

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; 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 Apr. 14, 2019 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Apr. 14

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
8 p.m.

Wednesday

Noon
6:30 p.m.

Thursday

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

6:15 p.m.

Friday

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

Sunday, Apr. 21

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

Palm Sunday

Scrip Card Distribution

Palm Sunday Breakfast, DS Fellowship Hall
Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Palm Sunday Breakfast, NS Activity Center
Children's Learning Time-Families Share in Breakfast, DS/NS

Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
Pick Up Basketball League, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Executive Committee, DS Lounge
Finance Committee, DS 110
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

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

Maundy Thursday

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
Maundy Thursday Worship, DS Sanctuary;
Coffee Hour to Follow, DS Gathering Area & Lounge
Maundy Thursday Worship, NS Sanctuary

Good Friday

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Joint ELCA Good Friday Service, Prince of Peace
Good Friday Worship, DS Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Easter Worship, DS Sanctuary
Easter Worship, NS Sanctuary

Student from Haiti

A male music student from Haiti needs free housing while attending Lawrence University for one year. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, call Bob Herder at 738-6640.

Two Ways to Support Lutherans in Romania

- **Sponsor a Marathon Runner:** Pledge \$20 to sponsor a runner in the June 1 Sibiu International Marathon raising funds for a Sheltered Workshop for Young Adults with Disabilities Lutheran ministry project in Sibiu, Romania. Email Joel Schlachtenhaufen at sjschlach@gmail.com with the good news of your sponsorship pledge. Your \$20 check should be payable to FELC and designate "Friends of Transylvania" or "FOT." Mail to FOT, PO Box 283, Neenah, WI 54957.
- **Flower Baskets to Support Homeless Shelter:** On Sunday, May 4, hanging flower baskets will be available for purchase at both sites. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of tools and supplies for the Schellenberg Homeless Shelter project, a ministry of the Sibiu Congregation in Romania. Diane Putzer from FELC will deliver the funds when she travels to Romania in mid-May.



First English Lutheran Church
www.felc.com felc@felc.com

Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.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 being a welcoming, inclusive congregation.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Le Roy and Ginny Ziesemer in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on Apr. 11.

Joyful Journey

Signup for a small group today. See insert for details.

Please Say Thanks

Since Thanksgiving, a number of medical or family concerns have sidelined staff members at FELC. All the while, others have stepped up, added additional duties to their workday, or volunteered to help. We are so grateful to all who helped keep things running smoothly. Please say thank you when you see a staff member or someone you know who filled in. It is appreciated.

Scrip Card Pick Up Today

Thank you to all who placed orders for Scrip cards last week to benefit the youth going on the service trip this summer. Pick up your cards today at the site you designated on your form, or in the Church Office tomorrow.

50+ Event!

Join the 50+ Group on Saturday, Apr. 27 at 2 p.m. for some laughter at UW Fox Valley Theater as we enjoy their current production *Noises Off*. This is a funny farce that is full of surprises and humor. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance. They are on sale between services today at the Downtown Site and they go fast! When you purchase tickets, please specify if you want to attend a Dutch Treat dinner following the show at Stone Toad. Any questions, please contact Nancy Strebe at (920)851-0345.

Announcements
Week of Apr. 14, 2019

Looking Ahead

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday (Apr. 14) with Breakfast

- 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Downtown Site Worship;
8:30-11 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. North Site Worship;
9-11 a.m. Breakfast

Maundy Thursday (Apr. 18)

- 9:30 a.m. Downtown Site (Social Hour/
Coffee to follow in the Gathering Area)
- 6:15 p.m. North Site

Good Friday (Apr. 19)

- 12:15 p.m. Joint ELCA service at
Prince of Peace, Appleton
- 6:15 p.m. Downtown Site

Easter Sunday (Apr. 21)

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

Good Friday Service

This year's joint ELCA Good Friday worship service is being held at 12:15 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet Street. All offerings during this service will be directed to LEAVEN.

Help Needed: Downtown Site Chancel Cleaning and Easter Decorating

Although there is a dedicated group of people who care weekly for the Downtown Site Chancel and its needs, at Easter time the group asks for more volunteers for a once-a-year sprucing up of the Chancel to ready the church for the Easter celebration! Can you help clean the Downtown Site Chancel on Saturday morning, Apr. 20, at 9 a.m.? This is an ideal time to clean since the altar will be stripped on Maundy Thursday. More hands make light work, so please consider fitting this very important task into your schedule.

Any time you can give to help is appreciated. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Kathy Larson at 733-2303 or klarson@felc.com.

No Church Picnic in 2019

Due to lack of interest in planning for the event, we are cancelling the Church Picnic for 2019. Over the next year, let's come up with some ideas to provide for a fun picnic in 2020, that will engage more people. Possibilities include moving the date, moving the location, adding contests... Consider being part of a team to bring back the picnic, stronger than ever. Contact Pastor Mary (mbauer@felc.com) if you are interested.

VSA Choir Spring Concert

The VSA Choir's Annual Spring Concert is Tuesday, Apr. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Downtown Site Sanctuary. The VSA choir has members with and without disabilities and will present some upbeat and fun songs for spring. Please join us for this awesome concert!

Learn About Mental Health Issues In May

- **Shedding Light: Learning About Opioid Addiction, Child Trauma, & Self-Care:** Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.-noon at Prince of Peace. This is a free event that includes expert information about some of the most common mental health challenges experienced in our local community and beyond.
- **Creating Hope-Equipping Faith Communities for Substance Abuse Awareness, Prevention, and Recovery:** Thursday, May 30, 8-11:45 a.m., at the Grand Meridian. Sponsored by Samaritan Counseling and NAMI Fox Cities. This year's Creating Hope will provide a better understanding of addiction and how faith communities can help. Advance tickets are required and cost \$45 which includes breakfast. Tickets are available through Samaritan Counseling at www.samaritan-counseling.com/creating-hope.

Celebrate the Resurrection

Remember a loved one at Easter this year. A \$12 gift will purchase an Easter lily to beautify the Sanctuaries at one of our two sites. Please return this order form with your payment to the Church Office or drop it in the offering plate. Payment can also be made online at www.felc.com. All gifts will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins. **Deadline to order is noon tomorrow, Apr. 15.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

In Honor of or In Memory of (Circle one): _____

In Honor of or In Memory of (Circle one): _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Noon Hour Philosophers 2019

The Noon Hour Philosophers 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 or (920)734-8137.

• Apr. 17: How We Serve Others

David Holst

Outagamie County Veterans Service Officer

Early Risers Bible Study

The Early Risers Women's Bible group will begin a new study on Thursday, Apr. 25. *Messy People-Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes* by Pastor Jennifer Cowart and facilitated by Jean Monson.

"Every life gets messy at times. Sometimes these messes are literal; sometimes they are intangible messes such as illness, conflict, depression, etc. These messes can be painful. But as we see in the Bible, God loves to use messy people! In this six-week study, we dig into the lives of Biblical heroes who were messy people just like us but were used by God in powerful ways."

Early Risers meets on Thursday mornings at 6 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge. If you would like to join this study and need a participant book contact Jean at jeanmonson2324@gmail.com. Coffee, great conversation and insights take place every Thursday morning. Call Jean at 731-8805 if you would like more information about Early Risers.

The TIME is NOW

Church Women United invites you to *The TIME is NOW--How Do We Agree to Differ in this Diverse World?* on Friday May 3, at Immanuel UCC, 510 Sullivan Avenue, Kaukauna. Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m.; program and brunch (\$8) to follow. Please reserve your spot by May 1 by contacting Marilyn at mdvofkau@new.rr.com or 788-5850.

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
- Paul Henrikson
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Cindy Schneider
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Mitzi Hansen
- Syllas Garcia
- Arlene Gade
- Will Bloedow
- Rocky La Valle
- Carol Diehl
- Steve Mantey

Prayers of Comfort

Family of:

- Caryl Bates
- Scott Braun
- Janet Cummings
- Lance Fellman
- Evelyn Hewitt

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Sarah Bauer
- Stephanie Olson
- Spencer Wentland

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

- **Oshkosh Area Community Pantry**
Lydia@oacptoday.org; (920)651-9960
www.oacptoday.org



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Apr. 14, 2019



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

LENT

Fast, Give, Prepare, Pray.

4/17

No refuel Holy Week

4/24

refuel is back at the DS
Easter Celebration



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

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Today Palm Sunday Breakfast
and Scrip Card Distribution

Next Payment Due:

Apr. 17

\$100/Student

Follow FELC youth Instagram
page for the daily
photo challenge!



Attention High School Seniors

You should have received a letter regarding information about Senior Sunday services, the senior recognition lunch, and scholarships that are available through FELC.

Please save the date for Senior Sunday: May 5

Please email Heidi with any questions
(hschreiner@felc.com)

Apr. 14, 2019



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12

Hosanna!

Today we cheer as Jesus enters Jerusalem!
We spend Palm Sunday celebrating
the start of Holy Week.

We ask **Downtown Site families** to attend
9:15 a.m. worship together then join us
in Fellowship Hall

afterward for breakfast and a lesson on Holy Week.

We ask **North Site families** to attend either worship time but
meet for breakfast and the Holy Week lesson in the Activity
Center (the Gym) during Learning Time (9:25-10:15 a.m.).

This is not a standard Sunday School day.

**There are no classes in classrooms
at either site this morning.**

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



Holy Week

Holy Week: Feel Your Way Through
Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday) is rich with special days and rituals as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. We can sometimes think that the weight of these days can be too heavy for children but sharing these Christian observances can make Easter an especially meaningful time for your family. The key is to be age-appropriate with an understanding of the most important overall message of God's deep love for us all.

One of the easiest ways to do this is by **using feelings** that children understand to lead you through discussion for the week. Each day ask your child(ren) when they felt the specific emotion of the day and then connect it to Jesus' journey.

Palm Sunday-EXCITEMENT. People in Jerusalem were excited to see Jesus because they had heard he had done miracles.

Monday-ANGER. Jesus found the temple being used as a marketplace. He overturned tables and threw out money changers.

Tuesday-JEALOUSY. The Pharisees were upset that Jesus was receiving so much attention for saying He was the Son of God.

Holy Wednesday-TIRED. Jesus was most likely **resting** in Bethany.

Maundy Thursday-FEAR. After sharing their Last Supper, Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane fearing what God wants Him to do.

Good Friday-TRUST. Jesus endured terrible treatment and suffering but He trusted God to help Him.

Holy Saturday-PEACE. All was still when Jesus was in the tomb.

Easter Sunday-JOY. Jesus is alive!!! Hallelujah!!!! God loves us so much!!!



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Middle School Age Families Have Some Great Opportunities



- ◆ Help with the **9th grade Rehearsal Meal** on Apr. 24. Go to www.felc.com/forms to sign-up.
- ◆ Go to the **Unity Worship** at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center together on Apr. 24. Free tickets are available through Kirsten.
- ◆ Talk about how **Confirmation leadership** may bless your family. Email or call Kirsten with all your questions.
- ◆ Take a look at the **FELC intern-led summer opportunities** and sign up at www.felc.com/summer.
 - ◆ **Pray** for all our confirmands this month.
- ◆ Help our partner, **Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance** with their annual waterway clean-up on Apr. 27. Go to 2019 Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup on Facebook for more info.
- ◆ Learn about Opioid Use in our community, Childhood Trauma & Self-Care at the free **Shedding Light Event** on May 4 from 9 a.m.-noon at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

POOL PARTY * POOL PARTY * POOL PARTY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 8:15-10:15 P.M. AT MEAD POOL
SAVE THE DATE!



POOL PARTY * POOL PARTY * POOL PARTY

The Countdown Continues: Important Dates For 9th Graders

- **Apr. 24:** Rehearsal meal, worship, & photos from 5:15-8:30 p.m. at the Downtown Site.
- **Apr. 28:** Confirmation Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. worship at both sites.



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

FELC Engage Page: April 14, 2019—Passion/Palm Sunday

Luke 23:8-24 *When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod & Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.*

Sun, Apr 14: Family Project: Imagine how your family would honor Jesus. The people in Jerusalem shouted "Hosanna" and waved palm branches, honoring Jesus who had fed people, brought healing, and taught about forgiveness and love. He helped people in meaningful ways. Try to enact at least one of your ideas about honoring Jesus.

Mon, Apr. 15: When we sing the beautiful African-American spiritual, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?," we place ourselves in the crowd chanting for Barabbas. We walk along side as Jesus is led through the streets toward his death. We cast lots for his clothes. We stand on the hill and witness him nailed to the tree. We listen to him praying for us to be forgiven. We beat our breasts when he dies. We stand at the tomb. And we wait.

Tues, Apr. 16: On one of her first nights as a new certified nursing assistant, a young woman was asked to attend to the body of a nursing home resident who had died. The young woman and other CNAs tenderly washed her, dressed her in clean clothes, brushed her hair, in the same way that Joseph and the women lovingly care for the body of our savior Jesus. When we care for each other, we care for Christ.

Wed., Apr. 17, Psalm 22 Deliverance is an ongoing theme in the Bible. The psalmist referred to God when writing, "*Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it,*" (v.30-31) God had delivered the people of Israel from Egypt. However, God's delivering activity did not end there. In a powerful way, God sent his Son to be an agent of deliverance for all humanity. Jesus quotes this psalm from the cross, saying, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" When I am feeling overwhelmed by life, Jesus who has known the pangs of isolation and betrayal, knows my sorrow and is able to bring comfort and deliverance also.

Thurs, Apr. 18, John 13:4-17, 31b-35 Today is Maundy Thursday, and we celebrate the mandate that Jesus gives to his disciples to love each other. Mandate and Maundy are both derived from the Latin word *mandatum* which is translated commandment. It is significant to remember that this mandate to love one another is preceded by Jesus wrapping a towel around his waste and washing the disciples feet. The world is full of power structures that reward a person for grabbing influence and seeking out advancement and prestige. Jesus shows the disciples in a memorable way that those who try to follow him must seek love and service over power and prestige.

Fri., Apr. 19, John 18:1-19:42 Our confirmation students are required to fill out a "faith statement". In it they are asked to describe a person or an event that has had an impact on their faith life. Similarly, our new members meet with me so that I can get a better idea of their faith journey and needs. I ask them where they see God. So often the responses to these two questions center around suffering. They were impacted by a family member who had to deal with illness and trusted in God. They see God in the ways that the church works with those in need. Often we hear people ask, "Why does God allow suffering?" There is no easy answer to this, but my experience has been that people grow in faith through suffering. We worship a God who suffered—who consented to death on a cross. In the cross, we see a God who promises to be present in our own suffering. And finally that cross calls us to walk alongside those who suffer, sharing their pain as Christ shares ours.

Sat, Apr. 20, Romans 6:3-11 I think of the Saturday before Easter as an "in-between" time. We remember the cruelty of the cross, the pain that Jesus suffered, and his death and burial. However, as we walk through beautiful spring days, we catch glimpses of the resurrection celebration that awaits. In many ways, this day before Easter represents our lives as Christians. We live with the reality of lost hopes; we experience the heartache of mortality—of broken bodies and stumbling will-power, we suffer through the presence of evil in the world. The tomb and the stone remind us that we are separated from God and haven't yet fully experienced the wonder of resurrection. People of faith—remember Easter is coming. The stone will be rolled away; the tomb will be opened. Prepare your hearts for the wonder of resurrection.

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



Joyful Journey

In a society that values cynicism over belief, we can be dubious about any statement that begins, "I believe..." Further, when we allow our lives to be ruled by our doubts, we abandon the joy of God. This Easter season, learn what it means to follow Jesus, to glimpse our risen Lord and the world of joy into which we are called.

Five-week Sermon-based Study

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Discovering Joy | 4. Journey to Peace |
| 2. Discipleship of Joy | 5. Journey into Unity |
| 3. Delighted In by God | |

Sermon series begins Apr. 28 at the Downtown Site and May 12 at the North Site. (See back of this insert for the sermon schedule.)

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)

Joyful Journey Sermon Series

- **Discovering Joy:**
Apr. 28, Downtown Site and May 12, North Site:
God's joy can keep you from grounding your identity in doubt.*
- **Discipleship of Joy:**
*May 12, Downtown Site and May 19, North Site:
Discipleship is more than a death-march into an ethical but boring life.*
- **Delighted in by God:**
*May 19, Downtown Site and May 26, North Site:
We are, "loved by God...delighted in as an artist delights in his work."*
- **Journey to Peace:**
*May 26, Downtown Site and June 2, North Site:
Joy leads us into peace as we live each moment in God's presence*
- **Journey into Unity:**
*June 2, Downtown Site and June 9, North Site:
Joy leads us into unity with common values lived out humbly before God.*

**May 5 is "High School Senior Sunday" at both sites. The messages will be delivered by students so the sermon series will not be presented that day.*

*If you have questions,
please contact Pastor Mary at mbauer@felc.com.*

