

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 Downtown Site Nursery (located across from the Library in the Gathering Area) is open for family use during all services and staffed during the 9:15 a.m. service. The North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) is staffed at both services. 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, email or call the church office (felc@felc.com; 733-2303) or email Pastor Mary (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 Dec. 10, 2017 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 10

8:50 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:25 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Monday

9 a.m.

Noon

5 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

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7 p.m.

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Wednesday

10 a.m.

Noon

5:30 p.m.

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6:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.

1 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

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9:15 a.m.

9:25 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

DS = Downtown Site

Alternative Gift Fair, NS (Checkout Table Only, DS)

Honey Sale; Scrip Sale Pick Up, Both Sites

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room

Christmas Program Rehearsal/Children's Learning Time

DS Fellowship Hall, Classrooms & Sanctuary

Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge

Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room

Christmas Program Rehearsal/Children's Learning Time

NS Lower Level, Classrooms & Sanctuary

Women's Study, NS Library

Christmas Tree Assembly & Decorating, NS

Newsletter Deadline, Noon Today

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall

Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge

Arts & Environment Committee, DS Lounge

Stephen Ministry Meeting, DS 221

Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Invitation & Hospitality Ministry Team, DS Kitchen

Sarah Circle Christmas Party, Mark's East Side

Youth Connections Ministry Team, Osorio's

Men's Ministry, DS 221

Worship & Music Ministry Team, NS

All Congregation Advent Service with Lunch to Follow,

DS Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Committee, DS Lounge

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Confirmation Service Night, Off-site

reFUEL Bell Ringing, Off-site

Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary

Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Miriam Circle, DS Lounge

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge

Daytime Women's Book Club, DS Lounge

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Alternative Gift Fair, NS-Checkout Table Only

Christmas Program Rehearsal, DS Fellowship Hall

Children's Christmas Program, DS Sanctuary During Worship

Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge

Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room

Christmas Program Rehearsal, NS Lower Level

Women's Study, NS Library

Children's Christmas Program, NS Sanctuary During Worship

Games & Carols, Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

NS = North Site



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 Dec. 10, 2017

North Site

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: M-Th: 3-6:30 p.m.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

Alternative Gift Fair Today

Brought to you by

the Outreach & Social Ministry Team

Downtown Site: Cashier's table

North Site: Display and cashier's table
(Cashier's table next week also)

This is the 14th annual Alternative Gift Fair at First English Lutheran Church. We work with Alternative Gifts International (AGI) to offer "Gifts Inspiring Change" to help people in crisis around the world. AGI is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. They offer donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relative, friends and associates.

Please stop by the display in the Gathering Area to learn more about the projects (including ELCA Good Gifts of animals, support of the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston and several other projects associated with FELC interests).

You can "purchase" your alternative gifts today or take home a shopping list and make your purchases next week at the North Site or in the Downtown Site Church Office.

Scrip Pick Up

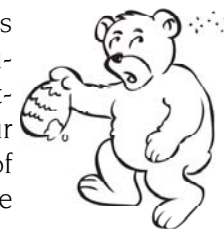
If you ordered any Scrip cards last week, they are available for pick up this morning in the Gathering Area of the site you designated on your order form. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Tree Assembly and Decorating

TODAY we will be assembling the North Site Christmas Tree and decorating the North Site space and tree as well. If you are interested in helping with this project, please join us following the 10:30 a.m. worship. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

Honey Sale Today!

The annual honey sale is today for you and your future toast, yogurt, or whatever you choose to pour some of this sweet nectar of God's creation on. Jars are \$12 and all proceeds go toward FELC Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer.



50+ News

Tickets to *Dream Role* (\$10) at UW Fox Valley on Feb. 23, will be for sale in the Gathering Area today as well. Join us!

The 50+ group will provide an Advent lunch in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall following a special worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary on Dec. 13. If so desired, please bring two dozen cookies to share in the annual cookie exchange! Please sign up on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area to aid in planning.

Looking Ahead

Operation Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 12, is the last day to bring gifts for *Operation Christmas*. Please place unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area of either site. Gift cards should be clearly marked and placed in the offering plate today or brought to the Church Office by Tuesday.

Newsletter Correction: Sarah Circle

The Sarah Circle will meet at Mark's East Side on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. for their annual Christmas party, and NOT at noon on Dec. 13 in the Downtown Site Room 114. We apologize for the error.

Caroling and Games at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Dec. 17 - 1:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages will enjoy eating cookies and playing some rousing games such as Train Wreck and Sheepshead. We will have the Packer game playing and after it is over sing some carols.

VSA Choir Christmas Concert

The VSA Choir Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Sanctuary. The VSA Choir has members with and without disabilities and will present some beautiful songs of the season. First English has been generous in providing space for our practices and concerts. Please join VSA for this awesome concert. Questions? Contact Nancy Strebe (851-0345) or Kathy Larson (731-4969).

Christmas Worship Volunteer Opportunities Posted

As the holiday season approaches, the number of worship volunteer roles increase. Signups with opportunities are posted in the Gathering Area at both sites. You can also log into your MSP profile, contact Hannah Sprenger hsprenger@felc.com or Kathy Larson klarson@felc.com, or call the church office to see what is available. Thank you for your consideration!

Gratitude for a Great Advent Evening

Every year we celebrate the season of Advent with the Advent Vespers Evening, a night full of creative crafts, storytelling, and scrumptious chicken from Mary's restaurant. Thank you to all who volunteered and to those who attended. May your spirit be exhilarated in the anticipation of the coming of our Lord.

Christmas Care Program Cancelled

Sadly, the *Christmas Care Program* that in the past FELC has participated in, is not being sponsored by WEMI this year. Happily, they will again be sponsoring *Help for the Homeless* in the spring.

2018 Pledge Cards

Please remember to turn in your 2018 Pledge Cards to as soon as possible. It can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office. It is important we receive these in time to prepare the 2018 budget. Please also consider using Automated Giving for fulfilling your pledge - it's easy to do! Forms are available in the office, Gathering Area or online at www.felc.com.

Synod Assembly

The Nominations Committee is looking for individuals interested in attending the Synod Assembly in May held in Green Bay. If you or anyone you know would consider being an attendee, please connect with the Brenda in the church office (920)733-2303.

Summer Intern Applications are OPEN!

The FELC Summer Intern Program exists to provide faith formation and vocational discernment for college-aged men and women. This is accomplished through working together in an intentional Christian community. Each intern is assigned a ministry focus (Elementary, Middle or High School, Worship, Music, Outreach, Communications, and Art), but the interns work as a team to carry out these ministries. This seasonal, full-time position will start at the end of May and run through mid-August. Applicants must have completed one year of college or be of equivalent age and life experience. Applications are available online at www.felc.com/employment and are due Dec. 31. Questions, contact Heidi Schreiner (hschreiner@felc.com).

FELC Advent Devotional

This is a daily devotional booklet written by FELC members. Limited copies are available in the Gathering Area, or you can read online at www.felc.com. For those who follow the *Engage Pages*, please use these devotions for the month of December.

Cancellations

If wondering about cancellations, please check the FELC website (www.felc.com) under the Facebook section, lower right hand margin on the FELC homepage. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view this. The church calendar will also be updated. In addition, TV station WBAY and radio station WHBY will be notified. In all instances, use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to drive to church for a scheduled worship, class or activity.

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
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- George Krempin
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Harold Rohlfing
- Jacob Frerking
- Tom Roy
- Melissa Heins
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Kathy Skaar
- Bob Gauerke
- Juanita Gauerke
- Bruce Barnes
- Judy Egbert
- Todd Kauti
- Mike Boushley

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Larry Beyer
- Mildred Bohm
- Korey Fischer
- Pamela Heinritz

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Addison Mary Albrecht

Weddings of:

- Katie Vollmer and Jeff Chaganos
- Marin Tuchscherer and Adam Landsverk

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

Prayers for Those in Seminary

- David Shudy

Prayers for Those in the Military

- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- PFC Samuel Sinclair

High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 10 2017

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DS YOUTH ROOM
WEDNESDAYS 7-8PM
For Grades 10-12

Second Sunday of Advent



- 12/13: Salvation Army Bell-Ringing
Meet at Pick 'n Save
on Wisconsin Ave. in
Appleton 6-7pm.
Hot cocoa afterwards @ DS!
- 12/20: Christmas Party!
Wear your ugly
Christmas sweater!
Special extended time
7-8:30pm
- 12/27: NO reFUEL, enjoy your
Christmas break!

*Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to **SHARE** it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year.—J. Osteen*



ELCA Youth Gathering Next fundraiser:

- 12/10: Honey Sale and
Scrip Pick-Up
Another great month of fundraising!
Looking forward to some
bonding events in 2018!



Follow **felc.youth** on Instagram and
FELC YOUTH Facebook!



Dec. 10, 2017



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

Advent Season Outreach Opportunities:

Best friends of Neenah and Menasha: Gift wrapping at
Fox River Mall, Dec. 14-24, for ages 15+.
Visit www.BestFriendsNM.org to get signed up!

Compassus Hospice: **Compassus** is looking for that special someone or a small group to conduct weekly bingo games (holiday themes would work!) or art activities for Grand Horizons Assisted Living on North Cherryvale Lane in Appleton. We can supply whatever you may need to bring cheer and joy to our elder friends.
Karen Ganiard • 920-321-2004 karen.ganiard@compassus.com

St. Paul Elder Services: Caroling, entertaining, visiting - come to our nursing home and/or assisted living and share your time and enthusiasm. Could also help with group activities, such as bingo and holiday crafts. You can be a gift to our tenants!
Hannah Schad • 920-766-6020 hannahsc@stpaulelders.org

Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: felc.youth Facebook: FELC YOUTH

Connect with FELC Youth Staff

Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator: kowens@felc.com
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: hschreiner@felc.com

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Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JESUS!



Some Important Notes About the Christmas Program

Don't forget that the Christmas program is next Sunday, Dec. 17!

Rehearsals are:

⇒ **TODAY** during Children's Learning Time at both Sites

⇒ Next week at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site

⇒ Next week during Children's Learning Time at the North Site

The program will be performed during the 9:15 a.m. worship at the Downtown Site and at 10:30 a.m. worship at the North Site.

Children should bring their costumes.

We look forward to having parents, grandparents, teachers, and children tell the story of Jesus' birth together!



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Off-Site Service Night This Wednesday



This Wednesday all small groups are involved in off-site service events throughout the community. Many are ringing bells for the Salvation Army while others are doing different projects like making blankets for folks at Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology. This is an important night of fun and friendship while we work to be God's hands and feet in the world. A great way to spread the light of Christ's love to others!

Many groups are meeting for a meal or treats either before or after their service event. Please make sure you contact your small group leader if you are unclear about when and where you should be.

Tons of Great Opportunities for Family Assignments

For 7th & 8th grade families the first Family Assignment due date is Jan. 3. Dec. provides some great opportunities to spend time together for this assignment. Here are a couple of ideas. Contact Kirsten for more info.

> **Help set-up the Downtown Site Sanctuary for the Longest Night service on Thursday, Dec. 21**

> **Play games and sing carols at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes on Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.**

What's CYG Up To This Week?



Today Confirmation Youth Group will continue to help make props for the Sunday School Christmas program. Next week, Dec. 17, we will help set up snacks and lead the Sunday School students in a song to get them geared up for their debut! Join us in the Activity Center at 9:15 a.m.

No Kid's Life This Week Due To Confirmation Having Off-Site Service Night

Kid's Life will not be meeting since many families that are normally at church on Wednesdays will not be due to Confirmation and high school programs having Off-Site Service Night. Don't miss our final meeting on Dec. 20 when we celebrate Christmas!



Downtown Choirs Sing For Christmas

Both the Cherub and Angelus Choirs will be singing at the Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m. worship. The Angelus Choir is asked to meet at 4:10 p.m. to rehearse.



Have questions or want to volunteer?

Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com or 733-2303.



Christmas Poinsettias



Help decorate the church by providing greenery and/or poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one. Return this order form with your payment of \$12 for each plant or greenery item ordered to the offering plate or the church office.

Payments may be made by check or online at www.felc.com and each will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 18, 2017.

YOUR NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

or

IN MEMORY OF _____

\$12 x _____ (Poinsettias) \$12 _____ (Greenery Items) Amount due: \$ _____

Please feel free to take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Day services.

The Longest Night - *Winter Solstice*

Thursday, Dec. 21

First English Lutheran Church - Downtown Site

“Celebrate the Light”

For all those who would like to experience relief from stress, anxiety, expectations, or personal grief this Christmas season, First English Lutheran Church would like to offer to FELC and the community an evening of peace, candlelight, music and prayer.

Solstice in Latin means the “sun standing still.” Dec. 21 is the longest night of the year. This service acknowledges the darkness of midwinter and the lengthening light of day that returns on Dec. 22 and beyond.

FELC prays this service will bring you peace this Christmas season.

6:15 p.m. Sanctuary opens

6:45-7:15 p.m. Contemplative service - Readings, piano, scripture, silence, lighting of candles,
personal prayer, laying on of hands

7:15 p.m. Sanctuary remains open

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28