

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 June 17, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, June 17

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

Monday

3:30 p.m.
5 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
9 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
1 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
8:30 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.

1 p.m.

1 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 24

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

DS = Downtown Site

NS = North Site

Father's Day

Worship, DS Sanctuary
Worship, NS Sanctuary

Wednesday Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary
Young Adult Fellowship, NS
Congregational Life Ministry Team, NS Library
Financial Peace, DS 110
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
Finance Committee, DS 110
Kick-Off To Summer Pool Party for All, Mead Pool

Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 110
KidCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church
Worship Music Team Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary
Wednesday Worship, NS Sanctuary
reFUEL (Grades 7-12+), NS

KidCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church
Lunch with Interns(Grades 9-12+), Buffalo Wild Wings, Calumet St.
FELC Book Club, DS Lounge
Bridge Life Group, DS 114
Executive Committee, DS Lounge
ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

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



First English Lutheran Church

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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 June 17, 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.

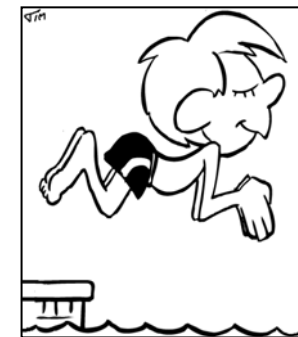
Let's Play Bridge

Do you enjoy playing Bridge? If so, join us, the FELC's Bridge Life Group on Thursday, June 21 at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Questions? Contact Pastor Bob Herder, (920)738-6640.



Looking Ahead

Getting Cool At the Pool Just Blew Up!



The Confirmation end-of-the-year pool party was too good to invite just a few so we are blowing it up and sharing the night with everyone! All First English members are invited to attend the party this Tuesday,

June 19, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Mead Pool. Students that were in grades 3 and higher this year can attend without a parent. We ask that all younger students attend with an adult. We will be the only group using the facility that evening. This is a free event but due to the rental agreement there is a maximum number of people allowed to attend so sign-up at www.felc.com/forms. If you'd like, please bring a non-messy drink or snack. Let's start the summer together with a pool par-TAY!

Echoes Needs You

Echoes, a Christian Thrift Store needs you for both 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.

Save the Date!

Women of the ELCA Presents

Take Up Your Cross; Walk God's Justice

Sisters Together Retreat

Sept. 21-22, 2018, Imago Dei Bible Camp, Clintonville, WI

Price: \$80 (Scholarships available)

For registration, please contact Carol Cleveland at (920)982-4835 or cacleveland50@gmail.com.

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 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.

Monthly Women's Book Club

Join us on Thursday, June 21 at 1 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge as we discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng (338 pages). Enjoy time talking with other women whether or not you've had a chance to finish the book.

Below is the calendar of future readings. Please join us!

- July 26: *Star Lake Saloon and Housekeeping Cottages: A Novel* by Sara Rath (315 pages).
- Aug. 23: *Future Home of the Living God* by Louise Erdrich (269 pages).
- Sept. 27: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman (372 pages).
- Oct. 25: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout (270 pages).
- Nov. 15: *Origin: A Novel* by Dan Brown (461 pages)
- December: Meet for lunch - date to be determined (tentatively Dec. 13)



An additional note: In an effort to achieve a safe environment, we respectfully ask that you take your pet's social temperament into consideration and also request that you keep your non-human family member near you on a leash or in a crate. There will be a designated area for those with pets. However, if your pet has a difficult time in unfamiliar, busy places with unknown animals or people, consider bringing a photo rather than your pet. Thank you!



Pet Blessing During Wednesday Worship, June 27

All creatures great and small are warmly invited to a Pet Blessing Service during Wednesday worship on June 27, 6:15 p.m., at the North Site. You are welcome to bring your pet, or a photograph of your pet, or just bring yourself and join in this fun and joyful event.

We will sing songs, marvel at God's diverse creation, give thanks for our special relationships with animals and all of God's creation, and remember pets who have died.

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.

- June 20: Dr. Naomi Rowley
First United Methodist Church

Harbor House Current Needs

- Paper towel
 - Baby wipes
 - New women's underwear (individual or small packs please)
 - New women's summer pajamas
- Did you know you can purchase and ship needed items for Harbor House all from Amazon? It's true! You can shop and purchase 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!

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

- Put this date on your fall calendar! Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.: Vacation-Sports-Quilt Auction for Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.
- M & M Committee needs help! Come and check out the next meeting: July 9 at 4:30 p.m. at FVLH in the Commons.

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

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

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

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| • Ardith Nortman | • Megan Sivahop |
| • Walter Seacotte | • Donald Stellbrink |

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

- Chaps Academy, Inc.

Contact: Jessica Dickey, (920)986-3003 ext. 102
jdickey@chapsacademy.org

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

June 17, 2018

From the Desk of Summer Intern Emma Snyder

Hi there! My name is Emma Snyder. I am The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art Intern this summer and boy, am I excited! I have a lot ahead of me - KidsCLUB is starting this week and is filled with arts and crafts all summer long. (No registration is necessary- see below.) Be sure to sign up for Art Week which runs July 23-26.

There will be classes for both kids and adults. I am most excited to see everyone play with the creations they've made with me and the other interns. The best part is these amazing opportunities are made possible by FELC. Can't wait for an art filled summer!

-Emma Snyder

KidsCLUB

Beginning Tuesday, June 19: KidsCLUB, held Tuesday through 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, 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 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!



*High School Lock-in at the North Site after reFUEL on June 20.
Watch for more information to come!*



Youth News

June 17, 2018

Pool Party for All Ages



All First English members are invited to attend this party on Tuesday, June 19, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Mead Pool. Students that were in grades 3 and higher this year can attend without a parent. We ask that all younger students attend with an adult. We will be the only group using the facility that evening! Please sign-up at www.felc.com/forms.

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 beginning June 19 from 9-10 a.m. at the College Ave. Copper Rock. Let this activity be the sweetener in your summer!



BWW

Match the summer weather with the heat of the wings and sauces at Buffalo Wild Wings with the summer interns. On Thursdays starting June 21, 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! Join us, if you can handle the heat...

FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 4, June 17, 2018

Mark 4:26-34 *He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.*

Sun, June 17: Family Project: This Father's Day, consider spending some time digging in the ground. In our part of the country, mustard is considered a weed. Instead find a very small pineapple sage and plant it in a sunny spot where there is room to grow! As you watch it get bigger and bigger, talk about how the kingdom of God grows from the little things we do—like smiling at people, and being kind to those around us. Jesus says that the kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy, so practice letting those traits grow throughout the summer. And start it out today, by being extra kind to Dad!

Mon, June 18: I love the way the hapless seed sower seems so surprised about the presence of plants—even though he was the one that scattered those seeds on the ground. Sometimes we downplay our own actions. The things we do for the kingdom may seem to have little positive effect. It's then we have to trust that God is at work making something grow even when we are blind to its happening. Give your seeds to God, the master gardener. God can make something beautiful from even the smallest of seeds.

Tues, June 19: Why did Jesus speak to the crowds only in parables? Perhaps it is to give the story time to grow into their hearts. Like the web of a spider, connections multiply and meaning expands as the builder/storyteller is at work. If Jesus tells me to plant seeds of caring, I can try to obey. But if he tells me a story, he paints a picture that can inspire even when I experience indifference or even antagonism. Let the parables of Jesus go down deep in your consciousness, so that they can lend guidance through every step of your life.

Wed., June 20, Job 38:1-11, Cindy Cieslik Poor Job! After having a variety of miseries visited upon him and hearing his friends tell him that it must be his fault, he finally gets to speak to God. As so often happens in our human experience, the answer God gives doesn't seem to align with the question we ask. Our essential question. "Why do bad things happen to good people?" is one everyone wrestles with. Perhaps the fact that God seems to go off topic is his way of telling us that some things will always be beyond human control. God might be reminding us that He, the Creator, will always be with us as we struggle through the hard times.

Thurs. June 21, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, Spencer Jordan Since I graduated from high school I have lived in 3 different states & 2 different countries. Whether we move about in seeming excess, or through the other issues of life which pull at us, we can feel we are in the throws of chaotic tempests. "He made the storm be still." God doesn't just still your storms, he changes your ecosystem; He brings you to your desired haven—a habitat fostered by His unyielding love. We are adopted into His family of such wondrous love. Let us live loved in every circumstance, in every relationship unto His glory.

Fri., June 22, 2 Cor. 6:1-13, Cindy Cieslik It is a rare person who at some point has not needed to mend a relationship. In 2 Corinthians Paul is choosing his words very carefully because Corinth at that time is hosting teachers who are criticizing him. His loving relationship with the church he founded is being tested by the words of others seeking to usurp his power. Disagreement, jealousy, gossip, dishonesty, and misunderstanding are alive and well in families, friendships and churches today. We can benefit from Paul's reminders to the Corinthians about the power of God's reconciliation and the importance of approaching each other with a heart that is wide open.

Sat, June 23, Mark 4:35-41, Spencer Jordan Several weeks ago I got an email showing my phone payment was declined. Stressors test our foundations. We think we know how things might go with God because we get used to a certain pattern. Slowly our trust can shift from Him to patterns and expectations. We live in a time where everything is being shaken politically, economically, and culturally. The boats we have built for past and present circumstances are tested and will sink if our faith is in them. In fear of perishing, amidst gale and wave, Jesus announces to us "a dead calm". In baptism, you have died to the world and its frantic ways. Through our baptismal promises we can enter the center of the whirl where the calm and peace of God is ever advancing.

*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 5, June 17, 2018

Mark 4:35-41 *On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

Sun, June 17: Family Project: For Father's Day, get out in a boat or go to a dock on the water's edge and read this passage. Imagine how you might have felt if you were actually in a boat with no motor and a great windstorm came up. Explain to any children that the "windstorm" stands for bad or hard times. Maybe they are being bullied or a friend has deserted them. Maybe they have worked hard to accomplish something and they failed. Talk about what it means to know that Jesus is with them in the boat. Pray over the situations, ending with, "Into all these storms, Jesus says "Peace."

Mon, June 18: Much of Sunday's reading from 2 Corinthians was also read as we started the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. As the ashen cross was drawn on our forehead, we were reminded about how fragile life is. Paul asks us to remain true servants of God even as we deal with struggles, hardships, disasters. It is in the middle of these storms that we are reminded our faithfulness comes as Christ strengthens us and gives us purpose. As we realize the power of the cross, we can say with Paul that we are among those, "having nothing yet possessing all things." (v. 10)

Tues, June 19: In late November of 1873, an accident at sea claimed the lives of the four daughters of Horatio Spafford. While deeply in grief as he crossed the Atlantic to join his wife, he penned the well-known hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul." Not a flowery sentiment, but a powerful assurance of God's enduring presence, let the words of this hymn touch your heart in times of trouble. *"Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul."* http://library.timelesstruths.org/music/It_Is_Well_with_My_Soul/

Wed, June 20, Ezek. 17:22-24, Rev. Chris Quello *"I the Lord, have spoken. I will do what I have said I would do."* 17:24c Prophets like Ezekiel have been granted wondrous authority to speak for the Lord, their God. In today's reading, the prophet foretells an exciting drama about to unfold. The Lord will take the top of a tall cedar and break off a tender sprout. This tender shoot will grow branches and will itself become a magnificent cedar. Ezekiel declares an image of hope for a trodden down people. The God they worship and adore will not forget them. They will experience newness of being and in this new reality they will live lives that in turn will become a source of strength for others around them. This promise is certainly more than just words. It will happen because the prophetic word of Ezekiel declares it to be so. The Lord has spoken and will accomplish what God said God would do.

Thurs, June 21, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, Kirsten Owens In 1965 there was a wonderful song entitled, *"How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You"*, smoothly sung by Motown singer, Marvin Gaye. It's a love song rooted not in romantic idealism but rather profound gratitude. The lyrics have a joyful lilt while pouring out thanks to the beloved for giving shelter, being there for the ups and downs, and providing sunshine for his days. As Marvin sings *"It's like sugar in my soul."* In Psalm 92:1-4 we see a similar song of thanks sung to God for His love and faithfulness. Not only is this love like "sugar in my soul" it is also like the sun and soil that nourish a tree, a tree that will grow strong and flourish in faith (Ps. 92:12-15). We often pray to God when we are in the darkness of struggle but don't forget to turn up the volume and sing that song of praise and thanksgiving. Gratitude is a sweet song for growth in Christ.

Fri, Jun 22, 2 Cor. 5:6-17, Rev Chris Quello I am writing this devotion on Maundy Thursday as the Church begins the recall of Christ's death & resurrection. Paul is recalling the drama: Christ died SO THAT 1.) those who live should no longer live for themselves, 2.) but for him who died...for their sake.

Devoting the rest of one's life in memory of one who has died happens with regularity. Some will remember the ministry established by the Olson's in memory of their son Tim who gave his life while serving the church in the Central African Republic. Devoting the rest of one's life to Christ who died

Sat, June 23, Mark 4:26-34, Kirsten Owens Gardeners can't afford to be hopeless. Each spring they spread seeds, dig depressions in deep, rich soil & enter into this ancient promise – when the eye may see only flat, infertile ground there is a seed unfolding into a tender sprout. Only through hope and faith can we anticipate that the small shoot will someday be waist high and hanging heavy with fruit. Sometimes when the sun scorches the earth, leaves grow yellow with too much water, or birds pluck the seed spread we feel defeated and wonder whether it's worth the effort. Yet the parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed assure us that even when all of our devoted attention seems to fall short God is still doing the miraculous work of growth behind the scenes.

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