

# THE FIRST LIGHT

## FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN 53190



Member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
We grow together in faith to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and to serve God and neighbor.

**OCTOBER 2021**

### FELC Church Council met on Monday 9/20 at 6:30pm

- Rally Day/Fall Kick Off was a success with around 40 people in attendance. There was plenty of great food, games and socializing. Thanks to the Evangelism and Youth & Education committees for all of their hard work!
- Confirmation class will start soon with students meeting monthly.
- Elevator in the church is working and available to use. Still waiting on the new alarm system to be approved by the state and installed.
- Our church custodian requests all groups needing to use the church facilities to fill out the proper paperwork in advance of use.
- The church fence was recently damaged and has been deteriorating over time. Building and Grounds recommended removal of the south and east sections, which was approved by council.
- There are around 10 children signed up for Sunday School. Currently, there are enough teachers. Sunday school is meeting outdoors as weather permits. When moving indoors, we will follow the Whitewater school district mask guideline, which currently is masks optional.
- Book Buddies program started on 9/20 with approximately 13 kids in attendance.
- The digital marquee sign for in front of the church should be installed in October.
- Thank you to Dave Koppein for building a Little Library and to Harry Pennington for painting it. Once complete, it will be installed near the front of church property.
- Congregational giving in August 2021 was better than August of 2020. Good news!
- At this time we are still holding off on singing in church, but will continue to re-evaluate.
- Heart Prairie services will end for the year on Saturday, 9/25.
- Worship and Music committee encourages socializing after services to be held outside.

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- Spaghetti meals are continuing and picking up with UW-W students back in town.
- Linda Meyer will be leading a hike on 10/24-all are invited to attend
- A total of 237 quilts, 13 blankets, 145 school kits, 33 personal care kits and 11 baby care kits were delivered on 9/17.
- The CROP Walk is scheduled for 10/3 and will be held in person and virtual.
- Stewardship drive information has been sent out. Please complete the forms and return to the church. Temple Talks will take place on October 3, 10, 17 and 24.
- There will be a Fall Gathering at Lutherdale of 9/24 and 9/25.
- There will be an online basket auction from 10/10-10/31 and the Christkindl Market will be held on 12/4 in the church parking lot.
- Cookbook sales are going well.
- The Call Committee received around 60 surveys back and will now be compiled to present to the synod.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18 at 6:30 in person and via zoom.

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## Lutheran World Relief

A total of 237 quilts, 13 blankets, 145 school kits, 33 personal care kits, 11 baby care kits were shipped.

We sold Quilts and received donations to help with shipping costs—\$740.00

Thank you to everyone for donations of fabric , sheets, time and money!

~ Submitted by Linda Meyer



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## Fellowship Hike

Share fellowship while walking together in the beautiful Kettle Moraine State Forest area around Whitewater/Rice lakes! Weather permitting —please meet and park at Don & Linda Meyer's home at N7594 W Lakeshore Dr. on Sunday 10/24 at 1:30 pm. Be prepared for a portion of the ice-age trail which is rugged and uneven terrain. Wear sturdy footwear, bring bug spray to protect against deer ticks, wearing long pants is recommended. Bring Water bottles. This will be a minimum of 5 miles-you can go further. Please call, text or email us to let us know you are coming by 10/21/2021

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## *Women of the ELCA (WELCA) News*

### WELCA News from FELC

#### **WELCA Yearbooks**

Tammy Hedrick has printed the new 2021-2022 WELCA Yearbook. It is a handy booklet with Love Circle's schedule along with WELCA women's names, addresses, email, and phone numbers. Check out the bulletin board rack near the elevator in Moksnes Hall.

#### **"Feeding the Flock"**

Check out our new cookbook! On the first 12 pages, there is historical information about First English Lutheran Church, especially its women's groups. Cost: \$10. Make checks out to WELCA. There are some copies in the church office.

#### **Pennies for Poverty**

Thanks to all at First English who have donated to Pennies for Poverty...even during COVID. We have penny jars at the Thrift Shoppe, in Moksnes Hall, and in the narthex of the sanctuary. Some of you have dropped off pennies at the Church Office. All are welcome. This is a fundraiser created and promoted by WELCA's South Central Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization as an ongoing offering used to fight domestic abuse and support women in poverty. Pennies for Poverty collected at FELC all go to Bethel House.

#### **Christkindlmarket! Take 2!**

Another Christkindlmarket has been scheduled for Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in the church parking lot. The German word, "Christkind" means "Christ child." Christkindlmarkets are outdoor festive markets held during advent, going back to medieval times. Vendor tents, including a food truck, will be present at our FELC Christkindlmarket. The Thrift Shoppe garage will be open. Jamie Schumacher will be selling handmade crafts to support her school in Haiti. WELCA will have three tents: Bake Shoppe, Winter Holiday, and Unfinished Crafts. Get out those recipes for Gingerbread, Lebkuchen, and Molasses cookies! Spiced nuts! We are looking for vendors to rent space in the parking lot. If you know anyone who might be interested, contact Janna Smith, [smithjanna55@gmail.com](mailto:smithjanna55@gmail.com) or 262-215-6892. The times of the Christkindlmarket are still being determined, so stay tuned.

#### **ONLINE Silent Auction**

Thanks to all of you who have already donated a basket for the ONLINE Silent Auction. If you haven't delivered your basket to Janna Smith (919 W. Charles St., Whitewater), please do so soon. If you cannot get ahold of Janna, contact the church office. We need to upload all content and a picture of the basket before the auction goes live. The ONLINE Silent Auction will begin at 6 am on Oct. 10th and end at 6 pm on Oct. 31st. We will have a laptop in Moksnes Hall during the October Sundays (beginning the 10<sup>th</sup>) to demonstrate how to sign up and bid with 32auctions.com.

## DIRECTIONS FOR BIDDING!!

The name of our silent auction is called: First English Lutheran ONLINE Silent Auction 2021. It can be found at this link: <https://www.32auctions.com/FELCSilentAuction>

Anyone clicking on this link can view the baskets without having an account. An account is needed, however, in order to bid. The process is quick and very little information is required. Requiring an account for bidding makes it easy for auction administrators to identify and communicate with bidders during and after the auction.

If you need help, please contact one of the auction Administrators:

Janna Smith - [smithjanna55@gmail.com](mailto:smithjanna55@gmail.com) or 262-215-6892

Patty Harmon - [harmon000333@yahoo.com](mailto:harmon000333@yahoo.com) or 262-949-8116

Sonja Kipper - [sonja.kipper@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.kipper@gmail.com) or 920-728-1161

**WE NEED BIDDERS!**

If you are a highest bidder for a basket, you can pay for and pick up your basket at church the morning of Nov. 7th.

## OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION;

- There will be two WELCA meetings held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at church:
- The WELCA board meeting will be at 6 pm and The Christkindlmarket meeting will be at 7 pm
- On October 7<sup>th</sup> the Love Circle Bible Study will be at held at church at 7 pm; The Bible Study Leader will be Barb Penington and the Hostesses will be Karin Campbell & Carol Haas, The Bible Study will be Session Two in the "Gather Magazine": ***The gift of the Holy Spirit: A divine wild goose chase*** ; Breath of God, reviver and reformer by Sara Olson-Smith



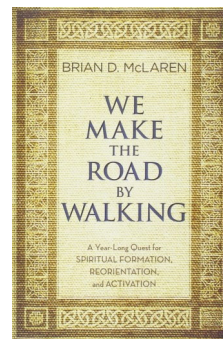
## An All Church Read.....

Are you interested in joining a year long conversation based on Brian McLaren's book "**We Make the Road by Walking**: A Year long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation and Activation" ?

- If you are new to the faith and need a good orientation, this book is for you!
- If you are a long term Christian that needs a fresh perspective, this book is for you!

Aligned with the church year, this book can energize and transform our faith journeys. The easy to read chapters end with great questions for personal growth in the faith. Available on Amazon/ used book dealers.

Express your interest by contacting the church office: 262-473-5076 or Karil Bilgen: [Karilcurran58@gmail.com](mailto:Karilcurran58@gmail.com)



# August 2021 – A portion of what our past CROP Hunger Walks have accomplished!

## CWS Haiti Response

Our team in Haiti is connecting with partners and communities to assess the damage that this past weekend's [August 21/22] earthquake caused. **CWS is responding.** CROP Hunger Walks are critical as a foundation to all the work of CWS because your Walk funds are designated to use where most needed and enable us the flexibility and nimbleness to respond to disasters and catastrophes as they unfold. **The steps taken last year with your Walk enable us to walk alongside people in need today and your steps this year will support similar needs in the years to come.** Let's keep your Walk fundraising strong, so that we can respond as needed when crisis hits.

I wanted to share one bright spot regarding our work in Haiti as we assess the damage and needs in Haiti. CWS helped communities rebuild houses and schools following the 2010 Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Our goal was to help build stronger structures that would withstand future disasters. We have heard from several communities where we helped rebuild houses and schools. None were damaged in the earthquake from those communities we've been able to reach. The school[s] will be ready to welcome students when the new school year starts in a few weeks. We are planning to bring this expertise and experience to our response to the recent earthquake. Please keep in mind, due to the impact of Tropical Depression Grace, Haiti is currently experiencing rain. Mudslides have been reported in the area where we are going to respond, compounding the earthquake damage. Our response will include helping families rebuild with sturdier house designs and materials. We will also focus on water infrastructure and trauma recovery.

Thank you for walking in solidarity with our neighbors around the world. Please let your Team Captains and past and current walkers know that their fundraising efforts will help CWS respond in Haiti.

In peace,  
Heather

Heather Willson  
**Church World Service**  
Associate Community Engagement Specialist



# Campus & Community Meal

The Monday night Campus & Community Meal attendance has quadrupled in growth. We are still serving from 5:00-5:30 p.m. We will continue the carry-out spaghetti meals through the end of 2021 at the Congregational UCC church at 133 S. Franklin Street, Whitewater. Discussions continue on returning to the sit-down, all-you-care-to-eat format. It has now been pushed back to November. No matter the serving format, spaghetti meals will be available through the last Monday of 2021, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

For additional funding, we continue to apply for grants. So far we have received from the Whitewater Community Foundation \$1,969. We are always looking for new funding sources.

The average number of meals per person remains around two.

2021 - Weekly Totals:	Sept. 27	Sept. 20	Sept. 13	August 30	August 23	August 16	August 9	August 2	July 26	July 19
People:	46	33	34	12	8	10	9	7	6	10
Campus:	40	26	25	2	1	2	1	1	0	3
Community:	6	7	9	10	7	8	8	6	6	7
New:						4				
Meals served:	84	67	59	23	17	18	15	14	12	15
Tomato:	46	34	23	13	8	11	8	3	5	5
Alfredo:	38	33	36	10	9	7	7	11	7	10

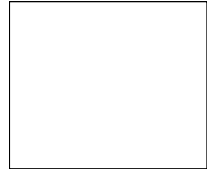
Our team still has room for two to four (or more) additional volunteers. The meal assembly and the serving teams are on a two-week rotation. Fortunately, several are available on short notice. We do need one more team of two to learn the cooking process. At present, one or two volunteers gather to cook pasta when convenient and two or three assemble the meals on Mondays starting at 12:00 noon. The prep process moves quickly with 3 people. On Monday's between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., the primary action is to hand out the carry-out spaghetti meals. Three to four people cover this well. One of the four is the runner to the kitchen to resupply the serving table while person number four is on standby in the kitchen for meal assembly should the supply of prepped meals run out or someone has a dietary restriction (no meat or no dairy). For anyone available to volunteer 2 or 3 hours per week once or twice a month, call the church office at 262-473-5076.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!  
God bless!

Patty Harmon, Co-Coordinator - FELC  
Margie Hammerl, Co-Coordinator - Congregational UCC

P.S.: With the increase in needed meals, we went from assembling 30 meals the end of August to 99 meals for September 27 (the cooked pasta supply ran out just short of 100). Assembly can still be accomplished within three hours (including clean-up).

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**Members of the congregation are invited to submit items for publication before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



### **Worship Schedule Through October**

- Sunday Morning 9:00am FELC In-Sanctuary
- Sunday Morning 10:30am FELC Parking Lot
- Website: felcww.org
- Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/ FELCYOUTH](https://www.facebook.com/FELCYOUTH)
- Cable Channel 990: Daily 9:00am and 12:00pm