

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 Nov. 26, 2017 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Nov. 26

8:50 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Monday

9 a.m.

8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

Noon

5:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

8:05 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.

9 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3

8:50 a.m.

9:15/9:25 a.m.

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DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Christ the King Sunday

Cross Dedication, NS

Troop 12 Christmas Wreath Delivery, Both Sites

Cherub Choir Rehearsal, DS 220

Women's Study, NS Library

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall

Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Congregation Council, NS Library

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221

Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Confirmation General Session. DS Assigned Small Group Rooms

Kid's Life, DS 014

reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room

Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge

Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Ukulele Class, DS Choir Room

Men's Ministry, NS Library

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



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.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Diane Putzer in memory of her parents, Bob and Ellen Karloske, who would have celebrated 65 years of marriage on Nov. 30.

North Site Cross

If you drive past the North Site you may notice a building addition - a cross. This cross was lovingly removed from downtown Appleton church, Trinity Lutheran, by a group of dedicated FELC volunteers. It was carefully refurbished and in mid-November enthusiastically rehung and will be dedicated at the North Site, today, Christ the King Sunday. Our prayers and thanks to Trinity Lutheran for passing on this lovely cross which hung faithfully on their building for many, many years calling the community to Christ.

2018 Pledge Cards

Please remember to turn in your 2018 Pledge Cards as soon as possible. They can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church office. It is important to receive these in time to prepare the 2018 budget. Thank you!

FELC Advent Devotional

The FELC Advent Devotional is back! This is a daily devotional booklet written by FELC members meant to enhance your Advent season. Pick up your copy in the Gathering Area today.

Announcements

Week of Nov. 26, 2017

North Site

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

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

Thankful for Thanksgiving Volunteers

During this time of year we reflect on the many things that bring us happiness and for which we are grateful. First English would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the FELC volunteers that made the Thanksgiving worship so special. Keep up the great work!

Looking Ahead

New & Review is Fast Approaching!

The next *New & Review* series, for anyone interested in becoming a new member, will begin on Jan. 14. If you are interested in joining the FELC family or have questions about the 3 week series, please contact Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Red Kettle Campaign

Signup for FELC Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army is happening TODAY. Please visit the table in the Gathering Area to sign up for this important ministry. The one hour time slots traditionally fill fast. FELC bell ringing will take place at various locations on:

- Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 11 from 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6-8 p.m.

Some confirmation students will be ringing bells on Wednesday, Dec. 13, their service night. Please consult small group leaders for more information. Thank you.

Ukulele Combo Rehearsal

Join the First English Ukulele Combo! An extension of the previously offered Ukulele class, the Combo focuses on learning songs to play for Worship. The next rehearsal is Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Choir Room. For those of you who would feel more comfortable with continued learning rather than performance, or for more information, please contact Rodney McComb at rmccomb@felc.com.

Shop With Scrip to Support FELC Students

Shop With Scrip (or as most people call it "Scrip"), is an easy way to fundraise as you shop. You can buy gift cards from our list of 28 retailers and receive 100% what you pay for while the Annual Youth Trips fund receives rebates anywhere from 2.5-14%. This year's profits will go toward costs for the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer. Scrip order forms can be found in the November Newsletter, on the FELC website on the forms page, and in the Dec. 3 bulletin. The orders and payments are due to the offering plate or the Church Office by Noon on Dec. 4. After processing, the gift cards will be ready for pick up on Sunday, Dec. 10. Still have questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner (hschreiner@felc.com).

Save the Date: Honey Sale

Don't forget to bring your wallet or check book to church the first two Sundays of December (Dec. 3 and 10). The annual honey sale will be happening for you and your future toast, yogurt, or on whatever you choose to pour some of this sweet nectar of God's creation. Jars will be \$12 and all of the proceeds will go toward FELC Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer! Thank you!

Advent Wreath Lighting Begins Next Week!

The Advent season is nearly upon us. Please consider signing up to help with Advent Wreath Lighting. There are still several slots open for all services. Any individual, family, or group of friends are encouraged to sign up. Visit the sign up genius on the front page of the website or contact the Church Office to sign up. How will you help out this holiday season?



Church Leadership Positions

The Nominations Committee is looking for individuals to serve in FELC leadership roles. Would you be interested in attending the Synod Assembly in May held in Green Bay? How about serving on the Congregation Council? If you or anyone you know would consider being a candidate, please connect with the Brenda in the church office (920)733-2303.

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. This is also the annual cookie exchange. If so desired, please bring two dozen cookies to share to this event. Please sign up on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area for meal planning purposes.

Tickets for the annual outing to *Dream Role* at UW Fox Valley on Feb. 23 will be for sale in the Gathering Area on Dec. 3 and 10. Tickets are \$10 a piece. For those who wish to, we will meet for dinner at Good Company at 5 p.m., Dutch Treat.



Noon Hour Philosophers

The Noon Hour Philosophers meet for an hour at noon each Wednesday in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please contact Mary Poulson at mmaryjep@att.net or (920)734-8137.

Nov. 29: *The Art of Cutting Gem Stones and Some Related History*

Dan Winter, Retired VP of Plexus,
Now Lapidary Artist

Operation Christmas

First English has the opportunity to bring a Christmas wrapped in Christ's love to Lutheran affiliated and other local non-profits through "Operation Christmas." Our focus this year is five local organizations that serve others: **Lutheran Social Services** which has three 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 of ornaments. Each ornament will identify gift items to help fulfill wishes and needs for these organizations and the people they serve. Please 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. Please help First English bring the compassion of Christ to them.

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.

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
- Shana Weber
- Todd Kauti
- Dianne Droster
- Debra Nuthals
- Bruce Barnes

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Larry Beyer
- Mildred Bohm
- Nancy Brunette
- Corey Fischer
- Pamela Heinritz
- Donald Schabo

Prayers of Thanksgiving Baptism of:

- Arlo Samuel Vandenberg
- ## 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

Nov. 26 2017

reFUEL

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

11/29: Friendsgiving Potluck
Contact Heidi or
check the FELC YOUTH
Facebook page for
details #yum

*The season of Advent is right
around the corner!*

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
Site Location
TBD



Special shout out to all of the
dancers and musicians who
took part in the Christmas
Parade this year! Thanks for
spreading joy this season!



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) 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
Tuesday mornings at
6:15am

Tuesday, Nov. 28
at North Site
Copper Rock



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



Nov. 26, 2017



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.



Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: [felc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/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



He's Our Savior, No Doubt! It's Christ the King Sunday

This morning all of the ways we have been talking about walking like Jesus during the green season after Pentecost (ordinary time) come to a close as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. On this day the church calendar changes from green to white or gold to signify a feast day. Today we say we have heard the story of Christ's birth, life, resurrection, and have studied and acknowledged Jesus is our king of kings! Definitely worth celebrating!

Even though Sunday School does not meet today, read this scripture, **Matthew 25:31-46**, "Serving People, Serving Jesus." It's a great lesson that reminds us all that we have the loving power to serve others just like Jesus and that is how people will know we are one of his sheep. How we behave says a lot about the love we have for one another and God. What a great king to serve!

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! Join us on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 014. This group is for students kindergarten - grade 6. Come and make some new friends and some super cool faith projects!

LA-LA-LA!
Downtown Choirs Sing
> Cherub Choir-Dec. 3,
9:15 a.m. worship
> Angelus Choir-Dec. 6
6:15 p.m. Advent Vespers worship

If you love to sing choir may be your thing! Any and all are welcome at any time. Cherub (K-grade 2) practices at 8:50 a.m. in Room 220 and Angelus (grades 3-6) practices at 8:50 a.m. in the Choir Room.



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Small Groups This Week For All

- > 7th grade students should have a chapter 5 Question to Ponder done
- >8th grade students should have a chapter 6 Question to Ponder done
- >9th grade should have at least 8 (technically 16 but unexpected schedule changes have altered things a bit). Be prepared to briefly discuss why there is suffering in the world plus God and science.

There are tons of great ideas for Family Assignments during this time of the year! At FELC you can light the Advent wreath, help decorate our Christmas trees, play games at

Ho! Ho! OH NO!
Our Christmas
Parties

NEED HELP

All of our class Christmas parties need parent helpers.
> 7th grade needs 1 party planner
>8th grade needs 2 party planners
>9th grade needs 5 party planners (there are currently none), 1 treat person, and 3 drink people.
Thanks to those that have already signed up!



Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, participate in the Christmas programs as a family.



CYG Has the Day Off!



Confirmation Youth Group is taking a break today in honor of Thanksgiving. Take this break to reflect with your family about the things that bring you joy and that you are thankful for. We'll be back at it Sunday, Dec. 3. Can't wait!

Don't forget to turn in your
offsite consent form
on Wednesday!

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

FELC DS Engage Page: November 26, 2017

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, I you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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Sat., Dec 2: Mark 13:24-37 The sun darkened, a moon without light, and stars falling from the sky—this is scary stuff! It is good to remember that though although these words were spoken during a time of relative peace, they were written and read to a church suffering persecution. Language of the end times can give us hope that faith will last beyond present fears. Prof. David Jacobsen writes, "We early 21st century Christians may just benefit...to overhear the kinds of promises that allowed them [in the early church] to live forward amid the fragments and ruins to watch for the new thing God is doing in Advent." http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3482

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