA churches to step in when needed for pastoral care. Please contact the church office or Rebecca if you need anything while Pastor is away. 
- ◆ March's image of Jesus is *Jesus Praying at Gethsemane Rock* by Diane Viera circa 2015. You can find this image on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Images from previous months are hanging in the coat nook.
- ◆ Based on the responses received from the survey and the inability to find a time that worked for the few interested, we have decided not to host a Lenten adult discussion group. We hope to offer some more Faith Formation opportunities for adults in the near future.
- ◆ The orange banner in our gathering space is a tribute to the native children who lost their identity, and too often, their lives during their forced time at boarding schools. (Many of these schools were Christian run.) This banner will hang in our space for 225 days, from February 1-Sept 13, 2022.
- ◆ If you are interested in Wednesday service during lent, please feel free to join us for our Family Worship at 6:55pm on Wednesdays. This 20 minutes worship is a great way to be renewed during the middle of your week. Come and soak up the unique energy and faith our children bring to worship.
- ◆ If you are interested in attending a more traditional Wednesday Lenten Services there are many churches in our area that offer such services. Please feel free to check them out. Bring back ideas about what you liked as this an area in which we would like to grow.
- ◆ Rebecca will be on vacation from March 18-26 and unavailable by email or phone.
- ◆ Articles for the March newsletter should be turned into the church office by March 20th.
- ◆ Please keep the church office updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email.
- ◆ secretary@felcwalworth.com is no longer in use. Please contact the church office email at: office@felcwalworth.com

Prayer Request

Prayers for Continued Healing: Kris Strehlow, José and Karen Martinez, Karla Tildahl, Penny Gruetzmacher, Jean Kovarik (Scott Kovarik's mother), family of Lynne Weborg, Perry Weborg's mother

Ongoing Prayers for Hope and Health: Shirley Heyer (Mary Heyer's mother), Fran Winston (Pam Christensen's sister), Chuck Christenson (Angie Kynell's father), Kay O'Toole (Kris Strehlow's sister), Mike O'Toole (Strehlow's brother-in-law), Rick Montag (Kris Strehlow's brother), Jonathan Carlton (grandson-in-law of Arnell's), Steve Jacobson (Angie Kynell's cousin), Kristi Hugunin (friend of Rachel West's), Sofia Zematis (neighbor of Christensens), Bruce Lewis, Jean Null & family, Kim Christiansen (Lisa Voss' sister), Renae Clinton (friend of Rachel West's), Marques Brugger, Reita Erickson (Rachel West's aunt), Wim Henebiens & Aria Pierce (friends of Rachel West), Miles Kadlec, Madeline Zindrick, Rebecca Blonsky-Nummelin (Rachel West's niece), Yvonne Reynolds (friend of Gail Connelly), Christine Helke-Larsen and her son, Glenn Larsen, Russel (Tracey Scott's friend), Laura Langston (a good friend of Rachel West's), Paulette (Rachel West's sister in law), Nancy Prange (a friend of the Weborg family), Bruce Nelson (community member and friend to many)

We also pray for... the deepest care for people that are victims of gun violence, racist and hate crimes, we lift up those committed to serving our country, health care professionals, essential workers, and all affected by this pandemic.



**2 representatives
are needed from FELC
(1 male, 1 female)
To attend the
2022 Synod Assembly
Fri., May 6 - Sat., May 7
Kalahari Resort
Wisconsin Dells, WI**

Please contact the church office if you are willing and available to attend (262) 275-3445 or office@felcwalworth.com.



gathering space.

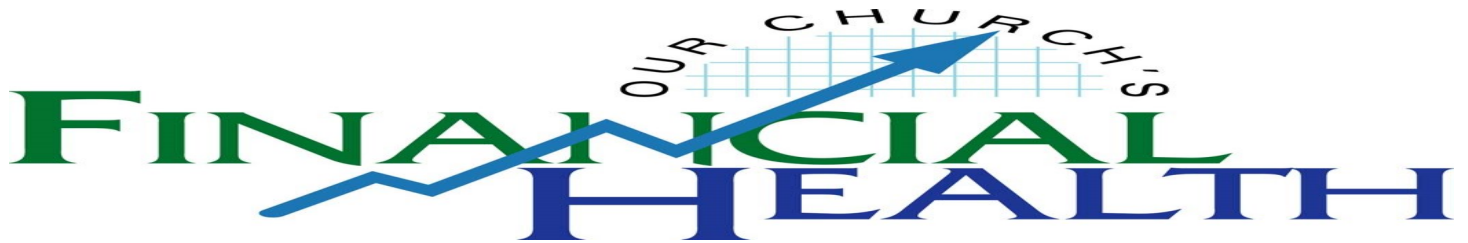
We are honored to keep their legacy alive, and hopefully welcome some of their members into our community and family in the future. As we organize these items and find the perfect space for them, our other goal is to create little plaques in remembrance of where they came from.

Let us continue to hold our neighbors from Luther Memorial in our prayers.



Anyone interested in participating in our 2 mini cantatas, please let Rachel West know (262-812-3786 or rachelrita22@gmail.com). The first one will be performed in place of the lessons and sermon on Mar. 20th and the second will be performed on Apr. 3rd.

Please come and join the choir to make these cantatas special offerings to the congregation!



**Monthly Financial Report
January 31, 2022**

Cash Received:		
From Envelopes, Special Contributions, and Others	\$13,431	
From Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Received		\$13,431
Cash Paid:		
Operating Expenses*	\$9,770	
Synod Benevolence	936	
Committees	2,665	
For Memorials/Dedicated (or transferred)	<u>0</u>	
Total Cash Paid		<u>13,371</u>
Monthly Change in Cash (Cash Rec'd – Cash Paid)		60
Checking Account Balance, January 1, 2022		10,662
Checking Account Balance, January 31, 2022		10,722

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

** Includes monthly and specific donations

Unrestricted Cash Balance

Checking Account	10,722	
Mission Investment Fund***	102,167	
Endowment Fund (Fund A)	<u>290,619</u>	
Subtotal	403,508	
Less: Memorials/Dedications/Restricted Cash		<u>9,650</u>
Unrestricted Cash Balance		393,858

Year to Date Information

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
From Members to General Fund (Through Jan 31, 2022) **	8,899	13,431
Total Expenses	15,168	15,154

Memorial/Dedicated/Restricted Information

Balance, January 1, 2022	7,613
New Dedicated	
Youth Group	2,080
Youth Group	(43)
Balance, January 31, 2022	9,650



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Staff

Pastor Lily Brellenthin

Pastor cell phone: 262-812-3064

Email: pastor@felcwalworth.com

Rebecca Roehl, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Email: education@felcwalworth.com

Call or text: 608-728-2798

Jennifer Vaun, Administrative Assistant

Email: office@felcwalworth.com

Congregation Council 2022

Executive Team

Rick Lottig- President

Kristi Reiersen - Vice President

Penny Gruetzmacher - Secretary

Bill Clark - Treasurer

Congregation Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.

on the third Monday of the month.

All are welcome to attend.

Council Members

Laurie Collins

Gail Connelly

Liz Hemmerich


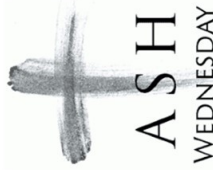

Karen Martinez

Susie Schaid

Karlie and Kelsie Kroening, Co-Youth Representatives



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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