

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. 24, 2017 At-A-Glance

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,

10 a.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30 a.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31

8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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DS = Downtown Site

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 Office Closed, DS & NS

Christmas Day Worship, DS Sanctuary

Church Office Closed, DS & NS

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Church Office Closed, NS

Church Office Closed, NS

FELC High School Breakfast Club Reunion, Galvan's

Church Office Closed, NS

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

NS = North Site

Early Risers

Thursdays, beginning Jan. 18, 2018

6 - 7 a.m.

Facilitated by Heidi Schreiner

Braving the Wilderness by Brené Brown

"True belonging doesn't require us to *change* who we are. It requires us to *be* who we are." Social scientist Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW, has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives - experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. In *Braving the Wilderness*, Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling, and honesty, Brown will again change the cultural conversation while mapping a clear path to true belonging.

If you would like to participate in this Early Risers and need a book ordered for you, please contact Jean Monson at jeanmonson2324@gmail.com. Read Chapter 1 prior to the Jan. 18 start date.



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.

Announcements

Week of Dec. 24, 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

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Jean Burmeister in memory of Don.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship

Please worship with us this evening and tomorrow morning. A list of services is on the back of this bulletin. Let us celebrate the birth of our Lord together!

Christmas Concerts to Hear and See

- *Christmas At Luther* on Wisconsin Public Radio 89.3 FM today at 2 p.m.
- Gustavus College Christmas in Christ Chapel, tonight at 5 p.m. on Wisconsin Public Television.
- The Christmas Concert of Concordia College, Moorehead, MN, at midnight tonight on Wisconsin Public Television (channel 38.2). The theme will be *Gather Us In, O Child of Peace*.



The Staff of First English wishes you a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead

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!

Summer Intern Applications Are Due Dec. 31!

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).

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.

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.

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.

Update Your Contact Information

Have you moved? Dropped your land line? Got a new cell phone? Changed your email address? Please help FELC stay current by updating your contact information for us. It is fast and easy - just visit www.felc.com/update and fill out the short form. Thank you!

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).

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
- Judy Egbert
- Todd Kauti
- Mike Boushley
- Bruce Erickson
- Ken Dusso
- Karen Schulz

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- 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

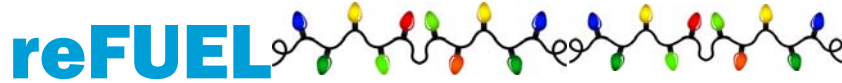
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- PFC Samuel Sinclair



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 24, 2017



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

*Special thanks to all who rang bells
this Christmas season!*

12/27: NO reFUEL, enjoy your
Christmas break!

1/3: Devotion and discussion on fresh starts

Fourth Sunday of Advent



*Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of
getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people.*

It is forgetting self and finding time for others.

*It is discarding the meaningless and
stressing the true values. -T. Monson*

FELC Breakfast Club Reunion This Week! 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 to share a meal together at
Galvan's Restaurant (2220 E Northland Ave)
over Christmas break!

SAVE THE DATES: Pre-Gathering Retreat for ELCA Youth
Gathering Participants Feb. 9-10 and FELC Ski-Trip (and
snowboarding and tubing) Feb. 17!



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



Dec. 24, 2017



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



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**



*May The Joy & Light Of a Baby
That Saved the World
Be With You Today & Always!*

Christmas Break is a Great Time to Learn as a Family

Having an unstructured week filled with family can be a super time to pull out your Bibles and learn together. Be it in the car during long drives to celebrations or quiet moments snuggled in consider reading these important stories and talking about them together. Use the verse focus word as a compass for your conversation on the assigned day or whenever.

- * Dec. 24: **Luke 1:26-38** Focus word: **Possibilities**
What were all the exciting possibilities about having children? How is that excitement like waiting for Jesus?
Season color: **Blue for Advent** (A color of anticipation)
- * Dec. 25: **Luke 2:1-20** Focus words: **Christmas Hope**
The birth of babies always bring hope into the world. What were your hopes for your babies? How is this the same & different with the birth of Jesus?
Season color: **White and/or gold** (The holiest of seasons)
- * Dec. 31: **Luke 2:22-40** Focus word: **Expectations**
Have you hoped and waited a long time to meet someone? How do we meet Jesus in our lives? Is it exciting, comforting, confusing?

**No Children's Learning
Time or Wednesday
Night Programming
Until the Week of Jan. 3!**

Thanks to Cherub & Angelus Choirs for Sharing Your Voices Today!
Both Cherub & Angelus Choirs are on break until Jan. 7.



**Confirmation and
Middle School Scoop**



For to us, a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6

Enjoy Your Week Off Then Get Ready for Jan. 3

On Jan. 3: Epiphany worship (6:15-7 p.m.)

7th grade large group. Have chap. 6 read.

8th grade large group. Have chap. 7 read.

9th grade student & parent meeting in Fellowship Hall.

First Family Assignment is due for 7th & 8th graders.



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CYG is Taking a Short Break!



Confirmation Youth Group will not be meeting Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. We'll be back at it on Jan. 7. If you are interested in starting out the new year with us, come to the NS Activity Center at 9:15 a.m. Hope to see you there!

*Have questions or want to volunteer?
Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com or 733-2303.*

**The First English Sanctuaries
are adorned with Christmas
flowers and greenery
given by:**



Kathy Nigl in memory of Floyd Jahnke.

*Pete & Mary Vandenberg in honor of their
four grandsons.*

*The Jon & Becky Stellmacher family in memory of Leroy &
Helen Stellmacher.*

The Birkholz family in memory of Roman & Gladys Birkholz.

The Ziegler family in memory of Donna Ziegler.

*Two plants are provided by Mary H. Poulson in memory of
John, Irene, Karl and Ruth.*

Amy Zewicki in memory of Mildred Rohrschneider.

*Mary Jeppson and Gordy's loving family in memory of Gordy
Jeppson.*

*Two plants are provided by Billy Griggs and Katie Loecken in
honor of grandparents, Lee & Shirley Larson, and in memory of
grandparents, Howard & Dorothea Griggs.*

Two plants are provided by Bill & Julie Nussbaum.

*The Gary & Pauline Nokleberg family in memory of Hans &
Adeline Sethre and Roald & Carol Nokleberg.*

*Rich Erickson in honor of Jan, Sara, Russ, Emma, Heidi, Bryce,
Laura, Mike and Ava.*

Alec, Anna & Emily Schmidt in memory of Lance Schmidt.

Two plants are provided by Bob & Beth Eick in memory of loved ones.

Two plants are provided by Greg & Laura Meronk in honor of their parents, Bob & Ruth Meronk, and Dayton & Amy Henderson.

Two plants are provided by Mark, Deanna, Gwynn & Claire Sanders in memory of Hazel Brunner, Stella Sanders, and Ray & Catherine Vosters.

Two plants and greenery are provided by Brian & Laura Wilt in honor of their moms, Catherine Webb and Maxine Wilt, and in memory of their dads, Bill Webb and Don Wilt.

Greenery is provided by Karrie Aaseby in honor of her children and grandchildren, and in memory of Ken Aaseby.

Laurie Townsend in memory of Shirley A. St. John and Ada O. St. John.

Two plants are provided by Jake & Vicki Lichosik in memory of their parents, John Lichosik and Richard & Roxanne Veser.

Bernie & Marge Eder in memory of Robert & Ruth Eder and Everett & Elaine Davis.

Four plants are provided by Christina V. Winch in memory of Mary Chaika, Christina Vignec, Rosemary L. Nienhaus, and Pastor Ron Vignec.

Dan & Julie Beyer in honor of Robert & Nita Gauerke and in memory of Alvin & Ella Kuberra.

Brady, Jacinda, Connor, Jacob, Brett, Lily, Natalie, Tenley & Laikyn in honor of their grandparents, Merlin & Joan Keller.

Sharon Evensen and family in memory of Robert Evensen.

Two plants are provided by Madi & Grace Howard in honor of grandparents, Warren & Bonnie Howard and Linda Peterson, and in memory of grandpa, Gene Peterson.

Don & Jean Monson in memory of Don's father, Ken, and in honor of Natalie, Hailey & Lillian Tlachac, and Luke, Connor & Ben Skarda.

Maren Pekarske in memory of her parents, Jim & Audrey Torrison, and her brother, Scott Torrison.

Two plants are provided by Jack Achterberg in memory of Nancy Achterberg.

Dick & Nadine Gade in memory of their parents, Arthur Gade and Alios & Yvette Collins.

Jeremy, Rachael, Trina & Taelyn Thiel in memory of Harvey & Deloris Mielke, and Bernard & Arlene Freymiller.

Nancy Allen in memory of her parents, Earl & Julia Allen.

Two plants are provided by Dave & Kay Eggert in memory of their parents, Ralph & Eunice Eggert and Wallace & Marion Scheunemann.

Steve & Sharon Eder in memory of Raymond & Ramona Miller and Robert & Ruth Eder.

Dian, Allison & Whitney Flittner in memory of their grandparents, Cletus & Dolores Flittner and Lynn & Adalyne McCartney.

Evelyn and Elizabeth O'Grady in honor of their grandparents, Ron & Sue Ann Flittner.

Betty Urbanek in memory of Lawrence & Ruth Schabo, Mary Koopika, Robert Schabo, Susan Jeske, and Ed Urbanek.

Pam, Marc & Jill Patri and Cindy, Mike & Eric Miller and Bailey Ernst in honor of Ken Anderson and in memory of Nina Anderson.

Ken Ferron in memory of his parents, Bud & Janet Ferron.

One plant is provided by Sarah Miles.

Debi & Steve Walters in memory of Liliana Walters.

Two plants are provided by Greg & Cathy Leinum in memory of Glen & Ann Leinum and Kermit & Darlyne Christianson.

The Mahnkes in honor of God's goodness.

Two plants are provided by Bob & Anita Damon in honor of Julie Damon; Sara, Josh, Micah, Seth & Eli Huhmann; Lori, Adeline & Evan Wendlandt and in memory of Andy & Mildred Olson and Jennie Damon.

Three plants and greenery are provided by Lou Chicquette in honor of the many good works of our Stephen Ministers and in memory of Kay Chicquette.

Shirley Strong in memory of Art Strong.

Orv Kuske in memory of his mother and dad, Lila, George, Gordon and Jerry.

Ann Erickson in memory of Dale Erickson.

Four plants are provided by Roberta Roloff in loving memory of her beloved husband, Robert Roloff, her parents, Arthur & Clara Krempin, her sister, Thelma Krempin Vogt, Maestro Miroslav Pansky and her cousin, Rev. Ralph Huget.

