



# Faith Evangelical

Lutheran Church  
Walworth, WI

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Thank you** for attending our Annual Meeting! Extra reports are available in the Gathering Space.

**New furnace** has been ordered for the Gathering Space. Any special donations given for this unexpected cost would be greatly appreciated.

**Offering Envelopes and 2024 Contribution Records** are available for pick up in the Gathering Space or contact the office.

Stay tuned for more information on the **Online Picture Directory!**

Looking ahead:  
**Ash Wednesday** is on March 5th.  
Worship is at 7:00 pm.

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

One of my favorite parts of being a pastor is connecting with people. I am so honored to hold peoples' stories, their joys and triumphs, as well as their pains and sorrows. For me this also means I hold feelings and emotions so deeply within for all of you reading this.

I have been particularly emotional lately as we come to some challenging times within our nation. Across political lines we are witness to deep devastation, there is no question. I am struggling with seeing hate and fear among holy people of God. So I am called to preach our need to care for the least of these, I am called to sprinkle our call for seeking justice and putting our love to action, while also holding onto a glimpse of hope.

One of my favorite pastors to follow on the interweb lately is Reverend Lizzie McManus-Dail, a fellow pastor and mom. She is also considered *Father Lizzie* in the Episcopal Church, she has quite the voice of comfort for our time. Most recently she shared, "Despair is a tool of oppression. Despair will try to take everything from us by making what is still ours-- joy, love, friendship, contemplation, connection, dancing-- seem selfish or lackluster. It's not. Keep loving. Keep loving and living and holding joy close. It's how we keep fighting. Make space to lament. Make space to tell the truth of loss. And. Joy is how we resist. Lament & joy coexist, because we grieve what was and we make space for what still is and what can be."

