

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) is open for family use during all services and staffed during the 9:15 a.m. service. The North Site Nursery (off the main hallway, across from the restrooms) is staffed at both services. Please ask an usher for 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

If you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, ask an usher at the Downtown Site, or a greeter at the North Site.

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 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) or email Pastor Mary (mbauer@felc.com).

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 Mar. 18, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Mar. 18

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

Monday

9 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
Noon
4:45 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
9 a.m.
1 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Mar. 25

8:30 a.m.
8:50 a.m.
9 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

DS = Downtown Site

Scrip Sale Pick Up

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Women's Study Group, NS Library

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Congregational Life Ministry Team, DS Lounge
GriefShare, DS Lounge

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Executive Committee, DS Lounge
Finance Committee, DS 110

Lenten Morning Service, DS Sanctuary
Lenten Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
Lenten Meal, NS Activity Center
Lenten Evening Services, NS Sanctuary
Lenten Study & Panel: *Shaped by the Cross*, NS Library
Parish Choir Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary
Confirmation General Session, NS Assigned Rooms
Kid's Life, NS 6
reFUEL Grades 10-12, NS Youth Room

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge
FELC Book Club, DS Lounge
Ukulele Combo Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Palm Sunday, Begin Worship Outside of Sanctuary, Both Sites Palm Sunday Breakfast, Both Sites

Breakfast Served Until 11 a.m., DS Fellowship Hall
Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Breakfast Served Until 11 a.m., NS Activity Center
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Women's Study Group, NS Library

Mark Your Calendars for the New Downtown Site Summer Worship Times!

This summer First English is trying something new: two worship services on Sunday morning at the Downtown Site instead of three. The times will be 8:30 and 10 a.m. beginning May 27 and continuing through Sept. 2. With Pastor Mary on Sabbatical, this is a perfect opportunity to see if one fewer Sunday service in the summer is a good fit. Regular worship times will resume after Labor Day.



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

Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.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: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: W: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

Sunday at FELC

Downtown Site Learning Time

Join us this morning as Professor Roberta Albrecht teaches the final class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Meditations on the Psalms*. Whether or not you have the book, you are sure to be enlightened by her insights and scholarship concerning Bonhoeffer's poetry. The class meets from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge.

Scrip Pick Up

If you ordered Scrip cards last week, be sure to pick them up this morning at the site at which they were purchased. Thank you for your support!

Looking Ahead

Deadline Tomorrow - "Can't Serve" Dates

Attention worship volunteers: The worship schedule for Apr. 11 - July 1 is coming up. Please review your personal calendars. Keep in mind new summer Downtown Site worship times and let us know of your preference. The deadline to submit unavailable days is tomorrow, Monday, Mar. 19. Log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact the Church Office to submit your days.

Palm Sunday Worship Next Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Please be aware that all worship services at both sites will begin outside of the Sanctuaries. Feel free to put your belonging on your seats before worship and meet outside the Sanctuary to begin the service.

Palm Sunday Breakfast Served by the Men of the Congregation

Make breakfast at church a part of your Palm Sunday tradition. It's a delicious way to get to know people and to begin your Holy Week celebration. The men of the congregation will be serving from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Downtown Site and 9-11 a.m. at the North Site on Palm Sunday, Mar. 25.



Calling all men: Are you willing to help prepare, serve, or cleanup the breakfast? Please sign up using the poster in the Gathering Area or sign up online at www.felc.com/forms.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by Mar. 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until Mar. 31 to direct them. If you are an eligible member, don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to First English Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call (800)847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Announcements
Week of Mar. 18, 2018

Lenten Series

This Lent, allow yourself to be *Shaped by the Cross*. Drawing on analogies from Michelangelo's statue, *The Pieta*, we will focus on how God uses struggles to conform us to the image of Christ. On Wednesday, Mar. 21, invite friends to the Downtown Site (9:30 a.m.) or the North Site (6:15 p.m.) to watch a video by Rev. Kara Roote about becoming a community of mutual love. Join a morning study on the book *Shaped by the Cross* by Ken Gire (10:15 a.m.). Attend the evening panel discussion (7 p.m.). And for fellowship, join us for the Lenten supper from 4:45-6 p.m. in the North Site Activity Center.

Monthly Women's Book Club

Thursday, Mar. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge, we discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Enjoy time talking with other women whether or not you've had a chance to finish the book.

50+ Maundy Thursday Brunch

Please join us for a delicious brunch following the morning service on Maundy Thursday (Mar. 29) in Fellowship Hall. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. with the brunch to follow. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Area. This really helps in meal planning. A freewill offering will be collected. Hope to see many of you there.

Stephen Ministers Care

Going through a rough time emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free and very helpful. To learn more, speak with a pastor.

Help Needed: Downtown Site Chancel Cleaning and Easter Decorating

Please consider helping clean the Downtown Site Chancel on Good Friday morning, Mar. 30, at 9:30 a.m. This is an ideal time to clean since the altar will be stripped on Maundy Thursday.

Then in the evening following the 6:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship (approximately 7:30 p.m.) help is needed in readying the Chancel for the Easter celebration!

Any time you can give is appreciated. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Kathy Larson at 733-2303 or klarson@felc.com.

Early Risers New Study Begins April 5

On Thursday, Apr. 5 at 6 a.m., the Early Risers Bible Study will begin their next study. *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead* by Brene Brown will explore how we as women experience uncertainty, risks, being vulnerable and how to dare greatly.

Brown explains how vulnerability is both the core of difficult emotions like fear, grief, and disappointment, *and* the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, innovation, and creativity. She writes: "When we shut ourselves off from vulnerability, we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives."

If you are in need of a book, please email Jean Monson (jeanmonson2324@gmail.com). Early Risers meets each Thursday at 6-7 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge with plenty of coffee and wonderful discussion and conversation taking place.

Noon Hour Philosophers

The Noon Hour Philosophers meet for an hour at noon in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall each Wednesday. If you have questions please contact Mary Poulson at mmaryjep@att.net or (920)734-8137.

Mar. 21: Camp to Belong: Reuniting Siblings in the Fox Valley

Eschalon Mayer, Team Lead
Kate Bauer, Co-Director

Don't Miss Out on Wednesday Lenten Meals at FELC

Each Wednesday during the Lenten season, a meal is sponsored by one of the church ministry or fellowship teams. The meals are served from 4:45-6 p.m., followed by worship in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome. A free will offering will be collected.

Mar. 21: Chicken from Mary's Family Restaurant, Sponsored by the Congregation Council at the North Site

GriefShare

GriefShare is a nation-wide ministry that helps people cope with the death of a loved one. This 13-week video curriculum is followed by a discussion each week. The spring session of GriefShare runs through the months of March and April. You may join at any point in the curriculum. Sessions are on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

Seeking Candidates for Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Board: Call Becky at 734-7225 for information and to get a Board Recruitment Booklet. Term is three years. Meetings are monthly on the third Monday at 4 p.m.

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
- George Krempin
- 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
- Kathy Putzer
- Dean Peterson
- Cheryl Quello
- Jim Trundle
- Beverly Hoff

Prayers of Comfort

- Families of:
- Bill Nussbaum
 - Roy Bartz
 - Joe Walsh

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Baptism of:
- Adalyn Noelle Marie Nussbaumer

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

Prayers for Those in Seminary

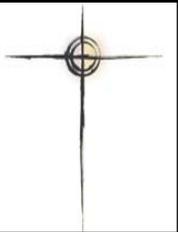
- David Shudy

Prayers for Those in the Military

- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- PFC Samuel Sinclair

This Week's Community Care Focus

- B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Child Abuse Prevention Program
(920)733-6886; www.babeshelp.org



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Mar. 18, 2018

reFUEL

NORTH SITE THIS WEEK
WEDNESDAYS 7-8 P.M.
For Grades 10-12



During the season of Lent, we are expanding on the topic of the message from the Wednesday night worship service.

reFUEL will be at the NS this week!

3/21: Lent Topic: Shaped in the Body of Christ
Speaker: Rev. Kara Roote (video)
Compassion Pantry Sorting
3/28: Holy Week, no reFUEL

“Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity.”

Compassion Pantry-LAST WEEK

FELC is collecting nonperishable food items and hygiene products to donate towards Appleton East’s Compassion Pantry. Bring goods to reFUEL at NS on 3/21 to participate in this great cause!



ELCA Youth Gathering Updates

March Calendar

Mar. 18: Scrip Pick Up
Mar. 25: Palm Sunday Brunch Helpers
Sign Up Geniuses are out! **Questions? Contact Heidi**
(hschreiner@felc.com)

SOLE BURNER 5K RUN/WALK

Support American Cancer Society and join team **FELC** by participating in this year’s Sole Burner taking place May 12.

Registrations found online and in Gathering Area and due to DS Office by Thur, Apr 5!

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Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

Palm Sunday We Begin The Journey To the Cross Together



Next Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We start this important journey together during our annual Palm Sunday breakfast at both sites. Although there is

no Sunday School next week, coming together as a community to share these special times in the church as a family is really important. Don’t miss breakfast and try to make it to as many of the Holy Week worship events as possible. The more we know and share this powerful story, the more understanding and gratitude we share as Christians.

Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: [felc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/felc.youth) Facebook: [FELC YOUTH](https://www.facebook.com/FELC.YOUTH)

Connect with FELC Youth Staff

Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator: kowens@felc.com
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: hschreiner@felc.com

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Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Turn Around in Lent

During Lent we will be offering a different family activity each week to help focus on this special time of year.

This week our family activity will be a **straw fast for the environment!**

Did you know that some calculations anticipate that seaborne plastic trash is predicted to outweigh fish by 2050?

In an effort to respect the ocean and its inhabitants, try to pass on the plastic straw this week. It's a simple way to help God's creation and provides a helpful reminder that we should never take His gifts for granted.



Wrapping Up At North Site
It may be hard to believe, but we are in the final frame of the Confirmation year! This Wednesday will be the last meeting for grades 7 & 8. Our grade 9 group will be meeting as a small group for the last time. The 9th grade students have Affirmation of Baptism prep after break but this is a chance to celebrate the end of a great year!

Compassion Pantry Drive Last Call

This is the last Wednesday we will be collecting basic hygiene items and quick or no-prep foods for our Compassion Pantry Drive. This has been an extremely popular service event in the past as we donate items for local students that have a gap in their basic needs. This year our donations will be going to students at Appleton East High School.



Here are some items that are needed:

Toothbrushes, tooth paste, deodorant, soap, feminine hygiene products, and granola bars are in greatest demand for this school, as well as, fruit cups, microwave noodle or soup cups, single serving cold or hot cereal, fruit leather, individual packages of crackers, etc. Please, no items that need an oven or stove to prepare.

Kid's Life Does The Lenten Shuffle

We move to North Site for the final Wednesday of Lent. Meet us in Room 6 in the Lower Level from 7-8 p.m. Mar. 21 for some fun with friends!



Vacation Bible School Needs Your Gifts

We're getting a group of creative planners together for this year's Vacation Bible School.



Go to www.felc.com/forms to sign up. We need your gifts!

Choir Corner

A reminder that **Cherub Choir does not have rehearsal on Mar. 25.**



Cherub Choir sings on Apr. 1 at 9:30 a.m. worship

Angelus Choir sings on Apr. 15 at 8 a.m. worship.

New voices are always welcome!



Sign Up For the Confirmation Pool Party!

Go to www.felc.com/forms so we know you're coming. The snack sign-up is there too!

*Have questions or want to volunteer?
Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com or 733-2303.*



Summer Chamber Music

Musicians, mark your calendars and make plans now to join the **Summer Chamber Music Program**. This summer's 8-week session begins during the week of June 11 with weekly practice sessions (no classes the week of July 4), concluding with a performance on Aug. 5. Laura Kenney Henckel, principal cellist of the Fox Valley Symphony and Xavier Middle and High School Orchestra Director will be leading the weekly rehearsals.

Whether you've been playing for a year or a lifetime, all are welcome. This is a perfect way to continue playing during the summer while learning great music together - with groups that are tailored to individuals' instruments and experience.

Simply fill out the form below and return it to: The Arthur Krempin School of Music & Art, c/o First English Lutheran Church, 326 E. North Street, Appleton, WI, 54911 or contact Laura Kenney Henckel at kenneycello@gmail.com or (920)739-8604. Cost of the program is \$100 per person; limited grants are also available so don't hesitate to participate. Enroll now and encourage your friends and family, too.

Summer Chamber Music Registration (Due Date is June 1, 2018)

Name: _____

Phone: Daytime _____ Evening _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Age: _____

Instrument(s):

Primary _____ Number of years _____

Other _____ Number of years _____

Previous musical experience:

Private lessons: Yes ___ Number of years ___ No ___

Most recent music groups / organizations:
_____ Number of years _____

Please list times on Tuesday through Thursday to avoid rehearsing if possible:

Our family will be on vacation _____

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 gather to present four different concerts in eight days: 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!

We also invite you, your friends and family to a special Music Matinee performance on Sunday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. at FELC, in anticipation of the Chamber Fest. This preview concert will be a great chance to get a glimpse of the July event. You'll also have the chance to meet and talk with the performers during the reception that follows.

Planned one week prior to Mother's Day, this performance will recognize and celebrate the essential role that mothers play in nurturing music in their homes and families. Like the Chamber Fest in July, the Music Matinee in May is free and open to all. Attendees will have the opportunity, if they choose, to show their financial or volunteer support of the Fox River Chamber Fest through a variety ways.

We hope to see you there! In the meantime, please pass the word to others who, like you, love great music - and value local, live performances.

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FELC Engage Page: Lent 5, March 18, 2018

John 12:20-33 *Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew & Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.*

Sun, Mar. 18: Family Project: Today is a good day to plant some vegetable seeds. Take some time to look at the seeds themselves. Would you be able to guess from the outside what type of plant they will grow up to be, or that they contain new life at all? Make sure that there is a fan blowing on the seedlings so the stems will be strong –like plants, we grow stronger through struggles. As you keep track of their growth from planting to harvest, talk about what helps us grow so that our love for God nourishes us and others.

Mon, Mar. 19: Jesus says, *"It is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."* How does the Father glorify his name.? One way is through the actions of the church. When we share food with the hungry and shelter with the homeless, when we help the grieving, the addicted, or the desperate, we bring glory to God's name. May our actions bring glory to God.

Tues, Mar. 20: Jesus struggles in this passage with whether or not he should ask the Father to save him from his upcoming trials. He decides not to make that request since these trials are the entire reason that he came to earth. As we pray for protection or deliverance, may we hold in mind that God may have eternal purposes in our temporary earthly struggles.

Wed., Mar 21, Isaiah 50:4-9a Isaiah invites us into a life of compassionate listening so beautifully. *"Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my heart to listen as those who are taught."* It is so much easier to listen and learn if we believe the teacher actually cares about our circumstances. How we go about teaching personal finance would vary depending on the learner's starting point. Are they in debt or have they just inherited a wind-fall? Knowing the starting point dictates the course of teaching. Of course this holds true for every subject we would like to teach, from spirituality to job skills! We are each called to walk in our neighbor's shoes before attempting to teach them skills in living their lives. .

Thurs, Mar 22, Psalm 31:9-16 When caring for young children you may have experienced waiting for them to hatch a plot– perhaps trying to frighten you or to get you to step into some trap that they've developed. As you monitor their progress, you are aware that you have the power to stop it at any point along the way. The power differential is altered however, if they are plotting against another child. The psalmist is like one of the children, unable to monitor or understand or overpower those who are plotting. Just as a child trusts the caregiver to keep the plotters under control, the psalmist looks to God for protection from the plots and schemes of adversaries. The whispers of our enemies lose their power to terrorize when we trust God to have ultimate power over our lives.

Fri, Mar. 23, Philippians 2:5-11 There are two different Greek words that are translated form or likeness. One is the *morphe* signifying the essence of something –what it is in its being that doesn't change. In contrast the word *schema* is the outward form that can change depending on time and circumstances. It is illuminating to note that Jesus was in his very essence God and in his very essence a slave. We can see the servanthood of Jesus as being simply an attribute, but in this passage we discover that self-giving service was an essential part of Jesus' being. May our very essence be that of a servant as we let the mind of Christ rule.

Sat, Mar. 24, Mark 11:1-10 The palms that were waving and the shouts of *"Hosanna"* during Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem can be compared to the return of a military hero. The conqueror would have been preceded by booty and slaves that his armies had seized. He would have ridden on the most powerful and magnificent of horses. In contrast, Jesus is surrounded by the poor and riding on a donkey. He turns the idea of power upside down, in effect saying true power comes from service. If we covet worldly power, we will always be looking for the next high –the next conquest. If we choose to use our strength in service to others, we are freed from finding our worth through conquest and wielding power over others.

*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 or North Site Engage Page