

## 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](mailto:felc@felc.com); 733-2303) or email Pastor Mary ([mbauer@felc.com](mailto: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](http://www.felc.com), or check the bulletin boards and kiosks in the Gathering Area.

## The Week of Mar. 25, 2018 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Mar. 25

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

### Monday

9 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

Noon  
6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

6 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

6:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
12:15 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Apr. 1

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

DS = Downtown Site      NS = North Site

### 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

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
GriefShare, DS 221  
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
Congregation Council, DS 221

#### (No Wednesday Worship)

Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall  
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

#### Maundy Thursday

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge  
Maundy Thursday Morning Service, DS Sanctuary  
Maundy Thursday Brunch, DS Fellowship Hall  
Maundy Thursday Evening Service, NS Sanctuary  
ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

#### Good Friday

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
Chancel Cleaning, DS Sanctuary  
Joint ELCA Worship Service, Grace Lutheran Church  
Good Friday Worship Service, DS Sanctuary  
Easter Decorating, DS Sanctuary

#### Easter Sunday

Easter Worship, DS Sanctuary  
Easter Worship, NS Sanctuary

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

This summer FELC 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

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### 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

### TV Ministry

Mar 25. is sponsored by Al and Becky Krueger in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Mar. 22.

### Palm Sunday Breakfast Served by the Men of the Congregation Today

Make breakfast at church a part of your Palm Sunday tradition. It's a delicious way to get to know people and to begin Holy Week. 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 this morning. Even if you have already eaten, please join in for a cup of coffee and fellowship!

## Looking Ahead

### Holy Week/Easter Worship Schedule

#### Maundy Thursday (Mar. 29)

- 9:30 a.m. Downtown Site  
Brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. North Site

#### Good Friday (Mar. 30)

- 12:15 p.m. Joint ELCA Service  
Grace Lutheran Church
- 6:15 p.m. Downtown Site

#### Easter Sunday\*

- 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Downtown Site
- 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. North Site

*\*Note: Special worship times at the Downtown Site*

## Announcements

### Week of Mar. 25, 2018

### LWR Coffee Project

The Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project has been in existence since 1997. First English has been part of the project for over 20 years, and has been a very strong supporter. Through fair trade, farmer cooperatives pool their small harvests into enough coffee that they can sell directly to a fair trade buyer. Farmers receive a guaranteed fair price for their crop, and in turn are able to provide for their families' needs and contribute to the overall well-being of their communities by investing in schools, health care services and environmentally friendly farming techniques.



The number of fair trade products available to us continues to grow. We now have baking cocoa. Come check out our table display on Sunday, Apr. 8. We depend on your continued support of the Coffee Project.

### Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

#### Deadline

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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call (800)847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

## 50+ Maundy Thursday Brunch



Following the 9:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday worship service on Mar. 29 at the Downtown Site, the 50+ Group is serving a delicious brunch in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP on the sheet in the Gathering Area if you plan to attend as this helps in meal planning. A freewill offering will be collected. All are welcome!

## Help Needed:

### Downtown Site Chancel Cleaning and Easter Decorating

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



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](mailto:klarson@felc.com).

## Thank You Hannah!

With great appreciation for her blessings to us, we announce that Hannah Sprenger is resigning her position at First English. She is moving to Colorado, and her last day with us is Sunday, Apr. 22.

Following the summer of 2016 when she served as an intern, Hannah applied for and readily stepped in as North Site Discipleship Coordinator and shortly thereafter, as Downtown Site Administrative Assistant too. We will

## 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](mailto: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.

## Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who would benefit from being wrapped in prayer? Prayer shawls are available in the Gathering Area. Take a shawl and a prayer card and give the gift of presence.

miss her calm demeanor, welcoming attitude, and can-do spirit which has had a big impact on the staff, congregation, and North Site.

There will be a special time for all to thank Hannah personally and wish her well on Sunday, Apr. 22, which is also Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Until that time, please take an opportunity to thank Hannah for her ministry with us!

## 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](mailto:mmaryjep@att.net) or (920)734-8137.

### Mar. 28: Celebrating the Visual Arts in Our Community

Kathryn Pleifer,  
Education and Events Coordinator  
Melissa Haen, Marketing Manager  
The Trout Museum of Art

## 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.

## Attention New Mothers!

Did you know that First English has a Cradle Care Ministry? Sharon Morgan, a long time member of First English and retired after 35 years in obstetrics, offers visits, advice or prayer to families of newborn babies in the congregation. If you'd like a call or a visit or know someone that would benefit meeting Sharon please contact Hannah Sprenger at [hsprenger@felc.com](mailto:hsprenger@felc.com).

## 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
- Cheryl Quello
- Jim Trundle
- Beverly Hoff

## Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Bill Nussbaum
- Joe Walsh

## 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

- Bay-Lakes Council, Boy Scouts of America  
(920)734-5705; [www.baylakesbsa.org](http://www.baylakesbsa.org)



# High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Mar. 25, 2018

## reFUEL

DS Youth Room  
WEDNESDAYS 7-8 P.M.  
For Grades 10-12



# HOSANNA!

3/28: Holy Week, no reFUEL, enjoy your spring break!  
*The week that changed the world continues to change our lives.*

4/4: Easter Celebration (DS Youth Room)  
**THANK YOU** to all who participated in this year's Compassion Pantry Drive! Your donations will make a difference in the lives of Appleton East students!

### Don't know what to do this spring break?

1. Dust off your roller blades
2. Coordinate a videogame tournament with your friends
3. Learn a new card game from grandma or grandpa
4. Cook something from the FELC Cookbook
5. Volunteer in your community  
[www.volunteercenter.net](http://www.volunteercenter.net)
6. Hike and Geocache at High Cliff
7. Do a random act of kindness
8. Find a craft on Pinterest to try
9. Read a book for leisure
10. Start a journal or write a letter to someone



### ELCA Youth Gathering Updates

#### March Calendar

**Mar. 21: Payment #4 Was Due** - Please get this to Heidi if you haven't already!

**Mar. 25: Palm Sunday Brunch Helpers**

**Questions? Contact Heidi**

Mar. 25, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12



## Palm Sunday and Holy Week Blessings!

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. We start this important journey together with our annual Palm Sunday breakfast at both sites. Although there is no Sunday School the next two weeks, we are coming together as a community to share these special times in the church as a family and it's really important! Don't miss breakfast this morning 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 Facebook: FELC YOUTH

#### **Connect with FELC Youth Staff**

Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator: [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com)  
Heidi Schreiner, Youth & Summer Ministry Coordinator: [hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)

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**Elementary  
Sunday School, Song,  
And Special News**



***Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna In The Highest!***

Today is Palm Sunday. During our time in Sunday School we have been talking about some of the special words that are used (or not used) every year at this time. We have talked about the word we zipper up during Lent (A\_\_elulia \*wink,wink\*) until we can shout it excitedly on Easter morning. We also have talked about shouting today's exclamation, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!" although we have not discussed its origins. Today you have the opportunity to talk about where this well known greeting comes from with your child(ren).

In its original version, *hosiyha na* was a Hebrew phrase that meant, "Save, please!" Eventually, this meaning has shifted to the Greek and then to the English version, *hosanna*, which sounding like the original but the new meaning was "Salvation! Salvation has come! Let the angels in the highest heavens sing His praises!" The perfect welcome for Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. Of course, we know this is just the beginning of the unfolding of the Holy Week story. Judas' betrayal and the last supper of Maundy Thursday, Peter's denial of Jesus and the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday, and the sorrowful Holy Saturday that followed without any idea that Jesus Christ would rise from the dead and leave an empty tomb and His people rejoicing.



**Holy Week**

Talk to your children about each piece of the Holy Week story and attend the special worship services if you are able. This is a story that defines a large part of who we are as Christians.

**Downtown Choir News**

**Cherub Choir does not rehearse today but sings on Apr. 1 at 9:30 a.m. worship. Angelus Choir sings on Apr. 1 at 9:30 a.m. and Apr. 15 at 8 a.m.**



**Confirmation and  
Middle School Scoop**



**We Have Learned and  
Had Fun In The Classroom  
But Don't Forget To  
Connect This Summer!**

Thanks for a great Confirmation year! We learned a lot about the legacy of Martin Luther, explored the Small Catechism, went in depth in the life of Jesus, and discussed the world and how our faith applies to the way we live our lives. There are no more Wednesday evening classes until September, but that doesn't mean our time spent together as a community is over. Our shared experiences as a faith family are never ceasing.

Here are some ways to stay connected even when we aren't in the classroom:

- Go to Confirmation camp or Crossways with your church friends
  - \* Attend worship regularly \* Make a splash at the Confirmation Pool Party \* Help with a church event as an individual or with your family (like the church picnic) \* Keep up with reading your devotions and text your favorite parts to friends \* Participate in all of the super summer intern activities like reFUEL on Wednesday nights, going to Noah's Ark, or helping with the music \* Choose a community group that excites you and volunteer with a Confirmation friend \* Offer to help with a summer program like Day Camp, Kid's Club, or VBS!
- God's still with us in the summer, and it's great when we can enjoy spending time with each other!

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Dates for Affirmation of Baptism:**

- Apr. 3 & 4: Faith Interviews > Apr. 6: Retreat 6-9 p.m. at North Site >
- Apr. 11: Meal, Worship, Rehearsal, & Photos, 5:15-8:30 p.m. at North Site >
- Apr. 15: Affirmation of Baptism Sunday 10:30 a.m. Both Sites

*Have questions or want to volunteer?  
Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.*



## Celebrate the Resurrection



Remember a loved one at Easter this year.  
A \$12 gift will purchase an Easter lily to beautify the Sanctuaries at one of our two sites. Please return this order form with your payment to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

Payment can also be made online at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com).

All gifts will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins. If you purchase a plant, please take one home anytime after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday services and before Monday, Apr. 16.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lily(s) and will pick it (them) up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

In Honor of or In Memory of (Circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

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## FELC Engage Page: Sunday of the Passion, March 25, 2018

**Mark 15:17b-39** *And...after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross;...Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha...And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him ...saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"*

Sun, Mar. 25: Family Project: Have people line up with palm branches and pick one person to walk in front of them. Have the crowd shout "You're great", "Wow", "You're the best." Talk about how that feels. Then have them do it again, but let them know that the same crowd would shout "crucify him" within a week. How do the praises feel now? Our Lord walked willingly toward the cross, knowing what lay ahead.

Mon, Mar. 26: Jesus cries from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Find encouragement in knowing that Jesus himself struggles with feeling abandoned by God. It is not a sin to doubt as we go through trials. God's faithfulness is not limited by our fickle nature.

Tues, Mar. 27: "They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross." This passage shows the absolute power of the Romans in this occupied country. Forced into carrying a cross for a stranger, you have no rights to refuse. This world isn't always just, but praise God that Jesus has overcome the world.

Wed., Mar 28, John 13:1-17 In Jesus day, wearing sandals and walking on dusty roads would have been commonplace. But for most of us, washing someone's feet is limited to young children or healthcare situations. In each instance, it signals a lack of ability on the part of the one having their feet washed. Most of us have no problem helping those who cannot help themselves. But here Jesus calls us to emulate his choice to serve those who are able to serve themselves. This decision might make us look like a follower or weak. Jesus calls us to serve anyway. Our realization as people and as a church must be that having power is not synonymous with using power. We must always look for ways to lift up others.

Thurs, Mar 29, John 13:31-38 *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* How do you speak about other Christians? Jesus says that the disciples will be recognized because of their love for one another, yet so often we disparage those who have a theology that differs from our own. Do we really believe that God is going to condemn those who interpret the Bible differently? Do we carry a competitive spirit towards those in other churches or do we love them and hope and pray the best for them? While it is easy to show love towards those who believe as we do, take on the important task of loving all your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fri, Mar. 30, John 18:1-19:30 The great drama of creation starts in the garden of Eden, where God establishes a relationship with humankind. In the very first days of that relationship, there is rebellion and the close communion is severed. It would take this other garden drama to repair the rift. Soldiers and police work together to arrest Jesus; torches and lanterns provide the light for the scene; Jesus introduces himself to those gathered to arrest him with the very name God used to identify himself to Moses, "I am". As we walk through subsequent scenes from arrest to trial to crucifixion and burial, take comfort in knowing the price God is willing to pay to mercifully redeem that story of brokenness.

Sat, Mar. 31, John 19:31-42 Like a creation story in reverse, Jesus' bones are placed into the earth –into an unused tomb. And the grieving begins. It is the death of a dream. The followers of Jesus have not yet heard the resurrection story –they are not waiting so much as reorganizing their lives. Now that it is clear Jesus will not be leading a revolution against the Roman government, they have to wonder, "What next?" Perhaps you are going through a time when you wonder what comes next – when it seems as though God's provision is not enough. Let your church community help you through this Easter Saturday time. Take comfort in knowing that after the cross and the tomb comes new life!

\*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