

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 26, 2019 At-A-Glance

Sunday, May 26

8:30 & 10 a.m.

Worship, DS Sanctuary

9 a.m.

Worship, NS Sanctuary

Monday

Office Closed, Memorial Day

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

6:30 p.m.

Congregation Council, DS 220

Wednesday

10:30 a.m.

Bible Study with Pastor Mary, DS 110-111

Thursday

6 a.m.

Early Risers Women's Study, DS Lounge

9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study, DS Lounge

11:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry Neighborhood Picnic,

Seeds of Grace Learning Garden

6 p.m.

Usher Appreciation and Update Event, DS Fellowship Hall

7 p.m.

Church Security Presentation, DS Sanctuary

Friday

6:30 a.m.

Men's Ministry, NS Library

Sunday, June 2

8:30 & 10 a.m.

Worship, DS Sanctuary

9 a.m.

Worship, NS Sanctuary

DS=Downtown Site
NS=North Site

Dinner Concert to Benefit the 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. 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.

Wear Red to Church on Pentecost Sunday, June 8

In the church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus' followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Please wear red to worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit that comes into our midst at Pentecost. The flames of the Spirit will ignite our hearts and lives once again!

Don't Forget To Get Wet On June 19

After worship on Wednesday, June 19, is the free FELC Pool Party for All at Mead Pool from 8:15-10:15 p.m. Just like the name says, this event is for any and everyone at First English! Swim, dive, play games, or feel free to stay dry and just enjoy the early summer evening breeze. Students that were in grades 3 and higher this year can attend without a parent. We ask that all younger students attend with an adult. First English will have exclusive use of the facility and we want to celebrate the start of an FELC summer together!



First English Lutheran Church

www.felc.com felc@felc.com

Downtown Site

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10 a.m.

Office Hours: M-Th: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed Monday, May 27

North Site

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Beginning June 5:

Wednesday Worship: 6:15 p.m.

Announcements

Week of May 26, 2019

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 Mark and Sheryl Stidham-Gebert in honor of their May 25 wedding anniversary.

Welcome Summer Interns!

The 2019 Summer Interns have arrived and programming will soon be up and running! We welcome the following young adults and pray for a Spirit-filled summer for them as they work both inside and outside the FELC Church walls:

Carmen Danz	Coletta Neumann
Abbey DesRochers	Olivia Newhouse
Krista Forseth	Jared Schmid
Abby Laumer	Anna Schmidt
Noah Lichosik	Kent Van Beek

If you have not explored the available programs, lessons and activities FELC and the interns are offering this summer, it's not too late to get involved! Visit www.felc.com/summer to see the 2019 Summer Brochure meet the interns, and sign up. Please take advantage of the unique opportunity that is the FELC Summer Intern Ministry!



Summer Worship Schedule

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

Looking Ahead

Usher Appreciation Supper

All ushers, from both sites 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 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. Questions? Contact Kathy Larson at klarson@felc.com or 733-2303.

Fair Trade Coffee Sale Next Sunday

For ten years, Lutherans have been putting faith into action by purchasing and promoting Fair Trade. By stepping up and helping to make Fair Trade a reality, Lutherans are bringing the gospel of love and equality into the market place.



First English was at the forefront of the Equal Exchange Fair Trade project. We are part of a community of Lutherans throughout the United States who have pledged to support Fair Trade. Sunday, June 2, will be your next opportunity to partake in Fair Trade sales. We hope to see you there!

Three, Three, We Need Three! (And Maybe One More)

There are two things that are certain about the 7th grade Confirmation class starting in September. 1) They are going to be awesome! 2) They need three, possibly four (depending on class size), small group leaders to join their leadership crew! We're looking for three adults or teams that are open to sharing their gifts to take the three year Confirmation journey with their small group of six to eight students. Most weeks there is class on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. from fall to spring plus a couple of other events throughout the time in the program. You don't need to be a Biblical expert to be a great small group leader. You just need the desire to connect with youth, explore questions of faith, share your own Christian experience, and foster trust in your group. Wish you knew more? Please contact Kirsten Owens, Faith Formation Coordinator, at kowens@felc.com or (920)733-2303 to discuss this super opportunity!

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes News

• **Join FVLH Activities:** Check out the webpage at www.fvlhomes.org and follow the monthly calendar. Bible study on Sunday, Sheepshead on Sunday and Wednesday, Tai Chi on Monday, Dominoes and Cribbage on Tuesday, Exercise for Seniors on Wednesday, Bingo on Thursday, Dominoes on Saturday. Check the calendar for times. Always room for one more. Come and join the fun!

• **Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Thanks YOU!:** We're still tallying the final total on our Elevator Campaign, but we thank you "tons" for the help on matching the \$50,000 grant!

• **Executive Director Position:** Fox Valley Lutheran Homes is seeking an Executive Director to oversee the operational and fund development of their 41-unit complex. Ideal candidate will enjoy working with and share empathy for the changing needs of Seniors. Enjoys leading a team of staff and volunteers to create an environment of community involved living. Ability to raise funds, financial acumen, leadership experience with a heart for a faith based mission-focused community are all important attributes of the successful candidate. If interested, please contact Sharon Hulce of Employment Resource Group at sharon@ergsearch.com.

Registrations Are Pouring In! Do We Have Yours?

The online registrations for children participating in Sunday School in the fall are pouring in. We are also receiving Confirmation program registrations for students entering 7th grade in September. This is super! If you haven't yet registered, now is the time before your summer gets rollin'. Go to www.felc.com/forms to let us know we'll have the pleasure of learning about Jesus together this fall!

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.

CASA of the Fox Cities: Volunteers Needed

We are currently accepting applications for our summer training class and hope you will consider this opportunity to make a difference in the community. CASA of the Fox Cities trains volunteers to work directly with abused and neglected children. The primary role of our advocates is to build and maintain a relationship with their assigned child through weekly one-hour visits and provide a voice for that child in the court system as decisions are made about their future. There is a rising number of children to serve and we need more volunteers to meet this need, particularly men who can provide a positive role model. If you are interested in helping one of these children, please attend an upcoming informational session to learn more:

- Thursday, May 30, Noon-1 p.m.
- Monday, June 10, Noon-1 p.m.

Both sessions will be held in the lower level conference room at the Abby Bank Building, 1500 N Casaloma Drive, Appleton. To RSVP or learn more contact jill@casafc.org or call (920) 257-4733.

AA Corner

If you are or someone you know could use some confidential help with stopping drinking or if you are being affected by someone else's drinking, call Dale at (920)419-2794.

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
- Syllas Garcia
- Rolf Jeppson
- Tom Passehl
- Daryl Helm
- Jake Wilson
- Nico & Sarah Tournant
- Brooke Bauer

Prayers of Comfort

- Family of:
- Marjorie Buchanan
 - Nancy Jandt
 - Mitch Lundgaard

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Baptism of:
- Asher Paul Anzulewicz

Prayers for Those Called to Serve in Other Countries

- Sarah Bauer-Myanmar
- Stephanie Olson-Cambodia
- 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

This Week's Community Care Focus

- Paper Discovery Center
maria@paperdiscoverycenter.org
(920)380-7491

What's Important Now - Weekly Intern News... It's a WIN WIN!

May 26, 2019

From the Desk of Youth and Summer Ministry Coordinator Heidi Schreiner

Memories of catcher's blocking drills, hitting curveballs, and feelings of team camaraderie flooded my mind as I heard the University of St. Thomas softball team was advancing to the national tournament for the Division III softball world series this month. So many life lessons were learned from playing softball in college and it served as the perfect pairing for me to practice Christian qualities of servanthood, humility, and fellowship as I grew in faith and applied it to all facets of my life.

One of the lessons that is fresh in my mind as I prepare for the summer interns beginning, starts with the voice of my head coach repeatedly telling us to have a "conscientious, purposeful practice." AKA, focus and understand not just WHAT we were working on but more importantly the WHY behind each drill we did.

Just like the steps I learned in dance lessons this winter, "quick quick, slow, quick quick slow," this internship has a very similar

cadence. It starts quick with training, quick with day camp and the starting of programs, and then slows down as the interns find their footing and consistency, only to quicken back up with end of summer VBS, benefit concert, and final worships. It's like they finish in the blink of an eye, with a few weeks to reminisce and recover before heading back to college.

It is always our goal within Summer Intern Ministry to do everything with a purpose for God's glory. Jesus did everything with such intentionality. Every connection he made down to his choices of words and the use of parables - everything had intentionality and purpose. This summer will be another that's founded on following Jesus' direction and finding our "conscientious purposeful practice" for each day within our work, our connections, the words we use, and the way we treat others.

For God's glory,

-Heidi Schreiner

Watch the WIN WIN insert each week in the summer for Interns' messages and news on summer programs and events!

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 in Fall: _____

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 in Fall/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



FELC DS Engage Page: May 26, 2019 –Journey to Peace

John 14:23-29 *Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, & we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may*

Sun, May 26: Family Project: May marks the beginning of endings for many students. Change is in the air! College students move back home for summer job or away for internships. Younger school age children realize that text books will soon be handed in and they will say good bye to teachers. We can all be anxious about changes. However in this passage, Jesus promises peace. Discuss the feelings about change that your students have (positive and negative). Then pray together for the ability adapt to changes and not to be afraid of what the future brings.

Mon, May 27: The kind of peace that the world holds out as a tantalizing goal is a peace that comes when everything is going right. The kids aren't arguing with one another; nations are moving toward understanding; committees that we are on have members who listen, accommodate, and work for common good; our hearts aren't plagued by bad decisions we have made; we have a vibrant relationship with our spouse; and friends and family are safe and happy. How often in your life have all these stars aligned, leaving you absolutely at peace? We always have to deal with areas of our lives that steal peace. Thankfully, the peace that Jesus promises comes in the middle of trying circumstances. This Memorial Day, strive for peace in your life and the world by tapping into God's love.

Tues, May 28: C.S. Lewis writes concerning where we place our hope for peace and happiness. *"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." It is only our daily bread that we are encouraged to ask for."* Goals are not bad. However living as though our happiness was something we would achieve in the future after a long list of accomplishments diminishes the everyday, God-given joys of life.

Wed., May 29, Acts 16:16-34 This passage is full of surprises. We are surprised that a fortune-telling slave-girl would be the one proclaiming Paul came from God, surprised that this message annoys Paul, and surprised when her exorcism is seen as a bad thing. We are surprised at how easily Paul & Silas end up in jail, and how the jailer went from being ready to kill himself over the prisoners' supposed escape to his conversion. We are surprised when Paul insists the magistrates come to apologize for their arrest. We are a diverse people serving a God who seems to delight in turning our expectations upside down. Perhaps in doing so, God reminds us to expand our idea of God's work, and to rely on God's strength instead of our own abilities.

Thurs, May 30, Psalm 97 What an appropriate Psalm to read as we approach the final week of the sermon series, "Joyful Journey." The entire theme of this Psalm is one of joy. Because of the Lord's presence, the earth rejoices, Zion rejoices, and finally the righteous rejoice. This message may not comfort if we focus in on that term "the righteous", and think to ourselves -"That is not me." As Martin Luther put it, we are always simultaneously saint and sinner. Calling ourselves righteous seems to confer a status that makes us uncomfortable in light of our own shortcomings. It is important to remember that any status we have is given by God. Has Jesus forgiven you? Has God made you a member of God's family? Then you are righteous! Take joy in realizing that you serve a just, holy, and faithful God.

Fri., May 31, Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 If you are a curious person (& I am), you might wonder what is written in the verses that are left out of this reading. You will find out that these verses we skip blame, shame, and threaten. They speak of people as dogs and sorcerers, fornicators and idolaters, and threaten plagues and damnation to any who add or subtract from the words written in this book of prophecy –ironic since they were left out! These verses point out the importance of studying scripture. If we simply leave them out, we may be confronted with them by non-believers and feel obligated to defend words we have never heard explained, words that can't be explained easily. These verses clearly show the vulnerability felt by the Christian community of the day –a minority community in an occupied land. While we claim the blessings of the chosen verses, may we reject the fear that can lead to threats and labels.

Sat, June 1, John 17:20-26 Jesus prays that we may be unified –that we may be one. Yet if you were to look across the broad expanse of Christianity, unity would be hard to find. Each of us is in our own camp, decrying the beliefs of the other, and blaming the other for the disunity that we ourselves project. Because there is an inability to love one another, politics become increasingly prominent as a tool to promote an ideology. C.S. Lewis writes, *"He who surrenders himself without reservation to the temporal claims of a nation, or a party, or a class is rendering to Caesar that which, of all things, most emphatically belongs to God"*. Our first step toward unity is to honor God above all, and love one another without reservation.

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FELC NS Engage Page: May 26, 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 26: 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 27: 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 28: 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 29, 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 30, 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 31, 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. June 1, 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."*

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News from the Appleton Conference

of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin

A Special Invitation for ELCA Members



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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton

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Larson: Grace
GREENVILLE: Christus
MENASHA: St. Timothy

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