

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 May 19, 2019 At-A-Glance

Sunday, May 19

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Thursday

6 a.m.
9 a.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 26

8:30 & 10 a.m.
9 a.m.

Last Day of Children's Learning Time

Cherub Choir Rehearsal, DS 220
Sunday School Learning Time, DS/NS
Adult Learning Time, DS Lounge
North Site Women's Study, NS Library
Middle School Music Class, NS Sanctuary

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

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

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110-111
Wednesday Worship, DS Sanctuary
Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room & Sanctuary

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

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Worship, DS Sanctuary
Worship, NS Sanctuary

Summer Worship Schedule

On Sunday, May 26, FELC begins its summer schedule. North Site Sunday worship will be at 9 a.m. At the Downtown Site, worship will be at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Both services will be organ led. Wednesday worship resumes on June 5 at the North Site, led by summer interns.

Dinner Concert to benefit our Summer Intern Program

Reserve a spot for the concert and dinner at Pastor Mary's house on June 23. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are \$30 each. Come enjoy a great meal in beautiful surroundings. There will be an entertaining combination of music including sacred, classical, secular show tunes, country and popular songs. Call the office to reserve your spot - you can pay at the event.

FELC Employment Opportunity

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. This position is ideal for an individual or a team of two. Questions? Contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at kowens@felc.com.

Sign up for summer at www.felc.com/summer!



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.

Announcements
Week of May 19, 2019

Love Jesus. Live your call.

First English is committed to being a welcoming, inclusive congregation.

Sunday at FELC

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers at the Downtown Site are provided by Andy and Sue Bakken in honor of the First English congregation. "Thank you for welcoming us to this community and for all the love, support and kindness you've shown to every member of our family. We will miss you all as we move to Racine, WI, but will always carry a piece of FELC in our hearts and through our faith in Christ Jesus!"

449.19 Cheers for Sunday School Stewardship!

Today for our last Sunday School class we are celebrating the stewardship/giving of our children which totals \$449.19! The Sunday School classes at the Downtown Site chose Fox Valley Humane Association and ELCA Disaster Relief as the recipients. Each organization will receive \$108.10. At the North Site, the Sunday School group chose Fox Valley Humane Association and Wounded Warriors and each organizations will receive \$116.50. Guests representing each organization will be sharing information about how they are helping others in our community with their generosity. What a blessing to see God's work, our (young) hands (and hearts) in action!



Finding Balance: Mentoring Across Generational Differences

Today Barb Tengesdal will teach and lead conversation on how to better communicate with people of different ages. Each generation has lived experiences that color their perceptions of the world. Politics, religion, money, relationships, work and education can all be understood within a generational context. These two classes will explore peer personality traits typical of generations (Traditionalist, Boomer, GenXer, Millennial, iGen or GenZ) and discuss how lessons learned from cross-generational mentoring can set a path forward for our church, our family relationships, our work environments and more. Join us for this Adult Learning time at 9:15 a.m. in the Downtown Site Lounge.

Dr. Tengesdal (or just Barb) has had many roles throughout her career in Early Childhood Education. A consultant, presenter and recently the Executive Director for Wisconsin Head Start Association, she has taught courses at colleges and universities in California, North Dakota and Wisconsin. As author and researcher on the topic of Handing off the Torch: Leadership Transitions in the workplace, Barb is the true image of the sandwich generation, with children in college and a 94 year-old mother-in-law a few blocks away - life is never boring! You might also know her as Pastor Jeff's wife.

Thank You Becky and Laura

Join us between services in the Downtown Site Gathering Area as we say thank you to two departing members of the FELC staff.

Becky Kallio has acted as Fellowship Coordinator at FELC for nearly four years. She headed up the Wednesday evening LIFT meals, organized meals for Lent, new members, Confirmation, stewardship, and other groups. Becky has decided to go into full-time retirement. You will still see her in the choir and at 50+ events. Please give her a warm thank you for all she has done at FELC.



Laura Tlachac has been serving 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. She is stepping away from her role, but we will continue to see her and her family at church and enjoy her talents in other ways. Please thank Laura for being such vital part of the FELC family!



Welcome to A.J.

Many of us at FELC have experienced the wonderful job A. J. Frea has done working with families and volunteers in organizing funeral luncheons. We are so thankful to announce that A. J. has agreed to expand his role and become the Fellowship Coordinator. Please take time to welcome A.J. to our First English staff.



Congratulations Kristy

Please join FELC in congratulating Kristy Howard in accepting the role of Financial Accountant. Kristy will be adding the responsibilities of this role to her current role as Office/Worship Support Admin. This will bring Kristy to that of a full-time member of the Lay Staff. With Cindi Schwab's guidance, Kristy will be transitioning into the role during May and June. We are in good hands! Thanks so much Kristy for your commitment to the ministry of First English.



Looking Ahead

Usher Appreciation Supper

All ushers, both Downtown and North Site, are invited to an usher appreciation and update event on May 30 in the Downtown Site Fellowship Hall. We begin at 6 p.m. with a light sandwich and salad bar supper followed by usher updates at 6:30 p.m. Following supper at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, the Appleton Police Department will share a presentation on Church Security. Please RSVP to Kathy Larson at klarson@felc.com if you will attend.

Church Security Presentation

Unfortunately, we hear too often about violence committed against worshippers at churches and other places of worship. What can we do to be better prepared to react if we find ourselves in that type of situation? We are pleased to offer a presentation by the Appleton Police Department on Church Security on Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m. in the Downtown Site Sanctuary. All interested members are invited to attend. Questions? Email Kathy Larson at klarson@felc.com or call the Church Office, 733-2303.

Grace, Peace, and a Picnic in the Garden

Provided for the FELC Downtown Site Neighborhood

Thursday, May 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
FELC *Seeds of Grace* Learning Garden on the corner of North and Durkee streets
This free meal - a brat or a burger, chips and a bottle of water - is open to the community and is sponsored by FELC Men's Ministries.

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.

Prayers For Community Care

Each week we lift up an organization that works to provide vital services in our community. Consider praying and possibly volunteering for the groups we mention. If you would like more information on any of these groups, please visit www.felc.com/outreach. This week's focus: Outagamie County Department of Health & Human Services-Volunteer Services. Contact: Penny Jane Strauss, pennyjane.strauss@outagamie.org.

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
- Doug Hansen
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Juanita Gauerke
- Robb Schaefer
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Cindy Schneider
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Mitzi Hansen
- Sylas Garcia
- Randy Kroll
- Rolf Jeppson
- Tom Passehl
- Daryl Helm

Prayers of Comfort

Family of:

- Rev. James Deckert
- Paul Henrikson
- Nancy Jandt

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Baptisms of:

- Olivia Grace Arnold
- Cameron Christopher Johnson

Wedding of:

- Sarah Purdy and David Johnson

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Sarah Bauer-Myanmar
- Stephanie Olson-Cambodia
- Ross Van Maren-Philippines
- Spencer Wentland-Japan

Prayers for Those in the Military

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

Summer Intern Ministry hosts FELC DAY CAMP @PLAMANN PARK

New Shelter Location: Pop Warner Shelter

JUNE 10-13

9:30a.m.-3p.m.

Grades K-6

Cost: \$5/Student

BYO Lunch



Snacks, Activities, Education, Fun provided!

Friends and Family of FELC welcome!

Register Today

Participant Name: _____

Grade: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Guardian Contact #: _____

Don't forget to fill out your FELC Ministry Release Form found at www.felc.com/summer

I want to volunteer

Name: _____

Grade/Age: _____

Contact #: _____

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Questions? Contact Heidi (hschreiner@felc.com)

Follow the Summer Intern Ministry action

all summer long on these social media platforms:

Facebook: FELC Summer Intern Ministry

Instagram: felc.youth



Elementary &
Middle School
News



TODAY We Celebrate

Sunday School Stewardship!

Today is our last Sunday School class until fall and we're celebrating our collection gifts! Today we will be giving what we collected (this is also known as stewardship) to those we will be helping.

At the Downtown Site:

Fox Valley Humane Association & ELCA Disaster Relief will each receive \$108.10!

At the North Site: Fox Valley Humane Association & Wounded Warriors will each receive \$116.50!

What a great end to the year as we help others! Way to walk like Jesus!

Check Your Calendar...

Is June 19 Full?

Wednesday, June 19, we have worship and then it's time to slip on the swimming duds and goggles for the free FELC Pool Party for All right after!

First English has all of Mead Pool to ourselves between 8:15-10:15 p.m. on June 19 as we splash into another super FELC summer! All ages are encouraged to attend.



Choir Corner

TODAY Cherub Choir sings for the last time until the fall at 9:15 a.m. Thanks for sharing your beautiful voices!

Let Us Know You'll Be Here Next Year

Don't let the summer sweep you away without registering for Sunday School! Go to www.felc.com/forms and take a couple of minutes to register so we can look forward to seeing you in September!



**Calling All New Confirmation Students
Entering 7th Grade In The Fall. Registration is NOW!
Go to www.felc.com/forms to get movin'!**

News from the Appleton Conference

of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin

A Special Invitation for ELCA Members



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along with other ELCA & community members!**

Thursday, May 30, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton

Our time together will include an Ice Cream Social.

RSVP with your name & congregation to Nancy Jones nijones.wisconsin@gmail.com; 731-9250

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Larson: Grace
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FELC DS Engage Page: May 19, 2019—Delight

John 13:31-35 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sun. May 19: Family Project: We are called to show our love in many different ways. One of the best ways is doing something practical to help a person going through tough times. Choose a friend or a neighbor who is going through a difficult time and discuss how you might best help them. Perhaps you could bring over supper; perhaps you could care for aging parents or young children; perhaps you could mow the lawn or do yardwork. As a family, carry out your plan and share your love in a tangible way.

Mon. May 20: It is easier to love our neighbors if we try to see them with God's eyes, holy and beloved by the Lord. C.S. Lewis writes, *"Our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption. And our charity must be a real and costly love, with deep feeling for the sins in spite of which we love the sinner—no mere tolerance, or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment. Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."*

Tues. May 21: Jesus says that his followers are known by their love. I am filled with joy hearing of the ways Jesus' love is shared. Whether it is the sick receiving an abundance of casseroles, the down-hearted getting a card sent of encouragement, or a generous worker hearing words of affirmation—all these things make Jesus' love real. This generosity happens regardless of differences of temperament. It may seem that when we love in spite of the shortcomings of others, we do it for them—a gift we give them when their words and actions are so annoying. Actually, this love that crosses over dislike is exactly the kind of love that Jesus calls us to. It is a gift from Jesus that flows through us as long as we don't inhibit its flow.

Wed. May 22, Acts 16:9-15 Paul lives in an awareness of the eternal. He has cultivated an awareness of joy—of God's breaking in. His sense of peace or well-being comes as he strengthens the bonds of love with God—not as he follows a prescribed set of actions. Lydia also opens her house, not out of a sense of duty, but out of love for Christ and the disciples. In his essay, *"Learning in War Time"*, C.S. Lewis writes, *"Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or your happiness to the future. Happy work is best done by the man who takes his long-term plans somewhat lightly and works from moment to moment 'as to the Lord.'"* Paul and Lydia have learned that peace comes not from attaining a certain level in society, but rather from opening our hearts and minds to the eternal, and following God's call every moment.

Thurs. May 23, Psalm 67 I have certainly made my "face to shine upon" my children at times. Sometimes the love and joy that their actions bring are very evident in my countenance. I hope if they register the love on my face, that it gives them renewed energy to do whatever it was that had made me so proud. It might have been being a kind person, helping a child, or putting great thoughtfulness into an assignment. Similarly, when God's face shines on us, it is the sort of blessing that brings joy and then propels us into action. As God delights in us, we renew our efforts to share the love and grace of God. May we all be, "Blessed to be a blessing."

Fri. May 24, Rev. 21:10, 22—22:5 Gathered around the tree of life, walking near the holy river, living in the light of our Lord—one day we shall experience the reality of the world our hearts long for. C.S. Lewis describes this as the door we have been knocking on our whole lives finally opening. When we arrive in that holy city, the squabbles we have now will seem petty. Joy and peace come now as we learn to see the eternal in the people around us. In *The Weight of Glory*, Lewis writes, *"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilisations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit."* We may stubbornly refuse to acknowledge God's presence in those around us. To walk in joy, we must remind ourselves that God has designed each of us for His glory.

Sat. May 25, John 14:23-29 Jesus says to his followers, *"Those who love me will keep my word, & my Father will love them, & we will come to them & make our home with them."* (v.23) When our identity is grounded in the baptismal promise that God is with us and we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us, we can experience God's peace. This peace is not dependent on the adulation of others. Instead, it inoculates us from the ups and downs of pursuing popularity. C.S. Lewis writes, *"Until you conquer the fear of being an outsider, an outsider you will remain... the circle cannot have from within the charm it had from outside. By the very act of admitting you it has lost its magic."*

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

FELC NS Engage Page: May 19, 2019—Joyful Discipleship

John 21:4-19 (excerpts) Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."...now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ...When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, ...he jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, & did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ... After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sun. May 19: Family Project: Once again, Jesus is serving. He has every right to sit back and say, "Here I am, raised from the dead. What's for breakfast?" Instead, he lets the disciples know where to catch the fish, makes a fire, and invites them in for breakfast. Service is key to following Jesus! Come up with an idea for serving together as a family.

Mon. May 20: Jesus says, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" There are many times in our lives when we feel as though we have come up empty. Perhaps we have watched a project die that we had put a lot of energy into. Perhaps someone belittles our efforts. Perhaps our branch of the company has been downsized. All work done for God's glory is good work—whether or not it brings worldly success. And Jesus always waits to help us realize new goals—new spots to let down our nets!

Tues. May 21: Joy-filled discipleship is not about following rules. It is about relationship & living & serving out of love. It is no mistake that Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" He could have asked, "Will you serve me?" or "Do you worship me?" Joy-filled service is a product of a loving relationship and not a guilt-ridden effort to earn God's acceptance.

Wed., May 22, Acts 11:1-18 Three times a sheet comes down from heaven with foods forbidden by the law & the instructions, "'Get up, Peter; kill & eat.' The idea of eating what was forbidden (profane) was abhorrent to Peter. And yet, the heaven-sent dream upends the law by insisting, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This dream has immediate practical applications as Gentiles arrive at Peter's home. He travels with them, goes into their home (this was prohibited by the law), & shares with them the message of salvation. When God gives those Gentiles the gift of the Holy Spirit, Peter realizes that a decision to stick to the letter of the law would have been contrary to God's will. Look for times when God calls you away from following the letter of the law in order to share the joy of salvation.

Thurs. May 23, Psalm 148 The first six verses of this Psalm have the heavens praising God, while the next six have everything on earth praising the Lord. These themes come together as the psalmist exclaims, "his glory is above earth & heaven." Yet even though all of creation owes our Lord praise, He stoops to care for his people. "He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him." By raising up a horn for his people, the Lord restores them to a place of strength and honor. It is a wonder beyond knowing that the Lord of creation delights in us, praises us, and is close to us. Take joy in God's nearness today.

Fri., May 24, Rev. 21:1-6 One of my favorite things to do as a pastor is to preside over baptisms. If an infant is being baptized, I am usually able to keep the baby calm and happy—perhaps because they sense that I am calm and happy. However, recently at a baptism, the child was not having it. None of my usual tricks appeased this baby and finally I handed him back to his mother. There was an instant change as the child recognized the touch and the smell and the arms of his mother. When I imagine God wiping away every tear from my eyes, that is the picture that I have. All the temporary satisfactions of this world will have faded away; all the tears and disappointments and pain of this present reality will have been poured out to the God who loves me; finally, God will tenderly wipe those tears away, inviting me to recognize that I am at home in the arms of my heavenly Father.

Sat. May 25, John 13:31-35 These verses talk much of God's glory. In his essay *The Weight of Glory*, C.S. Lewis writes on the ways God's glory is shared with us. It is improper, Lewis asserts, to think of glory either as praise for specific tasks or for an ability to outshine those around us. Instead, "glory means good report with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things." Being a carrier of God's glory means acknowledging that the glory of the creator of the universe abides in us and in those around us. We love, honor, and challenge one another, not for accomplishments or personalities, but because each of us carries the weight and responsibility and honor of the very immortality of God.

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