

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. 21, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Jan. 21

8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
9:15 a.m. Confirmation Youth Group, NS Activity Center & Youth Room
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
9:15/9:30 a.m. Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge/NS Library
11:45 a.m. New & Review (Week Two), NS Lower Level

Monday

9 a.m. **NO NS Office Hours This Week**
Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
8:15 p.m. Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library
6 p.m. Baptism Workshop, DS Lounge
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council, NS Library

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Noon Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
6 p.m. Confirmation 8th Grade reFUEL Night, DS Youth Room
6:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship, DS Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
7 p.m. Confirmation General Session, DS Assigned Rooms
7 p.m. Kid's Life, DS 014
7 p.m. reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room

Thursday

6 a.m. Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
9 a.m. Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge
6:30 p.m. ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center
7:30 p.m. Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Friday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library

Sunday, Jan. 28

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10:30 a.m. ELCA Youth Gathering Brunch, DS Youth Room
11:45 a.m. New & Review (Week Three), Pastor Jeff's Home

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

For the Soul of a Nation, No Deportation

What does deporting immigrants who are fleeing poverty, violence and corruption do to us as individuals and a nation? What do we lose without them? Come and hear stories of immigrants, DACA students and DREAMERS. Presented by ESTHER, UNIDOS Por un Futuro Mejor, and Winnebago Worship Group Religious Society of Friends. Sunday, Jan. 28, from 3-4:30 p.m., Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2600 E Philip Lane, Appleton.



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.
(No Office Hours This Week)

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

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 Worship Volunteer Schedule

Attention all worship volunteers: a new schedule has just been released! If you haven't already, you will receive an email or mailed copy of your scheduled worship roles. You can check your Ministry Scheduler Pro profile to view it as well. Questions, contact Hannah Sprenger hsprenger@felc.com.

Looking Ahead

Baptismal Workshop

The next Baptismal Workshop is on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge. Please RSVP by calling the church office and indicating if child care is needed. If an older child's baptism was more than three years ago at First English, please plan to attend a workshop before scheduling a baptism.

Ukulele Combo Rehearsal

Join the First English Ukulele Combo. The Ukulele Combo focuses on learning songs to play for worship. The next rehearsal is Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Choir Room.

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. Call Wichmann-Fargo at (920)297-2742 for reservations.

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 contact Kirsten Owens for more information at kowens@felc.com.

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.

Announcements

Week of Jan. 21, 2018

Church Women United 2018 Annual Meeting, Jan. 26

First United Methodist Church,
325 E. Franklin St., Appleton

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 (788-5858;
mdvofkau@new.rr.com) or Jayne (246-8569;
plainjayne37@gmail.com) by Jan. 22. Items for
the Fox Valley Warming Shelter will be collected.

Luther Nordic Choir in Concert

The Nordic Choir from Luther College is performing as part of their 2018 Tour on Saturday, Jan 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac. Help celebrate the inaugural tour of the choir under the new leadership of Dr. Andrew Last '97. A major part of our touring success depends on the support of our alums and friends in each concert area. Please make the trip to Fond du Lac for a wonderful evening of music! Questions? Contact Eric at (563)387-1267.

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.

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 series designed to help you, the caregiver, take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. To register contact Jean Monson by Feb. 2 at jmonson@fvho.org or (920)702-4816.

Make An IMPACT! An Evening of Fellowship, Celebration & Fundraising

The event will be held on Friday, Mar. 2. Mark your calendar and invite friends. Exciting things are happening this year: New venue, new activities during the evening, new entertainment and more. More information is coming soon - you won't want to miss this!



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

Christ in Our Home

The January-March *Christ In Our Home* booklets are available in the Gathering Area. The Scripture readings for this quarter follow the Revised Common Lectionary.

The Power of Grace: a Play

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Fox Valley Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
2600 E Philip Lane, Appleton

In this performance, women formerly incarcerated in Illinois share their thoughts and feelings about the experience in order to break down stereotypes and encourage awareness regarding the U.S. criminal justice system. The play is a window into the personal experience of incarceration and represents a ritual of self-liberation. Presented by ESTHER and Fox Cities EXPO (Ex-Prisoners Organizing).

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. 24: Is There a Connection Between Traumatic Brain Injuries and Homelessness?

Diane Mandler,
Co-chair of BRAIN 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 Area School District
Math Achievement Partnership Program
Contact: Mary Greiner (832-6319 or
volunteerservices@aad.k12.wi.us).

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

Apartments for Rent: FVLH has 1 & 2 BR apartments available at Linwood Place, a ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Supportive Independent Living in a Faith-Based Senior Community. To arrange a tour, call Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), or Brian (840-3578.)

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.

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

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 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

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Dale R. at (920)419-2794.



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Jan. 21, 2018

reFUEL

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

**DON'T FORGET
TO BE
awesome
TODAY**

- 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
- 2/7: Joining 9th Grade small group sessions



Please get your second payment installment of \$150 to Heidi if you haven't already. Payments can be made online at www.felc.com or by dropping off cash/check to either site.

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

"For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11



Follow **felc.youth** on Instagram and **FELC YOUTH** Facebook!



Jan. 21, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

FELC SKI TRIP AT NORDIC MOUNTAIN

For Grades 9-12

Saturday, Feb. 17

Registrations in Gathering Area or on the FELC YOUTH Facebook page, due Feb. 3

\$30 for Ticket

Bring \$20 for skis/snowboard rental, \$8 meal

Free bus transportation!



#shredthegnar #winteronesie
#wolfpack



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



Communion Class Is Filling Up

If you have a student grade 2 or higher that is ready to learn about and receive this sacrament, please register in advance at www.felc.com/forms.

This class is on Mar. 12 from 6-8 p.m. for students & parents at the Downtown Site.



So Many More Stories to Tell

We have been blessed with numerous members of the congregation that give 10-15 minutes of their time on a Sunday morning of their choosing to tell that week's Bible story to our Sunday School students. We still have some storyteller openings in winter and spring. Go to www.felc.com/forms to find a date that works for you. We love having so many new folks share the good news and the faith journey of our kids!



HAVE A 6TH GRADER HEADING TO CONFIRMATION IN THE FALL?

If you do and you missed the Welcome to Confirmation meeting last Wednesday contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com for the necessary info. There are some important deadlines as early as Mar. 2.

**WE GOTTA KEEP
MOVING FORWARD!**

Kid's Life = Super Stuff

Gratitude jars, Bible bookmarks, baked dog biscuits for the shelter, friendship bracelets, Bingo, share self-care suggestions, party with and pray for each other and SO MUCH MORE! Kids K-grade 6 are always welcome on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 014. Come join the fun!

ANGELUS CHOIR SINGS TODAY AT THE 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Confirmation This Week Is All Mixed Up



7th grade: Small group. You should have a chapter 7 question done.

8th grade: reFUEL NIGHT! Class is from 7-8:30 p.m. and will be led by the high school youth group. Students get a chance to see what reFUEL is all about.

9th grade: Bryan Wright from Reach Counseling talks about how to use social media in the healthiest way. Parents are welcome to attend. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 7-8 p.m.

A Great Family Assignment

As we head toward the spring (yes, it will come) we have a great opportunity for a Family Assignment. Each year we have the 9th grade Confirmation meal and rehearsal that requires many hands for set-up, food service, and clean-up. This year the event is on Apr. 11 at the North Site. Families have enjoyed helping with this event in the past. Go to the FELC web page and sign up for a shift at www.felc.com/forms to find a shift that works for you!



What's CYG Up To This Week?



This week Confirmation Youth Group talks about differences. Each of us bring different qualities and interests to the table. Despite our differences we are still deeply connected by the love of Christ. We will learn hands on about what this means by getting tangled in the game, "This or That?" Wanna play? Join us in the North Site Youth Room at 9:15 a.m.

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

FELC DS Engage Page: Epiphany 3, January 21, 2018

Mark 1:14-21 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; I repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea -- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

Sun. Jan. 21: Family Project: The response of the father of James and John is a strong reminder that our children are not our own. Ours are not the hands that made them, they do not belong to us, and God can call them out beyond our comfort zone. Spend some time teaching one another how to tell those we love things they do not want to hear. Practice situations like moving far from home or changing professions. How do we disappoint others in a loving way?

Mon. Jan. 22: Karoline Lewis reminds us that being called by Jesus is a call into community. "When Jesus calls the disciples in Mark, notice what's absent -- no individualism, no being left on your own, no pulling yourself up by your bootstraps. No, "you can handle this, so, buck up, buttercup." No, "follow me and good luck with that." Rather, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." That is, follow me and more followers are to come. Follow me and you will never be by yourself. Notice -- Jesus calls them together, not separately. Andrew and Simon. Then James and John. Discipleship is not an autonomous profession." Give thanks today for those who have accompanied you on your faith journey. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=5044>

Tues. Jan. 23: Isn't it surprising that Simon, Andrew, James, and John are all willing to leave everything to follow Jesus? I have a hard time believing that their father didn't just order them back in the boat! There are certainly hurdles today for those who feel called into ministry, especially if they are already in the work force. How can we give good counsel, realizing that God has never checked a retirement account before asking someone to step out in faith? Pray that we can be a community that encourages and helps others to answer God's call to be fishers of people!

Wed. Jan. 24: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I get to talk about the 10 Commandments with my 7th grade Confirmation class. The 2nd commandment in Martin Luther's Catechism reads "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God." In his explanation, Luther says, "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name..." Of course we misuse God's name by cursing or swearing, but it is more difficult to think of ways we use God's name to lie or deceive. It became a little clearer to my students when I told them "God told me you will be punished if you don't give money to church." Sometimes we are tempted to "prophecy" what we believe should happen instead of listening for God's message. Whenever you speak on behalf of God, make sure speak God's words and not your own desires.

Thurs. Jan. 25: Psalm 111 When the psalmist writes, "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them"(v.2), he is encouraging us to delight in God's works, and also giving us a tool to do so. This psalm is an acrostic. After the first "Praise the Lord", each successive line starts with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This form would help those who were trying to memorize the psalm in its original language. The words of the psalm assure us that studying God's work is a delight and a holy calling. May we seek out the wonders of God's creation and use all our abilities to find new ways to praise God for His works.

Fri. Jan. 26: I Cor. 8:1-13 How do we treat people who carry differing views of moral Christian behavior? As the early Christians were deciding whether it was moral to eat food sacrificed to idols, Paul wrote, "we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but loves builds up." (v.1) Have you ever felt your body responding to having what you consider the moral high ground on an issue? We stretch to our full height and our chest comes out in a physical enactment of looking down on someone. Paul reminds us that everyone "knows" they are right, but our call is to act out of love and not out of self affirming knowledge.

Sat. Jan. 27: Mark 1:21-28 Twice in this passage, we read Jesus teaches with "authority". I am more likely to concede authority to someone else in an area where I am ignorant and where they don't threaten my expertise. Do you know how to assemble a computer? Then have at it! I am not going to try to usurp your authority. However, if we were discussing Biblical interpretation, I wouldn't back down so quickly. Here in these opening verses, Mark sets up the conflict that would result in Jesus death—between Jesus and his authority from God and the High Priests and Pharisees who did not want to give up earthly power. It's a conflict repeated in my own life whenever I try to hold onto my own authority without prayerfully submitting to God. Pray for a humble and teachable heart.

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

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Sun. Jan. 21: Family Project: Today we heard from Lexi Woershofer, who was able to spend time learning and helping in South Africa with the World Health Organization. When we are baptized into the family of God, we are baptized into one world-wide family. As a family, pick one country that you would like to learn more about. If you met someone from that country, what would you want to ask them about? Make that country part of your daily family prayers.

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Wed. Jan. 24: Isaiah 40:21-31 Sometimes life comes together in touching ways. These verses, assigned for this week in our three year lectionary, were chosen yesterday by a family for the funeral of a long-time member. In describing him, the family paid tribute to his energy level. Into his 90's he would go out and shovel or use the snow blower if his son didn't get there soon enough. He usually worked two jobs, and even recently told a doctor who was asking him how he felt, "You know I'm not in my 80's anymore". How do we rest in the strength of the Lord? How do we mount up with wings like eagles? For this member, the family found a clue in his study—a daily Bible reading guide. He had placed check marks by each of the daily assignments right up until the last weeks of his life. Wait for the Lord, trust in God's word, and strength will be renewed.

Thurs. Jan. 25: Psalms 147:1-11, 20c David Limburg informs us that throughout the Biblical era and into the medieval times, ravens were held to be suspect parents, often abandoning their young. "The notion about the irresponsibility of raven parents persists; in the German language, a mother who abandons young children is called a Rabenmutter (raven mother). Jesus, too, was impressed by the Lord's care for ravens: "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them" (Luke 12:24)"* When family disappoints and parents fail, take comfort in knowing that God hears your cry.

*Limburg, James, Psalms (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 2000) p. 498.

Fri. Jan. 26: I Cor. 9:16-23 Paul writes, "So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified." I'm pretty sure that any boxing of mine would look a lot like beating the air. I remember my dad saying, "If you hit me, and I find out about it, you will be punished." And although I have certainly punished my body with my sporadic exercise regimen (sporadic meaning mostly nonexistent), I have certainly never displayed enough self-discipline over my body to claim to "enslave it". But I would love to, I long to, have an athletes drive to proclaim the gospel. May each of us be compelled by and enslaved to the Good News.

Sat. Jan. 27: Mark 1:29-39 Unlike men who are healed, Simon's mother-in-law immediately gets up to serve others after her healing. Although we can't expect 21st century responses in a 1st century world, we are called to proclaim ways in which this 1st century response is no longer acceptable. For women to be respected, we must realize that women did not simply serve the disciples who followed Jesus, but that, in spite of the ways they internalized their own worth and were treated by contemporaries, women were equal and important disciples—followers of Jesus who sat at his feet, who provided for him, and who watched his execution when others fled.

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