

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. 23, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 23

8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group, NS Library

Monday

3 p.m.

4 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

Tuesday

10 a.m.

Thursday

9:30 a.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30

8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary

9 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Women's Study Group, NS Library

Christmas Eve; Church Office Closed

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, DS

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, NS

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, DS

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, DS

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, NS

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, DS

Christmas Day, Church Office Closed

Christmas Day Worship with Communion, DS

High School and Alumni Breakfast, Galvan's

Men's Ministry, NS Library

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Great Ideas for Year-End Generosity

As you plan year-end giving, consider these ideas: 1) **Appreciated stock** makes an excellent gift because long-term gains are not taxed, and the gift is generally deductible from income tax. 2) **IRA giving**: If you're over 70½, give from your IRA without having to pay income tax on the contribution. This can help satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution. Please consult with your financial adviser before you take action. 3) **Checks or online contributions** are easy and may be eligible for a federal tax deduction.

Consistent with the philosophy that current members support current needs, annual pledge or gift income provides most of the revenue for the annual budget. First English invites all members to make regular commitments to the church by pledging each year, allowing the church to plan and manage most effectively. You are invited to consider taking steps toward the Biblical tithe and/or to begin a regular 'generosity practice' by setting up automated giving from your bank account. See Brenda Smongeski in the Church Office if you have any questions or call (920)733-2303.

Crochet Thread Needed

The Monday morning quilters greatly appreciate donations of crochet thread (any color/amount) to use to tie quilts. Please leave it on the gifts table in the Downtown Site Gathering Area. Thank you.

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.*



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.

North Site

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

Announcements
Week of Dec. 23, 2018

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.

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.

Summer Intern Application Deadline is Dec. 31

The 2019 Summer Intern applications are open and available online at www.felc.com/forms. If you know of anyone who is at least one year out of high school between the ages of 19-25 and wants to grow in Christian leadership skills, serve the community, and grow in faith, this is the perfect opportunity. This is a paid 12-week internship beginning in late May and ending in mid-August. Applications must be received by Dec. 31. Applicants can email their materials to Heidi Schreiner at hschreiner@felc.com, or mail or bring to the Church Office (326 E. North St., Appleton, WI 54911). Please contact Heidi with any questions.

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.

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.

Looking Ahead

FELC Past and Present High School Breakfast Event

For years, FELC has had a high school breakfast group that would meet at various places (Galvan's, Apple City, Copper Rock). It's time to catch up while everyone is in town for the holidays. What better way to do that than over brunch at Galvan's Restaurant! Meet us on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

Noon Hour Philosophers 2019

The Noon Hour Philosophers will resume meeting in 2019 on Jan. 9. They meet for an hour at noon in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall each Wednesday.

If you have questions, contact Mary Poulson at mmaryjep@att.net or (920)734-8137.

- **Jan. 9: Happiness, What are My Options?**
S. Evan Kreider, Professor of Philosophy UW Oshkosh - Fox Valley Campus
- **Jan. 16: We Need to Change the Dynamics of the Health Care Market in the Fox Valley**
Merton D. Finkler, John R. Kimberly Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Economics
- **Jan. 23: Thorton Wilder, An American Classic**
Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides, Senior Pastor First Congregational United Church of Christ Appleton

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The help you'll receive is free and confidential. To learn how you, a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative can receive care, talk to a pastor.

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.

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
- Caryl Bates
- Lloyd Cohen

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Sande Krizek
- Jane Moe
- Barbara Winkler

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Harrison Scott Baker

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

- **Hearthstone Historic House Museum**
hearthvolunteer@att.net; (920)730-8204



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 23, 2018



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

12/26: NO refuel
Happy Birthday Jesus!

1/2 Starting the year fresh
Nadia Bolz Weber Video

1/9 Your life in Jelly Beans
activity-prepping for special 9th grade refuel night



Gifts of *time* and *love*
are surely the basic
ingredients of a
truly merry *Christmas*.
—Peg Bracken

Fourth Sunday of Advent



FELC Past and Present High School Breakfast
For past and present high school students
Thursday, Dec. 27
9:30 a.m. at Galvan's
2220 E Northland Ave, Appleton

It's time to reunite! For years, FELC has had a high school breakfast group that would meet at various places. It's time to catch up while everyone is in town for the holidays! Please RSVP to Heidi or the Facebook Event so she can kindly give Galvan's a heads up prior to our Lutheran domination.

High School Mission Trip Blue Ridge Mountains, NC

Next Payment Due:
Wednesday, Jan. 30
\$100/student

Social Media: Facebook: FELC YOUTH Instagram: felc.youth

Dec. 23, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Still, Still, Still
One can hear the falling snow
For all is hushed
The world is sleeping
Holy Star its vigil keeping
Still, still, still
One can hear the falling snow



Sleep, sleep, sleep
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth
The night is peaceful all around you
Close your eyes
Let sleep surround you
Sleep, sleep, sleep
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth

Dream, dream, dream
Of the joyous day to come
While guardian angels without number
Watch you as you sweetly slumber
Dream, dream, dream



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



Make Time For A Lullaby

Advent and Christmas can be hectic and often the weekend prior to Christmas itself can leave us wondering which end is up. Even though it can feel like there's no time to slow down consider taking a few moments by yourself and/or as a family to play the lullaby, "Still, Still, Still" (the words are on the front of this insert) with the room lit only by your Christmas tree's lights. It can be a sweet and simple way to prepare your heart as we approach Christmas Eve and Day remembering that through the humble birth of this small child the world is filled with hope and light. Blessings to all, near and far, during this time filled with the joy of a world filled with Jesus' love and grace.



ZOINKS!

Did We Miss Out on Winter Camp?!

With so much going on during this time of year you may have recently realized that you forgot to register your 4th or 5th grade student for Winter Camp at Crossways Pine Lake in Waupaca (Jan. 25-27). If you wished you hadn't missed the boat (or sled) contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at kowens@felc.com no later than Jan. 1. If your student wants to go we want to try our best to get him/her there!



Choir Corner



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

**No Sunday School on
Dec. 23 or 30 and no
Kid's Life on Dec. 26 as
many families and
teachers will be traveling
for Christmas break.**

Thanks to our Christmas
Program participants! You
told the story of Jesus' birth



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



NO CONFIRMATION ON DEC. 26
HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK FILLED WITH
FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FUN!



**Remember! The first Family Assignments for 7th & 8th
grade students are due our first day back,
Wednesday, Jan. 2!**

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.

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