

## 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).

### 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 May 20, 2018 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, May 20

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

### Monday

9 a.m.  
5:15 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.  
6:15 p.m.

### Thursday

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

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, May 27

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

### Pentecost Sunday; Final Day of Sunday School, Both Sites

### High School Senior Recognition Sunday, Both Sites

Angelus & Cherub Choir Rehearsal, DS 220  
Adult Forum, DS Lounge/NS Library  
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS  
Women's Study Group, NS  
HS Senior Recognition Lunch, DS 114

Monday Morning Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall  
Congregational Life Ministry Team, DS Lounge  
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

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

Bible Study with Kirsten, DS 110  
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary

Early Risers Women's Bible Study, DS Lounge  
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge  
FELC Book Club, DS Lounge  
ATC Open Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library

### Trinity Sunday; New Summer Worship Times Begin

Worship, DS Sanctuary  
Worship, NS Sanctuary

DS=Downtown Site  
NS=North Site

### 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 [jean-monson2324@gmail.com](mailto:jean-monson2324@gmail.com) with any ideas or questions about the Thrivent Action Teams.

### 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 Gathering Area. Deadline is Sunday, June 10. Please join us for a fun trip.



I will  
put my  
spirit  
within  
you.  
and you  
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

## First English Lutheran Church

[www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com) [felc@felc.com](mailto: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.

**Summer worship times at both sites begin next Sunday! See page 2 for details.**

## Announcements

### Week of May 20, 2018

# Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

## Sunday at FELC

### Adult Forums

Both sites will host an Adult Forum this morning. Learn about the wonderful things that God is doing through ordinary people in the Fox Valley. Please join us!

- **9:15 a.m., Downtown Site Lounge: Harriet Redman, WisconSibs, Inc.** - Harriet Redman, M.S. Ed. is Executive Director and founder of WisconSibs, a non-profit organization dedicated to children and adults who have siblings with disabilities or long-term illnesses. She has taught high school, developed family educational programs and marketing strategy for a Fortune 500 company, and managed a nonprofit arts organization. Harriet serves as chairman of the Outagamie County Long-term Care Advisory board, the Housing Partnership Board and Special Needs Housing committee and other community initiatives.
- **9:25 a.m., North Site Library: Deb Blank, Mental Health Awareness** - First English has formed a Mental Health Awareness Team that explores ways to make our church more aware of ways we can be sensitive to the challenges of those who deal with mental health issues. Join Deb Blank as she shares what the team has already started and invites discussion about new ways to be understanding.

### Thank You!

Thanks to all who wore red and/or brought red plants to honor and celebrate Pentecost today. Look for the geraniums in the landscaping around both sites soon!

### High School Seniors Speak Today

Today, graduating high school seniors will speak during the message at all services to share some memorable experiences of growing up at FELC. What a joy to hear the ways this church has impacted our youth in their spiritual growth and their growth as Christian leaders. Thank you to: Krista Forseth, Olivia Jones, Abby Laumer, Jared Schmid, Anna Schmidt and Kent VanBeek for sharing.

### Lawrence University Choristers

You may have noticed a new choir sound emanating from the choir loft last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service as we welcomed a group of students from Lawrence University into our midst. Part outreach to the Lawrence University community, part educational opportunity for these young musicians, and part gift to our own worshiping community, this endeavor has been made possible through the generous donation of the late Robert Roloff. This group of choristers sing today at the 10:30 a.m. service as well as the 10 a.m. service for next week's Holy Trinity Sunday. Watch and listen for them next fall when they return from summer break!

## Looking Ahead

### Summer Worship Times at Both Sites

This summer worship schedule begins on the weekend of Memorial Day and ends on Rally Sunday/God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 9. First English will return to its regular worship schedule on Sunday, Sept. 16.

*The summer worship schedule is as follows, beginning May 27:*

- 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)

### Church Picnic

The Congregational Life Ministry Team invites you to the Church Picnic from 10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at the North Site (We apologize incorrect times were posted in some places - 10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. is the correct time.). Plan on bringing your family and friends to enjoy root beer floats and other picnic fare, games, and inflatables. If you're able to assist in planning or help out on the day of the picnic, please express your interest by signing up in the Gathering Area or by using the link in the form section of our website to access the online signup.

### Picnic Plants

We are once again going to share plants at the church picnic, June 3. If you have any perennials that are getting too large and need dividing please bring a cutting to share. It would also be helpful if you would mark the plant with its name and whether it is for sun or shade. There will be no charge for the plants. You also don't need to bring a plant to take one.

### 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.

### 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.

- May 23: Kathrine Handford Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton

### Sunday School Has Some Wins

This year Sunday School has undergone some significant changes in format. We have coordinated the curriculum to match the lectionary, included children in the final segment of the 9:15 a.m. worship at the Downtown Site, brought the creativity of storytellers, had all-age Christmas programs, sang, learned, and given parents tools to keep talking about faith in the home. As always, there are portions to tweak but there is a lot to celebrate! The review of attendance sheets shows that unlike past years when participation would gradually and consistently trail off, this year's attendance increased after a deep winter lull. This is good news! See the June newsletter for more on how the changes have been both successful and challenging this year, plus some thoughts on moving forward in religious education.

### 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.

### 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
- Elaine Gareau
- Bev Hoff
- Sharon Stoike
- Ardith Nortman
- Rolf Jeppson
- Steven Johnson
- David Larson

### Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- George Kremplin
- Claire Meyer Gallant
- Kennedy Pfeffer
- Kevin Reinholz
- Tina Schwier

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptism of:

- Annabelle Lane Shudy

### Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

### Prayers for Those in the Military

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

### This Week's Community Care Focus

- CAP Services, Inc.

Contact: Amy Verhagen, (920)968-6365  
[averhagen@capmail.org](mailto:averhagen@capmail.org)

Sign up for summer at [www.felc.com/summer/](http://www.felc.com/summer/)



# High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

May 20, 2018

## Senior Recognition Sunday is TODAY!

Support your senior speakers sharing their faith journey at FELC and how this church family has impacted them over the years. Special speakers include: Krista Forseth, Livy Jones, Abby Laumer, Jared Schmid, Anna Schmidt, and Kent Van Beek

## reFUEL

THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR OF MEMORIES, LESSONS, AND FELLOWSHIP!  
See you this summer!

May 23: No reFUEL  
May 30: No reFUEL  
June 6: reFUEL at NS with the FELC Summer Interns



## Summer Interns are looking for Cabin Helpers for this year's Day Camp!

The Camp runs June 11-14 from 9:30am-3pm at Plamann Park. Please contact Heidi Schreiner if you are interested in giving back to this awesome ministry  
[hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)



## ELCA Youth Gathering Updates

Be sure to continue to check out the Facebook Group Page: **Houston We Have a Gathering** for musician and speaker updates  
Looking forward to bonding events in June!

May 20, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12



## Next Week Religious Education Is On Hiatus Until the Fall but the Fun's Just Beginning, Y'all!

Today is the final day of Sunday School until fall and Confirmation has already been over for a few weeks but don't miss out on all of the great summer activities at First English!

Go to [www.felc.com/summer](http://www.felc.com/summer) to see the summer brochure and sign up for activities and events.

### Two New Opportunities To Think About:

- **The Confirmation Pool Party on Tuesday, June 19, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Mead Pool has been opened to all ages!** Students in grades 3 or higher can attend without a parent. Younger children can attend with an adult. This is a free event! R.S.V.P. at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms).
- **Register online for Vacation Bible School where our new format will be learning some of the well-known Bible stories we miss during the school year.** This year we are digging into the Creation Story!

### 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)

**Love Jesus. Live your call.**

## FELC Engage Page: Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018

**John 15:26-27 & 16:4-15** *"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning..." "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."*

**Sun, May 20:** Family Project: If you have a place to do so, make a fire indoors or outdoors. If not light some candles. Then take some time talking about the phrase, "The news spread like wildfire." Discuss if you think this is more likely to happen if the news is good news or if it is bad news. What is some news that you would like to spread? Why is fire a good image for the Holy Spirit?

**Mon, May 21:** In John 16:7, we hear of Jesus' promise to send the *parakletos* translated Advocate, Helper, Comforter, Intercessor, or just left as Paraclete. It comes from two Greek words, *para-* (alongside) and *kletos* (from *kalein*—to call). Putting them together, we get a picture of the work of the Holy Spirit to come alongside us and to speak on our behalf. How would you translate this dual function of advocacy and comfort? Give thanks for the Spirit today!

**Tues, May 22:** Read the amazing account of the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-21. There is an exhaustive (and tongue twisting) list of all the nations present at the festival of Pentecost who would have experienced the outpouring. The passage goes on to enumerate young, old, male, female, slave, free...everyone is fair game for this flood of the Holy Spirit. Let this passage be a profound antidote to claims that any group has a preferential claim on the Holy Spirit.

**Wed., May 23, Isaiah 6:1-8, Derek Jones.** When I substitute teach, many times a day an announcement will come across the public address system, requesting a student to report to the office. The response of the students in the classrooms is almost always the same, (read in the tone of a middle schooler for the best effect) "OOOO, what did you do, you're in trouble!!!!!" The requested student is almost always worried, even though 90% of the time, the office is just passing along a message from home. In our verse Isaiah is called into the principle's office. He heads there full of worry, "Woe to me!" He cried. "I am ruined!" (v.5) With the touching of a hot coal, the Lord took away Isaiah's guilt, and asked him, "Whom should I send?" Isaiah's response, "Send me!" The next time worry grabs a hold of your heart, try to look at it as an opportunity to say, "What am I afraid of? What do I need to conquer? Here I am, send me!" Lord, open my heart to the work that you need done, & the courage to take action.

**Thurs, May 24, Psalm 29, Mary Vandenberg.** The psalmist describes the glory of the Lord by singing of His voice: thundering with power & majesty and strength. It reminds us that "Our God is an awesome God. He reigns in heaven above, with wisdom, power and love." God the Father Almighty, first person of the Holy Trinity. Psalm 29 concludes, "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." Not strength to resist the tornado this psalm reminds us of, but strength to cope with life's storms. And an inner peace that comes with giving each moment of life to Him. There is nothing left, according to the psalmist, but for all in God's temple—and here on earth—to say "Glory!"

**Fri, May 25, Romans 8:12-17, Derek Jones.** Are you more likely to change because of reward or because of punishment? These are questions my wife and I ask ourselves as we try to raise our daughters. We are unlikely to punish a dirty room, but may give a \$10 reward when we find a bedroom clean. Lying to us about where you were on a Friday night will get punished, but I'm not going to reward them for telling me the truth. Reward vs punishment in our house is based loosely on an understanding of what is expected. In a family, what is expected can be a moving target. What God expects from us however, is not a moving target. "We have an obligation- and it is not to a sinful nature." v.12 Like our kids, we will stray. We will think we know what is best for us. & not ask for God's help. The wonderful thing is that God will not punish, but promises us that we are the heir to his glory. Lord, help me to choose a life that honors you. Not out of fear of punishment, but rather out of thanks for the reward you have promised us.

**Sat, May 26, John 3:1-17, Mary Vandenberg.** Just as Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel, couldn't "get" what Jesus was trying to teach him in this passage, we cannot rationalize the concept of the Holy Trinity. But it is central to the creed we proclaim during every worship service. What we know is God's activity in Jesus, God's only Son, whom God gave for the sake of the salvation of the world (John 3:16). And we can know this only when the Spirit initiates belief in us. This is our "birth from above." Each member of the Holy Trinity is essential to our living in the kingdom of God, where we can be God's agents to help transform the world through the power of the Spirit.

\*For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page. [https://www.facebook.com/FELC\\_North\\_Site\\_or\\_Downtown\\_Site\\_Engage\\_Page](https://www.facebook.com/FELC_North_Site_or_Downtown_Site_Engage_Page)





The FELC Mental Health Awareness Team seeks to increase both awareness of and response to the mental health and wellness of our members by using a three-pronged approach.

Vital to awareness of mental health and wellness is **education**. Our team is committed to providing relevant, usable information that will help members recognize and understand the role that mental health plays in our lives. Education can include identifying symptoms and signs of mental health conditions, knowing community resources available, and understanding steps to take to increase mental wellness.

The team also seeks to provide **intervention** and **recovery** opportunities. An example of this may be the development of crisis protocol that will be used across all youth activities. It may also include referring members to resources in the community if professional mental health support is necessary.

Finally, we will focus on **support**. Mental health is not only the absence of mental illness. True mental wellness comes from intentional activities that build our strengths and resiliencies. With a focus on spirituality, we will foster an environment in which members can actively increase their mental wellness. Prayer walls and expressions of gratitude are a few activities you can look forward to as we build a community of support.

We are excited to work together as a congregation to increase our awareness of mental wellness. Within the school settings, mental health is frequently a topic of conversation. We will look to the youth of our church to serve as leaders and teachers as we walk this journey together.

## Youth as Our Guides

Many area school districts have embraced the **Sources of Strength** curriculum. This program encourages students to explore eight areas of strength in their lives, which can build resilience during difficult times and increase overall mental wellness.



Many students who are members of First English have been trained as peer leaders within their school communities, or have been exposed to the facets of Sources of Strength throughout the past year or two. We also recognize that mental health is a common conversation within the school and students are often more comfortable than adults might be in

discussing mental health concerns. Students are taught calming techniques, breathing strategies and visualization in their classrooms, starting at a very young age. First graders understand the benefits of “brain breaks” and can be seen dancing to silly songs while transitioning from math to reading instruction. High school students participate in school wide Wall of Support displays in which each student’s “brick” identifies a trusted adult in his/her life.

This is exciting because it means that FELC students are the experts among us. As we move forward, watch for kids in the congregation to share more about their mental health knowledge-base. Together we will identify our sources of strength and grow our mental wellness!