

## FELC Friendship Pads

Please fill out the Friendship Pad when asked during worship. If the church office does not currently have your contact information or it has changed, please indicate that in the appropriate column.

### Nursery Care

The Downtown Site Nursery (located across from the Library in the Gathering Area) and the North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) are open for family use during all services. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

### Hearing Assistance

If you are in need of a personal receiver, ask a Downtown Site usher, or a North Site soundboard technician.

### Large-print Resources

At the Downtown Site, if you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, please ask an usher.

### AED Units on Site

Automated external defibrillators are outside the Downtown Site Usher's Room and next to the North Site sound booth.

### Video Recording

The 8:30 a.m. Downtown Site worship service is video-recorded to share with our homebound members upon request.

### In Need of Prayer?

For additions to the prayer chain, email or call the church office ([felc@felc.com](mailto:felc@felc.com); 733-2303).

### More Information

For detailed information on these and more FELC events, opportunities and ministries, pick up a newsletter in the Gathering Area, visit our website at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com), or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

## The Week of June 3, 2018 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, June 3

8:30 & 10 a.m.

9 a.m.

### Monday

3:30 p.m.

6 p.m.

8:15 p.m.

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

1 p.m.

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

5 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

### Thursday

9 a.m.

1 p.m.

7 p.m.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, June 10

8:30 & 10 a.m.

9 a.m.

10 a.m.

3 p.m.

DS = Downtown Site

### Church Picnic, 10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m., NS

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Wednesday Worship Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Financial Peace, DS 110

Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Judith Circle, DS 114

Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 110

Grill and Greet, NS

Wednesday Worship, NS Sanctuary

reFUEL (Grades 7-12+), NS

Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Bridge Life Group, DS 114

ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Worship, DS Sanctuary

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary

Confirmation Camp Drop-Off, Crossways Pine Lake

NS = North Site



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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.

Announcements

Week of June 3, 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

### Altar Flowers

The altar flowers at the Downtown Site are provided by the Gebert family in honor of Sofia's birthday on June 2.

### Summer Worship Times at Both Sites

*The summer worship schedule through Sept. 9:*

- Sunday, Downtown Site: 8:30 and 10 a.m.
- Sunday, North Site: 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, North Site: 6:15 p.m., May 30 - Aug. 29 (led by summer interns June 6 - Aug. 15)

### Thank you Pastor Stoneburner

Thank you to Pastor Ty Stoneburner for helping us out during Pastor Mary's sabbatical. Pastor Stoneburner is a husband to Lynette, father to Caittlyn, and grandfather to Charles. He served Immanuel Lutheran of Cicero for nearly 14 years. He now works at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home in Seymour. He looks forward to his time with the members of First English this summer.



### God's Work. Our Hands.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 9, for this year's *God's Work. Our Hands.* activity. Throughout summer you will have opportunities to sign up for the project of your choice for you and your family. Some take place at FELC and some offsite. The planning committee is also looking for individuals who may have access to a Thrivent Action Team grant. Learn more at:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>. The grants can be used to purchase materials for Sept. 9. Do you have ideas for possible projects? These should be geared to area non-profits. Contact Jean Monson at [jeanmonson2324@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmonson2324@gmail.com) with any ideas or questions about the Thrivent Action Teams.

God's work.  
Our hands.



Bring Your Family and Friends  
to the  
FELC Church Picnic Today!  
10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m., North Site  
Enjoy root beer floats and other picnic fare, games,  
inflatables, plant exchange and wonderful fellowship.  
See you soon!



## Looking Ahead

### 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.

### Submit "Can't Serve" Dates for Worship Volunteering

Did you know that it takes over 75 volunteers to assist at our weekly worship services during our non-summer months? We are so grateful and say THANK YOU for the dedication and service of our worship volunteers! While we need fewer worship volunteers during the summer, we encounter more "can't serve" dates within our volunteer families as they are enjoying additional travel opportunities that summer brings. Another worship schedule is being created for July 2 - Sept. 30. To assist with scheduling, please review your personal calendars and record within MSP any dates you are unavailable to serve. The deadline to record unavailable dates is Sunday, June 10. If you need any assistance with updating your 'can't serve' dates, please contact Kathy Larson ([klarson@felc.com](mailto:klarson@felc.com) or 733-2303). Thank you.

### Let's Play Bridge

Do you enjoy playing  Bridge? If so, join us, the FELC's Bridge Life Group on Thursday, June 7 at 1 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Along with enjoying the game of Bridge, the group will talk about how often they would like to get together over the summer and any other details important to the group. Questions? Contact Pastor Bob Herder, (920)738-6640.

### Echoes, A Christian Thrift Store

Echoes, a Christian Thrift Store, is seeking to fill a 10-20 hour per week role assisting with a variety of tasks. The primary work day would be Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have questions or are interested in this paid position, please contact Kathy Hoffman at (920) 882-8172 or [echoes@felc.com](mailto:echoes@felc.com). Interested high school students are encouraged to apply.

### 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](http://www.felc.com/forms) or speak to Brenda in the Church Office (733-2303). Submit your cover letter and resume to [bsmongeski@felc.com](mailto:bsmongeski@felc.com) or mail to the Church Office at 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI, 54911.

### 50+ Trip

On Thursday, June 14, travel to Shawano to visit the Twig Beverage Museum. The group will meet at the Downtown Site at 8:45 a.m., carpooling promptly at 9 a.m. Meeting in the gift shop, the guide will start the tour at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, the group will lunch at Luigi's, a local restaurant. Sign up on the sheet on the Kiosk in the Downtown Site Gathering Area. Deadline is Sunday, June 10. Please join us for a fun trip. Questions? Contact Sharon Evensen at [saevensen@gmail.com](mailto:saevensen@gmail.com).



### 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 6: Jonathan Oblander  
First Presbyterian Church, Neenah

### Financial Peace University

A Biblical approach to budgeting and finances: First English is looking forward to hosting Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" series on Mondays, beginning June 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Downtown Site. Financial Peace is a 9-week, life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more. This series will be open to the public. The materials fee is \$129/per household. Rick Fifield will be the facilitator for the series. If you are interested, email Rick at [rof7915@outlook.com](mailto:rof7915@outlook.com) or phone him at (920)209-6618.

### Layette Information

Would you like to find out about layettes for missions? There will be a short meeting on Wednesday, June 13 at the North Site, following the worship service (approximately 7:15 p.m.) Come and learn about this wonderful ministry.

### 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  | • Moore Peregrine        |
| • Nathan Meissner       | • Tom Roy                |
| • Brooklyn Ann Converse | • Je'Ann Johnson         |
| • Angel Manos           | • Paul Henrikson         |
| • Todd Hollenberger     | • Juanita Gauerke        |
| • Jacob Schwab          | • Robb Schaefer          |
| • Justin Schwab         | • Kim Norland            |
| • Laurie Niles          | • Taylor Vivian Thompson |
| • Lynn Boenker          | • Carol Peterson         |
| • Debra Boushley        | • Bev Hoff               |
| • David Heindel         | • Rolf Jeppson           |
| • Doug Hansen           | • David Larson           |
| • Amy Ponomarev         | • Steven Johnson         |

### Prayers of Comfort Families of:

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| • Elaine Gareau        | • Ardith Nortman  |
| • George Krempin       | • Kennedy Pfeffer |
| • Claire Meyer Gallant | • Tina Schwier    |
|                        | • Walter Seacotte |

### 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

#### • Center for Suicide Awareness

Contact: Barb Bigalke, (920)475-4748  
[Barb@centerforsuicideawareness.org](mailto:Barb@centerforsuicideawareness.org)

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

June 3, 2018

### From the Desk of Youth and Summer Ministry Coordinator Heidi Schreiner

There's something unique about bringing a group of college-aged students together each and every summer. Even though the summer intern training doesn't change too much from year to year, every year is different because of the people that take part in it. Watching them all come into the bat cave (the intern office) for the first time, with that slight feeling of awkwardness yet full of enthusiasm and wonder for what this internship can bring.

As the week goes on, and as we begin the intern retreat, I see relationships forming, leadership

developing, and faith growing. I am so blessed to be in a position that gets to be a part of this transformation every year. And with every year, I feel God transforming me and equipping me throughout the process.

I am truly looking forward to another chapter of Summer Intern Ministry and pray that whether or not you are someone who has participated in its programs/events, that this is the year you give it a try. See you this summer!

Peace,

*-Heidi Schreiner*

### Hey Kids Grades K - 6: Sign Up for Day Camp! June 11-14; 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We will meet at the Chris Brandt Shelter at Plamann Park for fun-filled days including skits, games, snacks, Bible study, and outdoor adventures! The total cost is \$5/student or \$15/family. Be sure to bring your own lunch. Hope to see you there!

### 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](http://www.felc.com/forms).

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

## Meet the 2018 Summer Interns at the Annual *Grill and Greet!*

Wednesday, June 6  
5-6 p.m. at the North Site

Followed by

Intern-led Wednesday Worship  
6:15 p.m

Our 10 Summer Interns have begun their ministry at FELC and in the community. They want to meet YOU! Please join the Summer Interns and the Intern Enrichment Ministry Team on June 6 for our annual *Grill and Greet* celebration to kick off summer ministry at FELC.



After the meal, please stay for Wednesday Worship! The Summer Interns will lead every Wednesday Night Worship from June 6 through Aug. 15 at the North Site.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to this kick off to summer at First English!

## FELC DS Engage Page: Pentecost 2, June 3, 2018

**Mark 2:23 -3:6** *One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.*

**Sun, June 3:** Family Project: The word sabbath means to cease and is related to God's day of rest after the six days of creation. It was a day when work stopped. In a day when many no longer practice taking a day rest, it's good to remember that the Sabbath is a gift to humanity. What does Sabbath mean to you? Consider having a day of Sabbath rest from social media or errands. How can Sabbath renew your heart to experience God's grace?

**Mon, Jun. 4:** The Pharisees conspired with the Herodians about how to destroy Jesus. It is unknown who the Herodians were, but it is clear that Mark sees this alliance between them and the Pharisees as shameful. When we are judging whether or not our desires are Godly, perhaps we need to look at the alliances we must make to support our viewpoint. If we must feel ashamed of those who share our stance, perhaps God is asking us to have a change of heart.

**Tues, June 5:** It shows an extraordinary coldness to be able to react to someone being healed with anything but joy. But since the Pharisees are already watching to see if Jesus will break the Sabbath, they perversely say this act of compassion is against God's law. Jesus reminds them of the purpose of the law—to save life. It can be easy for us to get caught up in rules, but before we judge, we must ask God to give us wisdom and love so our judgments bring life.

**Wed., June 6, Genesis 3:8-15, Sara VanBeek** The man and the woman hid because they were afraid and ashamed. What do you fear? Are there things you've done that you regret? Do you confront your fears or try to hide from them? When you do something wrong, do you pretend it didn't happen, make excuses, or blame it on someone else? God found the couple even when they were hiding in fear and shame. God finds each of us as well. When we go to God asking for forgiveness, He forgives. So, we shouldn't hide and allow our regrets to consume us. We should go to Him asking for forgiveness and find peace.

**Thurs, June 7, Psalm 130, Dayton Henderson** This Song of Ascent is a cry from a place so deep, the only possible direction to go is up. The writer is desperate to hear a word of mercy from God. Nighttime is when our fears often reveal themselves. Or maybe our worry creates its own night – thick, dark and menacing. Regardless, in the middle of this torment, the Psalmist clings to the assurance of God's unfailing love, mercy and forgiveness to bring new light into his life. In this, he finds healing and hope of a new day. May we also refuse to live in fear, reject darkness, and learn to place our complete trust in God.

**Fri., June 8, 2 Cor. 4:13—5:1, Sara VanBeek** Hope. That's what this passage radiates. However, it's also more than that. Hope is an optimistic look at the future while admitting that it may not come to be. Faith removes the doubt and replaces it with steadfast belief. While our faith journey is filled with moments of doubt and uncertainty, our questioning leads us to greater faith. Sharing our journey with others and praising God together helps us all to move forward toward greater faith. What doubts do you have? What has helped you alleviate those doubts? Sharing this information can help others to alleviate their doubts as well. Praise be to God!

**Sat, June 9, Mark 3:20-35, Dayton Henderson** So much to see, each from their own perspective: Curious crowds press forward relentlessly to see Him. Hungry disciples see no chance of eating anytime soon. Concerned family members see someone who's lost his mind, in need of rescue. Indignant scribes see someone possessed by an evil spirit, not the Holy Spirit. In the middle of this chaos, Jesus sees their self-interests and distractions, and the divisions that lead to destruction. He also sees it as a teaching moment, to confront their criticisms and to reframe relationships. He redefines His mother, sisters and brothers simply as whoever does God's will. May we see beyond ourselves to live as His family.

\*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 3, June 3, 2018

**Mark 3:20-35** *And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself & is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins & whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" -- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother & his brothers came; & standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."*

Sun, June 3: Family Project: "*If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*" Make teams and try to do some task in the house or yard or at the beach. See what happens when you work together and what happens when you are divided against one another. What does it mean to do the will of God? Pick one thing to do this week that will make it clear you are doing God's will.

Mon, June 4: Perhaps the extraordinary birth events should have prepared Mary, but this passage makes it clear that the entire family was on edge from the rock star status that Jesus had achieved. In a world where too much attention could be very dangerous, they were anxious for him to act a bit more conventionally. Pray for wisdom that you recognize God's work even when it is strange or scary.

Tues, June 5: How do we understand the verse, "*whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness*"? People have been caught in it's web, fearful that they have committed the "unforgiveable" sin. Conventional wisdom is that if you are worried about it, you haven't committed it. Focus your heart instead on Jesus' great love shown on the cross, and live in God's amazing grace.

Wed., June 6, Deut. 5:12-15, Katie Chicquette-Adams The day of rest is a concept we as humans have so struggled with, and for such a wide range of reasons. We have long seen rest as a lack of motion, of stillness. Yet economies of all types worldwide quite literally demand daily work for survival, lest the most disadvantaged perish. And even among those whose survival is assured are those seeking to create economic security for their loved ones; those who find inertia a kind of a mental torture; those who simply feel called to carry out their world's purpose as often as they have the opportunity. *Lord, help us shape our world to be a place where your commandment to observe Sabbath is possible, and help us to shape ourselves into people who find diverse ways to do this.*

Thurs, June 7, Psalm 81:1-10, Lisa Jermain Generations after the Exodus, the people of Israel remember the stories through word and song. God delivered them from oppression, demonstrating His power. This psalm celebrates and worships God for His mercy and the covenant He established with His people. It is one way the stories were kept alive from generation to generation - from Moses to Aaron to Joshua and more. They all followed God's commands to keep His words on their lips and in their hearts. In Deuteronomy 17:19, God reminds the people to keep the Word close and read it daily so that they may learn to revere the Lord and follow Him. That is a timeless message for us, as well.

Fri, June 8, 2 Cor. 4:5-12, Katie Chicquette-Adams We carry so much: our hopes, goals, memories--our fears and anxieties, and often much of that we actively hide from the world around us. Still, these things find their way out --in our moods, words, and actions--or our silence and our inaction. None of this comes as a great surprise: when we catch ourselves attempting to conceal these things, we know we are "at it again," attempting to hide that which must find its way out somehow. This verse reminds us why: because "we always carry around in our body the death of Jesus," we are carrying both pain and redemption; suffering & hope. *Creator, remind us that all of that which we must "work out" from within is our continual rebirth in Christ.*

Sat, June 9, Mark 2:23-3:6, Lisa Jermain Moses brought the command from God to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. The Sabbath was created as a day for restoration - spiritual (worshipping God) and physical (resting from labor). The Pharisees try to trap Jesus, since tradition said aid could only be given to the sick on the Sabbath if the person's life was threatened. But Jesus demonstrates that God's purpose is love. In sharing bread or healing, He is always ready to serve. My favorite part is that the Pharisees believed in Jesus' ability to perform miracles. It wasn't whether He COULD heal the man, but IF He would. Ironically, Jesus was ready to heal, but the Pharisees were already plotting to put Him to death.

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