

## 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 (off of the Gathering Area) and the North Site Nursery (across from the restrooms) are open for family use during all worship services. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. At the North Site, the child-friendly space just inside the Sanctuary doors is supervised by staff and available to children during worship services.

### 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](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 Jan. 6, 2019 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Jan. 6

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

### Tuesday

6:30 a.m.  
1 p.m.  
1:15 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m.  
Noon  
Noon  
Noon  
1 p.m.  
1 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.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Jan. 13

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

### Epiphany

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

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

Men's Ministry, NS Library  
Judith Circle, DS 114  
Library Committee, DS Library  
Men's Ministry, DS 221  
Worship & Music Ministry Team, DS Library

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  
Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge  
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  
Welcome to Conformation for New Students & Parents, DS Fellowship Hall

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

Men's Ministry, NS Library

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

DS=Downtown Site  
NS=North Site

## Cancellations Can Be Found at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com)

Check the FELC website under the Facebook section, lower right hand margin on the homepage for any cancellations. The church calendar will also be updated. In all instances, use your best judgment when deciding on driving to church for a scheduled worship, class or activity.



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[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.

# Love Jesus. Live your call.

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

## Sunday at FELC

### Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Lou Chicquette.

### The Parables of Jesus in Luke

Beginning today, join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge as we take a look at the parables in Luke from a Middle Eastern cultural view. With short teaching videos by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, this study will inform participants about the culture in which the parables were told. Dr. Bailey spent 40 years teaching New Testament in seminaries and research institutes in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus, giving him interesting and valuable insights into these beloved parables of Jesus.

### Fair Trade Coffee Project Sunday

Are you into New Year's resolutions? Why not let one of them be to buy fairly traded coffee from the Coffee Project. This would be a resolution from which many would benefit. The project enables small-scale coffee farmers to receive a fair price for their coffee and make improvements in their communities. First English has been a faithful supporter of the Coffee Project for many years; we were among the original supporters of this project. This is still *Good Coffee for a Good Cause*. Please visit the Gathering Area today and consider supporting this worthy cause.

Announcements  
Week of Jan. 6, 2019

### Exciting Opportunity at FELC:

### Small Group Ministry Beginning Jan. 20!

**What is Small Group Ministry?** Small groups are more than just a study - they will become a faith formation focus at First English. Not only will multiple new studies each year give you a way to grow in your faith, they will also help you form confidential and caring relationships with new friends. Small groups will give you an opportunity to put some structure and accountability into the desire to live out the Great Commandment to love God and to love your neighbors. In addition, each meeting will have snacks! Join a small group today!

### Winter 2019 Small Group Focus, *Fearless Faith*:

Please see the enclosed insert to find out more about *Fearless Faith*, and to sign up for a small group. Drop it off in the Gathering Area or place it in the offering plate. You may also sign up at [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com). The sign up area at both sites have a list of some potential groups for you to join.

**Small Group HOSTs:** If you have signed up to be a HOST, plan on attending the training meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15 in Room 110 at the Downtown Site or watch the fun and informative instructional videos online. To watch them, and for more information on Small Group Ministry and being a host, visit [www.felc.com/smallgroup](http://www.felc.com/smallgroup).

## Looking Ahead

### 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, Jan. 7, 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](mailto:cattymaejo@aol.com).

### Stop the Traffic - Make Some Noise!

A Human Trafficking Awareness Day Rally will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Opera House Square in Oshkosh. Volunteers are needed to make the greatest impact. For more information, please visit [www.Facebook.com/damascusroadproject](http://www.Facebook.com/damascusroadproject).

### Women of the World Concert

*Women of the World*, an award-winning international a cappella quartet will be in concert on Friday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. at the Lawrence University Chapel. The four singers represent Japan, Italy, India and the USA (by way of Haiti). Their performance is part of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association Conference being held in Appleton on Jan. 11 and 12, which incorporates many musical performances open to the public, including several that are free. For tickets, visit [www.lawrence.edu/conservatory/box\\_office/tickets](http://www.lawrence.edu/conservatory/box_office/tickets).

### Baptismal Workshop Set for Jan. 22

The next Baptismal Workshop is at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the Downtown Site Lounge. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office and indicating if child care is needed. God comes to us through our baptism. Meet others in your church family as together we explore the meaning and practice of baptism.



### ELCA Global Missions

Next Sunday we focus on ELCA Global Missions with a video clip from Stephanie Olson, the missionary FELC helps sponsor. She supervises 6 Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM) in Cambodia. Check out displays in the Gathering Area at both sites, consider sponsoring a day on the mission field for \$20 and hear guest speaker Ken Olson at the Downtown Site.

The ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program is a one-year faith formation and international service learning opportunity for young adults, ages 21-29. Applications for the 2019-2020 program year close Feb. 15, for service beginning in August.

### Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Saturday, Feb. 23; 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Downtown Site Fellowship Hall

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. This event is open to the community. Please register in advance for this free training at [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms). Lunch will be provided. Contact Kirsten Owens, FELC Faith Formation Coordinator, at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or (920) 733-2303 ext. 312.

### Noon Hour Philosophers 2019

The Noon Hour Philosophers will resume meeting in 2019 on Jan. 9. They meet for an hour at noon in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall each Wednesday.

If you have questions, contact Mary Poulson at [mmaryjep@att.net](mailto:mmaryjep@att.net) or (920)734-8137.

#### • Jan. 9: Happiness, What are My Options?

S. Evan Kreider, Professor of Philosophy  
UW Oshkosh - Fox Valley Campus

#### • Jan. 16: We Need to Change the Dynamics of the Health Care Market in the Fox Valley

Merton D. Finkler, John R. Kimberly  
Distinguished Emeritus Professor of  
Economics

#### • Jan. 23: Thorton Wilder, An American Classic

Rev. Dr. Stephen Savides, Senior Pastor  
First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Appleton

#### • Jan. 30: Timefulness: How Thinking Like a Geologist Can Save the World

Marcia Bjornerud, Professor of Geosciences  
and Environmental Studies

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The help you'll receive is free and confidential. To learn how you, a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative can receive care, talk to a pastor.

### 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.

## 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
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Laurie Niles
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Je'Ann Johnson
- Paul Henrikson
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Kim Norland
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Cindy Schneider
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Mitzi Hansen
- Syllas Garcia
- Caryl Bates
- Lloyd Cohen
- Stacey Prodoehl
- Kathleen Urban
- Hellen Opsahl

### Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Jane Moe
- Barbara Winkler

### 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

- Heckrodt Wetland Reserve  
[andreab@heckrodtwetland.org](mailto:andreab@heckrodtwetland.org); (920)720-9349  
[www.hecrodtwetland.org](http://www.hecrodtwetland.org)

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">High School Youth News</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades 9-12 <span style="float: right;">Jan. 6, 2019</span></p>
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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”  
-2 Corinthians 5:17



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

**1/9** Your life in Jelly Beans activity-prepping for special 8<sup>th</sup> grade **refuel** night

**1/16** Worry/Stress activity-prepping for special 8<sup>th</sup> grade **refuel** night

**1/23** 8<sup>th</sup> grade **refuel** night



**High School Mission Trip**  
**Blue Ridge Mountains, NC**

Next Fundraiser:

Jan. 13: Scrip Sale  
 Jan 20: Scrip Pick Up

Next Payment Due:

Wednesday, Jan. 30  
 \$100/student

Sign up for upcoming fundraisers at  
[www.felc.com/highschool](http://www.felc.com/highschool)

Social Media: Facebook: FELC YOUTH; Instagram: felc.youth

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Information for FELC Youth and Families  
 Grades K-12

## Hittin' The Ground Runnin' In 2019



It's time to put 2018 in the rearview mirror and jump with joy into 2019 as we get everything rollin' again. Mark these dates on your calendar as we giddy-up:

- Jan.2:** Kid's Life, Confirmation, & reFUEL resumed.
- TODAY, Jan. 6:** Sunday School resumes at both sites.
- Jan. 9:** Welcome to Confirmation meeting for students beginning 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation in September.
- Jan. 25-27:** Winter Camp for grades 4 & 5 at Crossways, Pine Lake
- Jan. 27:** FELC Family Open Gym at the North Site 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30:** Unity Worship at Fox Cities Exhibition Center for Confirmation all grades.

### Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: felc.youth Facebook: FELC YOUTH

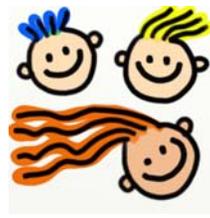
### Connect with FELC Youth Staff

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.***



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



**Today We  
Celebrate Epiphany**

Like those that sought out to find Jesus by the light of that Christmas star, we pray that we seek out Jesus in all seasons in our lives.



**Heading Into  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation in  
September?  
Let's Meet!**

If your student is starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Confirmation in September we need to huddle-up, get to know each other, and start making plans. Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 7-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site. We'll be talking about the registration process, Confirmation camp, next year's calendar, pastor and family meetings, general mission and expectations of Confirmation. This meeting is for both students & parents and is key to starting strong. Please try your best to attend. Contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) with any questions you may have.



**Kid's Life  
Is Back**

If you're in grades K-6 come join us anytime in Downtown Site Room 014 from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays. For fun,



**Choir Corner**

Today we resume singing! Angelus (grades 3-6) meet in the Choir Room. Cherub Choir (K-grade 2) meet in Downtown Site Room 220. Both meet at 8:50 a.m.

New singers are always welcome. Come join us!



**Confirmation and  
Middle School Scoop**



**Talk It Out!**

**Small Group on Wednesday**

This week we meet in our small groups.

- > 7<sup>th</sup> grade students & their parents should have chapter 6 read prior to class with question done.
- > 8<sup>th</sup> grade students & their parents should have chapter 6 read prior to class with question done.
- > 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be talking about the QPR

Suicide prevention presentation and how it connects to our understanding of helping in the spirit of Christ.

**Heading Into  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
in September?**

**See You On Wednesday!**

If you will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall and intend on participating in Confirmation then don't miss the Welcome to Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 7-8 p.m. In Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Confirmation camp, next year's calendar, pastor and family meetings, expectations, and more.



Let's head out of the gate together for a great start!

**Don't Forget Those  
Unity Worship  
Consent Forms**

All Confirmation students will be attending the Unity Worship event on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Fox Cities Exhibition Center from 6-8 p.m. Families provide their own transportation. Consent forms



were sent via email and need to be returned to Kirsten no later than Jan. 16. If you have questions or did not

receive your form contact Kirsten at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com).

**Combat Cabin Fever With Family Open Gym Sundays At North Site**

All are welcome to burn off some steam and meet new friends during Family Open Gym Sundays. On Jan. 27, Feb. 10, & 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. we'll hang out and play with new and old friends! No advance reservation is required. We ask that children attend with an adult.

*Have questions or want to volunteer?*

*Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.*



## Fearless Faith

Life can be so busy and chaotic that we are easily overwhelmed. How do we deal, not only with the day to day worries, but also the larger fears that come our way? The study, *Fearless Faith*, will give you tools for dealing with those fears.

### Six-week Sermon-based Study

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Willing the Good      | 4. The Fear of Failure   |
| 2. Knowing the Good      | 5. The Fear of Suffering |
| 3. The Fear of Isolation | 6. Fearless Faith        |

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### Sign me up to join a Small Group!

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of group would you like? (e.g., age preference)

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## FELC Engage Page: Jan. 6, 2018—Epiphany

**Matthew 2:1-12** *In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

Sun. Jan. 6: Family Project: On Epiphany we celebrate the arrival of the three Magi who came to worship Jesus and brought him gifts. I have a towel that reads, "The three wise women would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stables, made a casserole, brought practical gifts, and there would be Peace on Earth." While it does not promote peace to play into old stereotypes, it is fun to think about being of practical help to Jesus. What gifts would you have brought to baby Jesus? What gifts do you bring him now?

Mon. Jan. 7: It is important to think of the 3 Magi as just that—Magi! The bible does not describe them as kings or wise men but ordinary men. Thankfully, God uses ordinary things like bread and wine, and ordinary people, like you and I, to share his love. Remember that when tempted to believe you aren't equipped to be used by God.

Tues. Jan. 8: Herod sounds so sincere in this passage. He asks the Magi to inform him of the location of the child so he can pay homage. Unfortunately he is only trying to use these travelers for his own means. It can be nearly impossible to love people while being aware they may have ulterior motives in paying respect to our religious beliefs. We cannot do it on our own. We must rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Wed., Jan. 9, Isaiah 43:1-7 We can let fear take over our lives. In this passage, the waters represent those unknown and unknowable fears—the forces of chaos that reek havoc on our lives. Those forces might be as trivial as forgetting your phone at home when expecting an important call or as overwhelming as a diagnosis of cancer. They include anything that is beyond our control. Instead of letting fear dominate, remember this ancient promise from the Lord. *"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."*

Thurs. Jan. 10, Psalm 29 The Hebrew word used for "glory" in this psalm is *kabod* which means "heaviness or abundance". A cloud can be *kabod* with rain, or a banquet *kabod* if it has extraordinary splendor or luxury. A historic moment such as when Neil Armstrong took the first step on the moon can be called *kabod* with meaning. In encouraging the people to *"ascribe to the Lord glory"* and to *"ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name"*, the psalmist is asking us to acknowledge the weightiness of the majesty of God. There is no being that carries the same import, the same gravitas or heaviness—the same *kabod* as our God. Praise God's name!

Fri., Jan. 11, Acts 8:14-17 As a Lutheran pastor, my understanding is that the Holy Spirit is given at baptism. However this passage seems to contradict that teaching as the Holy Spirit is given in a separate baptism. How can we align this passage with the teaching that the Holy Spirit is given as a free gift—not as a reward for asking in the right way? Perhaps it is in the knowledge that the reconciling power of the Holy Spirit comes to us many times in life. Prof. James Boyce writes, *"even when having received the outpouring of God's gifts in baptism, one should not be surprised to see that God's Spirit still awaits with even more wondrous gifts for us. Such is the promise that will continue to accompany and empower this community and our communities of faith for the life and mission to come"*  
[http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=1536](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1536)

Sat. Jan. 12, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 It is worth noting that after Jesus took this step of obedience to God and was baptized by John, the heavens opened and the Father spoke lovely words of affirmation to Jesus. God said, *"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."* It is good to realize that even Jesus benefited from words of affirmation from his father. We all need both to be affirmed in our value from time to time, and to give praise on a regular basis. While it is important for everyone, this is particularly true for parents. Of course, don't give praise unless it is genuine. However, when a child—or anyone—acts in a way that shows good character, be as quick to praise as you are when someone accomplishes something difficult.

\*For an online discussion of these and other questions concerning the texts, go to our Facebook FELC Engage Page. <https://www.facebook.com/FELCEngagePage>.