

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) and the North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) are open for family use during all services. Please ask an usher if you need 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

At the Downtown Site, if you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, please ask an usher.

AED Units on Site

Automated external defibrillators are outside the Downtown Site Usher's Room and next to the North Site sound booth.

Video Recording

The 8:30 a.m. Downtown Site worship service is video-recorded to share with our homebound members upon request.

In Need of Prayer?

For additions to the prayer chain, email or call the church office (felc@felc.com; 733-2303).

More Information

For detailed information on these and more FELC events, opportunities and ministries, pick up a newsletter in the Gathering Area, visit our website at www.felc.com, or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

The Week of July 1, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, July 1

8:30 & 10 a.m.
9 a.m.

Monday

5 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
9 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
1 p.m.
1 p.m.
3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Thursday

7 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 8

8:30 & 10 a.m.
9 a.m.
10 a.m.

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

ELCA Youth Gathering Participants Return

Worship, DS Sanctuary
Worship, NS Sanctuary

Young Adult Fellowship, NS Gathering Area & Youth Room
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Coffee & Convo (Grades 9-12+), Copper Rock, College Ave.
KidCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church
FVLH Visit (All Ages), Fox Valley Lutheran Homes
Judith Circle, DS 114
Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8),
Yard Games & Ice Cream, NS

Church Office Closed; No Wednesday Worship

ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Worship, DS Sanctuary
Worship, NS Sanctuary
Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Update Your Contact Information

Have you moved? Dropped your land line? Got a new cell phone? Changed your email address? Please help FELC stay current by updating your contact information for us. It is fast and easy - just visit www.felc.com/update and fill out the short form. Thank you!

Harbor House Current Needs

- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- New women's underwear (individual or small packs please)
- New women's summer pajamas

Did you know you can shop, purchase and ship items for Harbor House from our Amazon Wish List? When you purchase items from the Wish List, they will ship directly to Harbor House. Amazing how something so quick and simple can make such a big difference to Harbor House!



First English Lutheran Church
www.felc.com felc@felc.com

Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10 a.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: 9 a.m.
Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.m.

Announcements
Week of July 1, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

First English is committed to becoming a more welcoming, inclusive congregation.

Sunday at FELC

Rev. Engebose at the North Site Today

Thank you to the Reverend Amy Engebose for assisting during Pastor Mary's sabbatical. Rev. Engebose is a graduate of Wartburg Seminary and has served congregations in Hustisford, Fond du Lac, and Green Bay. She currently serves in the synod office as the Bishop's Associate for Rostered Leadership and Congregations in Transition where she works with the call process, candidacy, and Reimagining Church among a host of other synodical ministries. In her free time, Pastor Amy enjoys scrapbooking, card making, crocheting, baking and being "Auntie Amy" to her nieces and nephew.

Prayers For Our Youth Gathering Participants

On Wednesday, twenty-five FELC high school students and four adult chaperones headed to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering along with 30,000 others from around the U.S. They have been engaged in worship, a service learning outreach day, an interactive learning day, a Synod Day worship with over 600 participants, and mass gatherings every night. As the group heads home tonight, please continue to pray for our students and the many others that shared in this life-changing, faith-forming experience. The group will share stories with you at Wednesday night worship on July 11 at 6:15 p.m. at the North Site.

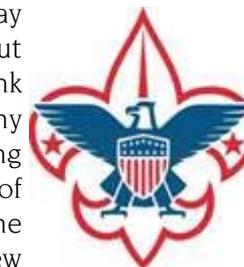
Looking Ahead

Holiday Hours

There are a couple of FELC schedule changes due to the upcoming holiday. On Wednesday, July 4, the Church Office will be closed, and there will not be North Site Wednesday worship. Also, intern-led activities will not take place July 4-8. Happy Independence Day!

From Prospective Eagle Scout Lucas Picken

As some of you may know, I am a Boy Scout working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. For my project I am removing and refreshing much of the landscaping at the Downtown Site. New plants and mulch will spruce up the grounds and be more inviting to members and visitors. Van Zeeland Nursery has generously helped in developing the landscaping plan for the project and donating the materials.



The project will take place Thursday, July 19 and Saturday, July 21. If you are willing, I could use some help with tearing out the old plants, splitting/planting new plants, and moving mulch on these two days. If you can help, please contact me at ljpicken@att.net.

Echoes Needs You

Echoes, a Christian Thrift Store needs you both for donations and to shop.



This vibrant First English ministry is in need of your donations and your shopping dollars. With many neighborhood garage sales, Echoes sales typically slow in the summer months. Please don't forget Echoes this summer.

Coffee Project Sunday

Equal Exchange builds connections and respectful relationships with people who suffer from oppression and poverty. By focusing our attention and energies on these people through supporting EE, we are able allow them the means that give them dignity and a better way of life. And we do that with our support of the Coffee Project. Sunday, July 8, is our next coffee day. We hope to see you then.

Let's Play Bridge

Do you enjoy playing Bridge? If so, join us, the FELC's Bridge Life Group on Tuesday, July 10 at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Questions? Contact Pastor Bob Herder, (920)738-6640.



Young Adult Fellowship

Young Adult Fellowship, or YAF, is a fun event for college-aged young adults. We meet in the North Site Gathering Area for a meal prior to heading downstairs to the Youth Room for conversations about pertinent issues in the lives of young adults in the church. YAF takes place each Monday at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The help you'll receive is free and confidential. To learn how you, a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative can receive care, talk to a pastor.

North Site

Discipleship Coordinator Role

FELC is seeking to hire a North Site Discipleship Coordinator. This person will work closely with Pastor Mary and the Invitation and Hospitality Ministry Team. A main responsibility of this part-time staff role is to foster the discovery of FELC members' personal calls and empower them to live out those calls in their personal lives, in our congregation and in our community. Interested or have questions? View the job description at www.felc.com/forms or speak to Brenda in the Church Office (733-2303). Submit your cover letter and resume to bsmongeski@felc.com or mail to the Church Office at 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI, 54911.

We're Rollin' on Enrollin'

Over the last couple of months we have been accepting registrations for Sunday School (age 3-grade 6) and Confirmation (grade 7-9) for classes beginning in September. Our goal is to have Student Information and Youth Ministry Release forms plus calendars and text group information sent out by early July. If you'd like to enroll your student in religious education at FELC it's time to get rollin'! Register at www.felc.com/forms to begin the registration process.

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

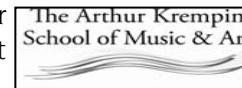
Frank Rippl serves as series coordinator for the Lunchtime Organ Recital. Frank is an organist and former music director at All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton. Concerts are held at churches in the Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and Fox Valley area. Performers donate their talents and churches donate building use. These free concerts are Wednesdays at 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

- July 4: Frank Rippl

All Saints Episcopal Church, Appleton

Mark Your Calendars for the Fox River Chamber Fest

The Fox River Chamber Fest returns to First English this summer, building on last year's success. Founded and directed by Appleton native Joseph Hauer, this event is hosted by The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art. The Fest's musicians are accomplished professionals, all with local roots or connections. They'll present four different concerts: Friday, July 13; Sunday, July 15; Thursday, July 19 and Saturday, July 21. All performances will be at the FELC Downtown Site at 7 p.m., except Sunday's which will be at 3 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public. Make plans now to attend!



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

- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Nathan Meissner
- Brooklyn Ann Converse
- Angel Manos
- Todd Hollenberger
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Lynn Boenker
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Tom Roy
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Kim Norland
- Taylor Vivian Thompson
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Steven Johnson
- Rev. Hans Gustafson
- Mary Ellen Ortiz
- Paulette Erickson

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Fritz Erich Butke
- Dr. Gregory Ludden
- Delmar Schmeichel
- Megan Sivahop
- Donald Stellbrink

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Wedding of:

- Mary Wiseman and Brandon Reichenberger

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

Prayers for Those in the Military

- Lt. Josh Anderson
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- SPC Samuel Sinclair

This Week's Community Care Focus

• Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Contact: Rose Fochs, Volunteer Services Coord.
(920)967-9129; rfochs@chw.org

What's Important Now - Weekly Intern News... It's a WIN WIN!

July 1, 2018

From the Desk of Summer Intern Zach Hanson

Hello, my name is Zachary Hanson and I am one of the elementary interns this summer. Being an elementary intern, one of the biggest responsibilities is running KidsCLUB at Zion Lutheran Church. We would love to see more lovely faces at KidsCLUB! Any student between kindergarten and 5^h grade is welcome to join us at any time. It runs from noon-3 p.m. on Tuesday-Thursday every week. Along with KidsCLUB, I will be doing a lot of weeding and gardening around the Downtown Site. If you see me outside working, I would love for you to stop by and say hello! Being a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, rather than First English Lutheran, it would be phenomenal to have the opportunity to meet the members of the congregation I will be serving this summer!

-Zach Hanson

Coffee and Convo

Enjoy deep conversations along with your favorite coffee beverage with summer interns Jack and Reilly. All high school youth are welcome to meet on Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. at the College Ave. Copper Rock. Let this activity be the sweetener in your summer!



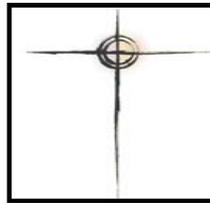
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For a complete summer calendar, visit www.felc.com and click the calendars tab.

Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group is a great way to become involved with the church community, through both outreach and fellowship. We invite middle school aged youth to come join our middle and high school interns Reilly and Jack for yard games and ice cream at the North Site, this Tuesday from 3:30- 5 p.m.



Youth News

July 1, 2018

Wednesday Night Worship *

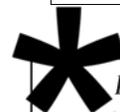
Join the Summer Interns each Wednesday evening through Aug. 9 for Wednesday Worship at 6:15 p.m. at the North Site. This intern-led, Spirit-filled service of music, message and communion is a great alternative or addition to Sunday. These worship services will share their own unique messages and not repeat the previous Sunday's sermons. Invite a friend or neighbor and take advantage of this worship opportunity.

KidsCLUB *

KidsCLUB, held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church through July 26, is led by the FELC interns. It's an energetic, fun and safe environment for kids age 5-grade 6 from the neighborhood, the community, and the congregation to participate in a wide range of activities. Elementary kids will have the opportunity to play a variety of fun games and make cool arts and crafts and garden projects. Every week we participate in *Bookin' and Cookin'*, which combines a story and the opportunity to make a healthy snack. Kids are able to come to any or all of the afternoons. Bring your own lunch and join us at 11:30 a.m. or join us at 12:15 p.m. for opening worship. Hope to see you there!

BWW *

Our weekly lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings will not be taking place this week due to the Independence Day. We will be meeting at the Calumet St. B-Dubs weekly on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come join us next week for a fun, fiery lunch! That is, if you can handle the heat...



No programs, including reFUEL, worship, and KidsCLUB will be taking place from Wednesday, July 4, though Sunday, July 8.

FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 6, July 1, 2018

Mark 5:21-23, 35-43 *When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ... [Verses 24-34 tell the story of the woman who touched Jesus cloak in order to be healed from hemorrhages.] While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.*

Sun, July 1: Family Project: What a day! Jesus heals a man, is chased out of that town, crosses the sea and a crowd gathers, is told about a very sick girl, heals a woman with a bleeding disease, arrives at the sick girl's home, cures her, and leaves to go home. Using a child friendly version, take Bible walk making eight stops to read Mark 5:1-13, 14-19, 20-21, 22-24, 25-34, 35-39, 40-43, and 6:1. Back at home, talk about how to remain faithful to God on long, hard days.

Mon, July 2: The woman had been sick for years with a bleeding disease that would have made her unclean and prevented her from being present in the temple for any religious ceremonies. Being unclean, anyone she touched would have also become unclean. Imagine the isolation and desperation! When we are overcome with our need, may we also reach out to touch the hem of Jesus' robe.

Tues, July 3: Peter saw thousands miraculously fed and many healed or released from demons. He saw Jesus raise Jairus' daughter and saw him shine on the Mount of transfiguration. Still he stumbled, denying Jesus in the end. No one is immune to doubts. When beset by doubts, humbly pray that God would carry you through.

Wed., July 4, Ezekiel 2:1-5, Yvette Woershofer Can you imagine God calling you to be a prophet? Do you hear when God calls you? He may not be calling you to be a prophet but a friend, spouse, parent or something you do for work or others. It can be scary when God calls us to follow him. God said to Ezekiel, "Stand up on your feet. I am sending you." Ezekiel didn't stand on his feet alone. The Spirit entered him and put him on his feet. Find courage in God's calling to you and know you are not alone. Find strength in God and what he is calling you to do, for he has given the ultimate gift, Grace.

Thurs, July 5, Psalm 123, Denise Klemp Though our Heavenly Father can't be proud of us when we sin, I can imagine He loves to hear the words, "Have mercy on us, Lord." Only those who trust Him would even utter these words. What has God done to gain our trust? In an article I read there are 5,467 promises from God. He never broke a single one. I am especially thankful for the promise that He would send a Savior. Through faith we are all promised salvation. Our God did, does and always will grant mercy for each of us. Knowing that, our supplication turns into exultation!

Fri., July 6, 2 Cor. 12:2-10, Denise Klemp We all know that one person who rubs us the wrong way. Why? What is it about them? For me, I'm turned off by those who are so proud that I feel inadequate next to them. However, I think boasting does have a place. I feel if we all spent some time each day boasting about our God, maybe there would be a few more people in church on Sundays. Maybe if we talk about how awesome our God is some unbelievers would be intrigued enough to find out more. Maybe we can each make it our daily goal to start boasting about our God.

Sat, July 7, Mark 6:1-13, Denise Klemp Jesus knew when and where he could work his ministry. For some reason he was not accepted in his own hometown. I think there's good advice in what he did - he left to go teach elsewhere. How many of us keep working on the same people to drive our point? How exasperated do we get when they "just don't get it?" Jesus didn't let the people's unbelief stop him from performing miracles, but he had no reason to stick around. He called his disciples to tell others "to repent of their sins and turn to God." (v 12b NLT) Don't be discouraged when you try to spread news about Jesus! Only some will be able to hear the good news. Just keep trying!

*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>

FELC NS Engage Page: Pentecost 7, July 1, 2018

Mark 6:1-13 *He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.*

Sun, July 1: Family Project: Although the home should be a place that provides inspiration, Jesus found that in his hometown he was not accepted as a prophet. Instead of denying one another's gifts, take time today to lift one another up. Share the spiritual gifts that you see in one another's lives. (list of Spiritual Gifts: <http://giftstest.com/allgifts>)

Mon, July 2: Jesus sent the disciples out without bread, bags, or even money. All these men carried with them was their faith. Are there ways that we let our need for security keep us from following Christ? Perhaps we want to protect our pride, or avoid being monetarily or emotionally vulnerable. Have faith that Jesus has given you authority over the spirit of pride, greed, and indifference.

Tues, July 3: The Lord sent Ezekiel to people who had rebelled, sinned, who were impudent and stubborn and who refused to listen. But Ezekiel is called to speak, and God is not holding him responsible for results. *"Whether they hear or refuse to hear...they shall know that there has been a prophet among them."* (v. 5) Don't mark success by results, but by whether you faithfully follow God's call.

Wed., July 4, Lamentations 3:22-33, Dianne Droster, The book of Lamentations, writes Eugene Peterson, is a "concentrated and intense biblical witness to suffering." Lamentations was written after the brutal Babylonian war, when Jerusalem was ransacked and the community ravaged. We witness this suffering today in both "large-scale horrors and in personal agonies"—in refugees fleeing violence, in victims of school shooting massacres, in our own families, workplaces, churches when a beloved member dies tragically. There is no explaining such loss, no hurrying such grief. Like the speakers in Lamentations, sometimes we can only sit and mourn. And yet and still, Lamentations insistently bears witness that God enters our suffering, remains beside us, always and all ways our steadfast companion while we wait for hope to appear.

Thurs, July 5, Psalm 30 J. Clinton McCann writes of Psalm 30, *"the psalmist's deliverance is not so much from physical sickness to physical health as it is from a deadly misunderstanding of human security to a lively awareness of God's presence in all of life."** I can be like the psalmist, believing that through my prosperity or health or relationships, "I shall never be moved." (v.6) Then life comes along and shows me my lack of control. As I cry out in prayer, God turns *"my mourning into dancing"* and clothes me with joy. It doesn't happen in a moment, but as God's presence seeps through my laments, joy returns like the morning sun. *J. Clinton McCann, Jr., "The Book of Psalms," in *The New Interpreter's Bible* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996), 4:797.

Fri., July 6, 2 Cor. 8:7-15, Dianne Droster This passage from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians reminded me of the time my car's steering wheel began trembling. Soon the entire car rattled and shook. I was trying to drive an earthquake! And then, kaput, going nowhere. The problem? Unbalanced tires. Here, Paul urges the well off Corinthian church to fund a start-up group ministering to the Jerusalem poor. Paul anticipates a false fear—one sometimes bandied about today—that by giving generously, the Corinthians will become poor, and the Jerusalem poor, rich. Nope! The Corinthians' gifts will create a "fair balance," a Divine economy where everyone has enough, but not too much, and no one has too little. How else can God's love drive the world!

Sat, July 7, Mark 5:21-43 While I'm unsure how Jesus felt about the interruption he experienced on the way to heal Jairus' daughter, I can only imagine the anxiety and panic in the heart of Jairus. How can he keep from screaming as Jesus, his last hope for the survival of his daughter, stops to ask the crowds of people around him, "Who touched my clothes?" It can be hard for all of us as pressing problems go unsolved while God keeps interrupting our lives with trips down side roads. May our hearts hold onto hope, confident that all our life is in God's keeping, and that Jesus' restoring and healing grace is abundant for all needs.

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