

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 sound-board 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 Dec. 1, 2019 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Dec. 1

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

Monday

9 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
8 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
Noon
1 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.
7 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
3 p.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8

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

First Sunday in Advent

Alternative Gift Fair Display, DS

Adult Learning, DS Lounge
Sunday School Learning Time, DS/NS
Women's Study Group, NS Library

Quilting, DS Fellowship Hall
Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge
Pick Up Basketball League, NS Activity Center

Men's Ministry, NS Library
Judith Circle, DS 114
Outreach & Social Ministry Team, DS 114
ATC Basketball, NS Activity Center

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110-111
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
50+ Planning, DS 114
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room
refuel (grades 10-12), Offsite Bell Ringing
Confirmation Service Night

Early Risers Krumkake Baking, DS Kitchen
Vision Steering Task Force, DS 221

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Second Sunday in Advent

Alternative Gift Fair Display, NS; Scrip, Coffee & Honey Sales

Cherub/Angelus Choir Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
Adult Learning, DS Lounge
Sunday School Learning Time, DS/NS
Women's Study Group, NS Library

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site



Christmas Greenery and Poinsettias

Help decorate the church by providing greenery and/or poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one. Return

this order form with your payment of \$12 for each plant or greenery item ordered to the offering plate or the Church Office. Payments may be made by check or online at www.felc.com and each will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin. **The deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 16, 2019.**

YOUR NAME _____

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF _____
(Circle one)

\$12 x _____ Poinsettias \$12 x _____ Greenery Items Amount due: \$ _____

Feel free to take your poinsettias home following the Christmas Day service.



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 being a welcoming, inclusive congregation.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Diane Putzer in memory of her parents' 65th Wedding anniversary.

Advent Devotionals

The First English Advent Devotional Booklet is back by popular demand and available in the Gathering Area and at www.felc.com. (Note: During Advent, this devotional will replace the Engage Pages.)

A Look at Advent

Through the Old Testament

A Study by Matt Woodley, with Kyle L. White
Downtown Site Sunday Adult Learning Time
9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge

Drawing on the prophetic voices of the Old Testament, this study is meant to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Weekly topics include, *The Power of Hope* (today), *The Refining Love of God* on Dec. 8, *God's Protection and Delight* on Dec. 15 and *The Peace Jesus Brings* on Dec. 22. Each week is a stand-alone study, and no preparation is necessary. This makes it easy to attend whenever you are able and be blessed by conversation and learning.

Ripples of Faith

If you haven't done so, please prayerfully consider your gifts to First English for the upcoming year and complete your 2020 *Statement of Intent* card. This can also be done at www.felc.com/stewardship. Thanks to the 311 households who have completed their *Statement of Intent* for the 2020 Stewardship Appeal.

Announcements

Week of Dec. 1, 2019

Looking Ahead

Krumkake Bake

The Early Risers women's study group will have its annual Krumkake Bake on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 a.m. in the Downtown Site Kitchen. Join them as they create and deliver krumkake to some FELC homebound members and others. If you are interested in participating, contact Diane Putzer at dkputzer@yahoo.com.

Fair Trade Sunday Sale

Through the Fair Trade Coffee Project, enjoy great coffee and give meaningful gifts while helping small farmers as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Next Sunday, Dec. 8 in the Gathering Area, a variety of products (coffee, tea, hot cocoa, olive oil and candy bars) will be available for purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Worship Times

- Christmas Eve:
 - Downtown Site - 1, 3, 5 and 10:30 p.m.
 - North Site - 4 and 7 p.m.
- Christmas Day:
 - Downtown Site - 10 a.m.

Communion is served at all services. Visit www.felc.com/Christmasworship for details on the different services.

Arts for All Choir Concert

The Arts for All Choir (formerly VSA Choir) Christmas concert will be held in the Downtown Site Sanctuary on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. This is a great group of singers with and without disabilities. Several First English members participate in this choir and FELC is generous in providing the choir space to rehearse and perform. Please join us for awesome Christmas music.

7th Annual VolunteerFEST

Looking for a new volunteer opportunity, or just a reason to network with like-minded individuals? Here's your chance! Enjoy refreshments in a relaxed setting while meeting representatives from over 60 different nonprofit organizations in our area. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Tuesday, Dec. 3, Waverly Beach in Menasha, 4-7 p.m. There will also be door prizes, including an overnight stay at Christmas Mountain in Wisconsin Dells! Event is free and family friendly. Presented by Volunteer Fox Cities. Please get your free tickets by signing up at <http://bit.ly/VolunteerFEST2019>.

Lunch & Learn Seminar

Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes & Crematories is conducting a complimentary Lunch & Learn Seminar on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m. at *Wichmann Tri-County Chapel, 1592 Oneida Street, Menasha*. This program explains the emotional and financial benefits of advance funeral planning followed by informal questions, answers and a complimentary light meal. Call (920)297-2742 for reservations.

Advent Vespers

Mark your calendar for Advent Vespers on Dec. 11. Enjoy a supper of chicken from Mary's Restaurant starting at 4:45 p.m. (No registration necessary!) Crafts for the kids will begin at 5 p.m., and we'll move to the Sanctuary for the Christmas story, *The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado, at 6:15 p.m. This FELC Christmas tradition is family friendly and a fun night for all.

Help Us Find Good Applicants

If you or someone you know is interested in any of the positions below, please visit www.felc.com/employment for complete job descriptions and to apply, or contact Church Administrator Brenda Smongeski at bsmongeski@felc.com or Pastor Jeff at jtengesdal@felc.com, with any questions.

We're Hiring!

- **AV Specialist:** This part-time position entails five hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings, to oversee and coordinate the audio and video aspect of worship for both sites and special events. One emphasis of the position is empowering volunteers to develop their AV skills in worship.
- **Facility Tech:** This very important part-time position of 20 hours/week focuses on daily maintenance and building issues. Duties may include carpentry, painting, plumbing and landscaping with flexible days.
- **Neighbor Network Coordinator:** FELC is currently accepting applications for the role of Neighbor Network Coordinator, a new position to lead an exciting new ministry initiative of FELC. A key function of this role will be matching people's joyful need to serve with others' unmet needs. The person who fills this role is a servant leader, has a passion for deepening community, and will become integral within the life and ministry of our congregation. A half-time position, the role has potential for future expansion and will report to the senior pastor.

Noon Hour Philosophers (NHP) 2019

The Noon Hour Philosophers meet for an hour at noon in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall each Wednesday. The group will meet this week and next before they break for the holiday. If you have questions contact Mary Poulson at mmaryjep@att.net or (920)734-8137.

• Dec. 4: Vaping and Nicotine Addiction

Bruce Hetzler, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology Emeritus
Lawrence University

Summer Intern Applications are Open

Consider applying to be an FELC Summer Intern. This is a paid internship beginning at the end of May and ending in mid-August. This unique opportunity will help you grow as a Christian leader, grow in community and relationship with God, with the church and the community, make new friends, and strengthen old ones. Lastly, it will challenge you to discover the ways God is calling you to serve in this world. Applications can be found online at www.felc.com/summer and are due in the Downtown Site Office or emailed to Heidi Schreiner, Youth and Summer Ministry Coordinator, at hschreiner@felc.com by Dec. 31. Applicants must be at least one year out of high school. Any further questions, contact Heidi or reference the website: www.felc.com/summer.

Advent Invitation from Linwood Place, A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world and remember the real meaning of Christmas. You are invited to Advent worship services at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday Dec 4, 11 and 18 followed by a luncheon in Linwood Commons, 425 N. Linwood Ave., Appleton. Join us in worship and fellowship as we prepare for Christ's coming.

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
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Robb Schaefer
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Mitzi Hansen
- Sylas Garcia
- Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
- Shirley Larson
- Debbie Nussbaum
- Carl Coleman
- Luke Wilson
- Jake Wilson

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Don Kayser
- Charles Rundquist, Sr.
- Fred Russler
- Jerry Thiel

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Sarah Bauer-Myanmar
- Jack Kent-Slovakia
- Spencer Wentland-Japan

Prayers for Those in the Military

- Erika Brehmer
- Christian Cramer
- Cpl. Alex Grebe
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- Sgt. Samuel Sinclair

Prayers For Community Care

- World Relief Fox Valley

KHulet@wr.org; (920)231-3600



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Dec. 1, 2019



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

12/4: Off-site Salvation Army Bell Ringing @Pick 'N' Save 7-8 p.m. 2400 W. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton Exit Vestibule

12/11: Advent Vespers 4:45-6 p.m. Helping with kids Advent crafts and eating Dinner 6:15-7:15 p.m. Advent Vespers Service 7:15-8 p.m. **refuel**

12/18: **refuel** Christmas Party Ugly Christmas sweater attire! Please bring \$1 white elephant/dollar store gift. Food will be provided!

Mission Trip 2020 NASHVILLE, TN June 14-19

Next Fundraiser:
Dec. 8: Scrip Sale and Honey Sale
Dec. 15: Scrip Card Distribution and Honey Sale

Sign-ups for fundraisers can be found on **2020 Mission Trip Calendar** at www.felc.com/highschool Questions, contact Heidi (hschreiner@felc.com)

Social Media

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



Dec. 1, 2019



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Coming Together In Community During Advent

Dec. 4: Helping local community with Confirmation Service Night.

Dec. 11: Coming together in Christian community **Advent Vespers Night** - Chicken dinner, crafts, and special worship. Dinner begins at 4:45 p.m., worship from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Dec. 15: Coming together in faithful community **Congregational Christmas Programs.** We're ALL in it! 9:15 a.m. worship Downtown Site, 10:30 a.m. worship North Site.

Dec. 18: Community in our classes **Confirmation Christmas parties.**

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 News



Who Are You?

A Mary, Joseph, Angel, Child, Shepherd, or Animal?

During this year's Christmas program we will all be reading the Christmas story together and singing holiday songs. No worries about speaking in front of others or practicing ahead of time. We'll be doing it together from our seats. So, what do you need to prepare for the Dec. 15 program (9:15 a.m. at the Downtown Site and 10:30 a.m. at the North Site)?

Decide whether you would like to read the responses of Mary, Joseph, an angel, child, shepherd, or city dweller/animal. Spend time as a family making simple costumes to reflect the roles you've chosen. If you don't have time or the creativity to make one, we've got you covered as headpieces and/or props for each will be available as you walk into the Sanctuary. Oh, and don't forget to bring your joy that Sunday! We are celebrating the birth of our Savior!



Practice for Downtown Site Christmas Program Choir Dec. 8 & 15

This year Christmas program rehearsals will not be occurring during Learning Time as we try to utilize our Sunday School curriculum more effectively. Even though we won't be rehearsing music during that time, we still have an opportunity for Downtown Site Sunday School students to learn a couple of simple songs for the program.

All children that would like to sing as part of the Sunday School Christmas Program Choir should meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:50 a.m. on Dec. 8 & 15 to practice their two songs prior to the program on Dec. 15 at the 9:15 a.m. service

(North Site students are briefly running through their songs at the beginning of Learning Time due to the worship schedule).

We'd love to have tons of kids singing their hearts out on Dec. 15!

Hope to see (and hear) you there!



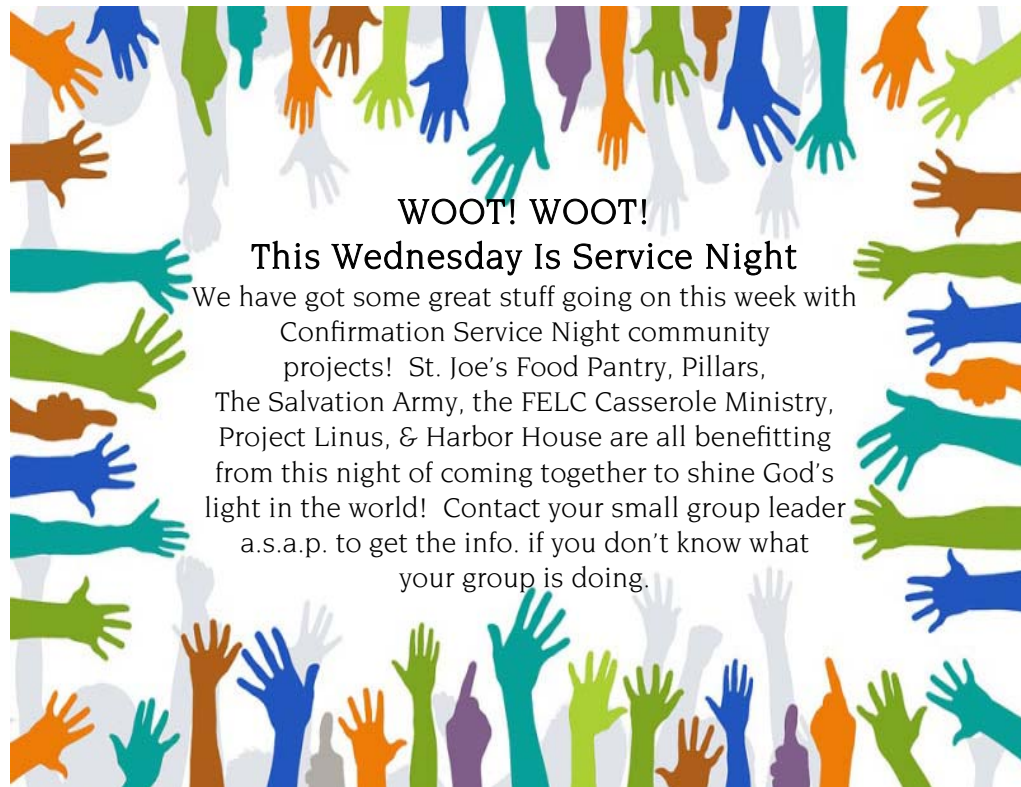
Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



WOOT! WOOT!

This Wednesday Is Service Night

We have got some great stuff going on this week with Confirmation Service Night community projects! St. Joe's Food Pantry, Pillars, The Salvation Army, the FELC Casserole Ministry, Project Linus, & Harbor House are all benefitting from this night of coming together to shine God's light in the world! Contact your small group leader a.s.a.p. to get the info. if you don't know what your group is doing.



Calling All Cans!

We keep collecting food for St. Joe's Food Pantry until Dec. 11. Drop your donations in the bins in the Gathering Area by then. THANKS!

7th Grade Party Adopt-A-Family Reminder

Don't forget to sign up if you're able to help with the 7th grade adopt-a-family project for their Christmas party!

The email was sent last week.



Have questions or want to volunteer?

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

Sharing the Love of Jesus

Ours is a faith community that finds meaning and joy in reaching out to others. We are grateful for the ways you do that each and every day. Here are some opportunities to make Jesus' love real in this holiday season.

~Pastors Jeff & Mary

You CAN Help Our Confirmation Students and St. Joe's



Confirmation small groups are collecting food for St. Joe's until Dec. 11, the night of Advent Vespers. On Dec. 11, provided our giving bins are full, we will be asking all in our congregation to help load donated items on to the St. Joe's truck in our parking lot. As we come together to celebrate the gift of Jesus, it's the perfect time to share gifts with others. Drop off donations from now until Dec. 11 in the marked bins in the Gathering Area. What a beautiful way to close a night together as a faith family.

Fill the Shoe Box!

Fill a wrapped shoe box with NEW gifts for someone in need. This year's recipient is Harbor House in Appleton. Harbor House is a 55 bed shelter facility and houses women and children (men seeking safety are provided alternative shelter locations based on need and level of danger). It's mission is to empower communities to be free from domestic abuse through safety, knowledge, and engagement.



A list of suggested gifts is on the Fill the Shoe Box table in the Gathering Area. *Please wrap top and bottom of gift separately and label the top with the appropriate age/gender.* Leave donated boxes on the table by Dec. 15. Questions? Contact Gloria at (920)734-1591. Thank you!

Echoes Needs Your Help

Echoes, A Christian Thrift Store, (a ministry of First English) is looking for help this Christmas season. Assistance with pricing, sorting, stocking and register check-out are the primary areas where help is needed. If you have one hour or more, your assistance is appreciated. Training will be provided. Call Kathy, Echoes Store Manager, at (920)882-8172.



1320 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday:
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday & Monday: Closed

See reverse side for more opportunities.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Red Kettle Campaign

Sign up for a one-hour time slot to ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, which runs through Dec. 24. You are invited to visit the user-friendly Red Kettle Campaign website at www.registertoring.com to sign up for a time and location that works best for you. To reserve a shift, log in to your bell ringer account. If you don't have an account, create one by clicking *Create Individual Account*. The website will walk you through the process of selecting a location, a date and a time for which you would like to volunteer. Questions? Contact the Bell Ringing Coordinator at foxcitiesbellringing@yahoo.com or call (920)955-1225. Let's bless the campaign with a huge volunteer response from FELC!

Operation Christmas 2019

First English can help bring a Christmas wrapped in Christ's love to Lutheran affiliated and other local non-profits through "Operation Christmas." Our focus again this year is five organizations that serve others: **Lutheran Social Services, LEAVEN, Crossways Camping Ministries, COTS, and Riverview Gardens.** (See the tree in the Gathering Area for more information on each organization.)



Select "ornaments" from the Operation Christmas Tree in the Gathering Area. Each ornament identifies gift items to help fulfill wishes and needs for these organizations and the people they serve. Gifts should be placed under the trees by Dec. 16. Gift cards should be brought to the Church Office, or clearly marked and placed in the offering plate. The needs among our Lutheran affiliates and in our community are varied and great. Please help First English bring the compassion of Christ to them.

Alternative Gift Fair

Today (Downtown Site) Display; Dec. 8 (North Site) Display

FELC is holding its 16th annual Alternative Gift Fair. In addition to supporting projects FELC is directly involved with, we work with ELCA Good Gifts and Alternative Gifts International (AGI) to offer "Gifts Inspiring Change" to help people in crisis around the world. At this year's fair, alternative gifts will support over thirty domestic and international relief and environmental programs. 2019 gifts include: Support of 2020 Youth mission trip, chickens, bees, farming in Haiti, books for donkey mobile libraries in Ethiopia, and much more. Visit www.felc.com/forms for a 2019 Alternative Gifts shopping list. More project information can be found at www.alternativegifts.org and www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

For questions or to assist with the Fair, please contact Diane Putzer at (920)284-9228 (text or call) or dkputzer@yahoo.com.

See reverse side for more opportunities.