

## 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) and the North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) are open for family use during all services. Please ask an usher if you need 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

At the Downtown Site, if you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, please ask an usher.

### 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 8:30 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).

### 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 Aug. 19, 2018 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Aug. 19

8:30 & 10 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary  
9 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. *God's work. Our hands.* Committee, DS Lounge

### Monday

5:15 p.m. Congregational Life Ministry Team, NS Library  
8:15 p.m. Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library  
7:30 a.m. Endowment Committee, DS Lounge  
5:30 p.m. Executive Committee, DS Lounge  
6:45 p.m. Finance Committee, DS 110

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. **No Wednesday Worship**  
Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221

### Thursday

1 p.m. FELC Book Club, DS Lounge  
1 p.m. Bridge Life Group, DS 114

### Friday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library

### Sunday, Aug. 19

8:30 & 10 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary  
9 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary  
10 a.m. Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

DS = Downtown Site    NS = North Site

## 50+ Group Tour in September

The 50+ group will tour the 1000 Island Nature Center in Kaukauna on Sept. 13. The group will meet in the Downtown Site church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to carpool, and leave promptly at 10 a.m. for the nature center. They will stop for lunch after at Landreman's Restaurant in Kaukauna. Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you would like to participate in this fun activity.



## Take Up Your Cross; Walk God's Justice Sisters Together Retreat

Sept. 21-22. Imago Dei Bible Camp, Clintonville  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Angel Khabeb from  
Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha

In Kind Gifts of LWR School Kits and Cross Weaving Art Project  
For registration, please contact Carol Cleveland  
at (920)982-4835 or [cacleland50@gmail.com](mailto:cacleland50@gmail.com).



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### Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10 a.m.  
Office Hours: M-Th: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### North Site

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Announcements  
Week of Aug. 19, 2018

## Love Jesus. Live your call.

*First English is committed to becoming a more welcoming, inclusive congregation.*

### God's work. Our hands. Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 9 is the annual *God's work. Our hands.* community outreach event. Sign up sheets can be found in the Gathering Area or online at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com). A number of projects will be held right at the Downtown and North Site locations, while others will be out in the community.

On site projects will be making painted rocks, seed bombs, no sew blankets, or apple crisp. The Downtown Site will also have the development of a new butterfly garden in the *Seeds of Grace* Learning Garden on the FELC property. The North Site will have a school bag assembly project for Lutheran World Relief. FELC members will be out in the community at the Building For Kids, Apple Creek YMCA, Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Loaves & Fishes Gardens and Jake's Diapers.

The Casserole Ministry is a kick off to a new ministry at FELC that will be a year long event but is perfect for those that have a Sept. 9 conflict or like to cook. If interested in learning more about this ongoing ministry, there is also a sign up sheet for that.

Some projects are filling up fast so you may want to act quickly!

For more information, visit the table in the Gathering Area, refer to the August newsletter or visit [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com).



## Wednesday Worship Resumes Sept. 5 at the Downtown Site

Please note: There will be no Wednesday worship on Aug. 22 or 29. Wednesday worship resumes at the Downtown Site at 6:15 p.m. on Sept. 5.

## Fall Worship Times Resume Sept. 16

FELC will maintain the summer worship schedule through Sept. 9. On Sept. 16, the fall worship times will resume which are:

Downtown Site: 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
North Site: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

## Monthly Women's Book Club

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge as we discuss *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich (269 pages). Enjoy time talking with other women whether or not you've had a chance to finish the book.

Below is the calendar of future readings. Please join us!

- Sept. 27: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman (372 pages).
- Oct. 25: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout (270 pages).
- Nov. 15: *Origin: A Novel* by Dan Brown (461 pages)
- December: Meet for lunch - date to be determined (tentatively Dec. 13)

## Let's Play Bridge

Do you enjoy playing Bridge? If so, join us, the FELC's Bridge Life Group on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Questions? Contact Pastor Bob Herder, (920)738-6640.



## FELC Employment Opportunities

- **North Site Discipleship Coordinator Role:** FELC is seeking to hire a North Site Discipleship Coordinator. This person will work closely with Pastor Mary and the Invitation and Hospitality Ministry Team. A main responsibility of this part-time staff role is to foster the discovery of FELC members' personal calls and empower them to live out those calls in their personal lives, in our congregation and in our community. Submit your cover letter and resume to [bsmongeski@felc.com](mailto:bsmongeski@felc.com) or mail to the Church Office at 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI, 54911. Have questions? Call Pastor Mary in the Church Office (733-2303).
- **Facilities Technician:** FELC is offering the part-time position of Facilities Technician. The technician maintains the buildings, where their duties may include performing carpentry, painting, general upkeep and repair, landscaping, HVAC, plumbing and electrical maintenance, and other duties as needed. If this rewarding role would be something you'd be interested in, contact Rich Erickson at [lefseman@charter.net](mailto:lefseman@charter.net) or Brenda Smongeski at (920)733-2303 or [bsmongeski@felc.com](mailto:bsmongeski@felc.com).

The job descriptions for these positions can be found at [www.felc.com/employment](http://www.felc.com/employment).

## Religious Education Is Out of the Gate

The first round of information emails for Confirmation and Sunday School students has been sent to families that have registered for fall. Haven't enrolled yet? No problem! Go to [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms) so you're in the communication loop and ready for class in September!

## God's Work, Our Hands: Let's Get At It! Advocacy for Justice in Today's World

Saturday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran

2000 Roosevelt Drive, Plover, WI 54467

Many of us want to help solve the problems in today's world but we don't know exactly what to do. This workshop - which will follow *Cherish All Children's* model of pray, educate, connect, act - will empower you to help make a difference. Pastor Cindy Crane, Director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy, will speak on the Christian roots of advocacy; Women of the ELCA Director for Justice Jennifer Deleon will speak on immigration; and State Representative Katrina Shankland will provide practical tools to help you advocate effectively through Civic Engagement 101.

After lunch (included), breakouts will address topics such as immigration, human trafficking, gun violence, domestic violence, and poverty and hunger. The event, co-sponsored by Good Shepherd and Women of the ELCA, ECSW, is free and open to the public. High school students are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

To register, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and type "Advocacy for Justice Plover" in the search bar. Please contact Shirley Paulson at [spaulson1949@gmail.com](mailto:spaulson1949@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

## Lunchtime Organ Recitals

Our prayers go out to the family of Frank Rippl, who died last weekend. Frank served as series coordinator for the Lunchtime Organ Recitals which is currently in its 23<sup>rd</sup> season. He was an organist and former music director at All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton where he served for 42 years. His love of organ music in the Fox Valley area will long be remembered through these lunchtime recitals. We are grateful for his dedication to the arts and for sharing his gifts with our community.

Concerts will continue to be held at churches in the Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and Fox Valley area. Performers donate their talents and churches donate building use. These free concerts are Wednesdays at 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

- Aug. 22: Vashni Seitzer  
Faith Lutheran Church

## Stephen Ministry

Are you going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or a difficult time. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential one-to-one care, contact a pastor.

## Echoes Needs You

Echoes, a Christian Thrift Store needs you to donate and to shop. This vibrant First



English ministry is in need of your donations and your shopping dollars. With neighborhood garage sales, Echoes sales typically slow in the summer. Please don't forget Echoes!

## 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

- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Nathan Meissner
- Brooklyn Ann Converse
- Angel Manos
- Todd Hollenberger
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Lynn Boenker
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Tom Roy
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Kim Norland
- Taylor Vivian Thompson
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Dennis Paisar
- Rev. Hans Gustafson
- Mary Ellen Ortiz
- Paulette Erickson
- Tresor
- Linda Van Berkel

## Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Owen "Butch" Hughes
- Frank Rippl
- Kenny Reinholz

## Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

## Prayers for Those in the Military

- Lt. Josh Anderson
- Christian Cramer
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- SPC Samuel Sinclair

## This Week's Community Care Focus

### • Community Clothes Closet

Contact: Diane MacDonald, Executive Director  
(920)731-7834; [info@communityclothescloset.org](mailto:info@communityclothescloset.org)

## FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 13, August 19, 2018

**John 6:51-58** *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."*

Sun, Aug. 19: Family Project: Jesus is *"the living bread...from heaven."* Spend some time talking about what you think heaven will be like. Watch the video, "The Legend of the Northern Lights—Alaska Legend" and talk about how this compares to your idea of heaven. Find comfort in knowing Jesus has prepared a home for us in heaven. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljLbeISADzo>)

Mon, Aug. 20: Before we knew that rawhide bones could be dangerous, we gave one to our Golden Retriever every Christmas. With single-minded devotion, he devoured even the largest bone within a day. He was the picture of contented preoccupation. This type of gnawing is the actual translation of "eat" in the passage *"Those who eat [gnaw on] my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life."* (v. 54) All we need for life and health comes through Jesus' words and our participation with the community in Holy Communion. May we always be contentedly gnawing away on all our faith has to offer.

Tues, Aug. 21: Many people see this passage as John's teaching on the Lord's Supper. As such, it is important to note that he doesn't dwell on Jesus' death, but on his life—that Jesus is living bread. Prof. Caroline Lewis reminds us, *"eternal life is not something you can conveniently and conventionally postpone to your future but is your promise in the present, that any claim about life with Jesus, life with God, means an abiding, a unity, a reciprocity, and oneness. It means real relationship, here and now... life lived in the moment as God's grace upon grace."*\* In addition to remembering Jesus' death, may Holy Communion be a celebration of living life in union with God.

\*<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=3667>

Wed., Aug. 22, Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Have you always had a clear idea of what you wanted to do in life? Or, like me, did you try to keep your options open for as long as you could during your training? Considering various careers in the sciences, I wanted to be able to pursue either a career in the medical field or one in research and teaching. I took classes that would fulfill both requirements so I could put off decision making. And after all that scheming, what happens? I end up being a pastor! Joshua tells the Israelites, *"choose this day whom you will serve."* He asks them to throw away the tendencies to keep feet planted in two camps and to make a clear decision. He himself says, *"but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (v.15) Follow Joshua's example and choose this day to serve the Lord.

Thurs, Aug. 23, Psalm 34:15-22 When we lose a close friend, parent, or spouse to death, of course we miss them, but we feel that loss more keenly when going through struggles. We are used to having their help, support, and love to strengthen us when someone has us questioning our value. In this passage, we are reminded that our Lord supports us through all our struggles—even death doesn't keep God from being near to strengthen us. The psalmist writes, *"The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit."* (v. 18) Whenever you are going through heartbreak or life has crushed your spirit, remember that the Lord is near to help restore your soul.

Fri., Aug. 24, Ephesians 6:10-20 I love the image of putting on the armor of God and going into battle against the *"spiritual forces of evil."* The articles of our armor don't include a quick tongue or a loud, argumentative demeanor. Instead, we are covered with truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace (not war!), faith, salvation, and the word of God which are judiciously employed as we pray in the Spirit. How can we have confidence? My favorite verse in this section highlights the reason. Paul writes, *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power."* Our confidence doesn't come from our own strength, but from the Lord's.

Sat, Aug 25, John 6:56-69 This passage talks about the impact that the words of Jesus have for *"spirit and life"* even though they are hard words. There have been times that someone has thrown words at me that break my spirit—words that make me feel as though the air is being sucked out of my lungs, leaving just the ache of hurt, confusion, and self-doubt. The words of Jesus are hard not because they leave us feeling worthless, but because they demand that we recognize our own worth and calling. We are alive in Christ. Death and meaninglessness are conquered and Christ's body and blood strengthen us for a life of service.

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

## FELC NS Engage Page: Pentecost 12, August 19, 2018

**John 6:35,41-51** *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ...Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

Sun, Aug. 19: Family Project: The people of Israel received manna from God for their physical hunger. God sent Jesus, the bread of life to help people with their spiritual hunger. What are the promises of God that help you feel fed and refreshed even in the middle of struggles? Make a collage of pictures that remind you of God's provision and put it on the refrigerator for a daily reminder.

Mon, Aug. 20: Have you been in a situation where what you know about someone is at odds with what others say about them? This is the situation for the Jews in John 6. They *know* Jesus is the son of Mary and Joseph and *cannot* believe that he is bread from heaven who compares himself to the great prophet, Moses. Sometimes our knowledge with the ways of the world will cause us to doubt the teachings of Jesus. Instead of trusting the past, believe that God is calling you to the *unknown*— a world of grace and forgiveness.

Tues, Aug. 22: Jesus says, "*No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me;*" (v. 44) If someone says they are drawn to the Christian faith we imagine an interest or a curiosity. However, Prof. Brian Peterson teaches that the word used for drawn is more accurately translated "dragged" as when a fisherman drags a net into a boat.\* Sometimes we are reluctant to change old mindsets and prejudices. Give thanks that God will drag us into the presence of Jesus! \*[http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=368](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=368)

Wed., Aug. 22, Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 "No TV until your homework's done!" "No desert until you eat your meal!" "Only one hour on the computer." What are your family rules? What are the rules that you heard of from others and decided they would be good to employ? The rules we have in our households say something about our values. Whether it's believing in the importance of hard work, of education, of exercise, or of kindness. Our hope is that rules of action will instill good habits—a learned and intentional wisdom in all we do. We are called to practice and pass along the laws of the Lord, enhancing the reputation of all who follow God.

Thurs, Aug. 23, Psalm 15 If you are a Monty Python fan, you will remember the scene where the four knights are trying to cross the bridge of death and are asked three questions. Correct answers will allow them to cross safely while wrong responses will send them hurtling into a deep chasm." Psalm 15 begins similarly with the writer asking for entrance requirements.. (*"O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?")* We get to the first requirements—"those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart"—and we can't help but feel despair. God is asking too much from us. When we realize that our acceptance by God comes because Jesus walked blamelessly and Jesus did what is right and spoke the truth, we can't help but feel deep relief and gratitude. May our lives of thanks be directed toward accomplishing the righteous goals that the Psalmist gives.

Fri., Aug. 24, James 1:17-27 James is not content to let lip service to high ideals be the norm for those who follow Jesus. Faith should be born out in action and action should be informed by listening. He tells us to "*be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.*" He admonishes that any who want to call themselves religious "*and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.*" In particular, he calls followers of Christ to care for widows and orphans. In a country with an increasing number of widows from our overseas wars or from the PTSD of our soldiers following multiple deployments, we need to be a people who not only speak loving words, but also turn those words into action.

Sat, Aug 25, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Maya Angelou has a great quote. "*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*" As a person who loves the church, I can get caught up in religious rules. Jesus teaches that external rules of faith aren't important if our hearts are filled with anger, pride, slander... Those emotions will always leak out into our relationships with others and often diminish their sense of worth. It is by acting and speaking in love that we shine God's grace and love to others.

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