

## Annual Planning for First English and Zion Lutheran 2025-2026

### In General – Worship Services:

9 am Service at First English

10:30 am Service at Zion

First and Third Sundays – Communion

Fourth Sunday – Contemporary

Last Sunday of Month at First – Noisy Offering Sunday

FWV Services 10:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month led by FELC Lay Members

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at 1 pm – Pastor holds Communion Service at FWV

2025

September 21 – Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation at Both Congregations

Baptism of Norah Haukos at First

September 28 – 9 am Installation of Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett at First English Lutheran

**11 am** Installation of Rev. Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett at Zion Lutheran Parish

October 1 – 5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal at 5:30 pm

October 5 - New Member Sunday - Both Congregations (regular times)

October 5 to 7 – SW Minn Synod Fall Conference (Sun evening thru noon on Tuesday)

October 7 – Evangelism meeting at 3:30 pm

October 7 – Joint Committee meeting at First – 5:30 pm

October 8 – First Council meets at 6 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

Youth Group will meet at Zion for supper at 5:30 and activities

October 12 – Sunday school kids singing at both churches.

October 14 – Zion Worship and Outreach meeting 5:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

October 15 – Tech Desk Training – 5 pm

October 16 & 17 MEA/ No school October 15

October 21 – Zion Council meets (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

October 26 – Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Day –

Both Congregations Zion at 11 am

November – Stewardship Month at First

November 2 – All Saints Sunday

November 5 - 5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal

November 9 – FELC “Day of Love” Mission Emphasis

November 11 – Veteran’s Day

November 15 – Group Home Christmas Party at Zion at 10:30 am

November 16 – Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be speaking during worship

November 24 – Combined Thanksgiving Service at Zion 6:30 pm

November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

November 30 – Advent begins; “Hanging of the Greens” - Both Congregations

December 3 - 5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal

December 6-7 – Christmas Cantata at Abbey of the Hills

December 14 - First English Christmas Program – (during church)

December 17 – Last Day of confirmation until after Christmas

December 20 – 4 pm – Blue Christmas at FELC

December 21 – Zion Christmas Program (during church) (*there is school Monday & Tuesday*)

Zion Swedish Tea following program

December 24 – Christmas Eve Communion Services

2:30 at First English

4:30 at Zion

6:30 at First English

December 28 – Hymn Sing for worship – Both congregations

January 5 – Ortonville School begins again

January 7 – Confirmation begins again

5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal

January 18 – Annual meeting(s) - Both Congregations (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day

January 25 – Installation of council at Zion

February 4 - 5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal

February 8 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser (First)

February 11 – 5-6:30 pm Wed – Just For the Love of It Meal with Confirmation Students Helping

February 16 – President's Day

February 18 – Ash Wednesday

1 pm at FWV

5:30 pm at First English

6:30 pm at Zion

Lenten Services:

1 pm Services at FWV each week

February 25; March 11; March 25 - 6 pm – Service at First English

March 4; March 18 – 6 pm – Service at Zion Lutheran

March 6 – World Day of Prayer

March 29 – Palm Sunday

First Communion Sunday

Holy Week Services:

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – Service at Zion

April 3 – Good Friday – 7 pm – Service at First English

Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>

7 am Sunrise Service at First English

9 am Service at First English

10:30 Service at Zion

May 7 – National Day of Prayer

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 13 – Last Day of Confirmation Class

May 17 – Senior Recognition

May 22 – Last day of school at Ortonville

May 24 – Graduation Day at Ortonville

May 25 – Memorial Day

May 31 – **Tentative**= Joint Worship for First English & Zion AT Zion at 9 am. Kick-off for VBS

May 31 – June 4 = **Tentative** = (Generally beginning of June) Combined VBS at Zion - 6:30 to 8:45 pm

June 12th VBS program - 8 pm

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June 6 – 7th (first weekend of June) SW Minnesota Synod Assembly

June 15 – Father's Day

July 4th – Independence Day (it's a Saturday this year)

**To Be Planned** (possible dates – all are tentative)

June 10 – Combined Youth Night at Zion 6:30 to 11 pm

June 14 – Bi-Annual Meeting at First

June 28 – FELC Installation of Council Members

July 19 – Zion Worship/Picnic

July 15 - Combined Youth Night at Zion 6:30 to 11pm

August 2 – Joint Worship for First English & Zion AT First English at 9 am

August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social

August 14-16 – Cornfest in Ortonville

August 12 - Combined Youth Night at Zion 6:30 to 10 pm (Note ending time.)

August – Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations

August – Ortonville school starts

August – Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation & Acolyte Training

NOTE: Acolyte Training will be schedule in each church

September 7 – Labor Day

September 6 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at both congregations

September 13 – Rally Sunday - Both Congregations – Youth Sunday – Services are youth led