

FELC Friendship Pads

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

Nursery Care

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

Hearing Assistance

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

Large-print Resources

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

AED Units on Site

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

Video Recording

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

In Need of Prayer?

For additions to the prayer chain, email or call the church office (felc@felc.com; 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 Sept. 30, 2018 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Sept. 30

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
11:45 a.m.
Noon

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 a.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.

Friday

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

Saturday

8:15 a.m.
8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7

8:50 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
9:15/9:25 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
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Bake Sale, Both Sites After Each Service

Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
Women's Study Group, NS Library
DS Sunday School Meeting for Parents, DS Fellowship Hall
New & Review Week 3, Pastor Jeff's Home
Using Your Bible Class for 3rd Grade Students & Parents, DS 110

Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Board Games Guild Life Group, NS Library
Griefshare, DS 221
Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Property Oversight Committee, DS Office Workroom
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 221
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room & Sanctuary
Confirmation General Session All Grades,
DS Assigned Rooms & Sanctuary
Kids Life, DS 014
refuel Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Men's Ministry, NS Library
7th Grade Start-Up to Confirmation Lock-In Begins, NS

NAMIWalks Fox Valley, Timber Rattlers Stadium
7th Grade Start-Up to Confirmation Lock-In Ends, NS

New Member Sunday

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

Nursery Care Needed

FELC is seeking individuals interested in assisting with childcare on Sunday mornings and occasional evenings. These paid positions are for both the Downtown and North Sites. The Church is also seeking to fill the paid role of Nursery Coordinator. This role is responsible for scheduling and ensuring Nursery staffing for both sites. If you are interested in these valuable roles, please contact Sara Laumer at 738-4738.



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.

Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The North Site altar flowers are provided by Greg and Brenda Potts in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25.

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by the Bakken family to the glory of God and in honor of Marit's birthday on Oct. 5.

Adult Learning at Downtown Site:

Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart

Do you wonder what to say when someone is dealing with grief, heartache or struggles? Join us as we study the lessons provided by Stephen Ministry founder Kenneth Haugk and receive practical ideas on how to respond to those in need. This study begins today at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge.

North Site Women's Study Group

Join the Women's Study group on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the North Site Library. For the next few months there will be a "no preparations needed Bible Study" in which the group will review and discuss the story being taught in Sunday School. The focus will be on going deeper into these stories and talking about ways the lessons apply to our everyday lives. For more information, contact deni.kuchler@gmail.com.

Announcements
Week of Sept. 30, 2018

Bake Sale Today

High School Students

Attending Mission Trip to NC 2019

Be sure to pick up a treat and make a donation at the annual bake sale being held in the Gathering Area after all services today. Proceeds will benefit the 37 high school students and 6 chaperones attending this summer's mission trip to North Carolina. Thank you!

Lawrence University Cantorei

We are delighted to have students from the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music back this fall at the 10:30 a.m. service at the Downtown Site. Part outreach to the neighboring Lawrence University community, part educational opportunity for these young musicians, and part gift to our own congregation, this endeavor has been made possible through the generous donation of the late Robert Roloff.

This group of cantorei (literally, the plural form of *cantor*) will sing most Sundays that the university is in session. We can't stress enough what a fantastic opportunity this is for these students to enrich their faith, learn about the liturgy of the church, and hone their skills as singers in a small sacred vocal ensemble. We are blessed with this abundance of riches made possible by God's loving hand.

Mission Trip Participants Say

Thank You to:

- all who helped park cars, and all who used the FELC parking lot this weekend for the *License to Cruise* and *Octoberfest* events.
- all who donated baked goods for the bake sale fundraiser and all who purchase the delicious treats this morning.

Your help and support are much appreciated!

Looking Ahead

Board Games Guild Life Group is Back!

Board Games Guild is a Life Group that connects once a month to share fun and fellowship. Join us tomorrow, Oct. 1 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 curriculum includes discussion time allowing people to share their own experiences with grief. The fall session will begin tomorrow, Oct. 1. 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. You are welcome to come at any time in the curriculum.

Middle School Music

Opportunity at the North Site!

Hey middle school musicians! Next Sunday, Oct. 7, from 9:30-10 a.m. in the North Site Sanctuary there is a music class for middle schoolers interested in joining the Worship Team some day. Whether you sing or play an instrument, we want you to join in. This class will teach you music skills to eventually join the worship team. Contact Rodney McComb at rmccomb@felc.com with any questions.

Equal Exchange Coffee Project



When considering having a cup of coffee, give some thought to the plight of the small farmers who produce it. If you are using an ordinary brand of coffee, you're inadvertently maintaining a system that keeps small farmers poor, while lining the pockets of powerful middlemen. Equal Exchange provides an alternative. It cuts out the middlemen and provides fresh coffee to you. By always paying a fair price to the farmer co-ops, EE helps build and protect sustainable farming communities in Latin America and Africa. We will be selling fairly traded coffee, tea and cocoa on Sunday, Oct. 7. This is good coffee for a good cause.

Boy Scout Troop 12 Fundraisers

- **Monday, Oct. 8 - Tom's Drive-In (701 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton, WI 54911):** Mention "BSA Troop 12" when placing an order in the store, or the drive-thru, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 21 and 28 - Wreath Sale:** The Troop will have a table set up at both sites after all services. Pick up is expected at the church location where you purchased on Sunday, Nov. 25.

LWR Trailer Load

On Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. at the North Site, help load the trailers with all the Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits that have been created this past year. These items will be distributed to people in need throughout the world. Students grade 11 and up, and adults are encouraged to help, along with students in grades 7-10 if accompanied by a parent. Please note: the busiest time where help is needed the most is 8-9:30 a.m. Added incentive: treats will be provided! Sign up at www.felc.com/forms.



Noon Hour Philosophers, Fall, 2018

The Noon Hour Philosophers begin their 2018/19 season this week. The group meets 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.

- **Oct. 3: How Can We Sustain Sustainability?**

Dr. Jeffrey Clark, Professor of Geosciences and Special Assistant the President for Sustainability, Lawrence University.

Join FELC4NAMI at NAMIWalks Fox Valley

Saturday, Oct. 6, 8:15 a.m. (Check in: 7-8 a.m.)
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium
2400 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton

This 5K event raises funds and awareness for those needing resources and support who live with or care about someone living with mental illness. To join or support our team, sign up in the Gathering Area or visit www.namifoxvalley.org and select "NAMIWalks." Search for our team: FELC4NAMI, and select *Join Our Team*. Sign on, raise funds if you can, and join us Oct. 6!

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Vacation - Sports - Quilt Auction Sunday, Oct. 14 , 2 p.m. Riverview Gardens, 1101 S. Oneida St. Appleton

Hor d'oeuvres Served
Cash Bar

No Charge to Attend!

Auction items include: beautiful handmade quilts, Packers tickets, golf certificates, vacations to Door County, New York City, Los Cabos and more!

Preview auction items at www.fvlh.org.

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
- Taylor Vivian Thompson
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Dennis Paisar
- Karen Foster
- Alex VanMaren

Prayers of Comfort Families of:

- Nancy Johnson
- Nancy Hardt

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Stephanie Olson

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

- Community First Fox Cities Marathon
joanie.johnson@communityfirstcu.org
(920)968-6172

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking, please call Nancy A. at (920)734-9580.



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Sept. 30, 2018



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

10/3: Belonging vs. Fitting in//Separating Self from Selfie

10/10: Cafeteria Christian, how are you fed?

10/17: Fear is the theme, but you shouldn't be scared.

10/24: Halloween Party (costumes encouraged)

Social Media Corner

Follow us at FELC YOUTH on Facebook and felc.youth on Instagram!
#justdoit



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

Interested in being an adult leader for this trip?
Contact Heidi
(hschreiner@felc.com)

Upcoming important dates for Mission Trip participants:

Sunday, Oct. 14 Scrip Sale
Both Sites

Sunday, Oct. 21 Scrip Pick Up
Both Sites

Sign up for shifts at
www.felc.com/highschool or email Heidi

Sunday, Oct. 28 Packer Tailgate Party (details in email)

Thank you to all who signed up for the Octoberfest Parking Lot Fundraisers and Bake Sale.

Sept. 30, 2018



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

**Support High School Students
Attending Mission Trip to NC 2019**

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Be sure to pick up a treat and make a donation at the annual bake sale being held in the Gathering Area after all services today. Proceeds will benefit the 37 high school students and 6 chaperones attending next summer's mission trip to North Carolina.

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



Batter Up, Downtown Site Parents! You're Up TODAY

Downtown Site parents, now it's *your* turn for the Parent Sunday School Meeting! In order for parents and caregivers to understand the mission of Sunday morning education, get tips on how to build faith in the home, and hear about changes in the Sunday School program, it is a huge help to meet. Please make every effort to attend the Sunday School Meeting at the Downtown Site on Sept. 30 from 10:20-10:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

We've got a lot of work to do, so let's get off to a great start!

When Winter Gets Good

The FELC 4th and 5th graders are headed to Crossways Winter Camp Jan. 25-27! This will be a fun weekend of winter games, songs, and fun faith building with friends. Go to www.felc.com/forms to fill out a registration form. This is gonna be goooooood!



We're Rockin' With Kid's Life

On Wednesday nights
from 7-8 p.m.
Downtown Site

Room 014 is rockin' with Kid's Life! All students K-grade 6 are invited to play games, complete service projects and crafts, watch movies, talk about faith and make new friends! Come any Wednesday you're able. There's always a place for you and your friends on Kid's Life night!

Sing..Sing..a...Song!

If your child(ren) love to sing then we want to do it with them! Cherub Choir (K-grade 2) meets in Downtown Site Room 220 and Angelus Choir (grades 3-6) meets in the Downtown Site Choir Room. Both rehearse from 8:50-9:10 a.m. weekly. All are welcome as often as you can make it. Next time we sing:
Cherub - Oct. 7 at 9:15 a.m.



Angelus - Oct. 14 at 8 a.m.



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Click to Wide Lens - We're Back to Large Group

7th Grade: Families should have read **Chapter 2** prior to class this Wednesday

8th Grade: Families should have read **Chapter 2** prior to class this Wednesday

9th Grade: Becky Stellmacher, FELC member and Counselor at Samaritan Counseling will lead the discussion: *Stress-Coping & Comfort* followed by a service project.



7th Grade Lock-In

If you are a new 7th grade Confirmation student make sure to save Oct. 5-6 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 a.m. at the North Site for the Kick-Off to Confirmation Lock-In. We'll have dinner and breakfast together, play games, have contemplative worship, and have a blast getting to know each other. One of the most loved events in the program.

Family Assignment Alert!

Help fill the trailers on Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. at the North Site for your family assignment. We need families to load Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits that have been created this past year. These items will be distributed to people in need throughout the world. Students in grades 7-10 are asked to be accompanied by at least one parent. Please note: the busiest time where help is needed the most is 8 - 9:30 a.m. Added incentive: treats will be provided! Go to www.felc.com/forms to sign up.



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

FELC DS Engage Page Sept. 30: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 9:38-50 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Sun. Sep.30: Family Project: When Jesus talks about his followers being salt for the world, he states, "Salt is good." As someone who is more addicted to salty treats than sweet ones, I have to applaud the truth of that statement. Make a batch of popcorn the old fashion way –in a pan or popcorn maker that allows you to add the salt after the popcorn is popped. Have everyone taste it first without salt and then after you add the salt. What does the salt do to the flavor? How can we Christians be salt for the word –how can we make the world a better place.

Mon. Oct. 1: What if we all took these verses literally? Any who had somehow avoided harming the faith of children (*punishable with death by drowning*) would gather on a Sunday morning. Most would be missing a hand or a foot. Nearly all would be blind, since who among us hasn't been drawn to covet or judge by what we see? In contrast to this gory tableau we see the kindness of cold water met with great generosity –a heavenly reward. Instead of judging the good works of others, live a life of kindness, bringing flavor and goodness to the world.

Tues. Oct. 2: The disciples remind me of comedians or writers who are afraid that someone else is going to steal their act. Do they fear that Jesus' popularity will wain if there are others doing miracles? When we try to "own" the good that comes from the gospel, we are stuck measuring our contributions against others. Instead, give thanks for all actions that honor God, regardless of who has the joy of doing them.

Wed., Oct. 3, Genesis 2:18-24 We must work to undo the harmful ways this passage has been interpreted. A 15th century manual for dealing with women accused of witchcraft states, "*there was a defect in the formation of the first woman, since she was formed from a bent rib, that is, a rib of the breast, which is bent as it were in a contrary direction to a man. And since through this defect she is an imperfect animal, she always deceives.*" The description of woman as the "helper" of man has been used to suggest women have a subservient role. Even so, this passage carries a tenderness of spirit as the man proclaims the woman is flesh of his flesh, implying the sort of interdependency that is present in vital marriages. May we all pray to promote respectful unions where two become one flesh!

http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3792

Thurs. Oct. 4, Psalm 8 I am awestruck by the miracle of life on planet earth. In this psalm, humans are views as royalty (*"crowned with glory and honor" and given "dominion" over God's creation*) and are given the caretaking responsibilities that royalty would have. James Limburg writes, "*Royalty are responsible for caring for the weakest...This means that humans...are to exercise care for the earth and its creatures. Psalm 8 is a call for humans to act as responsible royalty and to care for the fragile blue planet we call our home.*" **Psalms*, James Limburg (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville) p. 26.

Fri., Oct. 5, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Professor Craig Koester asserts that the mood of the church of Hebrews was one of apathy. "*Some simply drifted away. When asked why they no longer came to worship, they replied that they simply forgot or did not feel like it. The writer describes it as "neglect" (Hebrews 10:25).*" This situation is found in many congregations today! The writer of Hebrews addressed this situation by creatively reminding them that God still speaks through our Savior, Jesus who was willing to suffer for and with us. "*The promised land still beckons, and the conviction that God has a future for them gives courage to persevere.*"

*http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3790

Sat. Oct. 6, Mark 10:2-16 Divorce was a very present issue in Jesus' day. Laws allowed a man to divorce his wife for something as trivial as being a bad cook, spinning in public, or simply because he had found someone more pleasing. A woman did not have similar rights. Instead of agreeing with a man's rights over a woman, Jesus reminds the Pharisees that what God has made one flesh, no one should divide –and certainly not for a trivial reason. Those who have gone through the heartbreak of divorce have experienced the tearing apart that happens. May we do all we can to support loving, equitable relationships. May we work to help one another sustain that love through struggles and to care for each other when divorce does happen.

*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: September 30, Pentecost 20

Mark 10:2-16 *Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

Sun, Sep. 30: Family Project: David Lose writes, "A parishioner once told me that hearing this passage read in church felt like having someone dump garbage all over her. It didn't matter if she'd cleaned up and put on her Sunday best for church that morning, because after hearing these words she felt she like she couldn't get rid of the stink of her divorce." As a family talk about divorce. How do we help friends going through a divorce? How do we make our church a safe place to be? <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1505>

Mon, Oct. 1: Though outwardly about divorce, Jesus emphasizes here the importance of being a community where the vulnerable (women & children) are protected. David Lose writes, "It's not...a community of the strong, or the wealthy, or the powerful, or the independent...This is a community of the broken, of the vulnerable, of those at risk...of those who know their need and seek to be in relationship with each other" <http://www.davidlose.net/2015/09/pentecost-19-b-communities-of-the-broken-and-blessed/>

Tues, Oct. 2: When we were contemplating doing Divorce Care in our congregation, I was at a meeting with two people who had experienced divorce. As they discussed the feelings they had gone through, the air in the room got charged. It was as though we were reliving the weight of disappointment and loss, even though the divorces were long past. There is a huge sense of pain or betrayal associated with divorce. Let us all work to lay aside judgments and provide a shoulder to cry on for all those going through divorce or marital strife and for their families.

Wed, Oct. 3, Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Exodus 16 tells the story of the people of Israel desiring meat to eat, the Lord hearing their complaints and providing the meat. In Numbers the Israelites are complaining again, but now the Lord gets angry, Moses gets angry and along with the meat comes a plague. Why the difference? In between these two tellings was the establishment of the law. When rules about proper behavior were clearly set out, proper behavior was expected. Similarly, until we have clearly stated expectations, we might not punish a child for bad behavior. The establishment of the law in Israel set the standard for behavior. These new laws brought with them judgment. Praise God that Jesus gives forgiveness, breaking the cycle of sin and punishment.

Thurs, Oct. 4, Psalm 19:7-14 How many times have you been at a loss about how to act in a particular situation. "What can I do?", is a question I've asked almost as many times as I've heard it asked. It's a question that is pertinent not only in difficult times, but also when we think about our purpose in life and how to make our actions align with our dreams and hopes. The Psalmist makes it clear –listen to the Lord's instruction, follow God's commandments and decrees, and live in awe of the gifts of creation, instruction, and redemption. This prevents us from being mired in the mistakes that come from pride and insolence.

Fri., Oct. 5, James 5:13-20 This passage from James paints a lovely picture of what it means to be in a caring community. When we are cheerful, we should sing out boldly; when we are suffering we should pray for each other; when we see those wandering away from faith, we should bring them back. All of these things can happen when we are part of a community that is open in its dealings with one another. If I am not willing to share my joys, my doubts and my sorrows, how can another possibly pray for me, help me, or praise God with me? We may feel vulnerable to be honest about difficulties, but keeping struggles inside doesn't bring hope, it brings isolation. Open your heart to God and each other!

Sat, Oct. 6, Mark 9:38-50 When the disciples saw someone cast out demons in Jesus name, they were concerned since he wasn't "one of our company." They asked Jesus if the man should be stopped, and Jesus said no, "There is no one who can do a work of power in the strength of my name and lightly speak evil of me. He who is not against us is for us." Intolerant of competing theology, it is easy to imply that those who aren't "one of our company" are outside of the truth or even God's grace. Jesus reminds the disciples that God is not limited to their idea of "insiders" and "outsiders." Theologian William Barclay asserts that "the basis of tolerance is simply the realization of the magnitude of the orb of truth." (p. 235)

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Name: _____

Phone Number : _____

Email: _____

Service I/We tend to worship at: _____

- Offering Counters**
 Morning Afternoon
 Evening
- Assisting with Large Mailings**
- Sock Hop**
 Help with planning.
 My family would attend.
- TV Room Filming/Editing** (Training Provided)
- Coffee Hour Baking - Fill the Freezers**
 Bake cookies or bars
 (you will be contacted with details)
- NS Worship Assistant**
- Congregational Christmas Program**
 Downtown Site North Site
- Music Involvement**
 Parish Choir
 NS Praise Team
 Ukulele ensemble
- Leading or Participating in a Monthly Worship Service at a Senior Care Facility**
- Small Group Ministry Prayer Team**
- First English Ministry Teams**
 Congregational Life (Fellowship, Picnic, Life Groups, Member Care, Stephen Ministry)
 Finance
 Invitation & Hospitality (Visitor & New Member Engagement)
 Intern Enrichment (Summer Intern Program)
 Learning (Confirmation, Sunday School, Adult Education, & Library)
 Outreach & Social Ministry (Outreach Projects)
 Worship & Music
 Youth Connections (High School Youth)



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 Help with planning.
 My family would attend.
- TV Room Filming/Editing** (Training Provided)
- Coffee Hour Baking - Fill the Freezers**
 Bake cookies or bars
 (you will be contacted with details)
- NS Worship Assistant**
- Congregational Christmas Program**
 Downtown Site North Site
- Music Involvement**
 Parish Choir
 NS Praise Team
 Ukulele ensemble
- Leading or Participating in a Monthly Worship Service at a Senior Care Facility**
- Small Group Ministry Prayer Team**
- First English Ministry Teams**
 Congregational Life (Fellowship, Picnic, Life Groups, Member Care, Stephen Ministry)
 Finance
 Invitation & Hospitality (Visitor & New Member Engagement)
 Intern Enrichment (Summer Intern Program)
 Learning (Confirmation, Sunday School, Adult Education, & Library)
 Outreach & Social Ministry (Outreach Projects)
 Worship & Music
 Youth Connections (High School Youth)

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