



First English Lutheran Church

www.felc.com

Downtown Site

Corner of Drew and North streets

Administrative Office: 920.733.2303; felc@felc.com

Worship: Sundays 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

North Site

At Broadway Drive and Ballard Road
920.882.7942

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

August 2, 2009

We are People of God who Gather to Worship, Grow in Faith and Give to Others.

Welcome

This community of faith extends the welcome of Christ to all who have come here today.

Visiting today?

Please indicate any needs on the yellow cards in the pews at the Downtown Site or on the connection cards on the back of the North Site bulletins. Then place the cards in the offering basket, or give them to a Welcome Host or an usher.

Hearing-assistance

At the Downtown Site, ask an usher for a personal receiver. At the North Site, ask a sound board technician.

Large-print bulletins available

At the Downtown Site, ask an usher. At the North Site, ask a greeter.

AED units on site

Automated external defibrillators are in the Downtown Site usher's room and next to the North Site sound booth.

Prayer Connection

Prayer connects us to each other in this community of faith and to Christ. To be included in the list of prayers, please submit names to the church office or First English staff. Names are removed after one month, unless a new request is submitted. Please remember these First English members, friends and families in prayer:

Prayers of healing

- Linita Kimmel
- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Betty Schmidt
- Beverly Behrent
- Jim Veum
- Sally Jaeger-Altekruse
- Hattie Moscinski
- Whitney Moscinski
- Carol Dumke
- Ruth Johnson Francik
- Gail Ryan
- Christopher Peregrine

Prayers of comfort

The families and friends of:

- Everett Rohde
- Pauline Gilbert
- Kelly Foltz
- Margaret Rohde

Prayers for our military

- Sgt. Jonathan Butzlaff
- 1st Lt. Allison Rogers
- First Class Sonar Tech Paul Heller
- Michael Krueger
- Aaron Brouillard
- AIC Nicholas Gerard
- Sgt. First Class John Taylor
- PFC Brandon Kassela
- SSG Greg Hansel
- SSG Josh Yaniskivis
- SPC Ryan Zimmerman

Take Note Today

Fair Trade

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be sold at both sites today. This opportunity allows us to acknowledge the dignity given by God to all people. It connects us to an economy of justice. Hope to see you there!

Bite Back benefit concert this Friday

Join the interns, congregation, and community this Friday, August 7th at 7:00 at Harmony Cafe on College Avenue for a night of fellowship and outreach! The Bite Back benefit concert will showcase local talent: The Remedy, Nicole Savides, and American Fiction will all be playing. We will also hear from Mary Stusek from Kenya Works, a program building schools and providing resources in poor Kenyan communities. Mary recently shared her story here at First English. All proceeds from the night will go to Compassion International's Bite Back campaign. The campaign aims to buy mosquito nets for areas in Kenya highly affected by Malaria. Just \$10 buys not only a mosquito net for someone who desperately needs it, but it also pays for the education of how to use it as well as other Malaria-preventing resources, such as mosquito-repelling trees. Buy a net, save a life! Everyone is welcome at this free concert. Join us to hear some great music, have some coffee or treats, learn more about the campaign, and spend time with friends and family. We hope to see you there!

Family & Youth

I He♥rt Art



Do you love art? Join us tonight for I Heart Art at the Downtown Site. Come to explore different styles of art every Sunday night. Open to kids in grades 7-12, from 7-8:30 p.m. with a weekly cost of \$5 (all supplies are included).

ArtCAMP

ArtCAMP, sponsored by The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art, is August 10-14 at the Downtown Site in Room 015. Sessions for youth in grades 1-5 are from 9-11:30 a.m., youth in grades 6-12 are 1-3:30 p.m. and sessions for the family from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per child with a family cap of \$45. Local artist Lynn Schmitting will be our leader for this week of art. Register online at www.felc.com.

Bible donations needed

This fall Sunday School teachers and the Learning Ministry Team are excited the "Spark Activate Faith" curriculum will be used for Sunday School. Since all the children in preschool through Grade 6 will learn the same Bible story at an age appropriate level, all family members can join in the conversation on the way home and during the week. Spark lessons use the Bible as the primary learner resource to help our kids become familiar with the Bible and begin building a lifelong relationship with God's Word. To equip each classroom with the Bible, we are asking for donations of \$14.00 per Bible. A bookplate listing the donor is available. Samples of the Spark Story Bible and the Spark Bible (NRSV) are in the Gathering Area with donation envelopes. To donate by mail, please send a check with "Spark Bible" written on the memo line to the church office.

Helping Hands Camp

Helping Hands Camp is August 3-6 and runs in the afternoon following VBS at the North Site. This service camp is a week of serving others and community building for youth in grades 1-5. It runs from 1-4 p.m. Youth can bring a brown bag lunch to VBS and stay for the afternoon session. Cost is \$15 per person for the week to cover transportation needs of the week. Register online at www.felc.com.

FAITHQUEST

FAITHQUEST is an introduction to FELC confirmation and a community building camp held August 10-12 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the North Site for youth entering grade 7 and confirmation. The cost is \$10 and all 7th grade students entering confirmation are asked to attend. In addition, parents are asked to accompany their student the first night. Please register at www.felc.com today.



Learning

Spark Sunday School Parent Orientation

All parents with students in preschool to Grade 6 are asked to attend an orientation to the Spark Sunday School program. Help spark Bible learning with family conversations and lessons to use at home if a child misses a Sunday. Choose one of these dates:

- Wednesday, August 5 at 11 a.m. at the North Site office (during VBS)
- Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site (nursery child care with advance RSVP to church office)
- Sunday, September 20 at the North Site at 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday, September 20 at the Downtown Site at 9:30 a.m.

VBS starts tomorrow

Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School, August 3-6 from 9 a.m. to noon, is a week of Bible stories, action games, awesome music, terrific skits, nature time, snacks and cool crafts. There is a \$10.00 suggested donation per child or \$20.00 for families for VBS this year. This year the VBS kids will sing on Sunday, August 9 at the 8:00 a.m. Downtown worship or at the 9:00 a.m. North Site worship.

Preparing for Learning

The entire congregation is asked to pray for God's guidance and discernment for those being called as teachers and leaders this fall. Approximately one hundred volunteers teach or assist with confirmation, Sunday School, Wednesday classes and Adult Learning. You can find a role as a teacher, team teacher, substitute or support team by helping every other week, weekly, or monthly with the age-level you prefer. Please prayerfully consider walking alongside students as they learn and explore their faith. We are in need of teachers at the Downtown Site for a 3 and 4 year old class, Grades 3, 4, 7, 8 and high school. At the North Site, teachers are needed for Grades 1-4 and high school. Call Donna Haberland or Anita Damon in the church office. They'll help you explore ways to serve.

Third Grade Bible Class

All third grade children are given a Bible as a gift from First English Church this fall. The Bible is to be brought with to Sunday School each week. In preparation, third grade children and their parents should attend Using My Bible Class on Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Level at the North Site. On Rally Sunday, September 13, you and your parents will come together to the altar as we pray for God's blessing on this faith milestone.

Fall Learning Time Registration

Students who were in Sunday School last year are automatically promoted to the next grade, unless parents notify the church office of a change. New-student registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area or visit www.felc.com and click on "Youth Programs." Scroll to "Children's Learning Hour," for the link to download a registration form. The Downtown Site has classes for ages 3 by Sept. 1 through high school. At the North Site parents with children ages 2 or 3 by Sept. 1 attend class together in the nursery, and there are classes for ages 4 through high school.

Confirmation Group Guides Needed

First English confirmation ministry is in need of one small group guide for the 8th grade class and four small group guides for the 7th grade. If you are interested in leading a small group or co-leading a small group, please contact Andy Moscinski in the church office for a volunteer job description. This is a great opportunity to minister to youth of FELC and ideal for a couple looking to get involved.

Confirmation Registration

Incoming 7th grade families and youth who plan on participating in confirmation ministry at First English should register online today. 8th and 9th grade students will be automatically promoted unless we hear differently from the family.

Outreach

Layettes

Each year, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) sends tens of thousands of layettes (items for babies) to people in refugee camps, hospitals and villages around the globe. You can help support the layette ministry of LWR and FELC in several ways.

Donate new or gently used items for layettes (ECHOES and garage sales are great places to shop), donate money so the layette group can purchase hard to find items like cloth diaper, or, if you knit, pick up a sweater pattern in the Gathering Area and get out those needles. Any of the following items up to size 24 month - or a complete kit - would be greatly appreciated:

- Two lightweight cotton shirts or Onesies® (or similar item)
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn (suggested size is 36" X 36")
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two washcloths (full-size preferred)
- One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap, in its original wrapping
- Two diaper pins

Completed kits will be shipped in October. Please leave your items on the Gifts Table at either site. To donate money, checks with "LWR layettes" on the memo line can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Thank you for helping "the least of these" around the world.

School Kits

As your family shops for school supplies, please include some items you can donate for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Your donations will help children around the world. Specific items still needed are:

- Blunt Fiskar scissors
- Ruler with inches and centimeters
- Pencil sharpener
- 2½" erasers
- Box of 24 crayons
- Spiral notebooks (70 page)

Patterns for sewing cloth school bags are on the bulletin board - we need to make dozens of bags! Please leave donations on the Gifts Table. Thank you!

Tour de Revs

Tour de Revs is coming! Join us Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a special worship service focusing on world hunger at the North Site. Come and hear from guest speakers and join in activities focusing on hunger. For more info on our special guest preachers, visit www.tourderevs.org. Pie donations are needed for this special evening. If you would like to donate a pie please contact Nancy Allen at 734-9580.

August Prayer Shawl Ministry Dates

- Friday, August 7 – please have any completed shawls brought to the church office by noon.
- Sunday, August 9 – all prayer shawls will be dedicated at each of the worship services.

Adult Education

On the Way Retreat

The next weekend "On the Way Retreat" is August 21-23. The theme "Hope on the Way" will provide the focus for two nights away surrounded by scripture, talks, prayer and worship with others who are reflecting on where God is in their life. The retreat will be held at Monte Alverno Retreat Center in Appleton. The cost is \$150, financial assistance is available. Call Pastor Vicki Fink, 920-720-9886, or go to www.onthewayretreats.org.

The Judith Circle

The Judith Circle meets for a potluck lunch and Bible study on Tuesday, August 4, at noon in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site.

"Work-Life Adventures"

A Christian career workshop, is being offered at FELC-NS as a 2-part series on Aug. 10 and 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. Call Sheila Luck at 757-0880 for more information or see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Forbidden Grief: A Glimpse of Men in Pain

Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Wichmann Tri-County Chapel, 3212 S. Oneida Street, Appleton.

This free educational session is for women only to gather and gain a better understanding of the journey men experience as they grieve. The evening includes a panel of men sharing their personal insights about grief. Light refreshments will be served. Advance registration is appreciated but not necessary. For additional information or to register please contact Deb Kosmer, Affinity Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 920-727-2013 or toll free at 866-236-8500, or e-mail kosmerd@ministryhomecare.org.

Fellowship

Scrapbooking

Free scrapbooking and stamping sessions are held monthly. The next session meets August 7th from 6 to 11 p.m. in Room 110 at the Downtown Site. Please RSVP to Cindy at 920-836-3008 to reserve a spot. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for a local charity. Hope to see you there!

50+ Upcoming Barbeque

What: August 13 BBQ

When: Thursday, August 13 at noon

Where: DS Fellowship Hall

Details: Mark your calendars for this popular summer event. A picnic lunch will be served with a program by Big Brothers Big Sisters to follow. For planning purposes, please register by signing up in the Gathering Area or by calling the church office. A freewill offering will be collected to help offset the cost of the meal.



The Week of August 2 at a Glance

DS= Downtown Site NS= North Site

SUNDAY at the Downtown Site

8 & 10:30 a.m.

Communion Worship - Sanctuary

9:15

Communion Worship in the Park

12:00 p.m.

Boundary Waters trip leaves from parking lot

7:00 p.m.

I Heart Art - DS 014-015

SUNDAY at the North Site

9:00 a.m.

Communion Worship - Sanctuary

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School - NS

1:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Camp - NS

6:15 p.m.

Club 68 - DS

6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Meeting - DS Office

7:00 p.m.

Ellis BB - NS Activity Center

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School - NS

9:00 a.m.

Staff Meeting - DS Lounge

9:30 a.m.

YMCA Youth Soccer - NS Back Yard

1:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Camp - NS

3:30 p.m.

Chamber Music Lessons - DS 218

6:00 p.m.

YMCA Sports Lead Up - NS Back Yard

6:30 p.m.

NS Task Force Meeting - NS LL

7:00 p.m.

Ellis BB - NS Activity Center

7:00 p.m.

Mens Ministry Small Group - DS Lounge

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School - NS

12:15 p.m.

Lunchtime Organ Recital - DS Sanctuary

1:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Camp - NS

6:30 p.m.

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) - NS Sanctuary

7:30 p.m.

IGNITE - NS Activity Center

7:30 p.m.

Couples Prayer Series - NS Lower Level

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.

Salvation Army Lunch - Salvation Army

9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School - NS

1:00 p.m.

Helping Hands Camp - NS

7:00 p.m.

Ellis BB - NS Activity Center

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m.

Scrapbooking - DS 110

7:00 p.m.

Bite Back Benefit Concert - Harmony Cafe

Upcoming Bus Trip

The YMCA of the Fox Cities has a Tuesday, August 11 bus trip to Marquette county that still has seats available. The garden designer of the Prairie Nursery will treat you to a tour of the nursery's beautiful display gardens. Lunch is included. There will be opportunities to explore Marquette County's picturesque waterfalls, take a stroll, candy shop and relax throughout the afternoon. The bus will leave the the Thompson Community Center at 7:45 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$49 YMCA member, \$54 General public. Interested? Contact Sue Grosenick at 954-7610.

FYI

Ministry Team Reminder

Ministry teams will again meet on Tuesday, August 11 in the North Site Gathering Area at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at the North Site from August – December 2009.

Lunchtime Organ Recital at First English

Don't miss the Lunchtime Organ Recital at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5 at the Downtown Site. The performer will be Don Verkuilen, a student of Frank Rippl. For details on the concert series, visit www.lunchtimeorganrecital.org.

Weekly Offerings

June 2009

Weekly

Budgeted: \$21,539

Collected: \$18,070

Month to Date

Budgeted: \$107,695

Collected: \$83,474

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$581,553

Collected: \$487,886

Short: \$93,667