

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 (off of the Gathering Area) and the North Site Nursery (across from the restrooms) are open for family use during all worship services. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. At the North Site, the child-friendly space just inside the Sanctuary doors is supervised by staff and available to children during worship services.

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 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).

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 Dec. 16, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23

9:30 a.m.

Alternative Gift Fair (NS), Honey Sale, Scrip Pick Up

DS Christmas Program Rehearsal, DS Fellowship Hall
DS Intergenerational Christmas Program During Worship
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
NS Christmas Program Rehearsal, NS Lower Level
Women's Study Group, NS Library
Middle School Music Class, NS Sanctuary
NS Intergenerational Christmas Program During Worship

Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Griefshare, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Congregation Council, NS Library
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
refuel (grades 9-12), Christmas Party, DS Youth Room
Confirmation Christmas Party Grades 7 & 8, DS 010 & 110
Kid's Life, DS 014

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
Longest Night Service: DS Sanctuary Opens
Longest Night Service, DS Sanctuary

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Women's Study Group, NS Library

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Cancellations

If wondering about cancellations, please check the FELC website (www.felc.com) under the Facebook section, lower right hand margin on the FELC homepage. The church calendar will also be updated. In all instances, use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to drive to church for a scheduled worship, class or activity.

Crochet Thread Needed

The Monday morning quilters would very much appreciate donations of crochet thread to use to tie quilts. Any color and amount is welcome. Please leave it on the gifts table in the Downtown Site Gathering Area. Thank you.



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.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

First English is committed to be a welcoming, inclusive congregation.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Lou Chicquette.

Downtown Site Adult Learning Time

Join Pastor Bob Herder in the Downtown Site Lounge at 9:15 a.m. this morning as he leads the study, *The Purpose of Christmas* by Rick Warren. This is the last session of a three week video-based study that touchingly addresses why Jesus was born. Even if you missed weeks one and two, feel free to attend today as each week is approached independently.

Alternative Gift Fair Today at the North Site

There is still time to order something at the FELC Alternative Gift Fair this morning at the North Site. Visit the table in the Gathering Area to learn more and to shop!

Advent Devotional/Engage Page

Help yourself to a FELC Advent Devotional, available in the Gathering Area (or online at www.felc.com) and written by members of First English! Thank you to all who submitted devotions for the booklet. Engage Page readers: please use this devotional during Advent. Look for the return of the Engage Page insert on Sunday, Dec. 30.

Announcements
Week of Dec. 16, 2018


North Site

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

Imagine the Impact 2019

Every member of the First English family is an important part of our response to *Imagine the Impact 2019* and will reflect the best effort of our congregation. If you've not yet made a 2019 commitment, please join the **387** persons who did. Statement of Intent cards have been mailed to those who have yet to complete a card and they are also available online or in the Gathering Area. We hope you will make a commitment to the ministry of First English. Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Honey Sale AND Scrip Pick Up Today!

 Support the FELC Youth attending the mission trip to North Carolina this summer by purchasing delicious honey this morning. Also, if you placed a Scrip order last week you can pick up your purchase at the site you designated on your order form. Thank you for your support!

Operation Christmas Thank You!

Thanks to all who brought gifts for *Operation Christmas*. The five local organizations we focused on this year - Lutheran Social Services, Leaven, Crossways Camping Ministries, COTS and Riverview Gardens - are very appreciative of your support and grateful for your generosity.

FELC Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24

Downtown Site

- 3 p.m. Candlelight/Special Music
- 4:30 p.m. Candlelight/Cherub & Angelus Choirs
- 6 p.m. Candlelight/Special Music
- 10:30 p.m. Candlelight/Parish Choir

North Site

- 4 p.m. Candlelight
- 7 p.m. Candlelight

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25

Downtown Site: 10 a.m.

No Wednesday Worship, Dec. 26

Resumes Jan. 2, 6:15 p.m., Downtown Site

Lessons & Carols, Sunday, Dec. 30

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

Epiphany Worship, Sunday, Jan. 6

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

*Communion will be served
at all services.*

GriefShare

GriefShare is a nation-wide ministry that helps people deal with the death of a loved one. This video series includes discussion time allowing people to share their own experiences with grief. You are welcome to come to this last session of the year tomorrow night, Dec. 17, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 221. For more information please connect with Pastor Mary.

The Longest Night - *Winter Solstice* *"Comfort, O Comfort My People"*

Solstice in Latin means the "sun standing still." On Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Downtown Site, First English will again offer to the congregation and the community an evening of peace, candlelight, music and prayer. We are invited to be illuminated by the light of the Christ Child this Christmas season. For all of us who would like to experience relief from stress, anxiety, expectation, grief and grow in acceptance, grace and belonging, this service is a wonderful interlude in the season.

- 6:15 p.m.: Sanctuary opens
- 6:45-7:15 p.m.: Contemplative service - readings, music, scripture, silence, lighting of candles, personal prayer, laying on of hands
- 7:15 p.m.: Sanctuary remains open

*May the Christ Child,
born in a lowly stable,
himself an outcast and marginal,
bring light, comfort, peace, and joy
this holiday season.*

Christmas Concerts on Wisconsin Public Television (The Wisconsin Channel)

Christmas in Christ Chapel (Gustavus Adolphus) - *Visions of Divine Mystery*

- Sunday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 4 a.m.

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
- Angel Manos
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Kim Norland
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Cindy Schneider
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Mitzi Hansen
- Sylas Garcia
- Linda Codd
- Helen Juedes
- Caryl Bates

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Linda Berg
- Sande Krizek
- Alice Olson
- Tom Roy

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

• Pillars

info@pillarsinc.com; (920)734-9192

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Nancy A. at (920)734-9580.



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 16, 2018



For Grades 10-12
Wednesday nights
DS Youth Room
7-8 p.m.

Special thank you to all of our bell-ringers!

12/19: Christmas Party!
Special time 6:30-8 p.m.
Dinner & games. Bring an appetizer, \$1 white elephant gift, and the spirit of Christmas. Prize awarded to best Christmas sweater.

12/26: NO refuel
Happy Birthday Jesus!

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love, of generosity, and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things.
-T. Monson

Third Sunday of Advent



Save the Date:
FELC Alumni Breakfast
For past and present high school students
Thursday, Dec. 27
9:30 a.m. || Galvan's
2220 E Northland Ave, Appleton



High School Mission Trip Blue Ridge Mountains, NC

Upcoming important dates for Mission Trip participants:

TODAY, Dec. 16: Honey Sale & Scrip Card Distribution both sites

Sign up to volunteer at
www.felc.com/highschool.

Social Media: Facebook: FELC YOUTH

Instagram: felc.youth

Dec. 16, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

Joy To The World! The Intergenerational Congregational Christmas Programs Are Today

This morning we share and celebrate the hope and joy that came into the world with Jesus' birth. At the Downtown Site the Christmas program will be presented at the 9:15 a.m. worship. At the North Site the program will be presented at the 10:30 a.m. worship. Participants will meet for refreshments following the programs in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site and in the Gathering Area at North Site. A big thank you to all who gave of their time, voices, and energy as we prepared for this wonderful Christmas tradition.



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
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: hschreiner@felc.com

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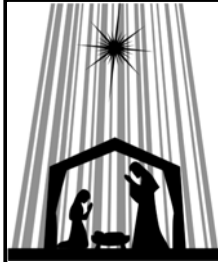
Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Christmas Break Begins and So Does the Story of Jesus Keep Talking



After the Christmas programs today Sunday School is on Christmas break until Epiphany, Jan. 6. This is a wonderful time of year when we spend time with family and friends, share special meals and treats, and hopefully have an opportunity to rejuvenate a bit as the holiday schedule eventually slows down. Even though Sunday School won't be meeting, we have begun a new year in the church calendar (our year begins with Advent). We begin where our story begins. So, keep talking about the birth of Jesus and how it changed the world. Consider lighting a candle and reading the story of Jesus' birth together (Luke 2:1-21, Matthew 1:18-24) either Christmas Eve or Christmas Night. Share what you cherish about living a life built around Jesus. This small baby truly has changed the greater world, as well as our own.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES THIS WEEK



Here's the rundown for
Confirmation Christmas parties
on Wednesday:

- * **7th grade:** Meet in your large group rooms (Rooms 010-013) from 7-8 p.m.
- * **8th grade:** Meet in your large group rooms (Rooms 110-113) from 7-8 p.m.
- * **9th grade** is invited to the high school reFUEL Christmas party in the Youth Room from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring a dish to pass for the holiday potluck dinner and a \$1 white elephant gift.

IF YOU WILL BE IN 7TH GRADE NEXT SEPTEMBER WE HAVE A DATE

If you will be in 7th grade in the fall and intend on participating in Confirmation then don't miss the Welcome to Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 7-8 p.m. In Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Confirmation camp, next year's calendar, pastor and family meetings, expectations, and more. Let's head out of the gate together for a great start!



QPR & 9th Grade 2nd Semester Meeting on Jan. 2.

Our first Wednesday after Christmas break, Jan. 2, the 9th grade class will have a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) presentation by Prevent Suicide Fox Cities during large group from 7-8 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend. Following the meeting from 8-8:30 p.m. there will be a 2nd semester meeting when we will talk about preparations and receive the necessary forms for Affirmation of Baptism in April. This is a required meeting. All will be in Fellowship Hall.



WINTER CAMP*WINTER CAMP
TODAY is the due date for Winter Camp registrations for students in grades 4 & 5 that would like to attend. If you have a student this age you should have received an email with info, forms, and exciting news about help from FELC with the fees. Contact Kirsten at kowens@felc.com if you didn't receive the email or need a couple of extra days to turn in your registration.

Choir Corner
Angelus sings
Christmas Eve at the
4:30 p.m. worship
(meet at 4 p.m.).
Cherub sings
Christmas Eve
at 4:30 p.m.
(meet at 4:10 p.m.)



Kid's Life Christmas Party This Week
All students Grades K-6 are warmly invited to the Kid's Life Christmas party from 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 014.



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



Hosting has just four requirements:

- Have a heart for people,
- Open up a place to meet,
- Serve a snack, and
- Turn on a DVD. It's that simple.

- The *Fearless Faith* study series begins the week of Jan. 20.
- Groups meet weekly for six weeks.
- Host training and materials will be provided.
- Questions? Contact Jeanne at jgronholm@felc.com or Pastor Mary at mbauer@felc.com.

Sign me up as a Small Group Host!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meeting Day: _____

Meeting Time: _____

Circle any types of groups you would like to host:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Men | • Couples |
| • Women | • Singles |
| • No gender preference | • Mixed (couples and singles) |

Circle the ages you would like to host:

- | | |
|-------|--------------|
| • 20s | • 60s |
| • 30s | • 70s plus |
| • 40s | • Mixed ages |
| • 50s | |

Poinsettia/Greenery Order Form

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

IN HONOR OF _____

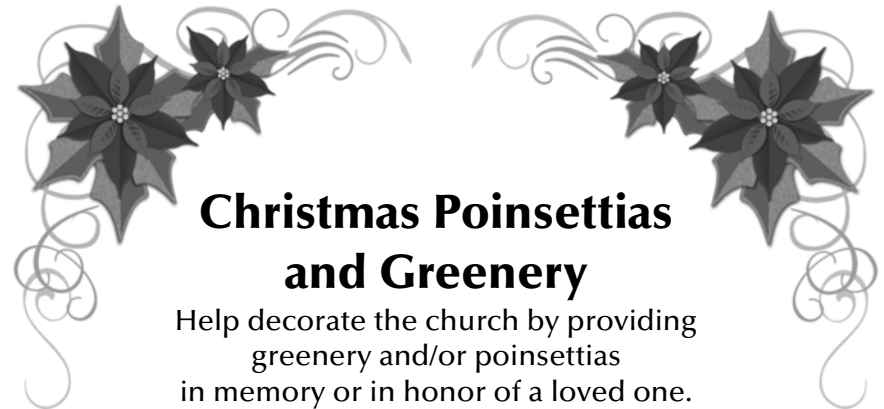
or

IN MEMORY OF _____

\$12 x _____ (Poinsettias) \$12 x _____ (Greenery Items)

Amount due: \$ _____

*Please feel free to take your poinsettias home
after the Christmas Day service.*



Christmas Poinsettias and Greenery

Help decorate the church by providing
greenery and/or poinsettias
in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Return the order form above with your payment of \$12
for each plant or greenery item ordered
to the offering plate or the Church Office.

Payments may be made by check or online at www.felc.com
and each will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin.

The deadline to order is TOMORROW, Monday, Dec. 17.