



First English Lutheran Church

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Announcements

Mar. 27, 2011

Downtown Site

Corner of Drew and North Streets
Administrative Office: 920.733.2303
Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

North Site

Corner of Ballard Road and Broadway Drive
Office: 920.882.7942
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: M,W, Th 10 a.m.-noon, T 2-4 p.m.

We are People of God who Gather to Worship, Grow in Faith, and Give to Others.

Welcome

This community of faith extends the welcome of Christ to all who have come here today.

Visiting Today?

Please indicate any needs or interests on the visitor's card available in the pews at the Downtown Site, on the Welcome Table at the North Site, or on the FELC website. Then place the cards in the offering basket or give them to a Welcome Host or an usher.

Nursery Care

The nurseries at both sites are staffed with volunteers during the Downtown Site 9:15 a.m. and North Site 10:30 a.m. services.

Hearing Assistance

If you are in need of a personal receiver, ask an usher at the Downtown Site, or a sound-board technician at the North Site.

Large-print Bibles and Bulletins Available

If you are in need of a large print Bible or bulletin, ask an usher at the Downtown Site, or a greeter at the North Site.

AED Units on Site

Automated external defibrillators are in the Downtown Site usher's room and next to the North Site sound booth.

Prayer Connection

Prayer connects us to each other in this community of faith and to Christ. To be included in the list of prayers, please 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:

Prayers of Healing

- Linita Kimmel
- Nathan Swanson
- Beverly Behrent
- Nathan Meissner
- Mark Damon
- Mary Szymkowski
- Don Monson
- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Ronald Fonder
- Steve Grothe
- Mike Dews
- Lynn Boenker
- Hattie Miller
- Joanne Brinkman

Prayers of Comfort

Families of:

- Joyce Grove
- Leland Skowen
- Marion Kuzenski
- Dolores Greunke
- Harold Nowak

Prayers for our Missionaries

- Brian & Kristen Konkol and son Khaya
- Nathaniel Murken

Prayers for our Military

- Allison Rogers
- Paul Heller
- Nicholas Gerard
- Brandon Kassela
- Kevin Fowler

In Need of Prayer?

For additions to the prayer chain call Annette Ford, 749-0757; Lorraine Moore, 749-0058; or Esther Pask, 739-6978 or email adamon@felc.com.

Today at FELC

Altar Flowers

The Downtown Site altar flowers are provided by Dora Knob.

Day on the Mission Field

April 1 is sponsored by Dick Gamble and Kris Meinert in honor of Jack Gamble's birthday.

Bread Sale Today!

Today the Outreach and Social Ministry Team will be offering loves of bread between worship services to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Thank you to the Great Harvest Bread Company for their support of Habitat for Humanity.

High School Movie

High School youth are invited to Movie Matinee today at the 1 p.m. at Hollywood Cinema for "The Adjustment Bureau." First five to find Mo at the theater get free popcorn! Showtime is 1:20 p.m. Cost is \$7 for the movie.

Lenten Prayer Cubes

Pick up a 2011 prayer cube for meal time prayers in the Gathering Area.

Looking Ahead

FELC Book Club

The book club selection for March is "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idilby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. The book club is meeting tomorrow, Mar. 28, in the Library at the Downtown Site at 6:30 p.m.



Help Identify 2002 and 2004 Confirmands

The CHART history team needs your help identifying people in confirmation class photographs. CHART has 2002 and 2004 confirmation class photos on the Learning Ministry Team bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you know any confirmands in these photos, please take a moment to identify them on the paper next to the photo. We appreciate your help!

Save the Date Reminder

9th Grade Class retreat is Apr. 10 from 12:30 - 5 p.m. at the North Site. All students and small group guides are expected to attend.



Lenten Journey:

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During the five Wednesday Lenten worship services special speakers will provide the sermon based on the FELC Lenten Study and the wonder of the word.

Thank you to Dan Luebke (9:30 a.m.) and CJ Boettcher (6:30 p.m.) who will base their sermons this Wednesday, Mar. 30 on "The Word Saves." Lenten worship services this week will be held at the Downtown Site at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 6: The Word Sustains
Apr. 13: The Word Shapes

March 30

*Confirmation Small Group to
help with Lenten Meal clean up
is*

Jodi Meyer

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Site-Fellowship Hall

Senior Organ Recital

Mark Paisar will be performing his senior organ recital on Sunday, Apr. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Siebert Chapel on the Carthage College Campus in Kenosha, WI. A returning summer intern in 2011, Mark is looking forward to sharing the fruits of his studies.

Easter Egg Hunt and Movie

Friday, Apr. 8 is a family Easter Event at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Site for preschool to grade 6 children and their parents. Register online at www.felc.com and join the fun watching a new Veggie Tale movie, "Twas the Night Before Easter" and hunting for Easter eggs filled with treats and Bible clues.

Holy Week Volunteers

Volunteers are needed throughout Holy Week at both sites. Special readers in particular will be needed for Good Friday. Contact Jean Monson in the church office or register online if you can be of assistance.

Spring Ministry Team Retreat

A ministry team retreat will be held on Saturday, Apr. 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the FELC North Site for ALL current and PAST ministry team members. Lisa Cruz will be our keynote speaker. The ministry team retreat will focus on where we are now and what our vision is for the future of our ministry teams. Come with your ideas, to be energized, empowered or just to enjoy fellowship with other church leaders. The day will be filled with motivating speakers, thoughtful questions and much more. Lunch will be provided and child care is available upon request. Please inform the church office at felc@felc.com if you will not be in attendance.

*Where there is no wise guidance,
the nation falls, but in the
multitude of counselors
there is victory.
(Proverbs 11:14)*

Lenten Meals - Participate in This Great Fellowship Activity

Listed below are the next Lenten meals in 2011. The March Lenten meals will be held at the Downtown Site and the two April meals will be held at the North Site. Meals will be served on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

No reservations are needed but a freewill offering will be collected each week.

Wednesday, Mar. 23-Downtown Site in Fellowship Hall

Co-hosted by: Miriam Circle and 50+ Ministry
Menu: Pulled-pork sandwiches, salads buffet, desserts
Help needed: ☐ Set up (4 p.m.)
☐ Clean up (arrive at 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Apr. 6-North Site Activity Center

Hosted by: Couples Prayer
Menu: Pasta/spaghetti supper
Help needed: ☐ Set up (4 p.m.)
☐ Dessert (two dozen)
☐ Clean up (arrive at 5:30 p.m.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Also volunteer and donate food online at www.felc.com

Current Task Forces

Social Media

Goal: Work closely with the Website Task Force and Congregational Growth in exploring advertising and marketing opportunities using multiple means of social media.

FELC Marketing Flyer

Goal: Working to create an updated two-sided marketing flyer to help promote FELC. This item would be suitable for mailing, distributing in person or including in visitor welcome packs.

Visitor Care and Hospitality

Goal: Continue to make FELC a welcoming place for visitors, their family and friends. Implement training to coordinate follow up activities.

Vacation Bible School

Goal: Begin planning for 2011 PandaMania "Celebration of God's Unconditional Love" Vacation Bible School. VS will be held from August 1-4 at the North Site (9 a.m.-noon).

FELC Golf Outing

Goal: Help plan the 2011 golf outing that is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. This is a golf scramble.

Task forces are short-term, focused ministries that are vital to the work of FELC. Detailed information is in the April 2011 newsletter. To express interest in any of these task forces, contact the church office or register on-line at www.felc.com.

Team FELC-Bike Challenge



The Health Ministry Subgroup is considering having a Team FELC participate in a Wisconsin Bike Challenge that has recently been announced by Kimberly Clark. Team members will track their miles with KC providing funds for area bike trails. The subgroup is looking for a few individuals to coordinate this challenge that will run from May 16 - Sept. 30. Contact Jared Ashland at 734-6488 for more information.

Welcoming Barb, Joren and Britta!

During the month of March, the Welcoming Committee invites members, to help welcome Pastor Jeff's family; Barb, Joren (grade 8) and Britta (grade 5) look forward to their move to Appleton this summer. Consider writing a note to Barb, Joren, and/or Britta and put them in a box in the Gathering Area. The Welcoming Committee will mail the letters to their house in Bismarck.

Some ideas for the kids writing the letters would be to:

- include a picture of the person sending the note
- tell about pets they have (Britta loves animals)
- tell the best places in the area to play soccer (Joren loves soccer)
- tell your favorite places to eat (or any Fox Valley favorites)

2011 Sole Burner Saturday, May 7

The 29th annual Sole Burner 5K Run/Walk will be at Appleton City Park. This is the 15th consecutive year that First English will have a team in the event. The Sole Burner is one way of supporting the local programs and initiatives of the American Cancer Society. Another method is to make a donation to the American Cancer Society through the FELC team. Over the past fourteen years, FELC teams have raised over \$13,000. Please check www.soleburner.org, upcoming Sunday announcements and information in the Gathering Area or contact Rich Erickson (982-9080) or Robin Ermer (832-8887) for additional information. Registration forms can be found online or in the Gathering Area. The team name is FELC. Thanks for your continued support. Plan on joining team FELC even if this is your first year, year 15 or year 29.



Attention Men

On Sunday, Apr. 10 there will be an all-men's potluck at the North Site at 5 p.m. A program on the power of small groups will be presented plus door prizes. Place this date on your calendar or phone, bring a dish to pass and invite others of all ages to join you. Contact Jack Swanson (920-428-6086) with any questions. See you on the 10th!

Taize Service at St. Paul

On Mar. 31, a Taize service for the Fox Valley community will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah at 7 p.m. Taize worship is prayerful and contemplative, using meditative singing and silence as a method of prayer. St. Paul's is located at 200 N. Commercial St. in Neenah. Visit www.stpaulneenah.org to learn more.

Sponsor Spencer

One of our former summer interns, Spencer Wentland, is going to be going on a mission trip to China this summer. While there he will get training on how to enter a culture as a missionary by teaching ESL, working in an orphanage, and learning from veteran missionaries. Through the Schultz World Mission Fund, the Outreach Ministry Team has agreed to help sponsor his time there. If you would like to help him in this calling, please make a contribution to the Schultz World Mission Fund by writing a check to FELC and putting "Schultz World Mission Fund, Spencer Wentland" in the memo.

Feed My Starving Children

A reminder that on the first Sunday following Easter there will be a special offering of quarters that were collected during meal times in Lent to support the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. It is not too late to start; each time you sit down for a meal place a quarter in a jar. One quarter = one meal. Families can decide whether this is a quarter per family member or household.

WEMI Help for the Homeless

The North Site Activity Center will be buzzing with activity on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All the toiletries collected for the March "Help for the Homeless" campaign will be delivered, sorted and distributed. The only volunteers that are still needed are BAKERS! Consider donating a plate of treats for the many community volunteers associated with this project. Deliver to the North Site on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.

LWR Coffee Project

Fair Trade helps build pride, independence and community empowerment for small-scale farmers and their families in Latin America, Africa and Asia. A coffee processing plant in El Salvador, community stores in Columbia, medical clinics in Mexico, rainforest preservation in Cost Rico, new schools in Peru, agricultural training in Tanzania- these are examples of initiatives co-ops have taken in their communities with the income from fair trade. When buying Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate, you become a vital part of this effort. **Sunday, Apr. 3, 2011** will be your next opportunity to take part in the **LWR Coffee Project**.

Thrivent Builds Worldwide

From Sep. 9-18, Thrivent Builds is sponsoring a 10 day volunteer work trip in El Salvador. For trip details contact Mary Fritz (920-740-7646 or mfritz3@new.rr.com). Visit www.thriventbuilds.com/worldwide for eligibility guidelines.

Echoes

The FELC thrift store is looking for volunteers. Wish to learn more? Contact

Kathy Hoffman or Maren Lang at Echoes (882-8172) or just stop by. Echoes is located at the corner of Wisconsin Ave. and Mason St.



The Week of March 27 At-A-Glance

Today

9:15 a.m.	Adult Learning Daily Discipleship, DS 221
9:15 a.m.	Lenten Journey: The Seven Wonders of the Word, DS Lounge
9:40 a.m.	Lenten Journey: The Seven Wonders of the Word, NS Office
1 p.m.	HS Movie Afternoon, Hollywood Theater

Monday

9 a.m.	Quilters, DS Fellowship Hall
6 p.m.	Musikgarten Family Night, DS Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Book Club Discussion of <u>The Faith Club</u> , DS Library
8 p.m.	Pick-up Basketball, NS Activity Center

Tuesday

6:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry Small Group, NS Office
4 p.m.	Converge (Grades 9-12), Copper Rock N. Ballard
7 p.m.	Men's Ministry Small Group, DS Lounge

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.	No Confirmation or Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
10:15 a.m.	Lenten Worship Service, DS
	Lenten Journey: The Seven Wonders of the Word, DS 110
noon	Bible Study, DS Lounge
4:30 p.m.	Lenten Journey: The Seven Wonders of the Word, DS Lounge
5:15 p.m.	Lenten Fellowship Meal, DS Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service, DS
6:30 p.m.	(re)FUEL (Grades 9-12), DS Youth Room
7:15 p.m.	Lenten Journey: The Seven Wonders of the Word, DS Lounge

Thursday

6 a.m.	Early Riser's, DS Lounge
6:10 a.m.	Breakfast Club (Grades 9-12), Galvan's
6:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal, DS Choir Room

Friday

6:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry Small Group, NS Office
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DS = Downtown Site, NS = North Site

Rebuilding Together

Attention all painters, yard workers, carpenters, and cleaners! It's time once again for Rebuilding Together Fox Valley. The mission of this organization is to keep the elderly and disabled in their own homes as long as possible. Their spring work day is a lot of fun and it's coming up on May 7. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. After you sign up, please go

to the web site www.rtfv.org to the volunteer page and fill out the form. In the line that asks for sponsor/homeowner name enter First English. The deadline to sign up is Apr. 8 and we will get assigned a house to work on some time in mid-April. Contact Pastor Mary in the office if you would like more information.