

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 8, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, July 8

8:30 & 10 a.m.

Worship, DS Sanctuary

9 a.m.

Worship, NS Sanctuary

10 a.m.

Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Monday

Noon

Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge

3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

5 p.m.

Young Adult Fellowship, NS Gathering Area & Youth Room

5:15 p.m.

Stephen Ministry, DS Lounge

6 p.m.

Financial Peace, DS 110

8:15 p.m.

Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

9 a.m.

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

11 a.m.

MSYG (Grades 6-8), Appleton Ice Arena - Memorial Park

11:30 a.m.

KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

1 p.m.

Bridge Life Group, DS 114

1 p.m.

FVLH Visit (All Ages), Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

7 p.m.

Worship & Music Ministry Team, DS Lounge

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 221

11:30 a.m.

KidsCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church

Noon

Stewardship Committee, DS Lounge

1 p.m.

Miriam Circle, DS Library

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

Thursday

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.

7 p.m.

ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

11 a.m.

College Info Retreat/Brunch for HS Students, DS 114

7 p.m.

Fox River Chamber Fest, DS Sanctuary

Sunday, July 15

8:30 & 10 a.m.

Worship, DS Sanctuary

9 a.m.

Worship, NS Sanctuary

3 p.m.

Fox River Chamber Fest, DS Sanctuary

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

College Info Retreat and Brunch for High School Students

Friday, July 13, 11 a.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site

For students entering grades 10-12, attend a retreat and brunch where interns shed light on what it's like to be a student after high school. Consider it a small, more personal college tour without driving out of Appleton. Hope to see you there!



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 8, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

Thank you Dianne

Thank you to FELC Caring Ministries Coordinator, Dianne Droster, for assisting during Pastor Mary's sabbatical. Dianne graduated from Lawrence University and received her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Warren Wilson College. She trained as a Stephen Minister with FELC's initial class, attended Lay Ministry school, and has enjoyed her church adventures with God's children of all ages. She is now enrolled in seminary. In her role as Caring Ministries Coordinator, she oversees our Stephen Ministry program, shares with the pastors in visiting the hospitalized and homebound, and looks for opportunities to expand the congregation's caring ministries.

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 to 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. Please stop in the Gathering Area today and show your support of this important ministry.



Looking Ahead

The Arthur Krempin
School of Music & Art

presents

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!



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.



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 this Wednesday, July 11 (6:15 p.m. at the North Site), Sunday, July 15 (9 a.m. at the North Site) and Sunday, July 22 (8:30 and 10 a.m.). Thank you speakers!

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

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.

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



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 11: Andrew Birling
First Congregational Church, UCC

Caregiver Café

Friday, July 13, 8-9 a.m.

Fox River Mall Food Court

Are you a parent, spouse, sibling, child or friend in a caregiver role? Join the Outagamie Caregiver Coalition as we talk with others who share same issues, share thoughts, problems, feelings and solutions in a non-judgemental place, recharge and feel appreciated for your efforts. For more information, contact Karen Dickrell at Outagamie Cty, UW Extension, (920)832-5126.

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
- Steven Johnson
- Rev. Hans Gustafson
- Mary Ellen Ortiz
- Paulette Erickson

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Gene Altekruze
- Fritz Erich Butke
- Gregory Ludden, DDS
- Delmar Schmeichel
- Megan Sivahop
- Donald Stellbrink

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Makenna Leigh Fischer

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

- **Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services, Inc.**
Contact: Alicia Gehrig,, Volunteer Coordinator
(920)235-5998; volunteers@christineann.net

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

July 8, 2018

From the Desk of Summer Intern Carmen Danz

Greetings, FELC! My name is Carmen Danz and I'm the First English Worship intern as well as 50% of the outreach intern team. I am so excited to be a part of this amazing program and incredibly welcoming church community. I am coming from a different church, the First Congregational United Church of Christ, but I have been going to the summer Wednesday night services for the past two years, so I'm not completely lost when it comes to the setup of the services. I am enjoying my work with a wide range

of ages and personalities and I hope to be able to connect all different generations through different programs and activities. Also, as the church continues to grow, I want to lend a hand in connecting the congregation by planning intergenerational activities and program. I feel like everyone has a story and everyone deserves to have their story told. I can't wait for the summer ahead of us as we grow in faith together!

- Carmen Danz

College Info Retreat

The Summer interns would like to invite students going into grades 10-12 to attend brunch with us at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 13 in Downtown Site Room 114, for what will be like a College Tour without leaving Appleton. Come by to hear what it's like to be a student after high school.

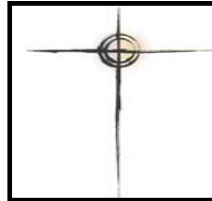
Young Adult Fellowship

Young Adult Fellowship, or YAF, is a fun event for college-aged young adults. Meet in the North Site Gathering Area for a meal prior to heading down 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. We hope to see you there!!!

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 ice skating in July at the Appleton Ice arena from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Please bring \$5 for admission and \$3 if you will be renting skates.

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 8, 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.

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!



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

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 7, July 8, 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11, 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 12, 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 13, 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 14, 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 speaks 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 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.

*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 6, July 8, 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11, 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 12 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 13, 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 14, Mark 6:53-56 - Ethan Uslabar 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.

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