

## 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](mailto:felc@felc.com) or Pastor Mary at [mbauer@felc.com](mailto: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](http://www.felc.com), or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

## The Week of Nov. 20 At-A-Glance

### 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 Lower Level  
Pickleball, NS Activity Center  
7 p.m. Pickleball, NS Activity Center

### Monday

9 a.m. Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
4 p.m. Property Oversight Committee, DS Office Workroom  
5:15 p.m. Congregational Life Ministry Team, DS 114  
6 p.m. Baptism Workshop, NS Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council, NS Library  
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

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 114  
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
6:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship, DS

### Thursday

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

### Sunday, Nov. 27

8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room  
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Combined Learning Time, DS Fellowship Hall/NS Lower Level  
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

DS = Downtown Site    NS = North Site

## 2016 Advent Concert Featuring *Behind the Eyes*

Nov. 30, 7 p.m., Fox Cities P.A.C.

Tickets are \$15 general admission (18 and under are free) and available in person at the P.A.C. ticket office, at the Member Services Desk of any Fox Cities YMCA or in person at New Hope Church, Neenah. Proceeds benefit YMCA programs supporting the Fox Valley's working poor.

## A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday, Dec. 3, 1 and 4 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Chapel

Reserved Seating: Premium \$20, Preferred \$15, Family \$10

Please set your DVRs: The Appleton Boychoir's *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* will be broadcast on the following stations/dates/times: NBC26 on Dec. 24, 10:35-11:35 p.m., Dec. 25, 6-7a.m., and on MYNEW32 Dec. 25, 8-9 a.m.



## First English Lutheran Church

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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.

# Love Jesus. Live your call.

## Sunday at FELC

### Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by the Bakken family to the glory of God and in honor of Erik's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Stewardship Update

Please prayerfully consider your 2017 FELC contribution. Two weeks ago, during the Sunday brunch Stewardship 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](http://www.felc.com). Complete and return the pledge card via mail, place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thank you so much for your continued support of First English and its programming.

### 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.

## Announcements

### Week of Nov. 20, 2016

### North Site

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

### 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.

### All Congregational Lunch

Sponsored by the 50+ Group  
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.  
(following worship)

Downtown Site Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch following the Dec. 14 Advent worship service (worship is at 10 a.m.). All are welcome - bring a friend! Please sign up in the Gathering Area for planning purposes. You may also sign up online at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms).

There will also be a cookie exchange following lunch. You are not required to bring cookies but if you are so inclined, please bring 2 dozen to share. Hope to see you there!

## Looking Ahead

### Nominations for Elected Church Office

The FELC Nominating Committee is responsible for nominations for various elected church offices at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Recommendations are needed for candidates to the:

- 2017 Congregation Council
- 2017 Synod Assembly representatives
- 2018 Nominating Committee

Congregation members are being asked for suggested nominees for these. Please email your suggestions to [felc@felc.com](mailto:felc@felc.com) or contact one of the committee members: Keith Lenaburg, Mark Gebert, Matt Holtebeck, Sara Snyder, Dean Haas, or Tim Larsen.

### Preparing for 500 Years of Reformation

As we honor the 500<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Advent Vespers

On Dec. 7 in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall, join us for our annual Advent Vespers evening. Supper will begin at 4:45 p.m., activities at 5 p.m. and the Vespers presentation highlighting our FELC Choirs will begin at 6:15 p.m. This year we will be reading *If You're Missing Baby Jesus* by Jean Gietzen. Join us that night for Mary's Chicken Dinner (free will offering) and bring your family to enjoy cookie decorating, arts and crafts, and music. It's sure to be a fun and festive evening! We hope to see you there.

### 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

There will be no LIFT meal this week due to the Thanksgiving break. LIFT meals will resume on Nov. 30.

### News from Guatemala

The FELC Living Water International Team (Hannah Sprenger, Rachel and David Lindenstruth, Jeff and Lucas Picken, and Pastor Mary) received such a warm welcome from the Guatemalan people as they fed them and did their best to communicate with them. Please ask any of the team members about their experiences, and they will be glad to share! Would you like more information on the trip? The team will be sharing more about how this experience impacted their faith during worship on Dec. 4 at the North Site, and Dec. 11 at the Downtown Site. Please join them!

### 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!



### Operation Christmas

First English has the opportunity to bring a Christmas wrapped in Christ's love to those less fortunate through *Operation Christmas*.

Our focus this year is four local organizations that serve others: Lutheran Social Services which has three programs that serve men and women with mental health issues; Leaven, an organization that assists people in crisis to meet their basic needs; COTS, which provides temporary transitional shelter for homeless people; and Riverview Gardens, which focuses on providing job training to people in need.

Starting Sunday, Nov. 27, please select "ornaments" from the Operation Christmas tree of ornaments. Each ornament will identify gift items to help fulfill wishes and needs for these agencies and the people they serve in our community. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree by Tuesday, Dec. 13. Gift cards should be brought to the church office, or be clearly marked and placed in the offering plate.

The needs in our community are varied and great. Please help First English bring the compassion of Christ to those less fortunate.

### Sign Up for the *Weekly Update*

*Weekly Update* is an email sent each Thursday or Friday with upcoming events and news from First English. If you haven't already, please send an email to Meri Hujet at [mhujet@felc.com](mailto:mhujet@felc.com) and simply request that you be put on the *Weekly Update* mailing list.

### 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
- Gloria Gillis
- Kathy Putzer
- Don Gillum
- Dana Gaffney
- Carol Hansen

### Prayers of Comfort

- Families of:
- William Anton
  - Aldeane Alstad
  - Robert Karloske
  - Allen Wichman
  - Roman Zblewski

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Grant James Ganzen

### 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 DS - Engage Page: Christ the King

***This 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."*

Sun.—Tues., Nov. 20-23 (adapted from Lutheran Bible Ministries)

- ⇒ When you hear the title "Christ the King," what image(s) comes to your mind?
- ⇒ In proclaiming him King, we declare Jesus' authority over our lives. We seek to let our Lord take over. In what ways have you found the lordship of Christ a blessing? ...a challenge?
- ⇒ What did you find most compelling about the sermon?
- ⇒ Family Project: Decide as a family what you are going to do this year to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

***Next week's gospel: Matthew 24:36-44** But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.*

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Isaiah 2:1-5 (from Lutheran Bible Ministries)

Some think of Isaiah 2:4 as an ideal vision that God will bring about in some distant time. Others view it as a vision of a possibility God wants us to work toward in the present world. Yet another group looks at terrorism, reflects on Mark 13:7, and concludes that war and violence is our future and peace is impossible. What do you think? What does Isaiah's vision mean to you?

Thursday, Nov. 24: Romans 13:11-14 (from Lutheran Bible Ministries)

Paul uses the image of "armor of light." "Armor" can be read defensively, as protection from the assaults of the world. Or, it can be read offensively, as protective equipment to enable us to go forth safely in battle with the worldly power. What does the armor image suggest to you?

Friday, November 25: Psalm 122

The Psalmist writes, "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers...For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good." It's good to remember that we are called as a people of God to seek the good for our brothers and sisters. This is especially those who are together in the house of the Lord and the witness we share with the world. What are some concrete ways that we can seek good for those who dwell with us in the house of the Lord?

Sat., Nov. 26: Matthew 24:36-44 (adapted from Lutheran Bible Ministries)

These verses have been long used to scare people into making a decision to become a Christian. The idea that "you'll be left behind" struck fear into many who felt guilt over some real or imagined fault. Consider that most of the followers of Christ when this was written were expecting him to come back at any moment. Twenty centuries have passed and Jesus has not yet returned. So, what does "watchfulness" mean to us in our time?

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*From next week's gospel: Matt. 3:1-12 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ... "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Isaiah 11:1-10 (

For the most part, I do not appreciate the tenacity of old stumps that keep on sending up new shoots. It can be amazing how deep one has to dig to get rid of pesky plants that want to take over your garden. The prophet Isaiah likens the world that will be ushered in by the rule of the Lord to just such a persistent plant. Just, righteous, safe, and possessing the knowledge of the Lord. Where do you see signs of this kingdom?

Thursday, Nov. 24: Romans 15:4-13

Paul describes how to live in harmony with one another, and tells how that unity glorifies God. Among Paul's contemporaries, there were deep divisions between Jews and Gentiles, and it would have been very difficult for Jewish Christians to believe that Jesus truly meant to welcome Gentiles into his kingdom. However, that welcome did glorify God and brought hope, joy, & peace. In spite of these fruits of being a welcoming people, it can be difficult to do so. How have you felt most welcome in a place where you don't fit in? What are ways we can welcome the stranger?

Friday, November 25: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

The Psalmist describes a ruler who defends the cause of poor people as one who is establishing a just kingdom. The rule of such a leader brings healing to the people and healing to the land—like rain that falls on mown grass or showers on the earth. This is a justice for all people as the psalmist cries out, "May his glory fill the whole earth." What are practical ways that we work for justice?

Sat., Nov. 26: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist is such a unique and controversial figure. If we are honest, I think all of us would run the other way if we saw someone who looked so off kilter and sounded so angry and judgmental. Why do you imagine the message of John the Baptist struck home? What is most compelling about his message?

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