

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. 17, 2017 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 17

8:30 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Monday

9 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
8:05 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24

8/9:30 a.m.
3 p.m.
4 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
6 p.m.
7 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25

10 a.m.

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 Sanctuary
Women's Study, NS Library
Children's Christmas Program, NS Sanctuary During Worship
Games & Carols, Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Finance Committee, DS 110
Congregational Life Ministry Team, DS 114
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Congregation Council, NS Library
VSA Choir Concert, DS Sanctuary

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Confirmation Christmas Parties by Grade, DS Large Group Rooms
Kid's Life, DS 014
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room
Seraphim Choir, DS Choir Room

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
Longest Night Sanctuary Open, DS Sanctuary
Longest Night Service, DS Sanctuary

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Christmas Eve

Advent Four Matins DS/NS
Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, DS
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion, NS
Christmas Eve Worship NO Communion, DS
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion, DS
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion, NS
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion, DS

Church Offices Closed

Christmas Day Worship, DS Sanctuary

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

Church Offices Closed

The Downtown Site Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26. The North Site Office will be closed the week of Dec. 25-29. The FELC staff wishes you a very blessed Christmas!



First English Lutheran Church

www.felc.com felc@felc.com

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.

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 at the North Site - Cashier's Table Only

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. They offer donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relative, friends and associates.

You can purchase your alternative gifts today at the North Site. Thank you for your support.

Caroling and Games at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

Today, 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.

Christmas Concerts to Hear and Watch

You can hear the St. Olaf College Christmas Festival at 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 17 on Wisconsin Public Radio 89.3 FM. *Christmas At Luther* will be broadcast on the same station Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.

The Christmas Concert of Concordia College, Moorehead, MN, will be broadcast at midnight on Christmas Eve. Wisconsin Public Television (channel 38.2). The theme will be *Gather Us In, O Child of Peace*.

Announcements

Week of Dec. 17, 2017

Looking Ahead

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!



VSA Choir Christmas Concert

The VSA Choir Christmas Concert is 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. Please join VSA for this awesome concert.

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.

End of Year Giving

What a year we have experienced together at First English! We are a church that makes a difference and gives ourselves away. We do not have to do this - we get to do this.

We get to do this because of members like you who generously invest financially in this incredible mission. Thank you. Your giving directly changes lives. The Christmas season is about changed lives. We celebrate the birth of Jesus who changed the world.

As you think about end-of-the-year opportunities for giving, we invite you to remember First English with an extra financial gift. We are grateful for this past year and anticipate 2018 with you and the stories that will emerge as we love Jesus and fulfill our callings. Christmas blessings.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms

Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge for Sunday Adult Learning Time. In Epiphany (Jan. 7 - Feb. 11) we will begin studying selected Psalms through the sermons and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Be challenged in your faith and learn about the life and teachings of this martyr of the faith. If you would like a book, please contact Pastor Mary (mbauer@felc.com).

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 WIXX 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.

A 7th Grade Small Group Needs YOU!

We have a great 7th grade small group whose leader is moving out of town. This is a fun and thoughtful group of students that needs of a leader by Jan. 3. Please contact Kirsten Owens a.s.a.p. about this opportunity to be a blessing to our FELC kids!

Get the Scoop On Confirmation!

If you have a student that will be entering 7th grade next fall it's time to think about Confirmation. On Jan. 17 from 7-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site we will be having a Welcome to Confirmation Meeting for New Students & Parents. We will be discussing Confirmation camp, pastor and family meetings, the calendar, the lock-in and more! If you intend to enroll a student in the fall please make every effort to attend this meeting. Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com for more information.

Hmmm...I've Been Wondering...

Have you read articles about becoming a Confirmation small group leader but were concerned you didn't understand the role well enough to jump in? If so, save the date for the Confirmation Small Group Leader Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 114. We will talk about the joys, challenges, and expectations of small group leadership, review the Confirmation calendar, and discuss advance training sessions to equip leaders for this important role. Please note the date has been changed from its initial Jan. 17 time Contact Kirsten Owens for more information at kowens@felc.com.

Echoes, A Christian Thrift Store

This FELC run thrift shop is looking for volunteers to sort and price, run the front desk or general organization of store departments. If you are interested, please connect with Kathy at 882-8172.

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).

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

FVLH Needs people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and on the Mission & Ministry Committee. Call Becky (734-7725) for information.

Apartments for Rent

There are 1 & 2 BR apartments available immediately at Linwood Place. Call Becky, John, or Brian to arrange a tour. Plan for the future also! Get on our waiting list if you're thinking of a move in the future. Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578).

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.

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
- Bruce Erickson
- Ken Dusso

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Corey Fischer
- Jill Hilligoss
- Pastor Bill Lenz

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

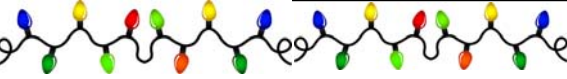


High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 17 2017

reFUEL



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

**Third
Sunday
of Advent**



Special thank you to
all of our bell-ringers!

12/20: Christmas Party!
Wear your ugly
Christmas sweater!
Special extended
Time 7-8pm w/ 9th graders
in Fellowship Hall
8-8:30pm in DS Youth Room
12/27: NO reFUEL, enjoy your
Christmas break!

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love, of generosity, and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things. -T. Monson

Breakfast Club Reunion! Thursday, Dec. 28 at 9:30am

For many, many years, high school youth from FELC and their friends met before school for devotions, good conversations, and of course, breakfast. Please join old friends and new friends to share a meal together at Galvan's Restaurant (2220 E Northland Ave) over Christmas break!



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



Dec. 17, 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@stpauleders.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!



With Joy We Give
Thanks For All
Who Participated in the
Story of Jesus' Birth!
This year we had a wide variety of
ages help in the presentation of
the Christmas story. It was wonderful to see these
folks pull together to tell one of the stories that
bind us together as Christians. Thank you! It is a
true celebration of our faith family!

It's Kid's Life

Time to Paarrtttaayy!

Come on down to Room 014
on Wednesday night from
7-8 p.m. for the Kid's Life
Christmas Party! If you're in
K-grade 6, you and your
friends are always welcome!



Downtown Choirs Sing For Christmas

Both the Cherub and
Angelus Choirs will be singing
on Dec. 24 at the 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve
worship. The
Angelus Choir
is asked to
meet at
4:10 p.m. to
rehearse.
Sing with
voices of
celebration
a baby who is savior to the
world is born!



Confirmation and
Middle School Scoop



Christmas Parties
This Week!
Meet in your large group
room for a fun night
before break!

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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 couple
of ideas. Contact Kirsten for more info

- > Play games and sing carols at
Fox Valley Lutheran Homes
TODAY at 1:30 p.m.
- > Help set-up the Downtown Site
Sanctuary for the Longest Night
service on Thursday, Dec. 21

What's CYG Up To This Week?

Today Confirmation Youth Group
will help set up a
treats table for the
Sunday Schoolers
as a kick off before
the Christmas Pro-
gram. The Confirmation stu-
dents will also lead them in a
fun song to help them shake off
their jitters. Join us in the Activi-
ty Center at 9:15 a.m. if interest-
ed. CYG will then take a two
week break, but will return on
Jan. 7.



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 TOMORROW, Monday, Dec. 18, 2017.

YOUR NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

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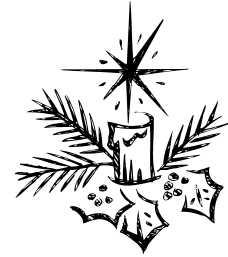
IN MEMORY OF _____

\$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”



“Solstice” is derived from two Latin words: “sol” meaning sun, and “sister,” to stand still. Does the month of December begin to wear on you? Are you longing for hope, peace, love, rest and worship? The time of year when worshipping Jesus should be the easiest it is often the hardest. This service is meant to serve all who may be struggling with the upcoming holiday festivities and expectations. Come celebrate the light!

Take time on Thursday, Dec. 21, to enjoy some candlelight, quiet, music and meditation at the First English Lutheran Church Downtown Site Sanctuary. The Sanctuary will open at 6:15 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. there will be time of prayer petitions, readings, candle stations and reflection. Following the Longest Night Service, the Sanctuary will remain open until all participants are gone; no one will be hurried or rushed.



First English Lutheran Church Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

Downtown Site

- 8 a.m. Advent Four Matins
- 3 p.m. Communion
- 4:30 p.m. No Communion;
Cherub and Angelus Choirs Sing
- 6 p.m. Communion;
Candlelight and Special Music
- 10:30 p.m. Communion;
Candlelight and Parish Choir

North Site

- 9:30 a.m. Advent Four Matins
- 4 p.m. Communion, Candlelight
- 7 p.m. Communion, Candlelight

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

Downtown Site

- 10 a.m. Communion

Epiphany Worship, Wednesday, Jan. 3

Downtown Site

- 6:15 p.m. Epiphany Worship and
Remembrance of the Magi