

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) is open for family use during all services and staffed during the 9:15 a.m. service. The North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) is staffed at both services. 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; 733-2303) or email Pastor Mary (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, or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

The Week of Feb. 4, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Feb. 4

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
1 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
Noon
Noon

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

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

Boy Scout Sunday; New Member Sunday

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Women's Study Group, NS Library

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Board Games Life Group, NS Library
Griefshare, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Judith Circle, DS 114

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Night Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Confirmation General Session, DS Assigned Large Group Rooms
Confirmation Small Group Leader Info Meeting, DS 114
Kid's Life, DS 014
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge
ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Annual Soup Luncheon & Annual Meeting, NS

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Women's Study Group, NS Library
FELC Annual Meeting Soup Luncheon, NS Gathering Area
FELC Annual Meeting, NS Sanctuary

Hmmm...I've Been Wondering...

Are you interested in becoming a Confirmation small group leader? If so, please attend the Confirmation Small Group Leader meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 114. We will talk about the joys, challenges, and expectations of small group leadership, review the Confirmation calendar, and discuss advance training sessions to equip leaders for this important role. Please contact Kirsten Owens for more information at kowens@felc.com.



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.
Office Hours: W: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Announcements
Week of Feb. 4, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

New Member Sunday

Today we officially welcome the following new members to our congregation. They will be wearing flowers to make them easier to find. There will be a special cake to honor new members during coffee hour. Please find a new member and personally welcome them to First English!

- John and Bonnie Clasen
- Sharon Heuser
- Candi and Skye Huber
- Bonnie Lueck
- Chase Mason and Kaitlyn Ashbeck
- Marty, Brenda, and Ben Miller
- Brandon Reichenberger and Mary Wiseman
- Zach Waechter and Myriah Otto
- Gehrig, Michelle, Hans, and Elin Williamson
- Katie, Jenny, and Jack Witt

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

-Romans 15:7

Boy Scout Sunday

Today is Boy Scouts of America Sunday. Thank you to all who wore their uniforms to be recognized at today's services. FELC is the chartering organization for Troop 12, Troop 73, and Pack 3022.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms

Join others in our congregation for an ongoing discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Meditations on the Psalms* on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge.

Buy Fair Trade Coffee

Make your consumer dollars count! The Coffee Project directly links our church to the farmers and families that grow the coffee, tea and cocoa. Conventional coffee market prices have fallen to historic lows causing extreme hardship to coffee growing families. Entire national economies are suffering the effects of the global market in coffee. By changing our buying habits and buying fairly traded coffee, we can support the farmers and their families that are part of the Equal Exchange cooperatives. Please stop by the Gathering Area today and continue to support this *Good Coffee for a Good Cause* project.



Media Tech Urgent Need

First English is in great need of more North Site Media Tech operators for the 10:30 a.m. service. The position requires you to advance the slideshow as the congregation follows the service. If you feel called to help with this position or have questions, please contact Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com.

Looking Ahead

FELC Annual Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 11, 12:15 p.m.
North Site Sanctuary

Soup Lunch

Starting at 11:30 a.m.
North Site Gathering Area
Free-will offering to benefit youth attending
the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

2017 Annual Progress Reports

Copies of the FELC 2017 Annual Progress Report are available in the Gathering Area. If you take one, please bring your copy with you to the Annual Meeting on Feb. 11 as a limited number were printed to conserve resources.

Congregation Council Absentee Ballots are available in the Downtown Site Church Office. Copies of the nominees' bios are in the Gathering Area.

CORRECTION: If you picked up a report in the Gathering Area last Sunday, please note the location for the meeting (on page 2) is incorrect. As promoted in all other publications, the Annual Meeting will be held at the North Site on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 12:15 p.m. The report online and those in the Gathering Area today contain the correct location as well. We apologize for the confusion.

Griefshare

Are you struggling with the death of a parent, spouse, family member, or friend? *Griefshare* is a nationwide program that has helped many people deal with their loss. Join us beginning Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge. Workbooks will be available at the first meeting. Please contact Pastor Mary at mbauer@felc.com if you would like more information.

Board Games Guild Meets Tomorrow

This life group meets the first Monday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the North Site Library. Bring your favorite board game, your family and friends, and meet us for a night of fun fellowship tomorrow night. Hope to see you there!

Make An IMPACT!

Friday, Mar. 2 at The OuterEdge Stage

Mark your calendar and invite friends. Exciting things are happening this year: New venue, new activities during the evening, new entertainment and more. Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Area beginning next Sunday, Feb. 11. They are also available online at www.felc.com/impact. See you there!



Lenten Worship Volunteer Opportunities

Lent begins on Feb. 14 and continues until Easter Sunday on Apr. 1. With Lent comes additional worship volunteer opportunities. Sign up in the Gathering Area or log in to your Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) profile to view these opportunities. Questions? Contact Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com.

Scrip Sale Next Week!

Bring your checkbook next Sunday to support high school youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. The bulletin on Feb. 11 will contain an insert to purchase gift cards through the *Shop With Scrip* program. Order forms along with payment will be due Feb. 12 at noon. Thank you for your support!

Ukulele Combo Rehearsals

The Ukulele Combo will meet on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30-10 a.m. at the North Site Sanctuary in addition to the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Choir Room. We will begin this schedule Feb. 11.

Noon Hour Philosophers

The Noon Hour Philosophers meet for an hour at noon in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall each Wednesday. If you have questions please contact Mary Poulson at mmaryjep@att.net or (920)734-8137.

Feb. 7: *Plato on the Fall of Democracy and the Rise of Tyranny*

Evan Kreider, Professor of Philosophy,
UW-Fox Valley

Prayers For Community Care

Each week we will be lifting up an organization in our area that works to provide vital services in our community. We are partners with many of these groups that show the light of God to those in need. Consider praying and possibly volunteering for the groups we mention. If you would like more information on any of these groups, please visit www.felc.com/outreach. This week's focus:

Appleton Downtown, Inc.

Contact: Traci Erbrecht, Volunteer Coordinator
traci@appletondowntown.org

Shaped by the Cross for Lent

During Lent this year, join us to study *Shaped by the Cross: Meditations on the Sufferings of Jesus*.

"Reflecting on Michelangelo's majestic *Pieta*, ...Ken Gire offers seven meditations on a costly discipleship that invite us to take up our cross and follow our Savior - through death to life everlasting."

Use this study as an opportunity to learn what it means to use hardships and sufferings to grow in faith and in love for Jesus. Classes will meet directly after Wednesday worship in both the morning and evening and will begin on Feb. 14 in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Books are available in the Gathering Areas at both sites.

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
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- George Krempin
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Tom Roy
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Karen Reeck
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Karen Schultz
- Walter Seacotte
- Barb Kuenzi

Prayers of Comfort

- Families of:
- Bob Gauerke
 - Jacob Frerking
 - Roger Karn
 - Harold Rohlfing
 - Kathy Skaar

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Baptism of:
- Liam John Dornfeld

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



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Feb. 4, 2018

reFUEL

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

*Faith is the bridge
between where I am
and the place
God is taking me.*



- 2/7: Joining 9th Grade small group sessions
Social media discussions
- 2/14: Ash Wednesday, no reFUEL
Worship 6:15pm DS and NS
- 2/21: Lent Activity
Week 1



**Pre-Gathering Retreat:
Feb 9-10, Best Western
Premier Hotel in Oshkosh**

Friday: Meet at DS Parking Lot
at 5pm to carpool (Eat before)
Saturday: 4:30pm Return
Lock-in style retreat, feel free
to bring an air mattresses.

**Thanks for joining us for the
Youth Gathering Brunch last
week!**

**Next Fundraiser:
Sunday, Feb. 11:
Annual Meeting Soup Lunch
Scrip Sale**

**Sunday, Feb. 18:
Scrip Pick Up**

Electronic sign-ups for the
upcoming fundraisers have
been emailed to you.
Questions, please contact
Heidi (hschreiner@felc.com).

Do you love Summer Intern Ministry and want to find a way to give back? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Offer on-site babysitting for this year's *Make an IMPACT!* fundraiser! The event is **Friday, Mar. 2, 6:30-9:30pm at The Outer Edge Stage**. Babysitting will take place in the lower level of the venue which contains Sunday School classrooms. Contact Heidi Schreiner if you're interested in donating your services (hschreiner@felc.com).

Feb. 4, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Wondered about Confirmation Small Group Leadership?

Come get the scoop on this important
role in youth faith
development at the **Confirmation
Small Group Leader
Info Meeting on Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. in
Downtown Site Fellowship Hall.**

We'll be talking about the joys,
challenges, logistics, and your questions.
C'mon! We'd love to chat!

Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: [felc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/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



Why Ash Wednesday is a Great Way to Spend Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day falls on the same day as Ash Wednesday this year, Feb. 14. Huh, you might be saying, sure seems awfully somber when we should be celebrating love. Actually, taking your kids to church on Valentine's/Ash Wednesday may be the best holiday mash-up ever! Here's why:

- * Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Our most important season in the church. Let them know it's a special time.
- * Kids need a chance to experience these traditional observances of the church. No matter where they find themselves in the world as they grow up they will always be able to connect to these sacred times.
- * Ash Wednesday reminds us all that all of the stuff we acquire and the difficult times we weather are simply passing moments. We belong to someone greater, Jesus Christ.
- * Valentine's Day is all about love. There's no greater love than Christ's love for us!

Grab dinner, attend worship, and share your thoughts over chocolates afterward. Valentine's/Ash Wednesday is a great way to talk about radical love! Ash Wednesday services are offered at 6:15 p.m. at both sites.

Have a Case of the *Where Is Its?* Or the Couldn't Make Its?



Maybe you couldn't make it to church some Sunday or you misplaced your Pastor Chat sheet for family discussion and prayer. No problem! We've got you covered! Go to www.felc.com/forms and check under Resources for the most recent Pastor Chat sheet.

Choir Corner Angelus Choir sings "Wade in the Water" on Feb. 11 at the 8 a.m. worship.



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Confirmation This Week

7th Grade: Large group. Family should have chapter 8 read

8th Grade: Large group. Family should have chapter 8 read



9th Grade: Small group with reFUEL high school students. Talking about social media.



Save the Date for the Pool Paaarrtttaayy!

The end-of-year Confirmation pool party is set for Tuesday, Jun. 19 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Mead Pool. Sign up at www.felc.com/forms.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14



A reminder that this is a Family Attendance Night. Families are asked to attend Ash Wednesday worship together at either site at 6:15 p.m. as part of the Confirmation

curriculum. There is no regular Confirmation class that evening. Please give this activity the same level of priority as other Confirmation nights.

What's CYG Up To This Week?



Today is the last day of CYG. We will end the year by painting rocks with a kind message or verse to be hidden somewhere in the community for someone else to find. How can you spread God's love to others? Meet us in the North Site Youth Room at 9:15 a.m. to participate.

**9th Graders - Don't Forget
Confirmation forms are
due THIS WEDNESDAY!**

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

FELC DS Engage Page: Epiphany 5, February 4, 2018

Mark 1:29-39 *As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.*

Sun, Jan. 28: Family Project: Let each family member come up with a problem that they have. Examples might be learning how to do math, getting better at corner kicks for soccer, dealing with a friend who's spreading lies about you, or being bored in class. Then ask them, "Who would you go to for help with this problem? After you come up with "helpers", talk about how the disciples knew to go to Jesus for help when someone was sick. In every situation, besides getting human help, we can cast our cares on Jesus.

Mon, Jan. 29: In light of the call stories of the disciples, we may be tempted to think that the call of Jesus is always away from home and the ordinary. But here we are, just a few verses later, with Simon back at home and worried about his mother-in-law. Our entire life can be a dance between competing commitments. However, in a called life, there is only one commitment, and held within that commitment is the flourishing of life for all. We never abandon loved ones—we surrender them and ourselves to Jesus .

Tues, Jan. 30: When Jesus takes Simon's mother-in-law by the hand, he models the kind of caring that needs to happen between brothers and sisters in Christ. As long as we are alive, there are apt to be areas of our lives where we need help and areas where we are able to help those in need. Our call is to be open about both! It is just as important to share our needs as it is to share our strength. Be willing to serve and be served by the body of Christ.

Wed, Feb 7, 2 Kings 2:1-12 Was Elijah was trying to get away from Elisha? Though repeatedly told to "Stay here", Elisha will not abandon his mentor. Sometimes when we go through difficulties we do our best to protect those around us. We may be tempted to tell a spouse, child, good friend or sibling that we are able to face future uncertainties on our own. When Elijah gave in and had Elisha accompany him, it ended up being a blessing for the both of them. Do not face future uncertainties alone—whether it is health issues, going through a divorce, dealing with job loss, or something else. Be assured that as people accompany us through life's ups and downs, they gain hope that they will not be isolated in future struggles and the peace that comes from helping another.

Thurs, Feb 8, Psalm 50:1-6 When I read these verses, I can't help but think of a quote from "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" the allegory by C.S. Lewis in which Aslan the Lion represents Christ. Young Lucy worries about meeting Aslan. She says, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr Beaver... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you." Sometimes we treat our Lord as our tame wish granter. Instead he summons the earth; he is the perfection of beauty who is preceded by a devouring fire and surrounded by a mighty tempest. Give thanks that our great God is also righteous and good!

Fri, Feb 9, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 After being in God's presence, Moses wore a veil to prevent people from being afraid of the glorious light shining from his face. Paul compares this veil of separation to the way people draw distorted pictures of themselves, cunningly using God's word to get their own glory. If our lives are like a mirror, we can be tempted to draw an image on that mirror of how we want to be seen—our "holy" selves. We can use scripture to justify ourselves instead of remembering we are slaves who can only reflect the glory of Christ. Drawing a false image only prevents others from seeing God. Rather clean away the smudges of self so Christ's love can shine through

Sat, Feb 10, Mark 9:2-9 When we have spiritual mountaintop experiences, like Peter, we may want to "build a tent" or do whatever it takes to stay in the moment. In fact, much of our spiritual energy can be spent trying to find those moments of glory—sifting through pastors or praise teams in search of the one that consistently transports us. This isn't all bad—there is no virtue in being bored. But as wonderful as it is to have moments of transfiguration when we realize who Christ is, it is also important for us to know that Jesus came down from the mountaintop. We too must use our moments of glory to power a life of faithful service.

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FELC NS Engage Page: Epiphany 4, February 4, 2018

Mark 1:21-28 *They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching -- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.*

Sun, Feb 4: Family Project: What does it mean to have authority? Think about police officers. What gives them their authority and over what areas do they have authority? What about teachers? Pastors? People in government? How do you feel about people who are in authority? Ask your kids what position of authority they would like to have and why. Would they rather be a president of a company or the President of the United States? Why? Then discuss what sort of authority Jesus possessed. Why did people say He spoke as one with authority? Does Jesus have authority in your life?

Mon, Feb 5: The followers of Jesus say, "*What is this? A new teaching -- with authority!*" One of the signs of the authority that Jesus carried was that even unclean spirits obeyed him. Jesus was able to go into places where evil had power and bring a new word of love, forgiveness, and hope. Today we can let uncertainties paralyze us, afraid that Jesus has no authority in the battle against evil. We can look around and say the battle is too big for us. In truth, evils would never be overcome if everyone acted on this belief. Today, believe in the power of God to overcome the evil you encounter.

Tues, Feb 6: New teachings are quite often met with resistance, especially if they are from people who traditionally do not have prestige. It is certainly appropriate to give more authority to an expert in matters of our health, investments, or relationships. However, people who take it for granted that they will receive respect are often not as gifted in living a life of genuine service as those who are accustomed to being overlooked. Who are your heroes of faith? Make sure to include those who share forgiveness and grace even when they have not received the same.

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