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 videorecorded 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 22, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, July 22

8:30 & 10 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary 9 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Hopes & Aspirations about Future Leadership,

DS Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Monday Art Week (See the WIN WIN insert for class details)

3:30 p.m Wednesday Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

5 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship, NS Gathering Area & Youth Room

6 p.m. Financial Peace, DS 110

8:15 p.m. Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday Art Week (See the WIN WIN insert for class details)

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

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

11:30 a.m. KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church 1 p.m. FVLH Visit (All Ages), Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

3:30 p.m. MSYG (Grades 6-8) Service Day/Water Fight, DS Youth Room

Wednesday Art Week (See the WIN WIN insert for class details)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 221

11:30 a.m. KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

4:30 p.m. Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

6:15 p.m. Intern-led Wednesday Worship, NS Sanctuary

7:15 p.m. reFUEL (Grades 7-12+), NS

7:15 p.m. Hopes & Aspirations about Future Leadership,

NS Sanctuary

Thursday Art Week (See the WIN WIN insert for class details)

11:30 a.m. KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

11:30 a.m. Lunch with Interns (Grades 9-12+),

Buffalo Wild Wings, Calumet St.

11:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Neighborhood Picnic, Seeds of Grace Garden

1 p.m. Photography Class (All Ages), DS 218

1 p.m. FELC Book Club, DS Lounge 1 p.m. Bridge Life Group, DS 114

7 p.m. ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Friday

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

Sunday, July 29 Art at the Park Parking Lot Fundraiser, DS

8:30 & 10 a.m. Worship, DS Sanctuary 9 a.m. Worship, NS Sanctuary

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

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.





Announcements Week of July 22, 2018

North Site

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.m.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

Day on the Mission Field

July 26 is sponsored in honor of Lori Wendlandt's birthday.

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 8:30 and 10 a.m. at the Downtown Site. Thank you speakers!

Looking Ahead

Art Week Begins Tomorrow! See the WIN WIN insert for complete details.

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.



Thank You Dale

The staff and congregation of First English wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Dale Rude for his service to FELC. Dale is stepping away from his role as Facility Tech. We will miss his kind smile, his "can do" attitude and willingness to always lend a hand. His dedication to his church family and personal integrity are gifts to us all. When you see Dale in worship or at Bible Study, please extend a warm and sincere word of thanks.

Art at the Park Parking Lot Fundraiser

The Annual Art at the Park event sponsored by the Trout Museum of Art is Sunday, July 29. Year after year, the Summer Interns have worked a parking lot fundraiser to go toward different youth and outreach programs. This year, the money collected from this fundraiser will go toward the High School mission trip set for summer, 2019. For those of you who are attending church on Sunday, you do not have to worry about paying for parking. The event runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and provides musical entertainment, local food vendors. creative kids art show, children's activities, and of course, many art vendors selling their work. Please consider attending this traditional Fox Cities event and support our youth by parking at the Downtown Site. If you're interested in helping park cars, please contact Heidi Schreiner (hschreiner@felc.com).

You're invited: Information Gathering Regarding Future FELC Leadership

engage the conversation to retire someday. Fortunately for us, that day focus on our mission and service to others. is some 4-5 years away.

By sharing their plans, our pastors have given share your thoughts: 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

A while ago, Pastors Tengesdal and Bauer purpose is to share with us your own hopes began to think about, discuss together, and regarding the future pastoral leadership roles Congregation Council in at First English. We would also like to hear regarding their long-term your thoughts regarding the process - how you aspirations. Like many of us, they and our believe FELC might best move from our Church Administrator Brenda Smongeski hope current to future pastors while maintaining

Please attend either of two opportunities to

- 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 tshirts 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. 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 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) and watch for future announcements, inserts and the August newsletter.



God's work. Our hands.

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 25: Matthew Walsh Zion Lutheran Church

50+ BBQ!

Join the 50+ group for their annual BBQ, along with their special guests, the summer interns! The BBQ is on Thursday, Aug. 2 at noon in



the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. The usual picnic fare will be served. A freewill offering will be taken, please sign up on the sheet located on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area; it is very helpful in meal planning. Hope to see you there!

Interfaith Gathering

The 19th Fox Valley Islamic Society Interfaith Gathering is Sunday, Aug. 5 from 3-5:50 p.m. 103 Kappell Drive, Neenah. This year's topic is Truth - Calling us to look up, listen up, speak up and stand up. Learn, interact, and feast for free

RSVP is appreciated by Sunday, July 29; email fvis.interfaith@gmail.com. In case of bad weather, the gathering will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah.

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

• Amy Ponomarev

• Moore Peregrine

• le'Ann Johnson

• Paul Henrikson

• Juanita Gauerke

• Taylor Vivian Thompson

• Gregory Ludden, DDS

• Delmar Schmeichel

• Robb Schaefer

• Carol Peterson

• Walt Rugland

• Roy Schmidt

• Kim Norland

• Bev Hoff

• Tom Roy

- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Nathan Meissner
- Brooklyn Ann Converse
- Angel Manos
- Todd Hollenberger
- Jacob Schwab
- Iustin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Lvnn Boenker
- Debra Boushlev
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- **Prayers of Comfort** Families of:
- Gene Altekruse
- Iim Bates
- Fritz Erich Butke
- Rick Iones
- **Prayers of Thanksgiving** Baptism of:
- Taylor Vivian Thompson

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

• Community Benefit Tree Contact: Heidi Frederickson

(920)422-1919; info@communitybenefittree.org

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

July 22, 2018

From the Desk of Summer Intern Carolyn Klemp

Hello FELC! My name is Carolyn Worship. It's awesome to see how Klemp and I am serving as one of God is inspiring each one of us. the three Elementary School While this summer has been very Interns. As a future elementary busy, there has been some down school teacher, I have really en- time to get to know my fellow joyed spending time with the interns and build some awesome children at Day Camp and at friendships. I am very blessed to KidsCLUB. I also really enjoy have this opportunity! helping out with Wednesday Night

- Carolyn Klemp

Vacation Bible School

Creation Celebration Vacation Bible School is coming the week of Aug. 6! Get ready for a fun week full of songs, arts and crafts, fun games and highenergy 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 programing. Sign up at www.felc.com/summer



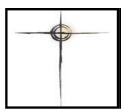
Benefit Concert

The summer interns are hosting a concert to benefit The Center for Suicide Awareness on Sunday. Aug. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Seeds of Grace Learning Garden. There will be speakers from the Center, and musical performances by several interns as well as special musical guests. Please plan to attend!

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!

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

Art Week 2018 is THIS WEEK!

Beginning tomorrow, The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art Summer Intern, Emma, will be holding a variety of classes to help you create marvelous crafts or pieces of art. To see a full list of events, visit www.felc.com/summer and click the 2018 program guide.

The daily schedule for art week will be as follows:

9-10 a.m.: Grades K-3

10.30 a m -noon: Grades 4-6

2-3:30 p.m.: Grades 7-8 6-7:30 p.m.: Grades 9-12+

Art Week classes will take place in Downtown Site Room 014.

There is a fee of \$10 to attend art week programming.

All supplies will be provided.

Schedule of Art Week 2018

Monday, July 23: Slime Making Craft Class

If you're looking for a fun, flubbery time, come by and make slime! This program will be taking place for all ages on Monday, July 23, in the Downtown Site Room 014

Tuesday, July 24: Cake Decorating Class

Attending this class will certainly be a treat! Learn techniques for decorating cakes worthy of royalty! All classes will be learning tricks and tips for cake decorating on July 24 in Downtown Site Room 014.

Wednesday, July 25: Programs TBD Thursday, July 26: Programs TBD

Photography Class

Come to Downtown Site Room 218 on July 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. for a fun photography workshop to develop your ability to create stunning images no matter what camera you use. All ages and skill levels are welcome to this program!



FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 9, July 22, 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 vourselves 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 22: 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=AIrS3h7cH_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 23: 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!

<u>Tues</u>, <u>July 24</u>: 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 25, 2 Kings 4:42-44, Carolyn Klemp Being provided for is one of the best feelings in the world. Not having to worry about where your next meal is coming from or having clean water. We tend to take for granted the things we have, and forget that God provides for us, too. The things God provides are not always immediately noticed, and sometimes we doubt His ability. He shows us consistently that He can and will amaze us in what and how He provides for us. As we see in this and many other biblical passages, He always provides. So today and every day, look at all you have and have been given, and thank God for all He has and will provide for you.

Thurs., July 26, Psalm 145:10-18, Carmen Danz We've heard it time and time again how the Lord has a plan for us, but it's our job to accept His Presence and guidance in times of need. It's easy to acknowledge His guidance when life deals you a good hand, but when things get a little rough, we tend to push God away. I say this not to make anyone feel called out because trust me, we all do it. I recently had a period of time where I needed God's help in making a decision to go back to college or not, but pushed Him away because I was too embarrassed and too prideful to cry out for help. I was convinced I knew myself well enough to get out of a low period in my life by myself. I was wrong. We need to accept that we need help and we shouldn't be ashamed to ask for it. My parents have been very clear about explaining how asking for help makes us stronger and not weaker. I encourage you to look within yourselves and ask if you need God's help because it will only make you stronger.

Fri. Iuly 27. Ephesians 3: 14-21. Zach Hanson We were all made in Christ's image which grants us the special opportunity to look to him for the strength and guidance necessary to grow in our faith. As Christians we can find strength and comfort through God's love. He became a role model in showing the proper way to love one another unconditionally when He sacrificed His only son, Jesus. As God has shown, we can mold ourselves to become a "tree" of love which has its roots in God's love. His love gives us the necessary strength to grow large in our faith and enables us to share His love with all the plants and creatures around us.

Sat., July 28, John 6:1-21 (NRSV), Jack Kent Many of us are familiar with the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, but I would recommend reading the story one more time. I encountered a verse I have never read before. After Jesus fed the 5,000, he retreated up the mountain to avoid those gathered who were preparing to declare him king (John 6:15). This verse from John reminds me of Matthew 6:5-6 which calls out the hypocrites for praying, not for God, but for their own egos. The gospels frequently depict Jesus' humility, but the lengths to which he would go to keep God in the spotlight were lost on me. Now I'm not telling you to stop showing your faith in public, but ask yourself what your intentions are when you act in the name of God. Are you acting like Jesus, willing to run up a mountain in order to preserve God's message, or are you acting like the hypocrites, doing good solely to inflate your own ego?

*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 8, July 22, 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 vet 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.

<u>Sun. July 22:</u> 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 23: 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 24: 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, herdsmen, and people like us.

Wed, July 25, Exodus 16:2-4 9-15, Madi Howard The story of the manna and quail has always stood out to me by reminding me that God will always provide us with exactly what we need, even if our idea of what we need is completely different. In many ways, the Israelites' journey through the dessert can be compared to working as an intern at FELC; last summer, I doubted that I would have the skills to successfully plan and rehearse the music for Wednesday Night Worship every week. And again this summer, I have doubted my ability to entertain a bunch of kiddos all day at KidsCLUB. But I know that, despite my self-doubt, God gave me (and will continue to give me) exactly what I need.

Thursday Iuly 26. Psalm 78:23-29. Emma Snyder This passage speaks to me on an artistic level. Currently I am earning a degree in Film Production. There is a special part within this writing: "He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like sand on the seashore." I compare this to filmmaking. Taking words from paper and turning it into a vision on screen. What's cool about this passage is it does that for us within our minds. We look at this writing and imagine food being rained down upon these starving people like dust and sand on the beach. In this passage we acknowledge the beauty of God's wonders and His graciousness of answering our prayers in a beautiful and poetic manner.

Fri. Iuly 27. Ephesians 4:1-16. Reilly March Growing up, I was taught an acronym that represented the idea of grace. We learned "G.R.A.C.E." or "God's riches at Christ's expense" as a way to remember how Jesus' sacrifice leads us to eternal life and forgiveness. Similarly, in this passage, Paul reminds us that "In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus took our sins and died on the cross for us so that we could be enveloped in God's eternal mercy and love. Jesus shouldered the burden of our sins so that we may be forgiven and continue to give glory to God.

Sat, July 28, John 6:24-35, Heidi Schreiner Oh how different our daily lives would be if our spiritual needs were as physically noticeable as our hunger needs were. It's so obvious when I can feel my own "hanger" (hungry+anger) setting in. However, it's only after a moment of frustration or an internal explosion of impatience or selfishness that I sense that my spiritual needs are not being fed. This passage reminds us of the importance of getting our daily caloric intake of Jesus. Spiritual hunger is a hunger that nothing physical will ever fill. Seek Christ and you will be eternally fed.

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