

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. 9, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 9

8:50 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

Monday

9 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
8 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
Noon
Noon
1 p.m.
4:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
1 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:15 a.m.
8:50 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.

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Alternative Gift Fair, Honey Sale, Scrip Sale

Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/DS Choir Room
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Women's Study Group, NS Library
Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

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

Operation Christmas Deadline

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Executive Committee, DS Lounge
VSA Choir Concert, DS Sanctuary
Finance Committee, DS 110
Men's Ministry, DS 221
Worship & Music Ministry Team, DS Library
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110
Sarah Circle, DS 114
Stewardship Committee, DS Lounge
Miriam Circle, DS Library
Advent Soup Buffet, DS Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Advent Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Confirmation Service Night, Various Locations
Kid's Life, DS 014
refuel (grades 10-12), Offsite Bell Ringing, Calumet Walmart

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
FELC Book Club, Olive Garden

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Alternative Gift Fair, Honey Sale, Scrip Pick Up

DS Christmas Program Rehearsal, DS Fellowship Hall
Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/DS Choir Room
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



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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.

North Site

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

Announcements
Week of Dec. 9, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

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 three week video-based study touchingly addresses why Jesus was born. Come any Sunday as each week can be approached independently.

Alternative Gift Fair

Today, Dec. 9

Downtown Site - Cashier Only

North Site - Display and Cashier

Dec. 16

North Site - Cashier Only

FELC is holding its 15th annual Alternative Gift Fair. In addition to supporting projects FELC is involved with, we work with ELCA Good Gifts and Alternative Gifts International (AGI) to offer "Gifts Inspiring Change" to help people in crisis around the world. Visit the table in the Gathering Area to learn more and to shop!

Today is the Last Day to Submit "Can't Serve" Dates for Worship Volunteering

A worship schedule is being created for Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. To assist with scheduling, please review your personal calendars and record within MSP any dates you are unavailable to serve during that time period. The deadline to record unavailable dates is today. If you need any assistance with updating your "can't serve" dates, please contact Kathy Larson (klarson@felc.com or 733-2303). Thank you.

Imagine the Impact 2019

If you've not yet made a 2019 commitment, please join the 340 persons who did. Your Statement of Intent card is an important part of our response to *Imagine the Impact 2019* and will reflect the best effort of our congregation. 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 Sale Today!



Support the FELC Youth attending the mission trip to North Carolina this summer by purchasing delicious honey (today and next Sunday) and Scrip cards (today only - see insert). Both make excellent Christmas gifts. Thank you for your support!

Looking Ahead

Operation Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 11, is the last day to bring gifts for *Operation Christmas*. Please place unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree in the gathering area of either site. Gift cards should be clearly marked and placed in the offering plate today or brought to the church office by Tuesday. Thank you!

VSA Choir Christmas Concert

Tuesday Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Downtown Site Sanctuary

The VSA Choir has members with and without disabilities and will present beautiful songs of the season. Special thanks to FELC for generously providing space for practices and concerts. Please attend this awesome concert and bring friends! If you have any questions please contact Nancy Strebe (851-0345).

Advent Soup Buffet:

Hosted by 50+ and Open to All!

Don't miss the Advent Soup Buffet on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:45-6 p.m. in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. This annual event was held at lunchtime in the past, but this year the group moved it to the evening so more people could experience this delicious meal. All are welcome and there is no need to register. After dinner, an Advent Worship will be held in the Downtown Site Sanctuary (6:15 p.m.). As with the meal, all are welcome to join in worship. See you there!

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.

Crochet Thread Needed

The Monday morning quilters would 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.

FELC Employment Opportunity:

New Member Host

FELC is seeking to hire a New Member Host. This part-time role will plan, schedule and coordinate the semi-annual new member classes, activities and brunch, in addition to contacting visitors.

Submit your cover letter and resume to 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).

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.

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 at any time in the curriculum. For more information please connect with Pastor Mary. Sessions are Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 221.

The Longest Night Service

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 and 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

Christmas Concerts on Wisconsin Public Television (The Wisconsin Channel)

Christmas at St. Olaf - *Ris'n with Healing in His Wings*

- Thursday, Dec. 13 at 4 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 15 at midnight

Christmas at Concordia - *Gather Us in, O Child of Peace*

- Today, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 4 a.m.

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
- Mitzi Hansen
- Linda Codd
- Debra Nuthals
- Helen Juedes

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Linda Berg
- Norma Gehring
- Sande Krizek
- Martin Much
- Alice Olson
- Tom Roy
- Todd Schink

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

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore

HarrietR@fcReStore.org; (920)967-8901



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 9, 2018



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

12/12: OFF SITE **refuel** at Walmart on Calumet St. for Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell-Ringing. Meet at the grocery entrance and dress warm!



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**

"The reason we *struggle* with **insecurity** is because we compare our *behind-the-scenes* with everyone else's **highlight reel**."

-Pastor Steven Furtick

Second Sunday of Advent



Save the Date:
FELC Alumni Breakfast
Thursday, Dec. 27
9:30 a.m., Galvan's



High School Mission Trip Blue Ridge Mountains, NC

Upcoming important dates
for Mission Trip
participants:

TODAY, Dec. 9: Honey &
Scrip Sale both sites
Sunday, 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. 9, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



SOUP & SERVICE ARE ON!

Our hopeful Advent preparation as a faith family continues this Wednesday (Dec. 12) with the Advent Soup Dinner and Worship at the Downtown Site. Dinner begins at 4:45 p.m., worship follows at 6:15 p.m.

Also, our Confirmation and Kid's Life students are participating in Service Night that evening. Groups will be doing everything from ringing bells for the Salvation Army to making fleece blankets for Project Linus and some will even be meeting during Christmas break instead to volunteer at Feeding America. Since each small group is doing their own thing, make sure you know where your student is supposed to be and when. Contact their small group leader for more info.

See you on Wednesday as we warm our bodies and hearts with soup, service, & worship!



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

Love Jesus. Live your call.



Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



The Final Christmas Program Countdown



Today is our last Sunday to rehearse our intergenerational congregational Christmas program before we put on costumes, practice a bit, and perform on Sunday, Dec. 16. If you have a reading part, please attend today and next Sunday as we make final preparations so all are comfortable reading.

During Learning Time at both sites today we will be spending the majority of the hour practicing our songs and readings. On Dec. 16 at 8:15 a.m. the Downtown Site will have its final rehearsals prior to the presentation at the 9:15 a.m. worship. At the North Site the final rehearsal will be during Learning Time on Dec. 16 with the presentation at the 10:30 a.m. service.



Try your best to make it to these final two Sundays of prep as we get ready to tell the joyful story of Jesus' birth!



WINTER CAMP*WINTER CAMP
Dec. 16 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 it!

Super Start for FVHA!
We are off to a great start with our giving for Fox Valley Humane Association. We will have a collection every Sunday School morning until May. Keep up the good work!



Choir Corner

Angelus sings
Today at 8 a.m.

Cherub sings
Today at 9:15 a.m.

New singers are always welcome to join! Cherub (Grades K-2) & Angelus (grades 3-6) Choirs



practice on Sunday mornings at the Downtown Site at 8:50 a.m., Cherub in Room 220 and Angelus in the Choir Room.



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Make Sure You Know Where To Go



This Wednesday, Dec. 12, is Confirmation Service Night! This year more than ever before we have small groups in various places at different times. Some are on-site, some are off-site, and some aren't serving until Christmas break week and will not be meeting this Wednesday. You should have received an Off-Site Consent form and/or email with information about the time and location your student's small group will be serving. In the event your group is serving off-site a completed Off-Site Consent form must be turned in one week prior to the event and all students must have a 2018-19 Youth Ministry Release form on file. Contact your small group leader with additional questions.

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!



**Jan. 2: QPR & 9th Grade
2nd Semester Meeting**
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.*

First English Lutheran Church SCRIP Order Form

Benefitting FELC Youth Annual Trips

General Information

Please turn in form with payment to the table in the Gathering Area, offering plate, Church Office or email to Heidi Schreiner at hschreiner@felc.com. Payment is required at time of order. Orders placed by **Noon on Monday, Dec. 9**, will be available for pick up on **Sunday, Dec. 16**. **After that, they will be in the Downtown Site Office**. Questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner at 733-2303 or hschreiner@felc.com.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Order Date: _____

Email: _____

Check one: Pick up at DS Pick up at NS

Retailer	\$ (Circle)	Credit	Qty	Cost
Amazon.com	\$25 \$100	2.5%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%		
Bath + Body Works	\$25	13%		
Best Buy	\$25 \$100	4%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%		
Chipotle	\$25	10%		

Retailer	\$ (Circle)	Credit	Qty	Cost
CVS	\$25	6%		
DICK'S Sporting Goods	\$25 \$100	8%		
Domino's	\$25	8%		
Festival Foods	\$50 \$100	3%		
Fleet Farm	\$25 \$100	3.5%		
Gap	\$25 \$100	14%		
Home Depot	\$25 \$100	4%		
	SUBTOTAL PG 1			

Turn sheet over for more shopping options.

Retailer	\$ (Circle)	Credit	Qty	Cost
HomeGoods	\$25 \$100	7%		
iTunes	\$25	5%		
Kohl's	\$25 \$100	4%		
Kwik Trip	\$25 \$50 \$100	4%		
Little Caesars	\$20	8%		
Marcus Theatres	\$25	8%		
Meijer	\$50 \$100	3%		
Menards	\$25 \$100	3%		
Motomart	\$50	5%		
Nike	\$25	12%		
Noodles & Co	\$10	8%		
Old Navy	\$25 \$100	14%		

Retailer	\$ (Circle)	Credit	Qty	Cost
Panera	\$25	8%		
Pick 'N Save	\$50 \$100	4%		
Sam's Club	\$50 \$100	2.5%		
Scheels	\$25	8%		
Starbucks	\$25	7%		
Subway	\$10	6%		
Taco Bell	\$25	5%		
Target	\$25 \$50	2.5%		
T.J. Maxx	\$25 \$100	7%		
Uno Pizzeria	\$25	12%		
Walgreen's	\$25 \$100	5%		
Walmart	\$50 \$100	2.5%		
	SUBTOTAL PG 2			
	SUBTOTAL FROM PG 1			
	TOTAL PGS 1 & 2			

Total Amount Due: _____

Payment Option: Check# _____ Cash

Make checks payable to FELC (please write Scrip in the memo)

Turn this sheet over to provide your contact information.



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:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • 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 _____

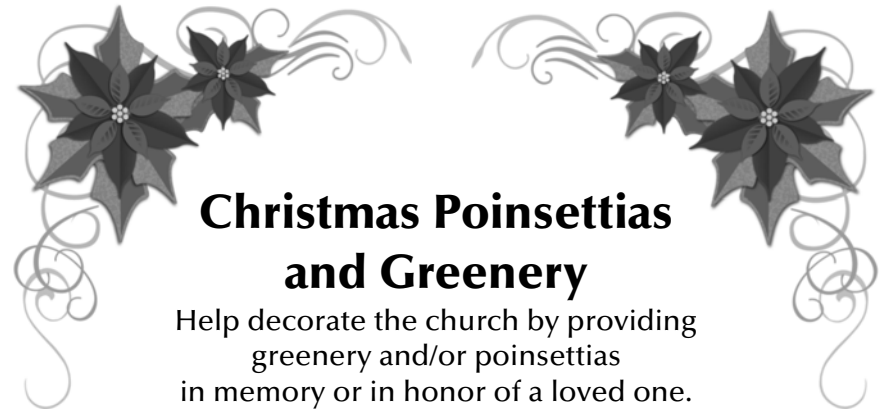
or

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 Monday, Dec. 17.