

## 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](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 Oct. 29, 2017 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Oct. 29

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

6:15 a.m.  
6:30 a.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.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 5

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

DS = Downtown Site    NS = North Site

### Reformation Sunday

#### Troop 12 Christmas Wreath Sale, Both Sites

Worship, NS Sanctuary  
Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS  
Worship, DS Sanctuary

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

High School Girl's Breakfast Club, *Perkins*, E. College Ave.  
Men's Ministry, NS Library

### All Saints Day

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221  
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary  
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room  
Confirmation General Session, DS Assigned Large Group Rooms  
Kid's Life, DS 014  
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

Men's Ministry, NS Library

### Coffee Project Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

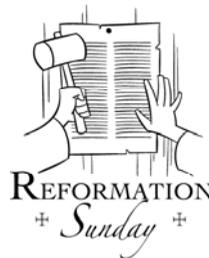
### Fall Back Next Weekend

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday. What will YOU do with the gift of an extra hour in your day?



### 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](mailto:mbauer@felc.com)). The cost for one of these year-long devotionals is \$6.95, and the deadline to order is Nov. 6. Thank you.



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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

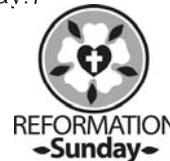
The altar flowers at both sites are provided by FELC in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.

### Reformation Day Worship Today Two Services Only 8:15 a.m. North Site & 10 a.m. Downtown Site

We are happy you are here to observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation!

- ◆ Bishop Gerald Mansholt preaches at both services.
- ◆ Pastors Mary and Jeff are at both services.
- ◆ Instruments, streamers, and *A Mighty Fortress*.
- ◆ A pocket edition of *The Essential Lutheran Handbook* will be given as a gift to each household in attendance (see right).
- ◆ Fresh cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served.
- ◆ Prints of artwork by Thomas Dietrich, commissioned by Aid Association for Lutherans 50 years ago for the observance of the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, will be on display.

(Note to parents: Sunday School starts at its usual time today.)



Announcements  
Week of Oct. 29, 2017

### North Site

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: M-Th: 3-6:30 p.m.

### A Reformation Day Gift for You

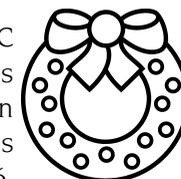
In observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, everyone at worship today (one per household) will receive a copy of *The Essential Lutheran Handbook*. It is a guide for all things Lutheran. Some of the handbook's topics, both valuable and witty, include: how to avoid getting burned at the stake, five things you should know about the Lutheran Reformation, the most outrageous Luther quotes and how to tell the difference between Law and Gospel. We hope you enjoy this gift!

### Pastoral Gift

To commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, anonymous gifts were given to purchase the stoles that Pastor Jeff and Pastor Mary are wearing today. The stoles are embroidered with the Luther Rose and the neckline is embroidered with the dates 1517-2017. Presented to the pastors from the congregation of First English at the October Council meeting, these gifts honor this historic day in the life of the Lutheran Church.

### Christmas Wreath Sales

Troop 12, one of the FELC sponsored Boy Scout troops, is selling Christmas wreaths in the Gathering Area at both sites today, with delivery on Nov. 26. Payment will be collected upon order. Thank you for your support.



## That We May Be One

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Diocese of Green Bay will be joining together to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation! Join us today at 3 p.m. for a prayer service, with Bishop Gerald Mansholt and Bishop David Ricken, preaching. Following worship, there will be an hour-long workshop entitled, "Ecumenical Marriages: A Mirror of Lutheran - Catholic Sharing."

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Green Bay (2771 Oakwood Drive)**  
**Worship: 3 p.m.; Workshop: 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

## LWR Thank You

Thanks to ALL who supported the Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts projects. All in all, FELC sent 221 quilts, 94 school kits and 87 personal care kits to LWR. (Baby care kits number not yet available.) Gary Haberland, who spearheaded the loading of the trucks last Saturday, said overall there were more than 30 people who helped load the trailers. 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

### All Saints Sunday

If you would like the names of your family and friends who have died in this past year included in the prayers on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5, please contact Kristy Howard in the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 1. Those for whom we have prayed throughout the year will automatically be placed on the list.

## 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](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)).

### Coffee Project Sunday

When you have a cup of coffee, give some thought to the plight of the small farmers who produce it. If you buy an ordinary brand of coffee, you're inadvertently maintaining a system that keeps small farmers poor. Equal Exchange provides an alternative. By always paying a fair price to the farmer co-ops, EE helps build and protect sustainable farming communities in Latin America and Africa. Coffee Project Sunday is next Sunday, Nov. 5, in the Gathering Area. Hope to see you there!

## 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](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search 11-11-17 Help stop Human Trafficking Oshkosh.

## 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](mailto:mmaryjep@att.net) or (920)734-8137.

### Nov. 1: Building a Home from the Heart

Kris LeCompte, Member of Senior Crew Team of Habitat for Humanity

## 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](mailto:deni.kuchler@gmail.com) for more information or sign up at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms).



## ESTHER 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m.

Liberty Hall (800 Eisenhower Dr), Kimberly  
Keynote speaker: Glenn Martin, founder and CEO of *JustLeadershipUSA*

Join us for fellowship, a great silent auction, joyous music, a delicious meal, well deserved awards, and an altogether wonderful celebration. Tickets are \$45 per person and available at [www.esther-foxvalley.org/banquet](http://www.esther-foxvalley.org/banquet). Mail checks payable to ESTHER to PO Box 784, Neenah, WI, 54957.

## 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
- George Krempin
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Harold Rohlfing
- Jacob Frerking
- Tom Roy
- Melissa Heins
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Kathy Skaar
- Bob Gauerke
- Juanita Gauerke
- Paul Brinkman

### Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Phyllis Brown

### 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

## 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!



# High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Oct. 29, 2017

## reFUEL

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

11/1: \*Special Event & Time\*  
Halloween Party  
Movie night 6:30-8pm  
Costumes are welcomed

### Seraphim Choir

Wednesdays, 8:05-8:30 p.m.  
DS Choir Room  
Open to 7-12 grade students

### Sisterhood of the Traveling Breakfasts Club

For girls grades 9-12  
Tuesdays at 6:15am  
Oct. 31: Perkins  
3030 E. College Ave, Appleton  
Nov. 7: Little Diner Xpress  
1939 N. Richmond St, Appleton



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### Reformation Day

Oct. 31, 1517

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#ThanksLuther



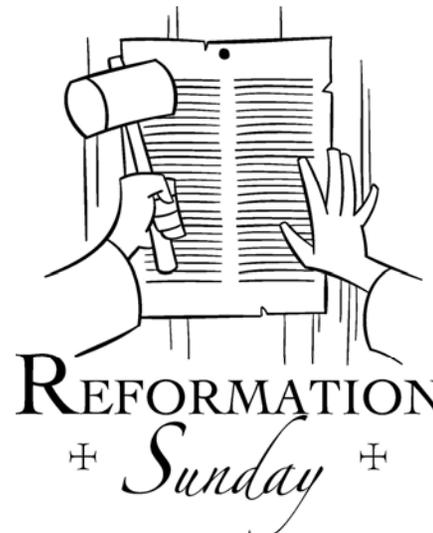
ELCA Youth Gathering participants should have received an email to sign up to help with future Scrip Sundays.

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

Oct. 29, 2017



Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12



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#### 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



### 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.



## Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



### Large Group This Week

- ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> grade families should have read chapter 4.
- ⇒ 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should have read chapter 5.
- ⇒ 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Thanks Christmas Helpers

A big thanks to those that responded to the Confirmation Christmas party Sign-Up Genius sent to families last week. Wondering how to help? Our greatest need are organizers as parties can't happen without them. If you didn't receive the Sign-Up Genius email let Kirsten know and she will send it to you right away.



### We Need Some Christmas Helpers



For our Christmas programs on Dec. 17 and the class time that follows we are looking for some helpers. We need a pianist at each site to help with program rehearsals. In addition, we need parent helpers the morning of the program and others to put together treats and drinks. Please contact Kirsten at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) to make Christmas merrier.

### Our Choirs Sing

- ◆ On Nov. 5 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!



**Way To Go  
LWR Truck Loaders!  
You did a great job and  
made a difference.  
Keep up the good  
work!**

Thanks  
for your  
Help!

### CYG Has the Day Off!



Confirmation Youth Group (CYG) is taking a break today in honor of Reformation Sunday. Please take the time to enjoy a cinnamon roll during coffee hour with your family. We'll be back at it Sunday, Nov. 5. Can't wait!

Have questions or want to volunteer?  
Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.

## FELC Engage Page: October 29, 2017

**Matthew 22:34-46** *When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.*

Sun., Oct. 29: Family Project: The Reformation happened as Martin Luther saw the way people were not able to experience the grace and love of God because of the teachings of the church. His hope was to change or reform the church so that more people would know God's great love, given as a gift. Light a candle and sit around the table. Pray that God would bless your time together. Go around the table three times answering the following question first for yourself, then for your family, and then for the church. "How can \_\_\_ help more people know the grace and love of God?" Share suggestions with your church and pray that you might fulfill the others.

Mon., Oct 30: The text for Reformation Sunday includes the passage *"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."* (John 8:31-32) Caroline Lewis suggests reading this text alongside the one written above. You may find that selflessly loving God and your neighbor leads to the sort of freedom you've always wanted. "A freedom from loneliness and disconnection. A freedom from self-sufficiency and self-reliance. A freedom from the pain of not belonging and not being known." When we are centered only on self, loving others becomes an obligation. May we all be graced to love in a way that frees us and helps others.

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=4989>

Tues., Oct 31: On Halloween, I can't help but be reminded of a little bedtime song I sang to my kids when they were babies. (the names changed) "Mommy loves \_\_. Daddy loves \_\_. Grandma and Grandpa H & B love \_\_. Aunts and uncles, cousins and such, all love \_\_ very much. You're my pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin pie." I know it won't win awards! But imagine a young mom totally besotted with her baby. This Halloween remember that you are the pumpkin of God's eye!

Wed., Nov 1: Micah 3:5-12 Recently I heard of a study that touted the health benefits of chocolate. Unfortunately, in order to gain the benefit, a person would have to eat 2 1/2 pounds of milk chocolate or 750 calories of dark chocolate each day. The study itself was funded by the Mars chocolate company and looked specifically for health benefits, not for harms! Though they did not manufacture results, their conclusions were misleading. We all know how to tell people what they want to hear, especially people in power. In this passage, Micah is blasting the prophets for being more concerned about putting food in their mouths than for telling the truth. They gave their leaders misleading prophecies predicting peace, to please their leaders. Instead of condemning these false prophets however, let us pray that we don't follow their lead by allowing self interest and comfort to get in the way of Christ's call to live a life of integrity and love.

Thurs., Nov 2, Psalm 43 The circumstances of life can overwhelm our ability to connect with God. We can feel alienated from the Lord, isolated and hopeless as we deal with either a specific situation (death, divorce, finances) or as with a more general depression or anxiety. The psalmist writes, *"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God."* (v. 5) If you are feeling overwhelmed, surround yourself with believers who will help you hold onto faith until you are again able to praise God.

Fri., Nov 3: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 We are tempted to see Paul's words as a type of self-promotion incompatible with Christian humility. Prof. Jane Patterson reminds us, *"Recent scholarship on the economic realities of the earliest Christians...has shown that landless craft-workers like Paul worked extremely hard to make a meager living...and that this way of earning an income was not one that was particularly respected. It appears...he has taken on this way of life as a choice, in order to live into the calling to mission..."* Paul was a real man, making difficult choices to further God's work. May we look for ways to share Christ's love, even if those choices don't bring status or respect. [http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=3457](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3457)

Sat., Nov 4: Matthew 23:1-12 Growing up, my pastor was a gifted preacher. He would speak at various conventions, and before long there was unrest among council members who felt he was ignoring the needs of our congregation. When asked to leave, he began a church in a town five miles away and I wondered if we would follow him. I remember Dad saying, "No. He is just a man, and I don't follow a man." This passage warns against our tendency to put people on pedestals. When we are tempted to lift up a specific person as a paragon of the faith, Jesus reminds us that God is our only Father, that Christ is our only teacher, and instead of looking for ways to be honored, we need to look for ways to serve. Let us all look first to Christ!

*For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FELCEngagePage>*

# REFORMATION HISTORY FACT

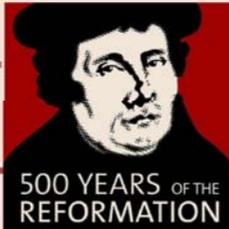
On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther took the bold step of proposing a debate of 95 statements and questions that focused primarily on the Pope authorizing the sale of indulgences, defined as a monetary gift to compensate for an individual's sins, to raise funds for the church.

How the 95 Theses were made public, however, remains a matter of inquiry. Was it as close friend Philip Melancthon described, on the front door of Wittenberg Chapel, using a hammer and nails? That graphic telling created over time the iconic image. Most historians find little evidence to support that version.

They note more likely that it was Luther's letter written on the same day to the Archbishop of Mainz along with a copy of the theses which sparked what came next. Other scholars speculate that Luther contacted the Archbishop while simultaneously placing a copy of the theses on the chapel door.

Any of these versions could explain why, in the coming weeks, news of the 95 Theses rapidly spread throughout Germany and abroad. Whatever the actual scenario, this fact endures: on a fateful fall day in October, Martin Luther chose to act, and as a result the Protestant Reformation was launched.

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