

Annual Planning for First English and Zion Lutheran 2026-2027

In General – Worship Services:

9 am Service at First English & 10:30 am Service at Zion

First and Third Sundays – Communion at both; Fourth Sunday – Contemporary at both

In General - Last Sunday of Month– Noisy Offering Sunday at First

FELC Lay Members lead service at FWV at 10:30 am on the 1st, 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month

2nd Wednesday of month at 1 pm – Pastor holds Communion Service at FWV

Lenten Services in 2026:

1 pm Services at FWV each week during Lent and for Holy Week

6 pm - February 25; March 11; March 25 - Service at First English (Meal starts at 5)

6 pm – March 4; March 18 – Service at Zion Lutheran (Meal starts at 5)

March 3 – Joint Committee Quarterly meeting 5:30 pm at First

March 6 – World Day of Prayer

March 8 – Day Light Savings Begins

March 15 – Lac Qui Parle Conference Assembly

March 29 – Palm Sunday - First Communion Sunday both churches

Holy Week Services: April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – Service at Zion

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

Easter Sunday – April 5th - 7 am Sunrise Service at First English

9 am Service at First English

10:30 Service at Zion

April 10-11: Sr Youth Gathering at Redwood Falls

April 19 – FELC Parish Nurses will hold Congregation Training (AED & Safety)

May 7 – National Day of Prayer

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 13 – Tentative Last Day of Confirmation Class

May 17 – Senior Recognition Service at Both

May 22 – Last day of school at Ortonville

May 24 – Graduation Day at Ortonville

May 25 – Memorial Day

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

May 31 – June 4 Combined VBS at Zion - 6:30 to 8:45 pm

June 4 - VBS program - 8 pm at Zion

June 5 – 6: SW Minnesota Synod Assembly at St Peter (pastor required to go)

June 14 – First English Bi-Annual Meeting **TENATIVE SCHEDULE**

June 17 – Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm

June 21 – Father's Day

June 21 – FELC Installation of Council Members (DEPENDS ON MEETING DATE)

June 24 – July 3: Sr High Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, Ga

June 28 – *Pastor gone on Mission Trip – (Save the money have a Lay person lead services)*

July 4 – Independence Day

July 5 – Mission Trip Youth Speak at First English

July 15 - Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm

July 26 – Zion Outdoor Worship/Picnic

August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social

August 5 - Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10 pm

August 21-23 – Cornfest in Ortonville *No service at Zion?*

August 27– Ortonville school starts
 August 30 – Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations
 September 2 – Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation & Acolyte Training
 NOTE: Acolyte Training will be scheduled in each church
 September 4 – No School
 September 7 – Labor Day
 September 9 - First Day of Confirmation
 September 13 Tentative – God’s Work Our Hands Sunday at both congregations **Are you doing this?**
 September 20 Tentative – Rally Sunday - Both Congregations – Youth Sunday – Youth Led Services
 September 27 Tentative – Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation at Both Congregations
 October 4 - New Member Sunday - Both Congregations (regular times)
 October 7 – Zion Potluck Outreach meals begin for thru winter at 5:30 pm
 October 16-17 – MEA – no school
 October - SW Minn Synod Fall Conference (Sun evening thru noon on Tuesday)
 October 25 – Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Day – Both - Zion at 11 am
 November 1 – All Saints Sunday
 November 11 – Veteran’s Day
 November 23 – Combined Thanksgiving Service if rotating then at **First 6:30 pm at FELC**
 November 26 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
 November 29 – Advent begins; “Hanging of the Greens” - Both Congregations
 December 19 (or 20th) – 4 pm – Blue Christmas at FELC
 December ??– FELC Christmas Program – (during church)
 December 20 – Zion Christmas Program (during church)
 Zion Swedish Tea following program
 December 23 – Christmas School break begins
 December 24 – Christmas Eve Communion Services
 2:30 at First English
 4:30 at Zion
 6:30 at First English
 December 27 – Hymn Sing for worship – Both congregations (pastor will take off)

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January 5 – Ortonville School begins again
 January 6 – Confirmation begins again
SUGGESTION: January 10 – 9 am Joint Worship Service at First - Sunday School Roller Skating
 January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
 January 24 – 4th Sunday - Annual meeting(s) - Both Congregations - Tentative
 February 1 – Installation of council at Zion during worship
 February 3 – **Tentative** 5-6:30 pm Wed – Just For the Love of It Meal w/ Confirmation Students Helping
 The 10th is an early out day AND council night
 February 10 – Ash Wednesday - 1 pm at FWV
 5:30 pm at Zion (NOTE – these times have rotated)
 6:30 pm at First English
 February 14 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser (First)
February 19 – No school
February 22 – President’s Day Holiday – No School
 March 28, 2027 - Easter

Presidents Day Date should be Feb 15 th but the school has it as the 22 nd . Online it’s the 15 th so will be checking on this
