

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 Jan. 14, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:15/9:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge/NS Library
New & Review (Week One), DS 221

Monday

9 a.m.
Noon
8:15 p.m.

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

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

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Personnel Committee, DS Workroom
Executive Committee, DS Lounge
Finance Committee, DS 110

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

Wednesday

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

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Night Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Confirmation General Session, DS Assigned Small Group Rooms
Kid's Life, DS 014
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room
Welcome to Confirmation Meeting-New Students & Parents, DS Fellowship Hall
Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

8:05 p.m.

Thursday

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

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

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Sunday, Jan. 21

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:15/9:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge/NS Library
New & Review (Week Two), NS Lower Level

Church Women United 2018 Annual Meeting

First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin St., Appleton
Friday, Jan. 26

11:30 a.m.: Registration; Noon: Lunch (\$10); 12:45 p.m.: Business Meeting; 1 p.m.: Karen Nelson, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

To register, contact Marilyn at 788-5858 or mdvofkau@new.rr.com or Jayne at 246-8569 or plainjayne37@gmail.com by Jan. 22. Items for the Fox Valley Warming Shelter will be collected.



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: M-Th: 3-6:30 p.m.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

Day on the Mission Field

Jan. 20 is sponsored by Bob and Mil Herder in honor of Bob's birthday.

Guest Speakers Today

We are grateful for the message brought to us today by two representatives of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Jim Holmberg is the LSS Director of Church Relations, and Cindy Halverson is the President of LSS Foundation. LSS is the oldest and largest multi-service provider of social services in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Affiliated with ELCA congregations, it exists to bring hope to the hopeless, providing services to the most vulnerable. Since 1882, LSS has touched and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms

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

New & Review Begins Today

The first class of the winter *New & Review* series begins today at 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Room 220 of the Downtown Site. Pastor Jeff will be leading the class entitled *FELC/the ELCA and You*. Anyone interested in becoming a new member of First English is welcome to attend this series. Questions, contact Hannah Sprenger at hsprenger@felc.com.

Looking Ahead

Member Fire

George and Susan Meyer just joined our congregation in the fall. Unfortunately on New Year's Day, fire destroyed their garage and 60% of their home. Since they have no family in the area, we are hoping to help them in any way we can. If you would like to make a donation to help them, here is the link to follow. <https://www.gofundme.com/meyerhousefire>.

New Early Risers Study

Braving the Wilderness

By Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW

Thursdays, 6 - 7 a.m.

Downtown Site Lounge

Beginning Jan. 18

If you would like to participate and need a book, contact Jean Monson at jeanmonson2324@gmail.com. Please read chapter 1 prior to the Jan. 18 start date.

A Small Group Needs YOU!

We have a great Confirmation small group whose leader is moving out of town. This is a fun and thoughtful group of students that need a leader. Please contact Kirsten Owens a.s.a.p. about this opportunity to be a blessing to our FELC kids!

Announcements
Week of Jan. 14, 2018

Get the Scoop On Confirmation!

If you have a student that will be entering 7th grade next fall, please attend the *Welcome to Confirmation* meeting for new students and parents on Jan. 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Confirmation camp, pastor and family meetings, the calendar, the lock-in and more. If you are enrolling a student this fall please make every effort to attend. Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com for more info.

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

Do you have an interest 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 note the date has been changed from its initial Jan. 17 date. Please contact Kirsten Owens for more information at kowens@felc.com.

Advance Funeral Planning Luncheon

Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes & Crematories will be conducting a complimentary *Lunch and Learn* program on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden 1275 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton. This program will explain the emotional and financial benefits of advance funeral planning followed by informal questions, answers and a complimentary light meal. Seat reservations should be made by calling Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes and Crematories at (920)297-2742.

Recycle Used Eyeglasses/Hearing Aids

The Appleton Evening Lions Club have placed collection bins in the Gathering Area. FELC member, Win Neubert is regularly checking the bins so feel free to continue to fill them with your used eyeglasses/hearing aids.

Boy Scout Sunday

On Feb. 4 we celebrate the 108th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. If you are a Boy Scout and would like to assist with worship on Feb. 4, please contact Hannah Sprenger, hsprenger@felc.com, by tomorrow, Jan. 15. Opportunities such as being an usher, greeter, or reader are available. Please also wear your uniform this day to show your boy scout pride!

Make An IMPACT!

This fundraising event will be held on Friday, Mar. 2. Mark your calendar and invite friends. Exciting things are happening this year: New venue, new activities, new entertainment and more. Watch for details. You won't want to miss this!



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. Please note that this date has been postponed in order to allow us more time for preparation. Contact Pastor Mary at mbauer@felc.com for more details.

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

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.

Jan. 17:

Evicted, As It Pertains to the Fox Cities

John Wiley,

Concerned Citizen of the Fox Cities

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. This week's focus:

Affinity Visiting Nurses Hospice Services

Contact: Leah Patrick, Leah.Patrick@ahah.net.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Wednesdays, Feb. 7-Mar. 14, 1-3 p.m.

Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology

3925 North Gateway Drive, Appleton

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a six-week series designed to help you, the caregiver, take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. Caregivers will learn how to reduce stress, better communicate your feelings, increase your ability to make tough decisions and also locate helpful resources. To register contact Jean Monson at jmonson@fvho.org or (920)702-4816 by Feb. 2.

Beth Moore in Green Bay

Beth Moore, a well-known teacher and writer with a calling to minister to women, is in Green Bay on Apr. 13-14 for a seminar. If you are interested in attending with other women from our congregation, contact Pastor Mary. She will buy tickets (\$59) so if you would like this reduced rate, please contact her to reserve a ticket before Feb. 12.

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
- George & Susan Meyer
- Doug Hansen
- George Krempin
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Jacob Frerking
- Tom Roy
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Kathy Skaar
- Juanita Gauerke
- Karen Schulz
- Anne Messer

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Ken Dusso
- Bob Gauerke
- John Gronholm
- Melissa Heins
- Deloris VanLaarhoven
- Bernice Hoff
- Kitty Hujet
- Diane Johnson
- David Moard
- Harold Rohlfing

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Hoyt William Hooks

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

Jan. 14, 2018

reFUEL

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



I chose you.-God
John 15:16

- 1/17: Object lesson on self-worth
- 1/24: 8th grade reFUEL night Special time 7-8:30pm
Upperclassmen will be leading 8th grade confirmation groups through different activities to experience what it's like to participate in reFUEL after completing Confirmation
- 1/31: Social Media discussion



ELCA Youth Gathering participants should have received an email with the registration form for the Pre-Gathering Synod Retreat happening Feb. 9-10 at Imago Dei. Cost is \$20.

Register by TOMORROW (1/15)!
Questions contact Heidi (hschreiner@felc.com)

ELCA Youth Gathering Brunch:
Jan. 28 10:30-11:30am in DS Youth Room
Next fundraiser: Annual Meeting Soup Luncheon and Scrip Sale Feb. 11

Register for the FELC High School Ski-Trip
(and snowboarding and tubing)
For grades 9-12

Saturday, Feb. 17 at Nordic Mountain
\$30 for ticket, \$20 for rental, free transportation.
Friends are welcome! Must have updated FELC Medical Release Form on file (found at www.felc.com/forms).
Questions? Contact Heidi (hschreiner@felc.com).

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Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Here Are Some Meetings You Shouldn't Miss!

If you have a student currently in 6th grade who will be participating in Confirmation next year don't miss the **Welcome to Confirmation Meeting on this Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Fellowship Hall** for parents & students

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.**

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



Epiphany:

The Season that Lights the World

For the next few weeks we are in the season of Epiphany. We marvel at Jesus having been born, baptized, and acknowledge He is the light of the world. The number of Sundays in Epiphany vary depending on the date of Ash Wed. The final Sunday of Epiphany is Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday just a few days prior to Ash Wed. Most of the Sundays in Epiphany are green on the Liturgical calendar indicating we are in common time. Ask your student about the green weeks when we are learning to walk like Jesus. In this, the darkest time of the year, we look to the light of Jesus!

Don't Forget to Register for Communion Class

We offer Communion Class for students grade two and higher that have not had the sacrament before. This year the class will be on March 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Downtown Site in Rooms 010-013. We have fun making communion bread, talking about the importance of the sacrament, and participating in a educational Seder meal.

Please register in advance at www.felc.com/forms.



Bring Your Bible & Dig It!

If you're grade 3 or higher and have a Bible you wish you could use more, start bringing it to church. You and your parents can look up that day's scripture verses together. This is a great way to get more familiar with the Good Book!

Choirs Are Gettin' Back Into the Sing of Things

**Cherub sings TODAY at
9:15 a.m. worship.**

**Angelus
sings next
week at the
9:15 a.m.
worship.**



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Confirmation This Week



7th grade: Large group. Your family should have read chapter 7 together.



8th grade: Large group. Your family should have read chapter 8 together.

9th grade: A Voices of Men presentation re-do will happen in Fellowship Hall.



We Need a Faith Builder STAT!

We have a super Confirmation small group that needs a leader due to an unexpected relocation! Please contact Kirsten Owens a.s.a.p. about this opportunity to be a blessing!



What's CYG Up To This Week?



Confirmation Youth Group will be talking about travel this week. We will look at a map and track the route that Jesus took when spreading the Holy Word. Bring your own stories of travel too! Meet us in the NS youth room at 9:15 a.m. Hope to see you there!

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

FELC Engage Page: Epiphany 2, January 14, 2018

John 1:43-51 *The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, I you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."*

Sun, Jan. 14: *Family Project:* Lutheran Social Services works to help with adoptions. This Sunday we saw a video of Ciara, a young lady adopted through LSS. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzip3C57SzY>) What is your call to help others? Not all of us will travel around and be evangelists and not all of us are called to open our homes to children in need. However all of us are called to do something to help others. Discuss ways that you feel called to help people in need.

Mon, Jan. 15: Today we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Since we just studied how Jesus called the disciples into ministry, let's focus on Dr. King's description of a called life. *"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"* May all of us answer God's call with a heartfelt "Yes!"

Tues, Jan. 16: Professor Michael Rogness writes, *"We don't know what there was about Jesus that led Simon, Andrew, James, John, and others to leave their homes and families to follow Jesus. Did they know him already? Or was this their first contact with him? In any case there was something remarkably compelling about Jesus to cause these and others to follow him into an uncertain future. The astonishing feature of the story is that they followed Jesus with no idea of where it would lead."** May God give you faith to deal with the uncertainties of the future, and an assurance that Jesus is always with you.

*http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=2315

Wed, Jan. 17: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Imagine a neighboring country that was on the brink of invading your own. And now imagine that these aggressive neighbors had threatened many times. Centuries of hostilities had given way to hate. Now imagine that your own God has asked you to preach to those in the largest city of this country, asking them to repent so God can show them mercy. What would your reaction be? Would those in your own country call you a traitor for helping the enemy? Before we judge Jonah for a lack of mercy, we need to realize that God was asking him to do something unimaginably difficult. Is there someone God is calling you to forgive? We are to follow our God of mercy and second chances even when we can't imagine doing so. Just as with Jonah, it may take a while for our heart to follow our call, but God will bless us with peace as we become ministers of reconciliation.

Thurs, Jan. 18: Psalms 62:5-12 This psalm moves from chaos to order, from the wild roaring of seas to meadows and valleys tamed by livestock and crops. Especially as I sit in the middle of my own messy office, I long for order. There is a feeling of security and "right-ness" that comes from knowing that there is nothing dangerous hidden at the bottom of a pile, no forgotten deadline waiting to trip me up. The psalmist here reminds us, however, that it is not our own might or organizational prowess that accomplishes this, but our hope is in the strength of our Lord. As God brought order out of chaos in creation, may we trust the power of God to order and center our hearts even on the most chaotic of days.

Fri, Jan. 19: 1 Cor. 7:29-31 Most agree that we should try to be like those who buy, but don't put importance in their possessions since we know we are to value people over things. However, Paul's other suggestions seem to carry this ideal of detachment too far. Should we really act as if we weren't in mourning or rejoicing or should those of us who are married act as if we were single? If we want to see the positive of this ideal, we need to focus on the last line *"For the present form of this world is passing away."* (v.31b) All the things and even attachments that are most precious to us now are temporary and will not hold eternal significance. Our calling is always to find our identity in Christ instead of our possessions, accomplishments disappointments, or relationships.

Sat, Jan. 20: Mark 1:14-21 Why did Jesus take time at the beginning of his ministry to form a community of followers? And was it a good idea? It didn't take long for bickering and jealousy to appear, and fatigue prompted his new disciples to show a lack of empathy for the sick and hurting people that Jesus wanted to help. If a person acts alone, their own failures and shortcomings can cause uncertainty and paralysis. In community, when one falters others can help that person move beyond failures and disappointments to remember Christ's grace and compassion. The strong bond between followers of Jesus continues to be a vital part in spreading the Gospel.

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