

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 Mar. 31, 2019 At-A-Glance

Sunday, Mar. 31

8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
9:15 a.m. Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group, NS Library
11:45 a.m. New & Review, Week Three, Pastor Jeff's Home

Monday

9 a.m. Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Board Games Guild Life Group, NS Library
8:15 p.m. Pick Up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library
1 p.m. Judith Circle, DS 114
1:15 p.m. Library Committee, DS Library
9:30 a.m. **9th Grade Confirmation Faith interviews by Appointment**
Lenten Worship Service, DS Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Lenten Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110-112
Noon Noon Hour Philosophers, DS Fellowship Hall
1 p.m. Intern Enrichment Ministry Team, DS Lounge
4:45 p.m. Lenten Meal, NS Activity Center
6:15 p.m. Lenten Worship Service, NS Sanctuary
7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal, NS Sanctuary
7 p.m. **refuel** (Grades 10-12), NS Youth Room

Thursday

6 a.m. Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge
9 a.m. Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

Friday

6:30 a.m. Men's Ministry, NS Library
Scrip Sale
8:50 a.m. Cherub/Angelus Rehearsal, DS 220/Choir Room
9:15/9:25 a.m. Children's Learning Time, DS/NS
9:15 a.m. Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group, NS Library
9:30 a.m. Middle School Music Class, NS Sanctuary

DS = Downtown Site NS = North Site

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. 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 tomorrow, Monday, Apr. 1. Questions? Contact Team Captain, Heidi Schreiner (hschreiner@felc.com).



First English Lutheran Church
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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

Crossways Commitment Sunday Today

For the last few weeks, we have heard about the *Rooted in Faith, Growing to Serve* campaign for Crossways Camping Ministries. The FELC goal as set by the Congregation Council is \$120,000. We are tremendously grateful for the response of a small number of people who have committed close to \$60,000. One of these gifts is a \$30,000 intent for a three year gift, which is a huge step in fulfilling our goal.

Today each of us will be invited to share our own intent for giving. The intent form which is in this bulletin, will be received at the time of the offering. Next Sunday, Apr. 7, the totals of the gifts will be announced. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you may be among those who find it possible to share in this great cause.

Thanks to each of you for considering this invitation.

Sunday Adult Forum

Learn about Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) with Dr. Doug today at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge. 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.

Announcements
Week of Mar. 31, 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 is offered each Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. through Apr. 10 with a worship service to follow at 6:15 p.m. The meals and services will be held at the at the North Site on Apr. 3 and 10. All are welcome!

This week: Chili sponsored by the Women's Book Club.

Coffee Sale Next Sunday

Every time you consider making a cup of coffee, give some thought to the plight of the small farmers who produce it. By choosing Fair Trade Coffee, you can help to make a change in the life of small farmers and their families. Through fair trade, you can ensure that small farmers are guaranteed a fair price, even when the market is low. Fair trade organizations also provide farmers with vital advance credit and are committed to long-term partnerships with the farmers, helping them build a sustainable future for themselves and their families. Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate will be sold in the Gathering Area next Sunday, Apr. 7. Hope to see you there!



Seventh Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast

Served by the Men of the Congregation

Make breakfast at church a part of your Palm Sunday tradition. It's become a delicious way to get to know people and to begin your Holy Week celebration. The men of the congregation will be serving a delicious breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Downtown Site and 9-11 a.m. at the North Site on Palm Sunday, Apr. 14.

Calling all men: Are you willing to help prepare, serve, or clean up the breakfast? Please sign up using the poster in the Gathering Area or use the online signup form at www.felc.com/forms.

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-aways. The cost is \$15. Registration deadline is Apr. 5. For more information visit www.ecsw.org.

Powerful 90-Minute Documentary on Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Fox Valley Technical College is hosting the film *Suicide - The Ripple Effect*. The film chronicles the story of Kevin Hines, who at age 19, attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since then, Kevin has been on a mission to help others stay alive and find recovery and hope. Show dates and times are:

- Apr. 2, 4 p.m. (Room F108)
- Apr. 3, 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Room F108)
- Apr. 5, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Room B105)

Picnic Help Needed

In order to make our FELC Church Picnic happen, the Congregational Life Ministry Team needs your help! We are looking for three people willing to head up specific areas for the picnic for this summer: one would lead outdoor logistics and setup, one would manage sound needs for games and events, and one would be in charge of signs promoting the event and directing people on that day. If you can help out with one of these areas, please connect with Pastor Mary (mbauer@felc.com or 733-2303 during office hours).

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. 3: Have You Thought of Your Community Legacy?

Walter Rugland
Retired Executive Vice President
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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 or Brenda Smongeski at bsmongeski@felc.com or 733-2303. A job description can be found on 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. For questions, please contact Brenda Smongeski at 733-2303 or 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. Questions? Contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at kowens@felc.com.

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
- Violet Havel
- Arlene Gade
- Will Bloedow
- Rocky La Valle
- Carol Diehl

Prayers of Comfort Family of:

- Caryl Bates
- Joan Nelson

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

- Mosquito Hill Nature Center
volparks@outagamie.org; (920)779-6433

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.



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): _____

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Total amount due: \$ _____

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



High School Youth News

Grades 9-12

Mar. 31, 2019



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

LENT →
Fast. Give. Prepare. Pray



High School Mission Trip Blue Ridge Mountains, NC

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Apr. 7: Scrip Sale
Apr. 14: Palm Sunday
Breakfast and
Scrip Card Distribution
Sign ups found online at
www.felc.com/highschool

Next Payment Due:

Apr. 17
\$100/Student

Follow FELC youth Instagram page for the daily photo challenge! 

Attention High School Seniors

You should be receiving a letter by Apr. 1 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)

Mar. 31, 2019



Information for FELC Youth and Families
Grades K-12



Just Two Weeks Left In Lent Don't Miss Our Time Together

As is the tradition at First English, we spend three of our Lenten Wednesdays at the Downtown Site and the final two at the North Site. This Wednesday, Apr. 3, is the first of our two North Site weeks. Come as a family, as generations have before, to give special time for fellowship, reflection, and worship as we turn our thoughts to the teachings of Jesus. At 4:45 p.m., a freewill offering dinner is offered in the Activity Center followed by a 6:15 p.m. worship. Catch these last two weeks with us as we connect more deeply through Lent.



Find us on Social Media Outlets

Instagram: felc.youth Facebook: FELC YOUTH

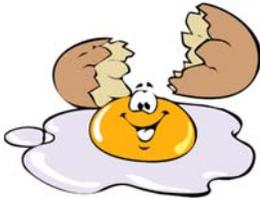
Connect with FELC Youth Staff

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



Palm Sunday Breakfast Served With A Side Of Ed.

Don't forget that on Palm Sunday, Apr. 14, we come together as a First English Family to enter Holy Week with a shared breakfast and fellowship.

In an effort to make sure we are sharing the important stories of the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (Holy Week) we will be offering videos during Palm Sunday breakfast in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall and North Site Activity Center for Sunday School families and any others in the congregation who would like to prepare for these special days as Jesus journeys to the cross.

Discussion materials will be available for families to take home and keep the conversation going throughout the week. Let start the week sunny side up with a side of ed(ucation).

A Super Summer Is Just A Quick Registration Away!

Go to www.felc.com/summer to sign up for FELC intern-led summer activities.

The summer is so much better when we spend it together!



Storytellers Needed

Downtown Site:

May 19

North Site:

May 5

May 19

Go to

www.felc.com/forms to help us fill these dates.



Choir Corner

Cherub
sings
Apr. 7.

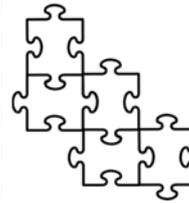
Angelus
Choir sings
Apr. 28.



Both singing dates are at the 9:15 a.m. worship.



Confirmation and Middle School Scoop



Pieces To The 7th Grade Puzzle

This is the time of year when we try to get a fairly solid idea of how many students will be entering our 7th grade class in September and who we will have as small group leaders for this group. If you have a student entering 7th grade in the fall who will be participating in Confirmation and you have not inquired about the necessary registration forms, please do so this month.

May 1 is when we are asking for registration forms for new students. Also, we need approximately two more small group leaders (possibly three if the class size increases) for the incoming 7th grade class. The earlier we have our leaders, the stronger our start is in the fall.

Contact Kirsten Owens at kowens@felc.com or (920) 733-2303 with questions, to request forms or to discuss the possibility of leadership.

Early registration and leadership commitments mean better and more creative preparation. We can't wait to build faith together!



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

Important Dates For 9th 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.



Have questions or want to volunteer?

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

FELC Engage Page: March 31, 2019—Lent 4: Pretense

Luke 15:25-32 *“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has*

Sun, Mar. 31: Family Project: It is so easy to let resentment take hold in our lives. Why do people who never study do better on exams? Why do those who don't work hard seem to have more spendable income? In our own families, why do certain siblings seem exempt from having to do chores. Or why does my spouse appreciate his/her co-workers but can't seem to find anything nice to say about me. It is totally appropriate that the elder son misses the party, because resentment kills joy. Talk about resentments that you have held onto. What helps you let go of them?

Mon, Apr. 1: Henri Nouwen calls us to the discipline of gratitude.. He writes, *“It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint. I can choose to be grateful when I am criticized, even when my heart still responds in bitterness...I can choose to listen to the voices that forgive and to look at the faces that smile, even while I still hear words of revenge and see grimaces of hatred...There is an option to look into the eyes of the One who came out to search for me and see therein that all I am and all I have is pure gift calling for gratitude.* (The Return of the Prodigal, p. 85)

Tues, Apr. 2: In “Returning Home”, David Mattson's monologue from the older brother ends, *“You see, it's really not my story...This is your story. Rabbi Yeshua is asking you to change. Change from judging people by external appearances. Change from thinking that life somehow owes you something, and instead see life as a gift. Change from prideful isolation to joyfully entering God's party of life. Did I go in? Will you go in?”* Prayerfully consider the ways you judge by externals. Then picture God welcoming you and those you judge together in love.

Wed., Apr. 3, Isaiah 49:5-16 Isaiah 49:13 reads, *“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.”* The loving welcome of the Father of the prodigal son is also found in this passage. The Lord longs to comfort and show compassion to those who suffer. What do you imagine thinking if you were running into the embrace of God? Would you start to think of all the ways that you had fallen short of God's ideal? Would you distance yourself from the party, unable to forgive yourself for not being perfect? Picture yourself running wholeheartedly into God's arms. Remind yourself whenever you feel outside of God's embrace: “I do not earn God's love. God celebrates me as I am.”

Thurs, Apr. 4, Psalm 126 *“Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.”*(v. 6) If you keep track of religious trends, you know that religious affiliation is on the decline. There are all sorts of reasons to feel a sense of anxiety, uncertain about the future of the churches and even Christianity. This psalm reminds us that our job is not trying to control the future. Rather we are to go out bearing seed for sowing. What are the seeds that the Holy Spirit calls you to carry? Forgiveness and a sense of welcome? Joy and hope for transformation? Though the future may look different, if we faithfully plant the seeds, God will provide a harvest of faith.

Fri., Apr. 5, Isaiah 43:16-21 At a recent church council meeting, we were encouraged to pray about opening our hearts to God's promptings in setting a vision for the church that serves God. In this passage, the Lord tells Isaiah, *“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”* It would be easy as a congregation to argue about how much of the old we want to hold onto and whether new ideas are actually from the Lord or trends with no staying power. As we consider the future, pray all Christian churches would “perceive” what the Lord is doing and join in.

Sat, Apr. 6, Philippians 3:4b-14 The gospel lesson for Sunday will be Lazarus being raised from the dead. It is extraordinary that the framers of the lectionary would pair with this text three passages from scripture that talk about moving fearlessly forward into the future. In each we are called to forget what lies behind and look forward and eagerly anticipate the future that God is calling us into. Why this pairing? Perhaps because it always takes a death for a resurrection to happen. In raising Lazarus, Jesus is calling us out of fear, out of despair. He is reminding us that God is able to make something new and amazing out of hopeless situations. We move forward with hope and anticipation, knowing resurrection awaits.

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