

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 24, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, June 24

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

Monday

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

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. KidCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church
1 p.m. FVLH Visit (All Ages), Fox Valley Lutheran Homes
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council, DS 221

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. **ELCA Youth Gathering Trip Begins**
Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 110
11:30 a.m. KidCLUB (Grades K-6), Zion Lutheran Church
4:30 p.m. Worship Music Team Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. Wednesday Worship, NS Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. reFUEL (Grades 7-12+), NS
9 p.m. Middle School Lock-in, NS

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Middle School Lock-in Pick Up, NS
11:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Neighborhood Picnic, Seeds of Grace Learning Garden
11:30 a.m. KidCLUB (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

Sunday, July 1

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

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

Harbor House Current Needs

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

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



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

Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Office Hours: M-Th: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

North Site

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

Announcements
Week of June 24, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

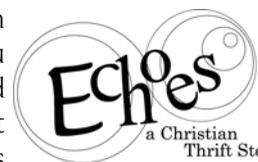
The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided in loving memory of Gordy Jeppson by Mary Jeppson and family.

Thank You Rev. Engebose

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

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.



Looking Ahead

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.

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!



Grace, Peace, and a Picnic in the Garden

Provided for the FELC Downtown Site Neighborhood

Thursday, June 28

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FELC Seeds of Grace Learning Garden on the corner of North and Durkee streets
This free meal - a brat or a burger, chips and a bottle of water - is open to the community and is sponsored by the Men's Ministries of First English.

Young Adult Fellowship

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

Youth Gathering Starts this Week!

Starting Wednesday June 27, FELC's 25 high school students and 4 adult chaperones will be headed to Houston to begin the triannual ELCA Youth Gathering along with 30,000 other people from around the U.S. From Wednesday to Sunday they will be engaged in worship, a service learning outreach day, an interactive learning day, a Synod Day worship with over 600 participants, and mass gatherings every night that you can stream live at www.elca.org/youthgathering. This year's Gathering is focused on Ephesians 2:9 and each day we will learn how God's love, grace, and hope changes everything. Please continue to pray for our students and the many others that will be partaking in this life-changing, faith-forming experience. The group looks forward to sharing their stories with you at Wednesday night worship at 6:15 p.m. on July 11 at the North Site.

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.

We're Rollin' on Enrollin'

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

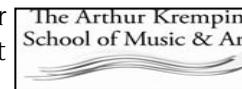
Lunchtime Organ Recitals

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

- June 27 at 6:30 p.m.: Don VerKuilen
Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton

Mark Your Calendars for the Fox River Chamber Fest

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



AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Dale R. at (920)419-2794.

Prayer Connection

Prayer connects us to each other in this community of faith and to Christ. To be included in the list of prayers, submit names to the church office or the First English staff. Names are removed after one month, but can always be extended by request. Please remember these First English members, friends and families in prayer in the coming week:

Prayers of Healing, Wholeness & Peace

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

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Ardith Nortman
- Walter Seacotte
- Megan Sivahop
- 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

- Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. (CCR&R)
Contact: Dana Bain, Administrative Assistant
(920)886-1211; register@ccrfoxvalley.org

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

June 24, 2018

From the Desk of Summer Intern Jack Kent

My name is Jack Kent, and I am one of the high school and middle school interns this year. I'm really excited to be going on the NYG trip with a great group of high school students very soon! Reilly and I are super excited to hang out with everyone at all of the great events we've been planning for this summer, from a Timber Rattlers' game for Middle School Youth Group to a giant slip and slide for ReFUEL. Be sure to check the announcements and website to make sure you don't miss anything!

- Jack Kent

National Youth Gathering

Our Youth Coordinator, Heidi, and high school intern, Jack, along with some high school students from the congregation will be headed to Houston for this year's ELCA Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering is an event that is held every three years. Our members who are attending will be taking part in worship, Bible study, and service work, which in the past has created millions of meals for those in need. Good luck to our high school youth who will be participating and living their call!

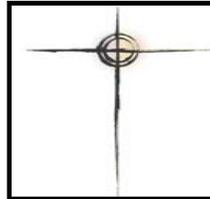
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Middle School Youth Group

We invite middle school aged youth to come join our middle and high school intern Reilly to bake some tasty treats for those of our congregation who are homebound. We'll be meeting in the Downtown Site Kitchen from 3:30-5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26. We hope to see all our middle school aged kids there.

*Middle School Lock-in at the North Site after reFUEL on June 27
reFUEL for high school youth will still take place until 9 P.M.*



Youth News

June 24, 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

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

FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 5, June 24, 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 24: Family Project: Either get out on the water 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 25: 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 26: 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 27, Lamentations 3:22-33, Dianne Droster, The book of Lamentations, writes Eugene Peterson, is a "concentrated and intense biblical witness to suffering." Lamentations was written after the brutal Babylonian war, when Jerusalem was ransacked and the community ravaged. We witness this suffering today in both "large-scale horrors and in personal agonies"—in refugees fleeing violence, in victims of school shooting massacres, in our own families, workplaces, churches when a beloved member dies tragically. There is no explaining such loss, no hurrying such grief. Like the speakers in Lamentations, sometimes we can only sit and mourn. And yet and still, Lamentations insistently bears witness that God enters our suffering, remains beside us, always and all ways our steadfast companion while we wait for hope to appear.

Thurs, June 28, Psalm 30 J. Clinton McCann writes of Psalm 30, *"the psalmist's deliverance is not so much from physical sickness to physical health as it is from a deadly misunderstanding of human security to a lively awareness of God's presence in all of life."** I can be like the psalmist, believing that through my prosperity or health or relationships, "I shall never be moved." (v.6) Then life comes along and shows me my lack of control. As I cry out in prayer, God turns *"my mourning into dancing"* and clothes me with joy. It doesn't happen in a moment, but as God's presence seeps through my laments, joy returns like the morning sun. *J. Clinton McCann, Jr., "The Book of Psalms," in *The New Interpreter's Bible* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996), 4:797.

Fri., June 29, 2 Cor. 8:7-15, Dianne Droster This passage from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians reminded me of the time my car's steering wheel began trembling. Soon the entire car rattled and shook. I was trying to drive an earthquake! And then, kaput, going nowhere. The problem? Unbalanced tires. Here, Paul urges the well off Corinthian church to fund a start-up group ministering to the Jerusalem poor. Paul anticipates a false fear—one sometimes bandied about today—that by giving generously, the Corinthians will become poor, and the Jerusalem poor, rich. Nope! The Corinthians' gifts will create a "fair balance," a Divine economy where everyone has enough, but not too much, and no one has too little. How else can God's love drive the world!

Sat, June 30, Mark 5:21-43 While I'm unsure how Jesus felt about the interruption he experienced on the way to heal Jairus' daughter, I can only imagine the anxiety and panic in the heart of Jairus. How can he keep from screaming as Jesus, his last hope for the survival of his daughter, stops to ask the crowds of people around him, "Who touched my clothes?" It can be hard for all of us as pressing problems go unsolved while God keeps interrupting our lives with trips down side roads. May our hearts hold onto hope, confident that all our life is in God's keeping, and that Jesus' restoring and healing grace is abundant for all needs.

*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 4, June 24, 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 24: 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 25: 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 26: 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 27, Ezekiel 2:1-5, Yvette Woershofer Can you imagine God calling you to be a prophet? Do you hear when God calls you? He may not be calling you to be a prophet but a friend, spouse, parent or something you do for work or others. It can be scary when God calls us to follow him. God said to Ezekiel, "Stand up on your feet. I am sending you." Ezekiel didn't stand on his feet alone. The Spirit entered him and put him on his feet. Find courage in God's calling to you and know you are not alone. Find strength in God and what he is calling you to do, for he has given the ultimate gift, Grace.

Thurs, June 28, Psalm 123, Denise Klemp Though our Heavenly Father can't be proud of us when we sin, I can imagine He loves to hear the words, "Have mercy on us, Lord." Only those who trust Him would even utter these words. What has God done to gain our trust? In an article I read there are 5,467 promises from God. He never broke a single one. I am especially thankful for the promise that He would send a Savior. Through faith we are all promised salvation. Our God did, does and always will grant mercy for each of us. Knowing that, our supplication turns into exultation!

Fri., June 29, 2 Cor. 12:2-10, Denise Klemp We all know that one person who rubs us the wrong way. Why? What is it about them? For me, I'm turned off by those who are so proud that I feel inadequate next to them. However, I think boasting does have a place. I feel if we all spent some time each day boasting about our God, maybe there would be a few more people in church on Sundays. Maybe if we talk about how awesome our God is some unbelievers would be intrigued enough to find out more. Maybe we can each make it our daily goal to start boasting about our God.

Sat, June 30, Mark 6:1-13, Denise Klemp Jesus knew when and where he could work his ministry. For some reason he was not accepted in his own hometown. I think there's good advice in what he did - he left to go teach elsewhere. How many of us keep working on the same people to drive our point? How exasperated do we get when they "just don't get it?" Jesus didn't let the people's unbelief stop him from performing miracles, but he had no reason to stick around. He called his disciples to tell others "to repent of their sins and turn to God." (v 12b NLT) Don't be discouraged when you try to spread news about Jesus! Only some will be able to hear the good news. Just keep trying!