

## 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 Mar. 17, 2019 At-A-Glance

### Sunday, Mar. 17

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

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
Noon  
4:45 p.m.  
6:15 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
7 p.m.

### Thursday

6 a.m.  
9 a.m.

### Friday

6:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Mar. 24

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

### Scrip Card Distribution, Both Sites

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  
New & Review, Week One, DS 114-115

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

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

DS=Downtown Site  
NS=North Site

Lenten Worship Service, DS Sanctuary  
Lenten Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110-112  
Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall  
Lenten Meal, DS Fellowship Hall  
Lenten Worship Service, DS Sanctuary  
Last Day Confirmation General Session All Grades, DS  
Kid's Life, DS 014  
refuel - Grades 10-12, DS Youth Room  
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room & Sanctuary

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  
New & Review, Week Two, NS Library

## Sole Burner 5k Team FELC

FELC walkers and runners unite as we participate in the 2019 American Cancer Society's Sole Burner 5k in City Park in Appleton. Pick up a registration in the Gathering Area or register for team FELC online at [www.soleburner.org](http://www.soleburner.org). This 5k is taking place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 with a cost of \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids over the age of 12. Checks should be made out to American Cancer Society. Please return registrations to the Church Office by Apr. 1. Questions? Contact Team Captain, Heidi Schreiner ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com)).



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### Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 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

### Sunday Morning Downtown Site Study

During Lent, join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge for a fascinating look into Henri Nouwen's classic, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Inspired by Rembrandt's painting of the same title, this study carries the themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. Led by Professor Roberta Albrecht, this class runs today, Mar. 17, 24 and Apr. 7.

### Scrip Pick Up

Thank you to all who placed a Scrip order last week. Cards can be picked up this morning at the site you designated on your form, or tomorrow in the Downtown Site Church Office.

## Submit "Can't Serve" Dates for Worship Volunteering

The worship schedule is being created for Apr. 1 through June 30. To assist with scheduling, please review your personal calendars and record within MSP any dates you are unavailable to serve during that time period. The deadline to record unavailable dates is Sunday, Mar. 17. If you need any assistance with updating your "can't serve" dates, please contact Kathy Larson at [klarson@felc.com](mailto:klarson@felc.com) or 733-2303. Thank you.

## New & Review 2019

Interested in joining First English? Attend the *New & Review* three-week series that begins today. If you haven't signed up and would like to take part, just ask Pastors Jeff or Mary this morning.

Announcements  
Week of Mar. 17, 2019

## Looking Ahead

### Lenten Meals and Worship Services

Through Apr. 10, Lenten Worship will be held each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Downtown Site. A study will follow in Room 220 for those interested.

A meal will be offered each Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. through Apr. 10. A worship service will follow at 6:15 p.m. The meals and services will be held at the Downtown Site Mar. 13, 20 and 27, and at the North Site on Apr. 3 and 10. All are welcome!

*This week: Homemade Lasagna, sponsored by the Sarah Circle.*

## Sunday Adult Forum

*Learn about Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) with Dr. Doug on Sunday, Mar. 31 at 9:15 a.m. at the Downtown Site. Given our long, cold, gray winter, SAD is a timely topic for a conversation led by FELC member Doug Moard, M.D. The forum is sponsored by our congregation's Mental Health Ministries, committed to awareness and hope for mental health.*

### A Huge Thanks To Laura Tlachac

Laura Tlachac has been a fantastic member of the First English team as the Downtown Site Sunday School Coordinator. She has a true understanding of the history and nuances of the Downtown Site and shared her creative and logistic gifts weekly, always with a smile. Her heart is bound tightly to the work we do as a congregation and she strongly supports and advocates for our children. Sadly, she is stepping away from the coordinator role in May. We will continue to see her and her wonderful family at church and enjoy her talents in other ways. Thanks, Laura, for being such a joy to work with and a vital part of the First English family!

### FELC Employment Opportunities

**Facility Technician:** This 20 hr/week role maintains the buildings, where their duties may include performing carpentry, painting, general upkeep, repair and maintenance, with other duties as needed. If this rewarding role is something you'd be interested in, please contact Rich Erickson at [lefseman@charter.net](mailto:lefseman@charter.net) or Brenda Smongeski at [bsmongeski@felc.com](mailto:bsmongeski@felc.com) or 733-2303. A job description can be found on [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com).

**Financial Accountant:** FELC is offering the role of Financial Accountant. This 15 hr/week position reconciles all bank and investment accounts monthly, while preparing monthly reporting for the FELC Council and Finance Committee. A complete job description with suggested skills and requirements for the role can be found on [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com). For questions, please contact Brenda Smongeski at 733-2303 or [bsmongeski@felc.com](mailto:bsmongeski@felc.com).

**Sunday School Coordinator, Downtown Site (beginning in September):** This paid position works closely with the Faith Formation Coordinator to facilitate Learning Time activities (9:15-10:15 a.m.) on Sundays during the school year. Duties include being the communication person for teachers, helping with the opening assembly, re-setting Fellowship Hall after Sunday School, and assisting during the Christmas program or other special learning events. Questions? Contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com).

### 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](http://www.felc.com). All gifts will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins.



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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*The deadline to order is Monday, Apr. 15. Thank you!*

### 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](mailto:mmaryjep@att.net) or (920)734-8137.

- **Mar. 20: Uncomfortable Histories - Developing Exhibits on Difficult Topics**  
Dustin Mack, Chief Curator  
History Museum at the Castle

### Women of the ELCA-Appleton Conference 2019 Spring Event

Saturday, Apr. 13, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Neenah  
140 S. Green Bay Rd., Neenah

Speakers, lunch and take-a-ways. The cost is \$15. Register by Mar. 22 and become eligible for early bird door prize drawings! Registration deadline is Apr. 5. For more information visit [www.ecsw.org](http://www.ecsw.org).

### Little Dresses for Africa

As long as there are little girls there will be a need for little dresses. We continue to make them for little girls in orphanages in Africa as we have for a few years. They are sent to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam to send directly to orphanages.

If you are willing to get involved in this project, feel free to pick up patterns for either a pillow case dress or a dress from new material at the display in the Downtown Site Gathering Area. Trims have been donated for this cause so help yourself to them as well. If you are using pillow cases be sure they are new or gently used to prolong the life of the outfit. Please bring you finished dress to the Downtown Site display. We will be sure that they are sent on to Nancy' Notions.

### 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
- Sylas Garcia
- Caryl Bates
- Violet Havel

### Prayers of Comfort

Family of:

- Nancy Kinnard
- Joan Nelson

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptisms of:

- Lennox Jade Ashbeck
- Hannah Louise Ehlke

### Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Sarah Bauer
- 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

- Making the Ride Happen

[MRH@lsswis.org](mailto:MRH@lsswis.org); (920)225-1719



# High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Mar. 17, 2019



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



*LENT*

*Fast. Give. Prepare. Pray.*

**3/20** Compassion Pantry Night got moved to this week so be ready to get packin' and organizing!

**3/27** NO refuel due to Spring Break. In the area and don't know what to do over Spring Break? Check out [www.volunteerfoxcities.org](http://www.volunteerfoxcities.org)

**4/3 and 4/10** Lenten Services are happening at the NS along with refuel at the bonfire pit, weather permitting. Please dress warm and feel free to bring blankets. If it's too windy/wet/cold, we will meet in the lower level NS youth room (017).

## Scholarships Available for Graduating Seniors

Head to [www.felc.com/forms](http://www.felc.com/forms) for applications and to learn about the qualifications for four different scholarships available to FELC graduating seniors.

Scholarships range from \$500-\$1000 and applications are due May 1. Please email Heidi with any questions ([hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com))



## High School Mission Trip Blue Ridge Mountains, NC

### Upcoming Fundraisers:

Scrip Card Distribution:

Today

April: Palm Sunday Breakfast and Scrip Sale.

Sign ups found online at [www.felc.com/highschool](http://www.felc.com/highschool)

### Next Payment Due:

**Apr. 17 (Month from today)**  
**\$100/Student**

Mar. 17, 2019



Information for FELC Youth and Families  
Grades K-12



### Compassion Pantry:

#### Keep the Love Going For One More Week

Ash Wednesday was outside of our normal Wednesday night roll. We like to have two consecutive weeks of collection. For that reason, we will continue to collect personal hygiene items and no/quick-prep foods for the Appleton West High School students that need discreet help meeting the gaps in their basic needs until March 20.

Donation ideas include:

Feminine hygiene products > granola or protein bars > deodorant > dental hygiene items > single serve snacks, cereal, nuts, dried fruit, or trail mix > body wash > soap > shaving items > microwaveable pasta or soup > Applesauce or fruit cups.

Please no oven items.

We will collect on Mar. 20 in Confirmation classrooms or at anytime until then in the marked bins in the Gathering Areas. Thank you! #GWOH

### 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)

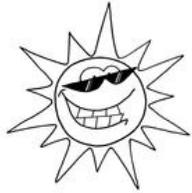
***Love Jesus. Live your call.***



## Elementary Sunday School, Song, And Special News



## Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



### Had It With Winter? Then Start Planning For Warmer Days... Registration For FELC Summer Activities Is Open!

If you're done with the snow and cold temperatures then warm up your calendar by adding FELC Summer events. There is the free FELC Pool Party for All on Wednesday, June 19, from 8:15-10:15 p.m. at Mead Pool. Plus, as is the tradition at First English, a TON of super intern-led activities and events are offered like Day Camp, Playing Games at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Christmas in July Camp, VBS, and MORE!

Go to [www.felc.com/summer](http://www.felc.com/summer) for more details and registration. It's time to start letting the sunshine in!

### Plan B for Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday storytelling crew sign-up resulted in little interest so we are re-grouping and jumping to plan B! We will still have the Holy Week lesson during the Palm Sunday Breakfast but it will be in video form. All ages are welcome to watch this story along with our Sunday School students during Learning Time in either Downtown Site Fellowship Hall or in the North Site Activity Center during breakfast. This is especially great for families to watch together as a jumping off point for discussions about the days of Holy Week as we approach Easter.

Questions for the week will be available to spark conversation. Let's thoughtfully start Holy Week together!



### Only One Week Left Of Kid's Life Don't Miss it!

Grades K-6 from 7-8 p.m. on Wed. in Downtown Site Room 114. Mar. 20 is the final night. Come for fun with friends. All are welcome!



### Choir Corner

Cherub Choir sings Apr. 7 and Angelus Choir sings Apr. 28, both at the 9:15 a.m. worship.

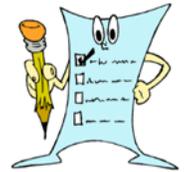


### For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Wednesday Is a Wrap

This will be our final meeting until September for grades 7 & 8 and our last small group meeting for grade 9. It will be a night when we focus on spending some social time together before heading into an FELC summer. Thanks for a great year and we hope to see you a bunch at all of our intern-led and church-based activities this summer!

### Important Dates For 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

- **Apr. 3:** Faith Interviews by reservation.
- **Apr. 12:** Affirmation of Baptism Prep, Pizza & Prayer from 6-9 p.m. at the North Site.
- **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.



### Start A refuel Summer With a Splash!

Did you know that middle school students are invited to reFUEL nights on Wednesdays in the summer following worship? It's a great way to spend some time with your friends playing games, having bonfires, sharing great discussions and more! Start your reFUEL summer habit with the free FELC Pool Party for All on Wednesday, June 19, from 8:15-10:15 p.m. at Mead Pool. The facility is open just for our group and it will be an awesome night to share with family and friends! Then meet after worship the rest of the Wednesday nights this summer. We can hardly wait to swim into those Wednesday dates!

*Have questions or want to volunteer?  
Contact Kirsten Owens at [kowens@felc.com](mailto:kowens@felc.com) or 733-2303.*

## FELC Engage Page: March 17, 2019—Lent 2: Repentance

**Luke 15:11-19** Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."'"

**Sun, Mar. 17:** Family Project: The story of the Prodigal Son is a story of second chances. The prodigal had made all sorts of bad choices. He had abandoned his family, walked away from connections and obligations, and wasted all his resources. Though we might not have wandered as far as the prodigal, we often are in need of second chances. Talk about times you have been forgiven. How does it feel? What helps you forgive others—to give them second chances?

**Mon, Mar. 18:** Have you ever felt disrespected? We can be tempted to resent or even hate others if we feel they have taken advantage of us. The father of the prodigal could have easily focused on the dishonor the son had shown him. John MacArthur says, "*The Pharisees would have expected the father to tell his son to go into the village and abase himself for a week—and then maybe he would tell his son how he could earn his way back into the family. That would be the way to uphold the father's honor.*" Praise God that the open-hearted love of the father is able to look beyond grievances.

**Tues, Mar. 19:** Sometimes we are our own worst enemies. Like the prodigal son, perhaps we realize that we have made bad choices, but we are too proud to ask for forgiveness. We don't want to feel as though we are the recipient of charity or undeserved reconciliation. We cannot forgive ourselves. If we are to live in a way that is truly open-hearted towards other, we must also be open-hearted towards ourselves. We must allow ourselves to truly join the party of grace and forgiveness, realizing that when we experience true reconciliation, we are able to joyfully pass that gift on to others.

**Wed., Mar. 20, Hosea 11:1-4** Hosea shares how the Lord nurtured the nation of Israel even though they kept wandering away. The Lord says, "*I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*" (v. 4) As a nation, Israel treated God just as the prodigal son treated his own father. Both discover the freedom to do things your own way doesn't always lead to happiness. From David Mattson's monologues on the prodigal son, we hear, "*My so-called dream of doing things my way—how I wanted to live, with my stuff, with my future, with my life—has become my nightmare.*" Instead of turning in on ourselves, may we use our freedom to honor God. May we experience love, focusing on sharing what we have & not on possessing more.

**Thurs, Mar. 21, Psalm 63:1-8** When asked where they experience God's presence, many people reply, "*In church*". This psalmist would certainly agree. The writer is thirsting for God's presence "*as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*" Where do they go? To the temple—the sanctuary... to church! It is in lifting up their voice in praise that they remember that the Lord's, "*steadfast love is better than life.*" A particular church service may not quench our thirst for God's presence. But if we lift up a sacrifice of praise, intentionally remembering all that God has done for us, the particulars of a service (how well the music & sermon align with our personal tastes) become less important

**Fri., Mar. 22, Isaiah 55:1-9** Isaiah 55 invites, "*Ho everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.*" Just as the prodigal's father was hoping for the return of his son, Isaiah describes a God waiting and ready to pardon. "*Let the wicked forsake their way...let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*" The Pharisees wanted to see the prodigal pay for past mistakes. They held themselves outside of the wonder of undeserved forgiveness in part because they identified themselves with the elder brother. They did not need grace since they had always followed the Law. They did not recognize their own sin. May we always come to the waters of God humbly, drinking deeply of love and forgiveness, quick to repent and receive heaven's joy.

**Sat, Mar. 23, Luke 15:20-24** I have heard it said that this parable should be called the prodigal (ie generous) father. Certainly the behavior of the father is the most shocking, defying cultural norms of the day. The son had broken the commandment to honor father and mother—an infraction punishable by stoning according to the law. Instead there is a welcome and restoration and even a celebration. The elder son is not the only one who sees this treatment as totally inappropriate and even dangerous. We try to tie God's love to a specific way of acting, but God's love is wild and untameable—always seeking the lost that we would abandon.

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