

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 Oct. 23 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Oct. 23

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
7 p.m.

Monday

9 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:15 a.m.
6:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
5 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.

9 a.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
7 p.m.

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Open House, North Site Library

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning Time, DS
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Join the Conversation (Grades 9-12), Google Hangouts
MSYG Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch, Meet at NS Parking Lot
Pickleball, NS Activity Center

Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball League, NS Activity Center

Bad Girls of the Bible HS Study, Apple City Restaurant
Men's Ministry, NS Library
Congregation Council, NS Library

Bible Study with Pastor Jeff, DS 114
LIFT Meal (Schweitzer's Ham & Cheesy Potatoes), DS Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Fellowship Hall
Confirmation General Session (Grades 7-9), DS Assigned Rooms
reFUEL (Grades 10-12), DS Youth Room

Early Riser's Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Reformation Sunday

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning Time, DS
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Join the Conversation (Grades 9-12), Google Hangouts
Pickleball, NS Activity Center

Children's Quiet Activity Bags

Families with young children are invited to grab a children's quiet activity bag off the rack in the Narthex at the Downtown Site and in the back of the Sanctuary at the North Site on the way into worship. In it you'll find items for young ones to check out during the service. Be sure to drop the bag off as you leave.



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.

Announcements

Week of Oct. 23, 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 Rich and Jan Erickson in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Open House at North Site Library

Today you're invited to check out the additions to the library at the North Site. New colorful seating, an area rug and book carts brighten the children's area. Be sure to sign up for door prize drawings for children, youth and adults. Check out a book, CD, DVD or game to take home for a couple weeks.



Looking Ahead

All Saints Sunday

If you would like the names of your family and friends who have died in this past year included in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, please contact Kristy Howard in the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 2. Those for whom we have prayed throughout the year will automatically be placed on the list.

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!

Stewardship Brunch - Nov. 6

Join the Stewardship Committee for Sunday Brunch at both sites. In lieu of the Stewardship Receptions, the committee is inviting all FELC worshipers to a Stewardship Brunch on Nov. 6. Both sites will be serving a hot breakfast and tasty bakery treats. At the Downtown Site, you can join the committee in Fellowship Hall for brunch at 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. At the North Site, brunch will be served at 9:15 a.m. Watch your mail for upcoming details and how to RSVP for the event.

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 four dozen goodies. Thank you for your generosity!

Career Crossroads

Packets are available, courtesy of First English, with information along with a devotional book for those who are in the position of seeking employment. Also included in the packets is the contact information of FELC members who are willing to give individual and/or group support to those going through this transition. Please see or call a pastor if you or someone you know might benefit from these materials.



Christ in our Home

The October-December 2016 issue of the Christ in our Home Devotion books are available in the Narthex at the Downtown Site and the Gathering Area at the North Site. Please feel free to take one home with you. Note one of the authors in December is Kathryn Keinhaus from Wartburg College.

Nursery Care Needed

FELC is seeking individuals interested in assisting with childcare on Sunday mornings and occasional evenings. This paid position is at the Downtown Site Nursery. If you are interested, please contact Sara Laumer at (920)738-4738.

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.



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 **Schweitzer's Ham and Cheesy Potatoes**. Meals are \$5 per person for anyone over 5, kids 4 and under are free. \$20 max per family.

New Email Addresses Needed

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

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.

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 and simply request that you be put on the *Weekly Update* mailing list.

Church Women United Presents World Community Celebration

Friday, Nov. 4

Registration: 9 a.m. (coffee and rolls)

Program: 9:30 a.m.

Trinity ELCA, 209 S. Allen St., Appleton

Participating Church: Holy Cross Catholic

Guest Speaker: Carrie Korb, who counsels international college students

Collection for National CWU, and personal items for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter

Harbor House Urgent Need: Cozy New Twin Sheets

New sheets are provided to each woman and child when they arrive at Harbor House. New sheets help them feel welcome and comfortable. When they leave Harbor House, they take their sheets with them to their new home. When you donate new twin sheets to Harbor House, you are providing a source of comfort to women and children during a time when they are feeling afraid and uncertain.

Other Needs:

- New Pillows
- Hair Conditioner
- Hair Brushes
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Garbage Bags
- Pajamas (all sizes for women and children)

Please contact Harbor House at 832-1666 for more information.

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Nancy A. at 734-9580.

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
- Jim Bub
- John Fischer
- Rachel Kluck
- Alex Melchert
- Dennis Nelson

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Loren Gies
- John Hagen
- Arthur Krause
- Sarah Krause

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Wedding of:

- Rachel Kitson and David Lindenstruth

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 (son of Daniel and Kirsten Johnston)
- SP4 Dylan Kratz
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- 2LT Lucas Hash
- PVT Samuel Sinclair



Open House
FELC Library

Today!
Come and see
what's new
at the
North Site
Library

*New kids area

*Get a sweet treat

*Register
for prizes

*Borrow a book
or DVD

Let the wise also hear and gain in learning.

Proverbs 1:5 (NRSV)

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The gospel for this week: *Luke 18:9-14* *He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."*

Sunday-Tuesday, October 23-25 (from *Lutheran Bible Ministries*)

- ⇒ Pride in one's self is quite important, but it can get out of hand. Where do you draw the line between being glad about yourself and what you are, and prideful arrogance?
- ⇒ Do you think Jesus' statement (*all who humble themselves will be exalted.*) applies only to the spiritual realm, only to the worldly realm, or to both?
- ⇒ What did you find most compelling about the sermon?
- ⇒ Family Project: Make a wall of praise for all the members of your family. Figure out ways to become champions of lifting others up instead of lifting yourself up.

The gospel for next week: *John 8:31-36* *Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."*

Wednesday, October 26: Jeremiah 31:31-34

We would like to believe that people should intuitively know right from wrong. What we find is that good people often disagree about the most moral course of action. In Jeremiah, the Lord promises his people that he will write his laws on their minds and hearts and that all will obey him. How much of our human striving is caught up in seeking and teaching what is right? If there were consensus, how would we fill our time?

Thursday, October 27: Romans 3:19-28

Verse 28: *For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.* It's not hard to imagine Martin Luther stewing over these words as he was working to gain some sort of righteousness through following the laws of the church. If one fast is good, won't two be better? If one hour in prayer is necessary, won't two show God that I am really serious about my faith? The problem comes when we begin to attribute spiritual awareness to all the work we're putting in and not to God's extravagant grace in Jesus. What helps you to walk the line between works/righteousness and grace-reliant inactivity?

Friday, October 28: Psalm 46

Verse 10: *Be still and know that I am God.* The psalmist describes all of nature in an uproar. The earth trembles and the mountains fall into the sea. In the midst of this chaos, the assurance is that God is our refuge—the All-Powerful one is with us. What helps you to be still and know that God is God?

Saturday, October 29: John 8:31-36

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**For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page.*

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FELC NS Engage Page: Pentecost 22 & Reformation

Today's gospel: **Luke 18:1-8** *Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

Sunday, October 23 through Tuesday, October 25

- ⇒ It's a bit hypocritical to pray that some injustice might be lifted from someone unless you are willing to do all in your power to help that to happen." Discuss that statement.
- ⇒ How long can one continue (to seek a more just rule) when so much energy produces so little change? (*both questions are adapted from Lutheran Bible Ministries.*)
- ⇒ What did you find most compelling about the sermon?
- ⇒ Family Project: What are your two main prayer concerns? Discuss those concerns as a family and then pray about them together. Don't grade the seriousness of the concerns. If someone brings it up, pray about it!

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