

## 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](mailto:felc@felc.com); 733-2303) or email Pastor Mary ([mbauer@felc.com](mailto: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](http://www.felc.com), or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

## The Week of Jan. 7, 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.

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

### Monday

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

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
Stephen Ministry, DS Lounge  
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

### Tuesday

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

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
Library Committee, DS Library  
Men's Ministry, DS 221  
Worship & Music Ministry Team, DS Lounge

DS=Downtown Site  
NS=North Site

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.  
Noon  
Noon  
1 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
8:05 p.m.

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221  
Sarah Circle, DS 114  
Stewardship Committee, DS Lounge  
Miriam Circle, DS Library  
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  
Kid's Life, DS 014  
reFUEL Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room  
Seraphim Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

### Thursday

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

Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge  
ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

### Sunday, Jan. 14

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

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Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge/NS Library  
New & Review (Week One), DS 221

### Sweet Justice

Who doesn't love chocolate? Its rich, creamy taste brings a smile to faces young and old. But for the farmers who grow cocoa used in the making chocolate, the taste isn't always so sweet.

The Lutheran World Relief Chocolate Project challenges chocolate lovers to give cocoa farmers a fair deal. By choosing fair trade chocolate for gifts, or to enjoy personally, you ensure that farmers earn the income they need to feed their families, educate their children, receive medical care and improve their communities.

Visit the Gathering Area today to make your purchase and support this worthy cause.



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

Announcements  
Week of Jan. 7, 2018

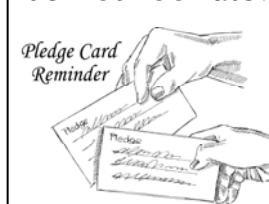
*Love Jesus. Live your call.*

## Sunday at FELC

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms

Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge for Sunday Adult Learning Time. In Epiphany (today - Feb. 11) we will be studying selected Psalms through the sermons and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Be challenged in your faith and learn about the life and teachings of this martyr of the faith. If you would like a book, please contact Pastor Mary ([mbauer@felc.com](mailto:mbauer@felc.com)).

### It's Not Too Late!



In the coming weeks the Finance Committee will forward the final 2018 budget to the Congregation Council for publication in the Annual Report. Please remember to turn in your 2018 Pledge Cards as soon as possible. It can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the Church Office or completed online. Please also consider using Automated Giving for fulfilling your pledge - it's easy to do. Forms are available in the office, Gathering Area or online at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com). If you need assistance, please call Brenda in the office at 920-733-2303.

## Looking Ahead

### Early Risers - Thursdays, 6 - 7 a.m., Beginning Jan. 18 Downtown Site Lounge

"True belonging doesn't require us to *change* who we are. It requires us to *be* who we are." Social scientist Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW, has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives - experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. In *Braving the Wilderness*, Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling, and honesty, Brown will again change the cultural conversation while mapping a clear path to true belonging.

If you would like to participate in this study and need a book ordered for you, please contact Jean Monson at [jeanmonson2324@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmonson2324@gmail.com). Read Chapter 1 prior to the Jan. 18 start date.

### 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.

## Deadline Tomorrow- "Can't Serve" Dates

Another worship volunteer schedule is in the making. Tomorrow, Jan. 8, is the deadline to enter your "can't serve" dates for the next schedule which will run from Jan. 31 - Apr. 8. Have you never been a worship volunteer, but would like to get started? Now is the perfect time! With the Easter season approaching there are several opportunities to sign up. Questions? Contact Hannah Sprenger at [hsprenger@felc.com](mailto:hsprenger@felc.com).

## New & Review Starts Next Week!

The *New & Review* series to become a new member is offered twice a year, winter and fall. Our next series begins next week, Jan. 14. If you are interested in becoming a new member, please register at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms). If you have any questions about the series, please contact Hannah Sprenger at [hsprenger@felc.com](mailto:hsprenger@felc.com).



### Winter 2018 series:

**Jan. 14,** 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Downtown Site Room 220  
*FELC/the ELCA and You*  
Led by Pastor Jeff

**Jan. 21,** 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
North Site Lower Level  
*What it Means to be Lutheran*  
Led by Pastor Mary

**Jan. 28,** 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Pastor Jeff's Home  
*Love Jesus. Live your call.*  
Led by members of the congregation.

**Feb. 4,** New Member Sunday  
Worship service of choice, both sites

## Two Small Groups Need YOU!

We have two great Confirmation small groups whose leaders are moving out of town. These are fun and thoughtful groups 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!

## Get the Scoop On Confirmation!

If you have a student that will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next fall it's time to think about Confirmation. On Jan. 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall we will be having a Welcome to Confirmation Meeting for New Students & Parents. We will be discussing Confirmation camp, pastor and family meetings, the calendar, the lock-in and more! If you intend to enroll a student in the fall please make every effort to attend this meeting. Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) for more information.

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

Have you read articles about becoming a Confirmation small group leader but were concerned you didn't understand the role well enough to jump in?

If so, save the date for 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. Contact Kirsten Owens for more information at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com).

### Informational Meeting



## 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](mailto:mmaryjep@att.net) or (920)734-8137.

### Jan. 10: LEAVEN - 30 Years of Turning Hardship into Hope

Mary Parsons, Executive Director

## Summer Intern Application Deadline Extended



The FELC Summer Intern Program exists to provide faith formation and vocational discernment for college-aged men and women. This is accomplished through working together in an intentional Christian community. Each intern is assigned a ministry focus (Elementary, Middle or High School, Worship, Music, Outreach, Communications, and Art), but the interns work as a team to carry out these ministries. This seasonal, full-time position will start at the end of May and run through mid-August. Applicants must have completed one year of college or be of equivalent age and life experience. Applications are available at [www.felc.com/employment](http://www.felc.com/employment). Questions? Please contact Heidi Schreiner ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)).

## 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.

## 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
- George & Susan Meyer
- Moore Peregrine
- Harold Rohlfing
- Jacob Frerking
- Tom Roy
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Kathy Skaar
- Bob Gauerke
- Juanita Gauerke
- Judy Egbert
- Todd Kauti
- Mike Boushley
- Bruce Erickson
- Karen Schulz
- Anne Messer

## Prayers of Comfort

### Families of:

- Ken Dusso
- Melissa Heins
- Jill Hilligoss
- Deloris VanLaarhoven
- Bernice Hoff
- Diane Johnson
- David Moard

## 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. 7 2018

## reFUEL

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

1/10: Special facilitator:  
Derek Jones

1/17: Object lesson on self-worth

1/24: 8<sup>th</sup> 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



*Thanks for the memories 2017!*



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 Jan. 15.**

Questions contact Heidi ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com))

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### ELCA Youth Gathering Brunch:

Jan. 28 10:30-11:30am in DS Youth Room

#### FELC High School Ski-Trip (and snowboarding and tubing):

Feb. 17 at Nordic Mountain

*May your new year shine brightly with new beginnings and new blessings!*



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Jan. 7, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12



## Here Are Some Meetings You Shouldn't Miss!

If you have a student currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade who will be participating in Confirmation next year don't miss the

**Welcome to Confirmation Meeting on Jan. 17, 7-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Fellowship Hall** for parents & students.

Wondering 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](https://www.instagram.com/felc.youth) Facebook: [FELC YOUTH](https://www.facebook.com/FELC.YOUTH)

### Connect with FELC Youth Staff

Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator: [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com)  
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: [hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)

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## Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



## Confirmation and Middle School Scoop

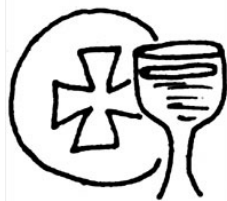


### Today Is Baptism of the Lord Sunday

It's the first Sunday of Epiphany. The calendar color today is white because we are commemorating a special day. It notes a time of new beginnings as the light of the world, Jesus begins his work! Consider lighting a candle before dinner each Sunday in Epiphany to remind everyone that Jesus is light and life!

### Don't Forget to Register for Communion Class

We offer Communion Class for students grade 2 and higher that have not had the sacrament before. This year the class will be on Mar. 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 an educational Seder meal. Please register in advance at [www.felc.com/forms](http://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!

### Both Cherub & Angelus Choirs Return to Rehearsals TODAY

**Cherub Choir is for K-grade 2 students and meets in Room 220**  
**Angelus is for grades 3-6 and meets in the Choir Room. Both choirs rehearse at 8:50 a.m. and all are welcome to join at any time. Ring in the New Year with singing!**



**7<sup>th</sup> grade: Small group.**  
**Have a chapter 6 Question to Ponder done.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> grade: Small group.**  
**Have chapter 7 Question to Ponder done.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> grade: Large group in Fellowship Hall**

**Shannon Kenevan from *Voices of Men* will be presenting.**

Welcome to Confirmation Meeting for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents on Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. We want to get you goin'!



### We Need Faith Builders STAT!

We have two super Confirmation small groups that need leaders due to unexpected relocations! Please contact Kirsten Owens a.s.a.p. about these opportunities to be a blessing!



### What's CYG Up To This Week?



This week Confirmation Youth Group will be reflecting on the past year and jumping into the new one with a fun reflection activity! Have you never joined us before? Don't be shy, come see what CYG is all about! Meet us in the North Site Activity Center at 9:15 a.m.!

*Have questions or want to volunteer?  
Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.*

## FELC DS - Engage Page: Baptism of our Lord

**Mark 1:4-11** *John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

**Sun, Jan. 7:** *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.

**Mon, Jan. 8:** The people who made the lectionary paired this gospel text with the creation account in the first verses of Genesis. In creating this world, God looks back at the work accomplished each day of this first beginning and calls it good. In creating redemption, Jesus emerges from the water, baptized into a ministry and mission of reconciliation, and God names Him "the Beloved" and is "well pleased" with this second beginning. Let us give thanks that the God who created us also created the way to a restored relationship.

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