

## 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](mailto:felc@felc.com); 733-2303) or email Pastor Mary ([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 Dec. 3, 2017 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Dec. 3

8:50 a.m.  
9:15/9:25 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
9:15/9:25 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.  
Noon  
4:45 p.m.

5 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

8:05 p.m.

### Thursday

6 a.m.  
1 p.m.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 10

8:50 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.

9:15/9:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

9:25 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

### Alternative Gift Fair, Downtown Site

### Coffee Sale; Honey Sale; Scrip Sale, Both Sites

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room  
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge/NS Library  
Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room  
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS  
Women's Study, NS Library

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
Life Group - Board Games Guild, NS Library  
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
Judith Circle, DS 114

### NS Office Closes at 5 p.m.

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221  
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall  
Congregational Advent Dinner, DS Fellowship Hall  
Personnel Committee, DS Office Workroom  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
Advent Vespers Worship, DS Sanctuary  
Confirmation Families Attend Vespers Worship, DS Sanctuary  
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room  
Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Early Risers Krumkake Event, DS Kitchen  
50+ Planning Meeting, DS 114

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
**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/NS Library  
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

DS=Downtown Site  
NS=North Site

## VSA Choir Christmas Concert

The VSA Choir Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 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).



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[www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com) [felc@felc.com](mailto: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. 3, 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

### Christmas Shop Today at FELC and Make a Difference!

You have a unique opportunity today in the Gathering Area to get some of your holiday shopping done, and help one of several causes at the same time. See if one of the following would suit someone on your Christmas list or just treat yourself. Thank you for your support!

• **Honey Sale:** The annual honey sale is today and next Sunday 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.

• **Shop With Scrip:** Buy gift cards from our list of 28 retailers and receive 100% of what you pay, while the Annual Youth Trips fund receives rebates anywhere from 2.5-14%. This year's profits go toward costs for the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. Scrip order forms can be found in this bulletin and at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms). Orders and payments are due to the offering plate or the Church Office by noon tomorrow. Gift cards will be ready for pick up Sunday, Dec. 10. Questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)).

• **Alternative Gift Fair Today, Downtown Site (Cashier's table next week); Next Sunday, Dec. 10, North Site:** FELC works 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. At this year's fair, alternative gifts will support over thirty domestic and international relief and environmental programs. You can "purchase" your alternative gifts today or take home a shopping list and make your purchases next week.

• **LWR Coffee and Chocolate Projects:** What better time than at Christmas is there for us, empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, to answer God's call to show mercy and compassion to our brothers and sisters in need. When we support LWR's fair trade projects, we help the small farmers who benefit from the fair prices, allowing them to educate their children, pay for healthcare and make improvements to their communities. We are selling coffee, tea, hot chocolate and chocolate bars today.



## Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Rex and Nila Hahn in honor of their grandchildren.

The second arrangement at the Downtown Site is provided by Sharon Orsted.

## Operation Christmas

Bring a Christmas wrapped in Christ's love to Lutheran affiliated and other local non-profits through *Operation Christmas*. FELC's focuses this year are: **Lutheran Social Services**, which has programs that serve men and women with mental health issues; **Leaven**, an organization that assists people in crisis to meet their basic needs; **Crossways Camping Ministries**, a Lutheran camping ministry which operates three outdoor ministry sites; **Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**, providing supportive independent living in a faith-based senior community and **Riverview Gardens**, which focuses on providing job training to people in need.

Please select "ornaments" from the *Operation Christmas* tree. Each ornament will identify gift items to help fulfill wishes and needs for these organizations and the people they serve. Place unwrapped gifts under the tree by Tuesday, Dec. 12. Gift cards should be brought to the church office, or be clearly marked and placed in the offering plate. The needs among our Lutheran affiliates and in our community are varied and great. Help FELC bring the compassion of Christ to them.

## 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 as soon as possible. It is important to receive these in time to prepare the 2018 budget. Thank you!

## Advent Wreath Lighting

Consider signing up to help with Advent Wreath Lighting. There are still several slots open for all services. Both individuals and groups are encouraged! Visit [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com) homepage or contact the Church Office to help.

## FVLH Open House Today

See 1 and 2 BR apartments for rent at **Linwood Place**, a Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, today, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m., 425 N. Linwood Ave.

## 50+ News

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.

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

## Board Games Guild Meets Tomorrow

Bring your favorite board game, your family and friends, and meet for a night of fun fellowship on Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. at the North Site Library.

## Advent Vespers

Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Downtown Site is the annual Advent Vespers evening. We begin at 4:45 p.m. with a chicken dinner from Mary's Restaurant (free will offering). Children of all ages can enjoy arts and crafts during the meal time. At 6:15 p.m. we move to the Sanctuary to enjoy music by our choirs and listen as *The Hope Tree* is read. This Christmas story reminds us that sharing our gifts with others brings joy and transforms this busy time of year. Come and enjoy this family-friendly event.

## Noon Hour Philosophers

The Noon Hour Philosophers meet for the last time this year for an hour at noon on Wednesday in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. The sessions will resume Jan. 3.

## Dec. 6: Opioids: Use, Addiction and the Epidemic

Bruce Hetzler, Ph.D, Professor  
Psychology and Neural Science  
Lawrence University

## FELC Advent Devotional

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

## 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.

## 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](http://www.felc.com/employment) and are due Dec. 31. Questions, contact Heidi Schreiner ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)).

## 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
- Dianne Droster
- Debra Nuthals
- Bruce Barnes
- Judy Egbert
- Todd Kauti

## Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

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

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Bryce Jackson Goffard
- Gavin Eben Wilkes

## 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. 3 2017

## reFUEL

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

### First Sunday of Advent

12/6: Advent Vespers Service  
Please consider volunteering to help with children's crafts from 5-6pm, followed by worship 6:15-7:15pm and reFUEL 7:15-8pm

12/13: Salvation Army Bell-Ringing



Meet at Pick n Save on Wisconsin Ave in Appleton 6-7pm. Hot chocolate to follow at reFUEL at DS Youth Room until 8pm

### Advent Season Outreach Opportunity:

Serve with Best friends of Neenah and Menasha: Gift wrapping at Fox River Mall, Dec. 14-24, for ages 15+. [www.BestFriendsNM.org](http://www.BestFriendsNM.org) to get signed up!



### ELCA Youth Gathering Next fundraiser:

12/3: Honey Sale and Scrip Sale  
12/10: Honey Sale and Scrip Pick-Up

Please contact Heidi ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)) if you have not received the sign up or have additional questions.

### High School Breakfast Club

High school boys and girls are invited to bond over food and conversation every other Tuesday morning at 6:15am

Tuesday, Dec. 5 at North Site Copper Rock



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



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Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12

## Take part in This Year's Advent Vespers Wednesday, Dec. 6 Downtown Site

**4:45-6:15 p.m.:**

Meal, Kids' Crafts, Cookie Decorating, Songs

**6:15-7:15 p.m.:** Advent Vespers Worship

**7:15-8 p.m.:** reFUEL and Kid's Life

If anyone wants to help with crafts, contact [hsprenger@felc.com](mailto:hsprenger@felc.com).



### 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](mailto:kowens@felc.com)  
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: [hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)

**Love Jesus. Live your call.**



## Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



## Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



### Happy New Year! Let's Prepare for Jesus!

Hmmm...happy new year? Yes! Advent is the beginning of a new year in the church calendar. At this time of year we begin re-telling the story of Jesus' life, and our journey as Christians to learn about our Savior. The new year begins in Advent when we await with hope the birth of Jesus. During December we prepare for Christ's arrival as we slow down and reflect on the importance of God in our lives. We sing our Christmas program songs and read our parts (if you or your child chose to do one), make simple costumes (star, shepherd, angel, or Magi) and open our Bibles to share the story of a child who changed the world. If you know you may miss a Sunday morning or two or would like to read the scriptures at your own pace, here is what we will be learning this month:

- > Mark 13:24-37>Mark 1:1-8>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
- >Luke 1:26-38>Luke 2:1-20>Luke 2:22-40

### Family Attendance Night This Wednesday

As part of Confirmation curriculum this Wednesday night is a Family Attendance night. Families are expected to attend the Advent Vespers worship with their student(s) from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Downtown Site. This event replaces the standard Confirmation class time (there are no classroom activities from 7-8 p.m.).



In December our main focus is community building. Please place the same level of priority on attending this event as you do regular Confirmation class.

### Tons of Great Opportunities for Family Assignments

For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families the first Family Assignment due date is Jan. 3. December provides some great opportunities to spend time together for this assignment. Here are a couple of ideas.

> **Light the FELC Advent wreath.**  
Go to [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms) to choose a date.

> **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 for Confirmation Youth Group we will be helping make props for the Sunday School Christmas program. We'll be making stars, sheep, crowns, and halos. Want to get crafty with us? Meet in the North Site Activity Center at 9:15 a.m.!

### If You're Not At Kid's Life You're Missing Out!

Have you seen some of the great things they have been doing in Kid's Life? Gratitude jars, *Did You Pray Today?* button door hangers, friendship bracelets, self-care & prayer projects and more! All students K-grade 6 are welcome on Wednesday nights from 7-8 in Room 014.

### LA-LA-LA!

#### Downtown Choirs Sing

- > Cherub Choir-TODAY, 9:15 a.m. worship
- > Angelus Choir-Dec. 6, 6:15 p.m. Advent Vespers worship

Any and all are welcome at choir!



*Have questions or want to volunteer?*

Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.

# First English Lutheran Church SCRIP Order Form

## Benefitting FELC Youth Annual Trips

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_ Pick up at DS \_\_\_ Pick up at NS

If you are unable to pick up your order on Dec. 10, they will be available during office hours at the site preference you selected.

### General Information

Please return completed form to the Church Office or email to Heidi Schreiner at *hschreiner@felc.com*. Payment is required at time of order. Orders placed by **Noon on Monday, Dec. 4** will be available for pick up on **Sunday, Dec. 10**.

Questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner at (920)733-2303 or *hschreiner@felc.com*.

*(Turn this sheet over to select your gift cards.)*

### Totals

Total # Scrip Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Payment Option: (Make checks payable to FELC. Please put "Scrip" in the memo line.)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

Retailer	\$ (Choose)	Credit	Qty	Total Cost
Amazon.com	\$25 \$100	2.5%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%		
Bath and Body Works	\$25	13%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%		
CVS	\$25 \$100	6%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25 \$100	8%		
Festival	\$50 \$100	3%		
Fleet Farm	\$25 \$100	3.5%		
Funset Boulevard	\$25	9%		
Gap	\$25 \$100	14%		
HomeGood's	\$25 \$100	7%		
Kohl's	\$25 \$100	4%		
Kwik Trip	\$25 \$50 \$100	4%		
Little Caesars	\$20	8%		
		TOTAL		

Retailer	\$ (Choose)	Credit	Qty	Total Cost
Menards	\$25 \$100 \$500	3%		
Motomart	\$50	5%		
Nike	\$25	12%		
Old Navy	\$25 \$100	14%		
Pick N Save	\$50 \$100	4%		
Piggly Wiggly	\$50 \$100	3%		
Sams Club	\$50 \$100 \$250	2.5%		
Starbucks	\$25	7%		
Target	\$25 \$50	2.5%		
TJ Maxx	\$25 \$100	7%		
Uno's Pizzeria	\$25	12%		
Walgreen's	\$25 \$100	5%		
Walmart	\$50 \$100 \$250	2.5%		
		TOTAL		

*Turn this sheet over to provide your contact information.*



## 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](http://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.