

FELC Friendship Pads

Please fill out the Friendship Pad when asked during worship. If the church office does not currently have your contact information or it has changed, please indicate that in the appropriate column.

Nursery Care

The nurseries at both sites are open for family use during all services. The Downtown Site Nursery is located across from the Library in the Gathering Area. The North Site Nursery is off the main hallway, across from the restrooms. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Hearing Assistance

If you are in need of a personal receiver, ask a Downtown Site usher, or a North Site soundboard technician.

Large-print Resources

If you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, ask an usher at the Downtown Site, or a greeter at the North Site.

AED Units on Site

Automated external defibrillators are outside the Downtown Site Usher's Room and next to the North Site sound booth.

Video Recording

The 8 a.m. Downtown Site worship service is video-recorded to share with our homebound members upon request.

In Need of Prayer?

For additions to the prayer chain call Lorraine Moore, 749-0058, or email felc@felc.com or Pastor Mary at mbauer@felc.com.

More Information

For detailed information on these and more FELC events, opportunities and ministries, pick up a newsletter in the Gathering Area, visit our website at www.felc.com, or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

The Week of Nov. 13 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Nov. 13

8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
9:15 a.m. Adult Learning Time, DS 221
10:45 a.m. Join the Conversation (Grades 9-12), Google Hangouts
7 p.m. Pickleball, NS Activity Center

Monday

9 a.m. Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Auction Planning Committee, DS Nursery
8:15 p.m. Pick Up Basketball League, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

6:15 a.m. *Bad Girls of the Bible* HS Study, Apple City Restaurant
6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee, DS Lounge
6:45 p.m. Finance Committee, DS 110

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 114
5 p.m. LIFT Meal (Mary's Chicken), DS Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
6:15 p.m. Wednesday Worship, DS
6:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. Confirmation 7th Grade Large Group, DS 010-013
7 p.m. Confirmation 8th Grade Large Group, DS 110-113
7 p.m. Confirmation 9th Grade *Faith on Trial* (Students & Parents), DS Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. reFUEL Thanksgiving Potluck (Grades 10-12), DS Youth Room

Thursday

6 a.m. Early Riser's Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
9 a.m. Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Friday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library

Sunday, Nov. 20

8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
9:15 a.m. Adult Learning Time, DS 221
10:45 a.m. Join the Conversation (Grades 9-12), Google Hangouts
Noon MSYG (Grades 6-8) Water Bottle Flippin' Battles, NS Activity Center
7 p.m. Pickleball, NS Activity Center

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

-Matthew 5:14-16



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Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.m.
Office Hours: M-Th: 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
F: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Announcements

Week of Nov. 13, 2016

North Site

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: M-Th: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Jim and Joanne Moard in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10.

Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee wishes to express their sincere thanks to those who attended the Stewardship brunches last Sunday. A wonderful morning filled with food, fellowship and fun were shared along with stories of faith. This fellowship event was a way to express thanks and gratitude to our members who share so much of their time, talent and treasure in support of FELC ministries.



During the event, 2017 pledge cards were distributed. If you were unable to attend the brunch and return a pledge card, watch for an upcoming Stewardship mailing, find a pledge card in the Gathering Area or complete a card online at www.felc.com. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. Complete and return the pledge card via mail, place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Youth-led Worship at the North Site

Thank you to the Seraphim Choir for leading worship today at the North Site. We appreciate you sharing your gifts in this way!

Fill the Trailer Food Drive



Let's FILL the trailers today! FELC is collecting non-perishable food items for St. Joseph's Food Pantry and the Salvation Army in trailers in the parking lots of both sites this morning. Forgot your donation? The trailers will be in the lots until noon. Thank you for your support-we CAN make a difference in the lives of others!

Advent Wreath Lighting

Sign up TODAY for advent wreath lighting. This is a great way to bring the family together during the holidays. Confirmation families that sign up to light the Advent wreath can write a couple of paragraphs about their experience and the symbolism of the wreath to turn in for a Family Assignment. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area at each site. Please take the time to sign up.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sign up for FELC Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army today! Please visit the table in the Gathering Area to sign up for this important ministry. The one-hour time slots traditionally fill fast. FELC bell ringing will take place at various locations on:

- Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 a.m. - noon
- Monday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6-9 p.m.

Some confirmation students will be ringing bells on Wednesday, Dec. 14, their service night. Please consult small group leaders for more information. Thank you.

Looking Ahead

Calling all Bakers

We are in need of Sunday Morning Coffee Hour baked goods at the Downtown Site. Please consider sharing a gift of baking and indicate by completing the signup sheet located near the coffee room. Each baker should plan on bringing approximately 4 dozen goodies. Thank you for your generosity!



Preparing for 500 Years of Reformation

As we honor the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we offer a variety of studies that delve into Lutheran history and theology. Join us during Advent as we study *Martin Luther's Christmas Book*, a brief look at Luther as a pastor and his sermons and thoughts on the Christmas story. Classes begin Nov. 30 on Wednesday evenings at 4 and 7 p.m. Books are available in the Gathering Area.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

A Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:15 p.m. at the Downtown Site (there is no service on Thanksgiving Day).

Wednesday Night LIFT Meal

Join us from 5-6:15 p.m. for food and fellowship every Wednesday! Please sign up for next week's LIFT meal by Monday at noon at www.felc.com/forms. Wednesday's meal is **Chicken from Mary's Restaurant**. Meals are \$5 per person for anyone over 5, kids 4 and under are free. \$20 max per family.

Wednesday Worship at the Downtown Site

The 6:15 p.m. worship service with music, message and Holy Communion is 40 minutes in length to allow for people involved in Wednesday evening studies to attend at 7 p.m.



What a great option if you are going to be out of town on Sunday, or would just like a mid-week worship experience. Invite your friends and neighbors to this Spirit-filled evening.

New Email Addresses Needed

Many FELC announcements are sent via email so it is extremely important to have your correct email address. Please email any new information to Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com or to Kathy Larson at klarson@felc.com.

Calling All Knitters and Crocheters: Prayer Shawls Needed

Our prayer shawl supply is running very low. If you like to knit or crochet, please consider creating a prayer shawl (or two!) and dropping it off in the church office. Thank you!

Help Spread the Word!

One Website -

Twenty Colleges and Universities

ELCA colleges and universities have a helpful website - whygolutheran.org - for students and parents as they embark on the college search process. On the site families can:

- Learn more about the value of the Lutheran college experience.
- Read about the distinctive features of a Lutheran liberal arts education.
- Complete one simple form to request college information from individual institutions.

Start your college search today at whygolutheran.org.

Final Organ Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church

209 S. Allen St., Appleton WI
Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Featuring concert organist, church musician, composer and Appleton native
Don VerKuilen
and a Community Choir

Free will offering for *Loaves & Fishes* will be taken.

Trinity will also be celebrating the "Life of Trinity Lutheran Church" on Sunday, Nov. 20 with worship at 9 a.m. Bishop Gerald Mansholt will participate in the service. This will be the final Sunday service held at the church building on 209 S. Allen St. All are invited to worship with Trinity that day.

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Dale R. at (920)419-2794.

Prayer Connection

Prayer connects us to each other in this community of faith and to Christ. To be included in the list of prayers, submit names to the church office or the First English staff. Names are removed after one month, but can always be extended by request. Please remember these First English members, friends and families in prayer in the coming week:

Prayers of Healing, Wholeness & Peace

- Nathan Meissner
- Angel Manos
- Todd Hollenberger
- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Brooklyn Ann Converse
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Lynn Boenker
- Debra Boushley
- George Krempin
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Harold Rohlfing
- Jacob Frerking
- Tom Roy
- Jim Roy
- Dennis Nelson
- Gloria Gillis
- Kathy Putzer
- Don Gillum

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Aldeane Alstad
- Robert Karloske
- Alan Wichman
- Roman Zblewski

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Chase Michael Goffard
- Margot Ellen Kuchler

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- The Leiseth Family (Pastor Tessa Moon, Jon, Isaac and Sophia)
- Spencer Wentland
- Guatemala Mission Trip Team

Prayers for Those in the Military

- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- SP4 Dylan Kratz
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- 2LT Lucas Hash
- PVT Samuel Sinclair

FELC NS & DS - Engage Page: Pentecost 26

Excerpt from this week's gospel: Luke 21:5-11, (12-19) When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

Sun.—Tues., Nov. 13-16 (adapted from Lutheran Bible Ministries)

- ⇒ Luke has Jesus warning his people to expect persecution. In what way have you experienced something that might be considered "persecution"?
- ⇒ Paul speaks about our Christian vocation. In your daily work, paid or unpaid, where do you find the most meaning?
- ⇒ What did you find most compelling about the sermon?
- ⇒ Family Project: So many people are anxious. As a family, discuss how you might bring someone comfort and assurance.

Next week's gospel: Luke 23:33-43 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Wednesday, November 16: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In Jeremiah, the Lord says, "*The days are surely coming... when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*" As we get closer to Advent, Christians believe that the just and wise king this passage describes is Jesus himself. What are ways that Christ the King executes justice and righteousness? Think of examples from the stories of his life recorded in the gospels.

Thursday, November 17: Colossians 1:11-20

Verses 15 through 20 of our reading give a wonderful description of Jesus and what he has done for us on the cross. We discover that Jesus was present at creation, Lord over all, head of the church, first to raise himself from the dead, the fullness of God, and our reconciler to God! Paul ends by saying Christ has made peace through his blood on the cross. How does the cross bring peace? How does it bring conflict?

Friday, November 18: Psalm 46

Do you struggle with fear? Make a point of starting every day by reading this psalm. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..." When we grow in anxiety, we are unable to see beyond problems. The psalmist encourages us to "Be still" and to know that God is God. Take a moment to rest in the strength and presence of our Lord. What fears do you need to set aside today?

Sat., Nov. 19: Luke 23:33-43

It certainly is counter-intuitive to realize that Jesus was declared King on the cross. Even when the High Priests and the Romans did their worst, Jesus' death and resurrection showed him to be Lord of even life and death. However, Jesus himself said his kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). How does Jesus' kingship differ from ordinary understandings of being a king?

*For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FELCEngagePage>
Many questions adapted from Lutheran Bible Ministries, "Light on the Lessons."