

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.felc.com), or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

## The Week of July 15, 2018 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, July 15

8:30 & 10 a.m.

9 a.m.

3 p.m.

### Monday

3 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

6 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

9 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

1 p.m.

5 p.m.

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

### Thursday

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

7 p.m.

7 p.m.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Saturday

7 p.m.

### Sunday, July 22

8:30 & 10 a.m.

9 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10 a.m.

DS = Downtown Site    NS = North Site

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Fox River Chamber Fest, DS Sanctuary

Fox River Chamber Fest Lessons, DS Sanctuary, Gathering Area & Lounge

Wednesday Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Young Adult Fellowship, NS Gathering Area & Youth Room

Financial Peace, DS 110

Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Coffee & Convo (Grades 9-12+), Copper Rock, College Ave.

KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

FVLH Visit (All Ages), Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

MSYG (Grades 6-8) Pizza & Game Night, DS Youth Room

Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 221

KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Intern-led Wednesday Worship, NS Sanctuary

reFUEL (Grades 7-12+), NS

KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

Lunch with Interns (Grades 9-12+),

Buffalo Wild Wings, Calumet St.

Fox River Chamber Fest, DS Sanctuary

ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Fox River Chamber Fest, DS Sanctuary

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Hopes & Aspirations about Future Leadership,

DS Fellowship Hall

Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

## All Ages Photography Class

Join summer intern Ethan for a photography class on July 26, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Room 218. All skill level and age groups are encouraged to attend this photography class to learn techniques, settings, and how to use whatever camera you may have to capture stunning images.



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### 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 15, 2018

# Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

## Sunday at FELC

### Youth Gathering Speakers

Welcome home to our youth and chaperones who attended the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. FELC is blessed to have some of them share their stories at worship today at 9 a.m. at the North Site and next Sunday, July 22 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. at the Downtown Site. Thank you speakers!

## Looking Ahead

### Let's Play Bridge

Do you enjoy playing  Bridge? If so, join us, the FELC's Bridge Life Group on Thursday, July 26 at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Questions? Contact Pastor Bob Herder, (920)738-6640.

### 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](mailto:ljpicken@att.net).

## The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art



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### 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. There are three remaining concerts: Today, July 15 at 3 p.m.; Thursday, July 19 and Saturday, July 21, both at 7 p.m. All performances will be at the FELC Downtown Site. The concerts are free and open to the public. Make plans now to attend!



**Sign up for Art Week (July 23-26)  
and VBS (Aug. 6-9) at  
[www.felc.com/summer!](http://www.felc.com/summer!)**

### You're invited: Information Gathering Regarding Future FELC Leadership

A while ago, Pastors Tengesdal and Bauer began to think about, discuss together, and engage the Congregation Council in conversation regarding their long-term aspirations. Like many of us, they and our Church Administrator Brenda Smongeski hope to retire someday. Fortunately for us, that day is some 4-5 years away.

By sharing their plans, our pastors have given our congregation time to reflect and to dream together. Those dreams are about God's call to us as a congregation, the future FELC leadership roles, and how best to approach filling them when the time is appropriate.

Members of the Congregation Council are now engaged as a team to prayerfully and proactively begin development of a plan so that FELC continues to be equipped with strong leaders well into the future.

As part of the preliminary process, we invite you to an information gathering session. Its

purpose is to share with us your own hopes regarding the future pastoral leadership roles at First English. We would also like to hear your thoughts regarding the process - how you believe FELC might best move from our current to future pastors while maintaining focus on our mission and service to others.

Please attend either of two opportunities to share your thoughts:

- **Sunday, July 22** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the *Downtown Site*
- **Wednesday, July 25** at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the *North Site* following Wednesday worship

We look forward to your participation in this early-stage conversation.

God's peace,

Pastor Jeff, Judy Forseth, Dayton Henderson, Deni Kuchler, Doug Moard, Brenda Smongeski, and Mark Van Beek

### 2018 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday and Rally Sunday

This year, *God's work. Our hands.* Sunday and Rally Sunday will be held on Sept. 9. Official t-shirts are being sold with the FELC logo on the back. Shirts range in size from Youth S to adult 5XL. The cost has generously been subsidized by the *Love Jesus. Live your call.* grant committee. **The deadline to order your shirt is Sunday, Aug. 12.** Order forms are in the Gathering Area or online at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms). Payment is due at the time of purchase. Please make checks out to FELC.

Also, if you have access to a Thrivent Action Team grant please contact Jean Monson at [jeanmonson2324@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmonson2324@gmail.com) or (920)470-4074. As a Thrivent member

you may be eligible for a \$250 grant to be used to purchase materials for the day.

For more information on 2018 *God's work. Our hands.* Sunday and Rally Sunday, please see the July newsletter (You may view it online at [www.felc.com/newsletters](http://www.felc.com/newsletters)) and watch for future announcements, inserts and the August newsletter.



### 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 18: Ryan Mueller  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church

### Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

- Apartments for rent: 1 BR & 2 BR; Call Becky at 734-7225.
- Volunteers always appreciated: If you like to visit with people, work in the yard, help with property projects, help in the kitchen, bake once in a while, drive people to appointments, play games, etc., call 734-7225; ask for Becky, Katie or Cheryl, and we'll find the perfect spot for you to help make a difference at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

### 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.



### 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

### Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Gene Altekruise
- Jim Bates
- Fritz Erich Butke
- Rick Jones
- Gregory Ludden, DDS
- Delmar Schmeichel
- Roy Schmidt

### Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

### Prayers for Those in Seminary

- David Shudy - Installation July 22

### 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

- **Clarity Care**  
Contact: Carly Swanson  
(920)236-6560; [carly.swanson@claritycare.org](mailto:carly.swanson@claritycare.org)

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

July 15, 2018

## From the Desk of Summer Intern Hannah Kluball

Hello First English! My name is Hannah Kluball and I have had the pleasure to fill the Outreach Intern position for a second summer. Although it has been a busy summer between Day Camp, playing card games at FVLH, planning for the benefit concert in support of the Center for Suicide Awareness, our *Braving the Wilderness* book study, serving at Echoes, and, of course, intern shenanigans, it has been an absolute blast. One major highlight has been being continually surprised by the new and different ways in which God has been working in our lives and in those that we are serving. I'm so blessed to have the opportunity to return to such an incredible character building and spiritually strengthening program.

*-Hannah Kluball*

## 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 9-10:30 a.m. at the College Ave. Copper Rock. Let this activity be the sweetener in your summer!

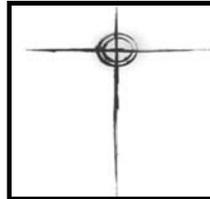
## Benefit Concert

Mark your calendars now for the 2018 summer intern benefit concert! We will be hosting a concert to benefit the Center for Suicide Awareness. The benefit concert will take place on Aug. 5 with performances by several interns as well as special musical guests. Location and time TBD and will be announced soon.

## Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group is a great way to become involved with the church community, through both outreach and fellowship. This week, we invite students grades 6-8 to come join our middle and high school interns Reilly and Jack for an awesome pizza and game night at the Downtown Site in the Youth Room, from 5-7 p.m. See you there!

*Students grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for reFUEL following the Intern-led Worship services on Wednesday nights at the North Site.*

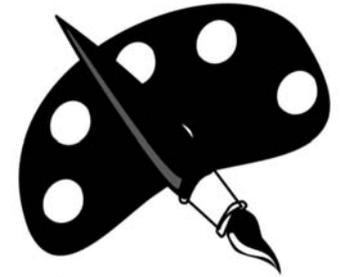


# Youth News

July 15, 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.



## Art Week 2018

The week of July 23 we will be holding a variety of art-related programs, arts and crafts, and classes to help you create marvelous pieces of art. See a full list of events at [www.felc.com/summer](http://www.felc.com/summer).

## Vacation Bible School

Creation Celebration Vacation Bible School is coming the week of Aug. 6! Get ready for a fun week full of songs, movies, arts and crafts, fun games and high-energy activities, and, of course, great Bible study. Kids aged 3 - grade 6 are encouraged to join us Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon for our excellent final week of elementary summer programming. Sign up at [www.felc.com/summer/](http://www.felc.com/summer/)



## BWW

Match the summer weather with the heat of the wings and sauces at Buffalo Wild Wings with the summer interns. On Thursdays, all high-school youth are welcome to meet at the east side B-Dubs location from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for a fun, fiery lunch! Come join us, that is, if you can handle the heat...

## FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 8, July 15, 2018

**Mark 6:(14-15)16-29** *But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.*

Sun, July 15: Family Project: Ephesians 1:3-14 is a glorious reminder that we were chosen "in Christ before the foundation of the world." All of us have moments when we feel unwanted, and we all need to hear that Jesus wants us. Have conversations about what makes you feel rejected, and remind one another, "Christ chose you!"

Mon, July 16: It is disconcerting on a nice summer day to come to church and hear this gory story of the beheading of John the Baptist. We also hear from Psalm 85:8 that God promises peace to his people. This story illustrates we have no assurance our lives will be tragedy-free. Struggles don't mean God has forgotten us. Keep faith as God works his purposes through difficulties.

Tues, July 17: The prophet, Amos, described his call by saying, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" (v 14-15) God doesn't only call those with prophetic credentials, but works through farmers, herdsman, and people like us.

Wed., July 18, Jeremiah 23:1-6, Hannah Kluball We have all seen and/or dealt with a leader, manager, or boss who put their wants above the needs of others and failed to fill their position faithfully. This passage gives us hope and peace of mind for better times to come as it delivers the message that those corrupted in power will not stand for long. Those who are honest and desire to serve righteously will rise and bring safety and fairness to us. It is easy to lose faith in our leaders. However, we are told not live in fear or drown in worry, but instead trust that the Lord will bring light to those who will serve in His image.

Thurs, July 19 Psalm 23, Kirsten Owens Many of us know this psalm well, mainly through the lens of heartache and loss. It's a favorite passage for funerals and rightfully so – the words provide soothing images and the comforting reminders of a God who is shepherding us no matter the point in our lives, no matter the transition. The sense of compassionate, loving leadership is so clear and certain in this passage that it feeds our deepest hunger during our darkest times. As we live our day-to-day lives we like to believe we have control over both the details and destination of our journey's course, this psalm is a lullaby when that delusion is laid bare. On the days jammed with joy and on those laden with pain we are His. We are led and held close, enveloped by a loving God.

Fri, July 20, Ephesians 2:11-22, Abbey DesRochers Growing up in the First English community has taught me the value of supporting and respecting others, despite differences. The passage in Ephesians 2 describes a "new humanity." It describes the idea of two becoming one in relation to the Gentiles and the followers of Christ. The two groups are reconciled through the peace and love of Christ. This reinforces the concept that He brings us together. In a world that has the tendency to be so divided, it is advantageous to remind ourselves of this community we share. In my daily life, I strive to remind myself of this idea. I do so by acting with compassion and respect, and radiating a welcoming attitude towards everyone around me.

Sat, July 21, Mark 6:53-56 - Ethan Usobar The story of the sick being laid in the streets, being healed by the mere touch of Jesus, may seem to us a rather banal parable. Regardless, it's important to remember the deep, simple, yet vastly significant meaning to this verse, that is, we begin to be healed once we connect with Jesus in any way. In this parable, we're led to believe those who are physically ill are healed by nothing more than physical contact with the Lord. In our own daily lives we may find this healing to occur when we take the time to step back from the noise of daily life and become intimate with scripture and our own relationship with Jesus.

\*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 9, July 15, 2018

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56** *The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.... When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region & began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.*

Sun, July 15: Family Project: Today we heard the 23rd Psalm in our worship. When we hear the phrase *"He makes me lie down in green pastures"*, we traditionally picture the green pastures of Wisconsin. However, this is not an accurate depiction of the terrain surrounding Jerusalem. To get a better understanding of Psalm 23, watch this video. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlrS3h7cH\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlrS3h7cH_A)) In it we learn that God never sets us down in a pasture so green that we will never need to move again. Instead, he leads us faithfully through areas where we will have enough food for today. Praise God who provides all we need –as we need it.

Mon, July 16: While Jesus encourages the disciples to get away from the crowds and rest, it seems that he is never quite able to escape. Where does he find the energy to continue to help others? We read that "he had compassion...because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Just as we find energy to help our own children because we love them and they need us, we pray our hearts may be filled with God's love to energize us in dealing with the great needs surrounding us. And may we have wisdom to rest whenever we can!

Tues, July 17: Aren't you amazed at the way the crowds are so single-minded in their pursuit of Jesus. They don't seem to care about his difficult teachings or be suspicious of his motivation. They simply know that he loves them and heals them. May God's love precede us, and healed lives follow, so that people are drawn to Jesus.

Wed., July 18, Amos 7:7-15, Rev. Jeff Tengesdal *The Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people.'*" (v. 8b) I first learned of plumb lines in a book I read long ago. Details from the book *The Source* by James Michener are fuzzy, but I recall a plumb line used to direct the digging of a tunnel to get to a source of water under what is now Jerusalem. Of course, our plumb line is the water of baptism. It directs us to God, the Source of Life. It reminds us we are beloved, never abandoned, and called to live a life of justice and mercy.

Thurs, July 19, Psalm 85:8-13, Jenny Schaefer In this age of technology, where the answer to almost any question is a click and google search away, it is no wonder we expect automatic answers to all of our questions. We can easily rely on the internet to provide the answers we seek, but this passage reminds me that it is God who provides our answers. He does this in His own time, not at our command. So when we are questioning and seek answers, be still, quiet our heart, mind, and technological device, He hears us and will provide the answers we seek for that is His promise to us, to be gracious and merciful.

Fri., July 20, Ephesians 1:3-14, Jenny Schaefer "Nothing in life is promised except death and taxes," is a phrase often used and a nod and chuckle are the affirmative response. Yet there is another greater, more glorious promise which God made to us when He sent Jesus as one of us. It is not a promise of burden or sadness. God needed to show us how great His love for us is and the only way He saw that we could understand, recognize, and accept this was through Jesus and his suffering. Perhaps next time someone reminds you of the only promises in life being death and taxes, you could share we have the promise of God's gracious love and life eternal with Him.

Sat, July 21, Mark 6:14-29, Rev. Peter Quello Mark's gospel moves fast. The Gospel begins with John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. The next four verses speak of Jesus baptism and temptation. Jesus early ministry feels like a one minute waltz. Now John the Baptist shows up again, in jail and Herod is not pleased. Why tell of John's beheading now? It is so tragic to hear. John's words have been heard by Herod. John exposes the bed Herod has made with his life. Herod is deeply troubled, Herodias is enraged. They must find a way for the prophet's message to be stopped. Jail did not do it and as we will see nor did his head on a platter keep John's words silent. What is to come? Stay "ENGAGED", God's Word is at work.

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