



First English Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

February 2025



FELC Mission Statement

By the grace of God First English Lutheran Church will grow as one family of faith, secure in the knowledge of Christ's gift of salvation, proclaiming God's love for all.

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Hello February!



Notes from Pastor Cheryl



January 22, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

This past Sunday was a challenging day for the congregations of First English and Zion Lutheran as they held their annual meetings and voted to work together through a partnership agreement. I've written before about how change is difficult and over the last few months there has been a great deal of work to address those things that needed to happen.

Through the challenges, you have seen how God promised to be there for those who share the gospel. As you move forward, be encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul who wrote to the Philippians: *"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* (1:6)

For those who have faith in the Spirit to lead, you can trust God to provide when you are doing His will. You will accomplish great things in His name *"for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."* (Phi 2:13)

With the partnership agreement approved, work together now begins with the process to call a pastor who will serve both churches. Each church remains independent and responsible for their own property, mission, and ministry. There will be a joint partnership committee that meets often to oversee new challenges that arise and a combined call committee to work through the calling of a pastor. So challenges continue as we all learn to work together.

As you go forward, continue to seek to do the will of God, pray for guidance, and listen for His word to inspire and direct your paths. God will not abandon you as promised in Psalm 37:

³ *Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.*

⁴ *Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

⁵ *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

⁶ *He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

⁷ *Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.*

Being the church at this time is difficult, with low numbers of available pastors, declining church attendance, decreasing financial support, more people declaring they are unaffiliated with a church, greater affluence, and many societal outside influences. I encourage you to commit your way to the Lord and trust in Him. Don't doubt but have faith God will provide as He has through this process. You already have proof in the work done of how God has been with you to help you go forward and you can use that same trust in the coming months.

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15)

In the same way, the families of First English and Zion Lutheran can come together in kindness and caring for each other, to experience the joy of belonging, and Christ's love through the love of others with a feeling of enthusiasm and confidence.

As you go forward, although independent, consider your partner congregation in planning which allows your pastor to be involved with both and your members to be in fellowship with each other. As a new pastor is called, as always, there will be changes. Embrace them.

Find innovative and creative ways to work together for the common good and the body of Christ. Use your talents, gifts, thoughts, and time to work as the family of God. Put negative thoughts to the side as Matthew writes *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* (6:33)

Some things will be as they have been in the past, but there will new ways from those things you have always done. Let those new traditions become ways to see what God is up to and then join in. It may fill you with a renewed Spirit and deeper faith.

Nothing is accomplished with fear, doubt, and a negative attitude. God provides encouragement, courage, wisdom, creativity, and promise throughout scriptures. Spend time in His words and open your heart to a God who answers, and a God who provides. Then go forward in Him.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3: 15)

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl



Pastor Cheryl's office hours: On Mondays, she is at First English from 10 am to 4 pm. On Tuesdays, she is at Zion Lutheran Church from 10 am to 4 pm. On Wednesdays, she is at First English from 10 am to 3:30 pm (and then teaching confirmation). On Thursdays, she is at First English from 10 am to 4 pm. Thursdays are usually her day to visit members. As always, she will be available by appointment as needed. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes January 12, 2025 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) and *Lay Ministry*, Becky Parker (treasurer) and *Stewardship*, Kaitlyn Burdorf – *Christian Education*, Archer Dorry – *Youth & Family*, Glenn Henningson – *Church Properties*, Darin Ehrenberg – *Stewardship*, Michelle Bauer – *Lay Ministry*.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 10:41 am.

Approval of both December Council Minutes as presented –Michelle, Becky **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Darin, Glenn **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer Reported – The board approved the WAM minutes and talked about salary increases at the last meeting. The board believed the Christmas service was not over-crowded. Josh Wollschlager will join the Endowment Committee. A request was put into the Endowment Committee to cover the cost of cookies.

Board of Evangelism – *No one was there at the council meeting to report for the board of Evangelism.*

Christian Education – Kaitlyn Burdorf Reported – Sunday School Program started up again today (1/12). The board will go through the supply closet this month and give Liz a list of supplies that are needed. The board believes the Christmas Program went well. In 2025 the children may sing in the church service March 23rd and April 13th but they still have to discuss this with Carmen. The early bird discount deadline for Green Lake Bible Camp is ending soon. The board plans to partner with Zion for VBS this year, but no further planning has occurred. Ashley will reach out to Sara Tollakson. Someone asked about having Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) in the spring rather than the fall on Reformation Sunday. Pastor Cheryl was okay with doing it at either time. Christian Education is in favor of moving it. There was discussion concerning both Zion & FELC having youth in confirmation classes and that with the partnership agreement both churches will have to agree about which day it is. This has to be brought up at a partnership meeting if we are going to change it. Fun was had by all at the roller-skating event. We had 39 from First English and 9 from Zion. The board plans to have another skating event next year, but they may do it at a different time with Sunday School and then skating afterward. We had to pay \$450 to have the event. There was a question as to whether Zion paid for anything. When you signed in you got different color tickets depending on which church you were with.

Youth & Family – Archer Dorry Reported – The board raised \$692 from the Christmas bake sale. The board will continue to explore other ideas for the summer trips/events and will start to advertise for the Superbowl Subs soon, but will raise all of the prices by \$1 due to the rising costs of groceries. The board will continue to work with Zion. There was discussion on whether or not the Zion youth could be a part of the Sub fundraiser.

Stewardship – Darin Ehrenberg Reported – The board will continue with the same local benevolence as last year. The board discussed changing the way we show funds in the bulletin. In addition to a month-to-month, we'll show a cumulative revenue and expense, to help show if we're ahead or behind for the year. We only need about \$20/week per giving family unit to make our budget. The pink giving envelopes will stay the same.

There was discussion on the donation pledge box that sits at the front of the sanctuary. The envelopes are never opened. The pledges are between each family and God alone. Sunday School does sometimes donate, but it's not collected in a box, it's a bucket. The Sunday School donations stay in the church funds. The noisy offering goes to help 3 South African Students. They are recorded as two different funds.

The Good News Newsletter will include blurbs about the Adults-Only Game Night, the annual meeting, and perhaps the good news that you don't have to give an arm & a leg to support our budget. If you took our proposed budget, \$227,443, add 15% to it, that's how much we need this year to break even. If you divide it by 235 (available-to-give) units, it's \$1,113 for the year. It's \$21.40 a week. That's not counting members out of state or in Fairway View with no ability to give.

We are not ordering more giving envelopes compared to last year. We have extras in case a family needs one. More people are consistently giving online, which lowers how many envelopes are needed.

Church Properties – Glenn Henningson Reported – The board came up with a list of completed items over the past year which included: replacement of outdoor security lights, the repair & replacement of damaged bell tower ceiling and walls, replacement of one air conditioning unit at main entrance, repair & replacement of cross on the bell tower, repair to the narthex roof, and the addition of a new water fountain. There is now an Allen wrench by the door for lock up during the evenings.

Review the benevolence percentages. No changes to the percentages were recommended.

2025 proposed budget discussion – There was discussion on whether or not to budget a specific amount for benevolence when we do not know what our general (*designated offerings are not included*) offerings will be for 2025. Since we do not know what we will bring in, we cannot know what 15% of that will be which makes it impossible to know what specific amount it will be by the end of 2025. Our monthly expenses shown in the bulletin include that 15% because we give to benevolence monthly. If you look at the monthly income shown in the bulletins, 15% of that was already spent on benevolence. We have never budgeted revenue. The council had a consensus to keep it at 15%.

There was also discussion on the youth budget, specifically the chaperone amount of \$4,000 which was seemingly the same as last years' (*there was a mistake in the proposed budget, but this was fixed for the annual report*).

We budgeted for 100% of a full time pastor last year and only got a part-time pastor at the end of the year, which was shared with Zion, cutting the expense further. This year, although Pastor Cheryl is full-time, the salary is shared with Zion, so we're only budgeting for 60% of a pastor in 2025. Not budgeting for 40% of a pastor is a good reduction in our budget.

Motion to approve the 2025 proposed budget with the contingency that we double-check the youth & family budget. Becky, Archer **MSP**.

Annual Meeting Agenda – the executive committee will look over last year's annual meeting agenda and revise it to be good for this year's meeting, adding the vote on the partnership agreement and the approval of the audit report.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Cheryl presented her report (via email/document) to the council detailing her activities, such as officiating Carol Barrett's funeral, and her past special services (Blue Christmas & Christmas Eve services). She has visited members at Fairway View. She attended the special Christmas luncheons with the Day of Love and Circle 4 groups, a WAM meeting, and staff meetings. She turned in an annual report. She went roller skating (after her Zion church

service) on Jan. 5th. January Confirmation classes started up again on the 8th. She is now working at FELC Mondays (from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm), at Zion Tuesdays (10:00 am to 4:00 pm), at FELC Wednesdays (10:00 am to 3:30 pm & 5:30 to 7:00pm), at FELC Thursdays (10:00 am – 4:00 pm). Thursday is generally the day she does visitations. Sundays, she plans to be at church 8:00 am to about noon. Pastor Cheryl is working on a few projects at this time, such as skits for the youth during our Lenten services, streamlining FELC & Zion services to become more similar, and arranging a speaker about addiction for the youth group on February 26th. She also mentors a student studying to become a pastor because she believes it's important to encourage more pastors. There is a possibility she may take time off in February although nothing's been planned as of yet.

Motion to adjourn at 11:25 am – Becky, Darin **MSP**

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, February 9th, after church services.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Congregational Meeting Minutes January 19, 2025 (not yet approved)

The Annual Meeting of First English Lutheran Church was called to order by President, Jon Anderson. A quorum was declared. The Annual Congregational Meeting was opened with prayer by President Anderson. President Anderson asked the members present to review the following minutes:

- Annual Meeting – January 28, 2024
- Annual Election Meeting – June 23, 2024

A motion was made by Deb Henningson, seconded by Darin Ehrenberg to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 28, 2024 and the Annual Election Meeting – June 23, 2024. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented -

- Treasurer's Report – Presented by Julie Schneider, member of the Stewardship Board - A motion was made by Marge Dragseth, seconded by Neva Foster to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.
- Auditor's Report – Presented by President Anderson - The financial records were audited by Ethel Swenson and Marilyn Hanson and to them "thank you". It was noted that the auditors had made some insightful recommendations that they hoped would be reviewed by all boards. A motion was made by Julie Schneider and seconded by Marla Strei to approve the Auditor's Report as presented. Motion carried.
- President Anderson presented the Committee, Staff and Board Reports – A motion was made by Liz Ketz, seconded by Neva Foster to approve the Committee, Staff and Board Reports as presented, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Green Lake Bible Camp delegates for the Annual Meeting – Please contact the Church Office and let Barbara know if you are interested in attending. She will give you the necessary information for the meeting.
- Voting members to the LQP Conference Assembly Meeting – February 23rd at 2:00 P.M. at Kviteseid Lutheran in Milan. We can take up to six voting members to attend, ideally three female and three male voting members. If you are interested in attending, please call Barbara at the Church Office.
- Voting members for Synod Assembly – June 6-7th. This will be held at Gustavus Adolphus and we can send three members. If you are interested in attending the meeting as a delegate, please call Barbara at the Church Office.
- Julie Schneider, a member of the Stewardship Board, reviewed the Balance Sheet and presented the Financial Plan for 2025. When reviewing the Financial Report, a discussion ensued regarding the "Outreach" mission payments. These dollars have not been included under the expenses every year. She further explained that failure to include these expenses in our budget result in an unclear presentation of our total expenses.
- Ellie Helgeson, Lay Ministry reported that First English Lutheran's 60% share for the Pastor Partnership and expenses has been included in our 2025 budget. Following discussion, a motion was made by Darin Ehrenberg, seconded by Paula Reisdorf to approve the 2025 Financial Plan as presented. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Julie Schneider and seconded by Kristi Ehrenberg that the "Outreach" mission expenses be included in our future expense budget. Motion carried.
- Liz Ketz, Financial Secretary and Dick Strei, Endowment Board Member presented the Endowment Report -
A motion was made by Scott Schneider, seconded by Kristi Ehrenberg to approve the authorization of Ameriprise Financial with Lindsay Sherritt as Financial Manager to continue the management of the Endowment Fund. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Liz Ketz, seconded by Marge Dragseth to approve the Resolution regarding 5% of the corpus amount in the Endowment Fund and that it be authorized and available for distribution in 2025. Motion carried.

- President Anderson reported that we presently have in place our Interim Agreement and that we continue to work with the Synod and the Pastoral Call process.
- President Anderson then presented the Partnership Agreement with Zion Lutheran Church. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Jim Foster, seconded by Marge Dragseth that we approve the Partnership Agreement as presented. Motion carried.
- President Anderson and the members present closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethel E. Swenson, Secretary

February 2025 Youth News



January was a busy month for all of the youth activities and fun was had by all at the skating event at Sioux Historic on January 5th.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

- **Sunday school** continues to meet after worship. There will not be Sunday School on February 16th due to President's Day Weekend. There does continue to be a need for teachers, especially for the 4th-6th grades. Please consider a week or two. There is a sheet on the large bulletin board by the office to sign up on.
- **Super Bowl Subs** are on sale by the Youth Group. The last day to order is February 3rd. All youth and their parent or mentor will be helping put together the subs that morning of Sunday, February 9th. Students, parents/mentors are asked to be at the church at 7:45 to begin the work of making the subs.
- The youth will also be doing the Super Bowl of Caring Kettles following the service on Sunday, February 9th. Youth will be at both exits with a kettle for your donations. All proceeds will be given to the Big Stone Emergency Food Shelf, so bring your money to help those out in need.
- **Confirmation Classes will meet each week in February.** Please note that February 5th is an early out, so classes will be at 1:45 and 2:45. All other classes will be at their regular times. There is a need for volunteers to provide snacks in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on volunteer sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office. The same is also true of the need for volunteers to sit in on the 7th-8th grade class. That sign-up sheet is also on the same bulletin board. Any loving adult can volunteer!!!! 😊
- **Youth group** will not meet on February 5th, but will meet on February 12th to help serve the Just For the Love of It dinner, and then will meet on the 19th, and 26th. We need someone to serve supper on the 19th and 26th. If you are involved with the youth group and have not taken your turn at providing a meal here is your opportunity to do so.



Thank you for the donation to the youth from Scott and Julie Schneider in memory of Bonna Rasset and to Erlys Sis in memory of Carol Barrett.

Beth St Martin to tell Ryan's Story and the Heartbreak of Addiction

First English and Zion Lutheran confirmation students and youth in grades 7 thru 12 along with their parents are invited to hear Ryan's Story at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, February 26th. Beth Koch St Martin of Milbank, SD will tell the story of a family dealing with the addiction of a child and the pain and grief in the loss of a loved one. The goal of Ryan's Story is trying to erase some of the stigma around drug addiction and to get people to understand it can happen to anyone. St Martin tells the story from the non-addict view and then talks about grief, coping, and what she does to manage her grief. St Martin will be speaking in the sanctuary at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville, MN.

With the increase of drugs in communities and younger children, this presentation is providing an opportunity to hear this story in hope it may save another family the pain and grieve of losing a child through the heartache of addiction.

For more information contact Pastor Cheryl or search online for The Addict's Hope, Ryan's Story at <https://www.addictshope.com/ryans-story> or, "Where there is life, there is hope." Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this important presentation at 6:30, February 26th.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Superbowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 9th. Youth will be at both exits with a kettle for your donations. All proceeds will be given to the Big Stone Emergency Food Shelf, so bring your money to help those in need.

2024 Giving Statements \$250 or higher were sent out. If you didn't receive a statement and would like one, please contact someone in the office.

In addition to the flowers donated to the church that were listed last month, there were also Christmas flowers given in memory of Steve Barr by his family.

Thank you - I'd like to take this time to thank everyone so much for the cards, gifts, and notes given to me at Christmas. I enjoyed receiving all your wonderful gifts and appreciate your thoughts and greetings during the Christmas season. ~ Pastor Cheryl

The 50th anniversary of the Day of Love is coming up in February on the 11th!

We are always looking for people to help with our Sunday School teaching in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

GLLM's summer programs have opened and spots can fill up fast. There is a \$65 early bird discount by Feb. 13th. If interested, we have flyers in the pickup room or office.

May the God of all consolation be with...

...**Kevin & Becky Backstrand** and family on the death of his mother, Colleen Backstrand. The memorial service will be in the spring.

...**Rita Verheul and family** on the death of her husband, Richard "Dick" Verheul. Services will be held at a later date.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Lauren Swanson & Dominique Boerger on the baptism of their son, Iver Evan Boerger. His sponsors are Tyler Krause, Taylor Boerger, and Serena Boerger. He was baptized here at FELC on January 26th.

KDIO BROADCASTS

... (January 5th) was sponsored by Dick & Marla Strei in honor of their family.

... (January 12th) was sponsored in memory of Ervin Mikkelson by Darlene and family.

... (January 19th) was sponsored in memory of Jim Johnson by Sharron and family.

... (January 26th) was sponsored by Pastor Cheryl in memory of her daughter Sally Rondeau who's 2nd heavenly birthday will be February 2nd.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Larry Dahle, Jane Debner, Ruth Hansen, JoAnn Hasslen, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman, Rosie Frank, Larry Helgeson, Natalie Henneberg, McCoy Jipson, Janice Redfield, David Scholberg, and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



LOOKING FOR CHURCH DELEGATES

Please contact Barbara in the church office if you are interested in attending any of these meetings:

- **The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly** will be held Sunday, February 23rd at 2 pm at Kviteseid Lutheran, Milan. We can have up to 6 member delegates (preferably 3 male and 3 female) attend. The LQP conference needs representation from ½ of the congregations to have a quorum for the meeting.
- **The Green Lake Bible Camp Annual Meeting** will be February 11th, starting with a meal at 12:00 pm. The meeting will start following the meal at 1:00 pm. Each congregation is encouraged to send two voting delegates.
- **The Synod Assembly** will be June 6th – 7th, at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can take three members as delegates.

COMING UP IN MARCH - LENT & EASTER SERVICES:

Each congregation will hold services on Ash Wednesday as follows:

5:30 pm at Zion

6:30 pm at First English

During Lent and the three days, services will rotate between First English and Zion.

These services will all begin at 6 pm. The rotation goes as follows:

March 12th – 6 pm at First English

March 19th – 6 pm at Zion

March 26th – 6 pm at First English

April 2nd – 6 pm at Zion

April 9th - 6 pm at First English

April 17th - Maundy Thursday – 6 pm at Zion

April 18th – Good Friday - 6 pm at First English

Easter Sunday Services will be at the regular times with the addition of Sunrise service:

7:00 am at First English

9:00 am at First English

10:30 at Zion



Created for Community is theme of Midweek Lenten Services

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together “with the whole church”. It goes on to state that “we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.”

Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of “repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love,” Lent is also a time for deepening of community.

In the early church, the weeks before Easter were a time in which the whole community took responsibility for the training of confirmation students. Not only were the catechumens enriched by this formation, but those already within the community were strengthened in their faith along with them. This year’s confirmation students will assist with the services each week.

Using readings from Mark’s gospel, this series invites the assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God. During the midweek services during Lent, the congregations of First English and Zion Lutheran will have time to reflect and respond to what it means to be community together through the readings, songs, and message.

Ash Wednesday service on March 5th will be held at each congregation with Zion holding service at 5:30 pm and First English at 6:30 pm. Midweek Lenten service will rotate between the two with services at 6 pm beginning with First English on March 12th and Zion at March 19th.

THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship.

February 2025

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Service Trip Scholarship \$ _____

Name _____

January Technology Fund
February..... Service Trip Scholarship
 March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
 April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
 May... Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
 June..... Someplace Safe
 July..... Families in Need
 August..... Baptism Chests
 September..... Endowment Fund
 October..... Jaycees Project Christmas
 November..... God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December.....ELCA Missionaries

CIRCLE FOUR



Meets in the Church Lounge
 on Wed. February 5th at 9:00 am.
 Hostess: Ev Johnson Lesson: Erlys Sis





Greetings from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

We invite you to our annual meeting to share in the joy of our ministries. The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on February 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Green Lake Bible Camp. We can't wait to welcome you to camp and celebrate together!

A noon meal will be followed by the business meeting. Please notify the office of any food allergies or dietary needs at 320-796-2181 or camp@gllm.org

Each congregation is encouraged to send two voting delegates. We need you! All attendees will need to register on our website: <https://www.gllm.org/annual-meeting-registration.html>

Exciting things are happening at camp and will be announced then! You won't want to miss this meeting! If you have additional questions, please contact the office at 320-796-2181 or camp@gllm.org

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries
Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director - taufderheide@gllm.org



Parish Nurse Article for February

Experiencing the Care of Jesus



If you're not sure what to do, allow God to take the lead. God's job is to fight for you. Your job is to trust him. The very arms that defeated death are the arms waiting for you. You can trust that God will catch you when you leap to him.

Jesus promises real help to you in the form of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that the Holy Spirits dwelling place is within you. No matter how out of control things appear, you don't have to fear. God urges you to run the race and finish the journey.

1 Corinthians 8:3-But the person who loves God is the person that God sees.



February 12, 2025

**JUST FOR THE
LOVE OF IT
COMMUNITY DINNER**

FELC & Zion members and community residents are invited to join us for a communal meal at FELC on February 12th. The Just For the Love of It meal will start at 5:00 pm and go to 6:30 pm. The meal will be Roast Beef Commercial, potatoes, and corn.

ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – FEBRUARY

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Banners:

Flower Committee:

Mari Athey & Courtney Giese
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter
Kris Redfield



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Feb. 2: Carol Ydstie
Feb. 9: Kathy Haukos
Feb. 16: Lisa Berdan
Feb. 23: Amy Adelman
Mar. 2: TBD
Mar. 5*: TBD
Mar. 9: TBD
Mar. 12*: TBD
Mar. 16: TBD
Mar. 23: TBD
Mar. 26*: TBD
Mar. 30: TBD



LECTOR

Feb. 2: Brent Zahrbock
Feb. 9: Darin Ehrenberg
Feb. 16: Barb Wiese
Feb. 23: Jon Ydstie
Mar. 2: Terry Kalberg
Mar. 9: Miley Block
Mar. 16: Becky Parker
Mar. 23: Ellie Helgeson
Mar. 30: Kim Anderson

ACOLYTES

Feb. 2: Hannah & Brooke
Feb. 9: Bryson & Bennett
Feb. 16: Madilyn & Ashton
Feb. 23: Ava & Chase
Mar. 2: Archer & Meadow
Mar. 5*: Bailey & Rylie
Mar. 9: Mason & Miley
Mar. 12*: Cameron
Mar. 16: Mya & Justice
Mar. 23: Liam & Mikaela
Mar. 26*: Martino
Mar. 30: Hartley & Kimberly

LAY ASSISTANTS

Feb. 2: Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel
Feb. 16: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg & Liz Ketz
Mar. 2: Kari Dorry & Sara Mattison
Mar. 5*: 9th grade Confirmation Students
Mar. 16: Jim Foster & Sara Wollschlager
Mar. 30: Amanda Stattelman & Marilyn Chindvall

FWV Neighborhoods

Feb. 2: TBD
Feb. 9: TBD
Mar. 2: TBD
Mar. 9: TBD
Mar. 30: TBD

GREETERS

Feb. 2: Eldon Knutson & Dawson
Feb. 9: Cody Backstrand & Jordan
Feb. 16: Marilee Haukos & Brianna
Feb. 23: Darin Ehrenberg & James
Mar. 2: Mentor/Mentee? TBD
Mar. 5*: NEED VOLUNTEERS
Mar. 9: Connie & Carol Newman & Tino
Mar. 16: Mentor/Mentee? TBD
Mar. 23: Andy Strei & Chase
Mar. 30: Mentor/Mentee? TBD

SOUND SYSTEM

Feb. 2: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Feb. 9: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Feb. 16: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Feb. 23: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Mar. 2: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Mar. 5*: NEED VOLUNTEER & Marina Thomson
Mar. 9: TBD & Marina Thomson
Mar. 16: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Mar. 23: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Mar. 30: TBD & Marina Thomson

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Feb. 2: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson
Feb. 9: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
Feb. 16: Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman
Feb. 23: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Mar. 2: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Scott & Julie Schneider
Mar. 5*: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Scott & Julie Schneider
Mar. 9: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
Mar. 12*: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
Mar. 16: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei
Mar. 23: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine
Mar. 26*: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine
Mar. 30: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Dick & Marla Strei

* March 5th is Ash Wednesday












* March 12th & 26th we (FELC) have Lent services

* March 19th Lent services will be at Zion.

**THANK YOU TO ALL
OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



**YOU ARE
APPRECIATED!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2025 † † † First English Lutheran Church			Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."			1
			Pr. Cheryl is at Zion Tuesdays			
2 GROUNDHOG DAY 9:00 am Worship - Communion – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded 	3 YOUTH SUB \$\$ DUE 11 am Staff Meeting	4 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	5 EARLY OUT – NO YOUTH GROUP 9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge) 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8) 2:45 pm Confirmation (9) 4:45 pm FELC-Zion Partnership Mtg. (at First English Lutheran) 7:00 pm Senior Choir	6	7 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	8
9 SUPERBOWL OF CARING 9:00 am Worship - KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 (or TBD) Council Meeting 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded  	10 11 am Staff Meeting	11 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 	12 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:00-6:30 pm Just For the Love of It Dinner (youth helping) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir 	13	14 9:00 am Bulletins Printed VALENTINE'S DAY 	15
16 9:00 am Contemporary Worship - Communion – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Office Open Pr. Cheryl Working from home </div>	18 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	20	21 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	22 
23 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering - KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:15 am WAM Meeting  	24 11 am Staff Meeting	25 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	26 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 6:30 pm Ryan's Story (Presentation on Drug Addiction in FELC Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Senior Choir	27 	28 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	