

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

In Need of Prayer?

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

More Information

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

The Week of Nov. 11, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Nov. 11

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

Monday

9 a.m.
5:15 p.m.
5:15 p.m.
6 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
8:15 p.m.

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
8 p.m.

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
Noon
Noon
Noon
1 p.m.
2 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

Thursday

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

Friday

6:30 a.m.
8:50 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

DS = Downtown Site

Celebration Sunday/Veterans Day/Scripture Sale

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

Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Congregational Life Ministry Team, NS Library
Stephen Ministry, DS Lounge
Conversations about Divorce, First Congregational UCC
Board Games Guild Life Group, NS Library
Griefshare, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Learning Ministry Team, Pullman's Restaurant
Men's Ministry, DS 221
Worship & Music Ministry Team, DS Lounge
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
Sarah Circle, DS 114
Stewardship Committee, DS Lounge
Miriam Circle, DS Library
50+ Planning Meeting, DS 110
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room & Sanctuary
Confirmation General Session All Grades, DS
Kid's Life, DS 014
refuel (grades 10-12), DS Youth Room

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge
FELC Book Club, DS Lounge

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Scripture Sale Pick Up

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

NS = North Site



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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.

Announcements
Week of Nov. 11, 2018

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site Altar Flowers are provided by Jim and Joanne Moard in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 10.

Veterans Day

Today we recognize all veterans as well as active-duty service men and women, along with their families, and thank them for their service. THANK YOU!

Downtown Site Library

Karen Kneisler will be in the Downtown Site Library every Sunday for the 9:15 a.m. education hour. Please stop in. She can help you look for a book or a DVD, or she'll take your suggestions and ideas for the libraries.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Red Kettle Campaign

Sign-up for FELC Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army today! Please visit the table in the Gathering Area to sign up for this important ministry. FELC bell ringing will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10 from 4-8 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at various locations. Some Confirmation students will be ringing bells on Wednesday, Dec. 12, their service night. Please consult your small group leader for more information. Thank you.

Celebration Sunday Thank You

The Stewardship Committee and the Congregation Council would like to thank all who participated in Commitment Day by completing a *2019 Statement of Intent*. Thanks also go to those who are contemplating their 2019 gifts and will either be mailing or submitting online their *Statement of Intent*. This past weekend 237 cards were submitted. This was our best Commitment Day ever! A reminder to all that a challenge gift has been offered up if 380 commitments are received. To celebrate a terrific start to meet that challenge, please join the Coffee Hour this morning for special bakery treats. Thanks to all!



Advent Wreath Lighting

Sign up to help light the Advent wreath candles during worship this Advent season. This is a wonderful activity for both individuals and families alike. Advent wreath lighting is a great reminder of our Lord's birth and what it means to be a child of God. There will be wreath lighting at all regular services on Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Visit the table in the Gathering Area to sign up. Help make sure all slots are filled this year!

We Begin Singing TODAY!

We are beginning to practice some of the Christmas songs for our intergenerational congregational Christmas program this morning. You don't need to have signed up in advance. Just head down to either the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. or the North Site Lower Level at 9:25 a.m. and we will spend about 15 minutes practicing well-known songs. Beginning Dec. 2 we will be rehearsing most of the Learning Time hour to prepare for the Dec. 16 program. If you can't make all rehearsals, no worries. We also are looking for readers and pre- and post-performance organizers. Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com if you'd love to stand alongside our youngest siblings in Christ to tell this story together!

Looking Ahead

Conversations About Divorce

FELC Caring Ministries Coordinator, Dianne Droster, facilitates a three-week conversation on divorce that began Monday, Nov. 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. The conversations will take place off-site, in the Chapel at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 724 East South River St., Appleton. Anyone who has been divorced or is going through a divorce is welcome to attend. This is a safe place to share your experiences of divorce, from difficult days to times of healing - and everything in between - in a supportive, open, accepting and encouraging environment. We will covenant together to keep our conversations honest, candid, and private to the group. Please contact Dianne with any questions or concerns at didroster@gmail.com.

Board Games Guild Life Group

Board Games Guild is a life group that connects once a month to share fun and fellowship. Join us Monday, Nov. 12 in the North Site Library from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your favorite game and a friend. Questions? Contact Cathy Jokela at cattymaejo@aol.com.



GriefShare

GriefShare is a nation-wide ministry that helps people deal with the death of a loved one. This 12-week video series includes discussion time allowing people to share their own experiences with grief. The fall session began on Monday, Oct. 1, but you are welcome to come at any time in the curriculum. For more information or to purchase the workbook, please connect with Pastor Mary. Sessions are on Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. in Downtown Site Room 221.

FELC Employment Opportunity: New Member Host

FELC is seeking to hire a New Member Host. This part-time role will plan, schedule and coordinate the bi-annual new member classes, activities and brunch, in addition to contacting visitors.

Submit your cover letter and resume to bsmongeski@felc.com or mail to the Church Office at 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI, 54911. Have questions? Call Pastor Mary in the Church Office (733-2303).

Summer Intern Application

The 2019 Summer Intern applications are now open and available online at www.felc.com/forms. If you know of anyone who is at least one year out of high school between the ages of 19-25 and wants to grow in Christian leadership skills, serve the community, and grow in faith, this is the perfect opportunity. This is a paid 12-week internship beginning in late May and ending in mid-August. Contact Heidi Schreiner at hschreiner@felc.com with questions.

Noon Hour Philosophers, Fall, 2018

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.

• Nov. 14: Tide, Wave or Ripples? Reflections on the 2018 Midterm Elections

Arnold Shober, Associate Professor of Government, Lawrence University

Scrip Fundraiser

For those of you who aren't familiar with Scrip, it's a program where you can buy gift cards at face value while the Annual Youth Trip's budget receives a percentage of those sales. The Scrip order form in today's bulletin (and located online at www.felc.com/forms) is due tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 12. Cards will be distributed next Sunday, Nov. 18, at both sites. If you're unable to pick up next Sunday, they will be located in the Downtown Site Office on Monday, Monday, Nov. 19. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Schreiner at hschreiner@felc.com. We have already raised over \$900 through Scrip to help fund the summer High School Mission Trip to North Carolina.

Immediate Need to Help with Refugees

FELC is looking for people to join our Good Neighbor's Team for World Relief. We as a congregation have the opportunity to sponsor a family from the Congo that will be arriving the end of November. We would like to get moving on this as quickly as possible. If you would like to find out more about this rewarding and important work, please ask members of our team who are already working with several family groups from the Congo such as Chris and Cheryl or Peter and Sharon Quello. Contact Pastor Mary (mbauer@felc.com) if you are interested.

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
- 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
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Cindy Schneider
- Alex VanMaren
- Rhona Anton
- Malin Conlon
- Mitzi Hansen

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Don Albrecht
- Benedict Schneider, Sr.
- Tresor Chillagen

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson
- Dr. Mike Bauer

Prayers for Those in the Military

- Lt. Josh Anderson
- Christian Cramer
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- SPC Samuel Sinclair

This Week's Community Care Focus

- Friendship Place
friend1@tds.net; (920)720-9975)



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Nov. 11, 2018



For Grades 10-12
Wednesday nights
DS Youth Room
7-8 p.m.

11/14: Special Speaker night! Deni Kuchler will be joining us to share her faith journey.

11/21: No refuel (Thanksgiving Eve)

11/28: FRIENDSGIVING
Three years ago we began a new tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving as a church family at refuel. Please consider bringing your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share, and of course, friends are always welcome!

Faith is not merely a journey for the feet, but it is a journey for the heart.

-A.W. Tozer



**High School Mission Trip
Blue Ridge Mountains, NC
July 20-27, 2019**

**Upcoming important dates
for Mission Trip
participants:**

TODAY, Nov. 11: Scrip Sale
Sunday, Nov. 18: Scrip Card
Distribution

Sign up to volunteer at
www.felc.com/highschool.

Social Media Corner

Follow us at FELC YOUTH on Facebook and felc.youth on Instagram for information, inspiration, and humor!



Nov. 11, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Joy To the World...And To Us Christmas Program Singing Begins TODAY!

Whether you signed up to be part of the intergenerational congregational Christmas program ahead of time or not, if you want to lend your joyful voice to this year's Christmas program then hustle downstairs during Learning Time as we begin practicing a couple of Christmas program songs TODAY! These are well-known songs that lift our spirits and hearts as we celebrate the birth of Christ. You don't have to attend every Sunday rehearsal to be part of the program. Share your time, voice, and festive energy as we work on this fun project and support one another in telling this story of hope!



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
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



Calling All Parents, Grandparents, & Friends We'll Be Looking For You At The Start Of Learning Time

A huge thanks to those that have signed up to be part of the intergenerational congregational Christmas program! We can definitely use more voices. Until the Sunday after Thanksgiving we will be rehearsing during the large group assembly in the beginning of Sunday School and then in December the majority of the hour will be devoted to practice. The program will be on Dec. 16 at the 9:15 a.m. worship at the Downtown Site and at the 10:30 a.m. worship at the North Site. Show our youngest siblings in Christ that no matter our age, the Christmas story is one for all in our church family to joyfully tell!

Kid's Life Leader Teammate Needed

We are looking for a person to help lead our fantastic, faithful, and fun Kid's Life group on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Downtown Site. If you love playing games, doing craft and service projects, and talking about faith with kids Grades K-6 contact Kirsten at kowens@felc.com and hear how you can share your gifts with these great kids!



Angelus Choir Sings TODAY!

Angelus Choir sings TODAY at the 9:15 a.m. worship. The next time Cherub Choir sings is Dec. 9 at the 9:15 a.m. worship. New singers always welcome!



HUDDLE UP! SMALL GROUP THIS WEEK



7th grade: Students should have a **chapter 4 Question to Ponder** completed in their journal prior to class

8th grade: Students should have a **chapter 4 Question to Ponder** completed in their journal prior to class

Please support your student by asking if their homework is done prior to Wednesday.

9th grade: We'll be talking about God and science. Can we see a place for both?
Don't forget, you should have six devotion and gratitude listings in your journals.



Keep An Eye On These Dates

Nov. 21-No Confirmation. Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 5-Advent Vespers Family Attendance Night
Worship is from 6:15-7:15 p.m.,
Chicken dinner & games 5-6:15 p.m., DS
Worship is considered a Confirmation class to be attended as family
Dec 12-Advent Soup Dinner & Worship
4:45 p.m. dinner,
6:15 p.m. worship, DS
CONFIRMATION SERVICE NIGHT



Here They Come!



Confirmation Christmas

Party Sign-Up Geniuses for Parents
We need parents for kids to party!

Consent forms for Confirmation Service Night. Need to be completed and returned by Dec. 5.

Both were sent via email this week!

Take Note of These Great Dates

Nov. 25 - No Class, Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 5 - Advent Vespers, chicken dinner, & games, 5 p.m. dinner,
6:15 p.m. worship, Downtown Site
Dec. 12 - Advent Soup Buffet & Worship, 4:45 p.m. dinner,
6:15 p.m. worship



Have questions or want to volunteer?

Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com or 733-2303.

FELC DS Engage Page: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 12:38-44 *As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

Sun, Nov. 11: Family Project: Help the family remember God's call to give love with more than words, but with our entire bodies. Sit on the ground to form the letters for the words LOVE. L: (Make an L by sitting on the floor with legs out straight & arms above the head.) Say, "You are sitting on the floor. Love means being willing to get down wherever needed with people." What are difficult places to show love? O: (Make big O's with arms in front of you like a big hug) "Loving begins with caring about/ hugging people." V: (With a partner, put feet toe-to-toe, hold hands & lean back to make a V.) "People have to trust each other to love each other. The widow in Zarephath trusted Elijah's promise." E: (Have them come up with their own idea.) "This is harder than other letters, and loving can be hard. What are ways we show love that are hard?" <http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/2012/10/year-b-proper-27-32nd-sunday-in.html>

Mon, Nov. 12: If someone is successful financially, we might give weight to all of their opinions. If someone is famous, we are interested in what they have to say on issues even if they have no degree of expertise in that area. Jesus uses this story to remind us that we are unable to see into a person's heart. In the kingdom of God, we are not given honor for the amount of money or fame we have, but rather having a heart willing to faithfully give our all to God, since Christ gave his all for us.

Tues, Nov. 13: In a famous scene from "The Godfather", the family is gathered around the font for a baptism, renouncing evil and all the forces that defy God. At the same time, we see killing and violence done on behalf of the family. Similarly, Jesus accuses the scribes of devouring the homes of widows while they say lengthy prayers. What are the ways that your walk doesn't match your talk? Perhaps you are apathetic stewards of the earth, willing to waste resources in pursuit of ease. Perhaps you stand by when someone is demeaned or bullied. Pray that your actions might mirror the great love of God.

Wed., Nov. 14, Daniel 12:1-3: Prof. Amy Merrill Willis writes, "*One of the great ironies about the end of days as it is depicted in the Bible (and often in popular culture) is that it is never simply a portrayal of the end. It is inevitably a portrayal of a new beginning, a turning point in human reality that becomes "the end and after."* Daniel 12 does not imagine an elaborate "after" (in contrast to Revelation 21-22), but nevertheless, it begins to hope for a time & place when justice & righteousness regain the upper hand; a time in which the gap between humanity and the divine is overcome."* Use holy imagination, and work to make the world Daniel describes, where those who lead others to righteousness will be seen as beacons of wisdom.

*http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1510

Thurs, Nov. 15, Psalm 16: It is interesting to note that this psalm is quoted in two great sermons found in the Bible. Peter used it in the message given on Pentecost—the sermon that started the Christian church. The apostle Paul also used it in Antioch to explain the resurrection. (The Lord did not let his "*faithful one see the Pit*".) I wonder if one reason this psalm was remembered and used in two sermons of the New Testament is because it was a favorite – an "*Amazing Grace*" of it's day. It beautifully describes the wonders of following the Lord. "*In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*" (v.11)

Fri., Nov. 16, Hebrews 10:11-25: How do we "*provoke one another to love and good deeds*"? William Barclay writes, "*Best of all we can do that by setting the fine example...It has been said that a saint is someone in whom Christ stands revealed. We can seek ever to incite others to goodness by showing them Christ. We will remember how the dying soldier lad looked up at Florence Nightingale and murmured: "You're Christ to me."*" We should use our words to sow happiness. "*It is easy to laugh at...ideals,...to pour cold water on their enthusiasm;...to discourage others. The world is full of discouragers. We have a Christian duty to encourage one another.*" May we build bridges of connectedness with our kind and encouraging words.

The Letter to the Hebrews, William Barclay (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, May 1957.) p. 46.

Sat, Nov. 17, Mark 13:1-8: Apocalyptic literature such as this passage points to ways that God will be revealed at the end times. Stressing these verses can get people caught up in determining the exact time this will happen. Honestly, I become uncomfortable when Christians speculate. It takes imagination to understand that for a subjugated people, the end of politics and religion as usual was more of a beloved promise than a scary threat. This promise is for a people that would have to face torture and loss in Jesus name. Jesus asks them to have hope. Though the foundations of the world will crumble, if you endure to the end, you will be saved. No matter what comes your way, hold onto that hope.

*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: November 11, Pentecost 26

Mark 13:1-8 *As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.*

Sun, Nov. 11: Family Project: It is easy to believe that our security comes from strong buildings or strong leaders. Jesus reminds us that storms and wars can destroy our buildings and even good leaders don't always have the right answers. In every situation, however, our strength comes from our relationship with God. Even when bad things happen, we look toward a future where God will be in charge. Discuss some bad things that happen on earth and put them in God's care by praying the Lord's Prayer over the situation: "Your kingdom come; Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Mon, Nov. 12: When we look at passages that predict the end times, we are tempted to follow the disciples, thinking that the point is predicting when the apocalypse will happen. This can be particularly appealing if we have experienced pain and suffering on earth. Instead, these passages should remind us to look to Christ in the face of true evil and suffering. If we follow those who focus on prediction, we are bound to be led astray, missing the true Good News of forgiveness and salvation through Christ.

Tues, Nov. 13: In today's world, predictions of the apocalypse can make us uncomfortable. Are they meant to scare us into saintly behavior? Professor Emerson Powery writes, *"Despite the global disasters that surround us...we'd rather think about a messianic figure who has already arrived and called on us to be kind to our neighbors. But, occasionally, it may be an important reminder to hear an ancient prophet cry out about the fragile nature of the world. Perhaps we'll appreciate our world more and care for it with a sensitivity it deserves."*
http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=2663

Wed., Nov. 14, I Kings 17:8-16: The widow of Zarephath has nothing to eat but a handful of meal and a little oil. So it is certainly understandable –and even laudable that she would question God's command to feed and care for Elijah. What is harder to understand is why God would ask someone who has so very little to give even more. If Elijah were sent to a richer person, he would be very grateful to that person –they would have given to him from their abundance. But when Elijah was sent to this widow, what they both were given is the gift of knowledge. They both knew that the meal and oil were a gift from God, given from God's abundance. Today allow yourself to revel in the awareness that all you have is a gift from God –and that what you have is enough to feed body and soul.

Thurs, Nov. 15, Psalm 146: This psalm tells us, *"Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish."* (v. 3-4) It is hard not to look to humans to solve our problems. If I'm in financial difficulties, I trust my employer. If I have an illness, I trust my doctor. These are the things I can control. Although it is wise to seek help from people when needed, we must give up the illusion that we can control life. Protecting this false idol of control causes anxiety when people can't fix us. Putting our hope in the Lord means the awareness that no matter what comes in life, God will always be nearby to comfort us and give hope.

Fri., Nov. 16, Hebrews 9:24-28: The writer of Hebrews says, *"He [Jesus] has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself."* (v.26) What is clear from this passage is that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was good for all time. Jesus saves us from our sins not because we ask in a certain way during church or because we correctly participate in a ritual. Putting emphasis on the peripherals can give the impression that we control or manage or can improve on forgiveness. Our acts of devotion must always point to the true source of salvation –Jesus!

Sat, Nov. 17, Mark 12:38-44: Jesus accuses the scribes saying, *"They devour widow's houses."* William Barclay states that experts in the law were supposed to teach for nothing and to work for a living. However, certain scribes asserted that it was a high duty and privilege to support a rabbi, and that doing so would confer special status "in the heavenly academy" for the giver. They would even impose on the poor. It is sometimes disheartening to realize that there have always been religious hucksters. Jesus gives us an example of calling out such charlatans. But he doesn't stop there. We must lift up the positive, pointing to the quiet piety of people like the widow who gave her last coin to the Lord.

The Gospel of Mark, William Barclay (Westminster Press: Philadelphia, 1956) p. 314.

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First English Lutheran Church SCRIP Order Form

Benefitting FELC Youth Annual Trips

Order Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check one: Pick up at DS Pick up at NS

General Information

Please return completed form to the Church Office or email to Heidi Schreiner at hschreiner@felc.com. Payment is required at time of order. Orders placed by **Noon on Monday, Nov. 12**, will be available for pick up on **Sunday, Nov. 18 at the site chosen on the left**, or **Monday, Nov. 19 in the Downtown Site Office**.

Questions? Contact Heidi Schreiner at (920)733-2303 or hschreiner@felc.com.
(Turn this sheet over to select your gift cards.)

Totals

Total # Scrip Purchased: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Circle Payment Option:

(Make checks payable to FELC. Please put "Scrip" in the memo line.)

Check # _____

Cash

**Get All Your
Christmas Shopping
Done at Once
with Scrip Cards!**

Retailer	\$ (Choose)	Credit	Qty	Total Cost
Amazon.com	\$25 \$100	2.5%		
Applebee's	\$25	8%		
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%		
Bath and Body Works	\$25	13%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%		
CVS	\$25 \$100	6%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25 \$100	8%		
Festival	\$50 \$100	3%		
Fleet Farm	\$25 \$100	3.5%		
Funset Boulevard	\$25	9%		
Gap	\$25 \$100	14%		
HomeGood's	\$25 \$100	7%		
Kohl's	\$25 \$100	4%		
Kwik Trip	\$25 \$50 \$100	4%		
Little Caesars	\$20	8%		
		TOTAL		

Retailer	\$ (Choose)	Credit	Qty	Total Cost
Menards	\$25 \$100 \$500	3%		
Motomart	\$50	5%		
Nike	\$25	12%		
Old Navy	\$25 \$100	14%		
Pick N Save	\$50 \$100	4%		
Piggly Wiggly	\$50 \$100	3%		
Sams Club	\$50 \$100 \$250	2.5%		
Starbucks	\$25	7%		
Target	\$25 \$50	2.5%		
TJ Maxx	\$25 \$100	7%		
Uno's Pizzeria	\$25	12%		
Walgreen's	\$25 \$100	5%		
Walmart	\$50 \$100 \$250	2.5%		
		TOTAL		

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