

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 nurseries at both sites are open for family use during all services. The Downtown Site Nursery is located across from the Library in the Gathering Area. The North Site Nursery is off the main hallway, across from the restrooms. 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. 5, 2017 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Nov. 5

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:15 a.m.
6:30 a.m.
1 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
Noon
Noon
Noon

5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

7 p.m.
8:05 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
9 a.m.
1 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12

8:50 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
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DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Coffee Project Sunday

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

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

High School Girl's Breakfast Club, *Little Diner Xpress*
Men's Ministry, NS Library
Judith Circle, DS 114

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
Sarah Circle, DS 114

Stewardship Meeting, DS Lounge
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary

Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Confirmation General Session, DS
Kid's Life, DS 014

Miriam Circle, DS Lounge
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room
Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Early Risers Women's Study *Together by Grace*, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study *Together by Grace*, DS Lounge
50+ Planning Meeting, DS 114

Newsletter Deadline Today

Men's Ministry, NS Library

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

Echoes, a Christian Thrift Store

1320 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Store Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday Closed

Volunteers needed! Call Kathy at 882-8172 or stop in to give us a much needed hand.



For All the Saints

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 Nov. 5, 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

Coffee Project Sunday

Every time you consider having a cup of coffee, give some thought to the plight of the small farmers who produce it. For if you buy an ordinary brand of coffee, you're inadvertently maintaining a system which keeps small farmers poor, while lining the pockets of powerful middlemen. Equal Exchange provides an alternative. It cuts out the middlemen and provides fresh coffee to you. By always paying a fair price to the farmer co-ops, EE helps build and protect sustainable farming communities in Latin America and Africa.

Visit the Gathering Area today to support this important cause by purchasing some of the delicious products. Hope to see you!

LWR Thank You

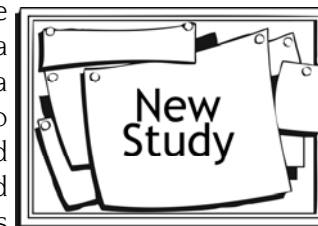
Thanks to ALL who supported the Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts projects. Besides the 221 quilts, 94 school kits and 87 personal care kits shipped, FELC North Site also created and shipped 35 baby care kits. From the creation of the kits and quilts, to the loading of the trucks, what an amazing example of First English members and friends, doing God's work with their hands!

In 2016, LWR shipped 346,170 quilts, 191,720 school kits, 144,970 personal care kits and 48,900 baby care kits to 16 different countries. What a blessing and a privilege for First English to be a part of this amazing ministry.

Looking Ahead

New Study: Freed in Christ

We are a people held together in a community with a common call to spread the love and light of the good news of Jesus



Christ. Because of that, we are one of the few places in modern day society where people of differing political and social views gather on a regular basis. Even within those communities held together by Christ, we at First English are somewhat unique in the degree of variety we possess. Consequently, we have a responsibility to model the civil discourse that we hope would exist in society at large.

This week we will begin a study that helps us look at the ELCA's Social Statement on Race and Culture: *Freed in Christ*. Come Sunday mornings (beginning today) to the Downtown Site where we will begin with our Biblical call, or Wednesday evening as we define terms that help deal with ethnicity. Model a world where we work together toward the Christian ideal of justice for all.

- Today, 9:15 a.m. with Dianne Droster
Downtown Site Lounge
- Wednesdays, 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Jeff
Downtown Site Room 114

Looking Ahead

Board Games Guild Meets Tomorrow

Every month this life groups meets the first Monday of the month in the North Site Library from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Bring your favorite board game, your family and friends, and meet us for a night of fun fellowship. Hope to see you there!



The Daily Texts

Once again, we will be placing an order for the daily devotionals through Mt. Carmel Ministries called "The Daily Texts." If you are interested in receiving one of these devotionals, please contact Pastor Mary by email (mbauer@felc.com). The cost for one of these year-long devotionals is \$6.95, and the deadline to order is tomorrow, Nov. 6. Thank you.

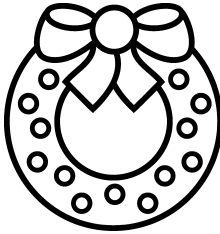
Shop With Scrip to Support FELC Students

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 towards 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 Nov. 12 bulletin. The orders and payments are due to the offering plate or either church office by Nov. 12. After processing, the gift cards will be ready for pick up on Sunday, Nov 19. Still have questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner (hschreiner@felc.com).



Advent Wreath Lighting

Advent Wreath Lighting is a volunteer opportunity that can be done by yourself, with family, or even with a group of friends. In this role you will read a short excerpt of scripture and light the advent wreath. A Sign Up Genius link has been posted to the front page of the website for you to select the service of your choice to volunteer. You can call the church office to sign up as well. Questions? Please contact Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com.



New Study Group for Women Beginning Nov. 19

Join us Sundays from 9:30-10 a.m. in the North Site Library as we prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming holiday season by defeating the "dirty villains of motherhood." Our group will read and discuss *The Supermom Myth* by local Christian author Becky Kopitzke. Grab a coffee, the book and a fellow imperfect mom as we learn to break free from the joy killers of motherhood and marriage and "rest in the grace and power of our one true Superhero God."

Books are available in the Gathering Area for \$9. Please contact Deni Kuchler at deni.kuchler@gmail.com for more information or sign up at www.felc.com/forms.

Worship Volunteer Schedule Released

The worship volunteer schedule has been released for Nov. 5, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018. To view the schedule, please log on to MSP, find it on the church website under the calendars tab, or call the church office to have a schedule mailed to you. Thank you volunteers!

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. 8: What About the "Whys"?

Mayor Tim Hanna, Appleton

Help Stop Human Sex Trafficking

Educating the Community

Saturday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. - Noon

All Saints Lutheran Church

1072 Honey Creek Road, Oshkosh

Learn the facts from eight active organizations and what you can do to help. The event is free, but an admission ticket is needed to receive a prepared packet at the event. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com and search 11-11-17 Help Stop Human Trafficking Oshkosh.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR apartments available mid-November at Linwood Place. The 2 BR even has 1½ bath! Call Becky, John, or Brian to arrange a tour. Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578.)

God's Work: Quilting With Our Hands

The Monday morning quilters meet weekly from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. Please drop by any part of the morning to help cut fabric, tie knots, iron, layout fabric squares or sew seams. All quilts made are donated to those in need in the local community and world.

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
- Shana Weber
- Todd Kauti

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Donald Schabo
- Lance Schmidt

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Wedding of:

- Hailey Hackbarth and Brandon Birling

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.5, 2017

reFUEL

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

11/8: Forgiveness Object Lesson
11/15: Pastor Trivia - Bring your 'A' game!
11/22: NO reFUEL

Sisterhood of the Traveling Breakfasts Club

For girls grades 9-12
Tuesdays at 6:15am
Nov. 7: Little Diner Xpress
1939 N. Richmond St, Appleton



ELCA Youth Gathering participants should have received an email to sign up to help with future Scrip Sundays (11/12 and 11/19)

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

*"Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?
to be out of your sight?*

If I climb to the sky, you're there!

If I go underground, you're there!

*If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon,
You'd find me in a minute - you're already there waiting!*

Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark!"

At night I'm immersed in the light!

*It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day,
darkness and light, they're all the same to you."*

-Psalm 139

Nov. 5, 2017



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

Scrip is for EVERYONE!

Hey high schoolers, want to help a friend heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer but don't



ShopWithScrip®

quite know how? Scrip is the answer for you. Scrip is a fundraiser that allows you to buy gift cards from places you already shop, while the church receives a rebate for your purchase. Watch next week's bulletin to check out the many different retailers where you can buy gift cards at face value while being able to support youth heading to Houston. Starbucks, Buffalo Wild Wings, Nike, Old Navy, and Target are just a few of the stores that are available for you to purchase. Contact Heidi if you have additional questions, or watch for the order form next week (hschreiner@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

Love Jesus. Live your call.



Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



Who Is Pastor Chat For?

It can be a little confusing, who is the Pastor Chat at the end of Learning Time intended for? It may seem like it is another children's sermon but Pastor Chat is ultimately intended for parents and other adult members of the congregation. Through Pastor Chat adults have an opportunity to hear what students have been learning in Sunday



School that morning. It's support for the youngest members of the body of Christ. We show children that their religious education is important to the entire congregation, not just their parents or Sunday School teachers. As we say during our opening assembly, on Sundays we come together as family. Pastor Chat is a chance to have our faith family together in one sacred living room where we can share a story and song together. And hopefully, give parents and other adults the information they need to talk to any kid about faith that morning.

You Outta Be in Pictures! (Or At Least In the Christ- mas Program)

We are looking for a few adults at each site that would be willing to be participants in our Christmas program this year. We ask that you are available on Dec. 10 and 17 to rehearse during Sunday Children's Learning Time.

Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com to help tell this important story!



Our Choirs Sing

- ◆ Today the Cherub Choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. worship.
- ◆ On Nov.12 the Angelus Choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. worship.
- ◆ Singers should go to their rehearsal rooms at the regular time of 8:50 a.m. to practice before we sing our hearts out in church!



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop

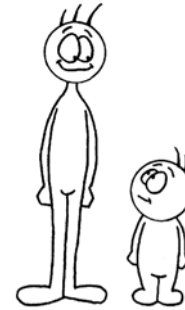


Small Group for One Large for Another

⇒7th grade students should have completed a chapter 4 Question to Ponder

⇒8th grade students should have completed a chapter 5 Question to Ponder

⇒9th grade students and families will be attending the *Faith on Trial* presentation on why there is suffering in the world. Students should continue journaling 4 entries a week.



Don't Forget Christmas Party Sign-Up!



A big thank you to those helping us during this difficult time. We are grateful to be a family in faith, loving and



supporting one another.

What's CYG Up To This Week?



This week Confirmation Youth Group is playing the game "Would you rather...", but with a Bible spin! Here's one to get your brain thinking... Would you rather have witnessed the Red Sea being parted or have seen Jesus walking on water? Want to share your thoughts? Join us today!

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

WE CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

BAPTISMS

Emmett Baker

Edwin Frahm

Mackenzie Meehl

Natalie Berry

Clara Gavin

Maren Neuwirth

Norah Bichler

Chase Goffard

Isaac Olson

Jordan Bjork

Adeline Green

Annika Pfeifer

Ella Borchardt

Braylynn Green

Anya Sadjak

Hanley Brandt

William Ihde

Grace Schley

Mila Brandt

Dean Jeffords

Noelle Schroeder

RaeLyn Carlson

Henry Johannsen

Amelia Shafran

Kaiden Degenhardt

Landen Johnson

Derek Skowen

Noah Degenhardt

Margot Kuchler

Henry VanEperen

Austin Eichmeier

Henry Laabs

Jackson Weix

Alexander Flasch

Hailey LaCrosse

Ellie Yde

WE CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

DEATHS

William Anton

Ralph Huget

Cathy Scheibe

Adrian Betley

Robert Karloske

Lance Schmidt

Bob Blaskowski

Brian Kindschi

Lois Schreiner

Howard Borchardt

Arlene Kneisler

Gary Schultz

Carleton Bork

Dean Mortimer

Bill Schwister

Diane Brey

Rev. Chris Nelson

Phyllis Seekins

Phyllis Brown

Larry Paske

Mylan Sinclair

Dawn Burandt

Mary Pirsig

William Van Maren

Paula Depner

Nancy Pues

Sally Van Remortel

Grace Dittmer

Sandra Raasch

Norman Wassman

Eunice Dymond

Clarence Richter

Ellen Wenger

Don Gillum

Elvira Richter

Allen Wichman

Donna Howe

Ada St. John

James Wilson

Betty Hudson

Donald Schabo

Erika Winkler

FELC Engage Page: November 5, 2017

Matthew 23:1-12 *Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-- the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

Sun., Nov. 5: Family Project: Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. While it is important to read the Bible and to pray, doing those things doesn't make us a Christian. Rather it is Jesus gracious act of love on the cross that opens us up to have a relationship with God—to be saints. It is important for all of us to remember that it isn't the things that make us look holy that makes us a disciple, but rather following Jesus. As a family, spend some time thinking of "saints" you know who have a humble spirit, and spend some time making a "Thank You" card. Help them to know that you have noticed their quiet ways of serving others, and that you are thankful for their witness.

Mon., Nov. 6: We can be tempted to oversimplify scripture. Pharisees are bad; disciples of Jesus are good. The law is bad; grace is good. However Jesus does not oppose either the law or the Pharisees. Rather the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, and the disciples are supposed to listen to them and follow their teachings. But Jesus does find a problem with attitude. The Pharisees are worrying about how their actions are perceived by others, ignoring the greater goal of honoring God. Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal ways that you are using your faith to gain honor for yourself, asking God to humble your heart.

Tues., Nov. 7: As I interpret scripture, I can be pretty adamant about my positions, and judgmental in dealing with those who don't follow what I see as God's calling. Instead of this self-aggrandizing attitude, Jesus asks us to obey this "rule" of humility. If my teachings don't help me to love God and my neighbor, but instead leave me feeling superior and more holy than others, then I am certainly being called to humble myself. May God grace us to seek His glory and not our own.

Wed., Nov 8: Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 Most of this passage predicts evil that will come upon the people of Judah and Jerusalem. The main reason for this judgment is their complacency. The Lord says, *"I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." (v. 12)* Helen Keller once said, *"Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all—the apathy of human beings."* Our job while on earth is clear: we must take a stand for justice; we must not be apathetic. As we do, we know that the day is coming when God will take things in his own hands. While thoughts of judgment can scare us, it is hard to understand the Bible without acknowledging that one day God will wipe away the evils of humanity. *"[T]o know God as God is, one must experience the future revolution."* Until that day, let us work for justice.

Thurs., Nov 9, Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Let's take this Psalm to heart when it says, *"So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart."* (v. 12) What would it look like if we were to count our days? Perhaps we would ask ourselves, "If my days on earth are numbered, is this a good way to use my time?" or "If my contacts with this person are limited, is it worthwhile to get angry about this particular incident?" or "Am I making enough time in my life for celebration and joy?" Pray today that you might recognize the fragile nature of life, and gain a wise heart by counting your days.

Fri., Nov 10: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Every so often there is a renewed interest in the end times, "the day of the Lord"—a time of judgment and destruction. Even when Thessalonians was written, people could become worried about their readiness. In this passage, Paul is basically saying, "Don't worry. Be ready." He reminds the Thessalonians that there is no way to know exactly when this day is coming, but they are not in the dark about how to prepare for its arrival. *"Put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation."* (v.8b) When we are feeling upended by differing accounts of how to prepare for God's presence, we are reminded of the basics. Have faith in God and love and encourage one another!

Sat., Nov 11: Matthew 25:14-30 I have always felt sympathy for the poor slave who only got one talent. Firstly, the narrator tells us that he doesn't have as much ability as the other two. Secondly, it's not like he stole the money—he gave it all back. And finally, I feel at a total loss in the business world. I would just as likely lose money as gain it without advisors. And perhaps that is a point. Rather than fall prey to our worries while thinking the worst of others (look at how this guy describes his master in verses 24-25), we should band together and help one another to reach our potential. May all of us who fear others will belittle our efforts be assured that God has given us the talents to accomplish the task He has called us to do.

For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page.