

First English Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

May 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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Notes from Pastor Cheryl



May 29, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Summer is Here!

We wait and wait – and finally... there it is, all bright and beautiful.

I don't know about you, but it seems summer goes by ALL too quickly. I just barely get the garden planted, the flowers potted... and wham... we are well into summer and in no time at all, summer comes to an end.

I enjoy the 4 seasons we have in this part of the country. Autumn comes with its beautiful crisp air. Spring has that marvelous smell of fresh dirt and rain. I would miss not having winter and looking out at the silent glistening snow. Scripture has at least 40 references about seasons. The most famous Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 that starts with:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Matthew Henry Commentary tells us that in writing this Solomon had found there was no happiness in schools of learning, philosophical thought, pleasures of the world, or anything of human affairs. All is vanity. For everything in the world is changing in what he calls the wheel of nature. Once, the spoke of the wheel is uppermost and prominent, and at another, not, as the wheel turns. That is the same as seasons change.



First English and Zion Lutheran are in a season of change. Organizing one Vacation Bible School experience last year. Combining confirmation in a program of study. Working together to form a partnership. And now, calling a pastor. A changing season is in the air.

Solomon writes how we live in a world of change where events may be very different one to another but our humanness believes we pass between the changes, the seasons, as if everything should remain the same. The clearest sky does not stay cloudless, and the most clouded sky will clear up.

Those things that seem to be stable and trustworthy to us promptly can change because there is a divine power that determines its purpose. Everything is changeable because of the wisdom and knowledge of God, for it is He who changes the time and seasons of the earth... and of our lives.

The prophet Daniel says about God, *"He changes times and seasons. He sets up kings. He removes them from power. The wisdom of those who are wise comes from him. He gives knowledge to those who have understanding."* (2: 21)

At this time of year, we accept the change of season that comes and trust it will have a good result as we move from the spring rains to the summer sun. As we watch our young people graduate, we accept they will go on to learn, to grow, to fail at times, and to succeed. As we watch gardeners' plant and farmers sow the seeds of fields, we trust there will be a season of harvest.

We have also seen storms blow through and take that harvest or drought dry up the chance for a bountiful crop. Yet we believe everything will remain the same and result in a harvest.

Proverbs 3 teaches: *"⁶ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body."*

Scripture tell us to Trust... not in our self.

Trust the clouds will return on a sunny day. Trust the summer will follow after the spring rains. And trust our Lord will be with us as First English and Zion continue to journey together in partnership.

There will be change in the wheel of nature as the world goes spinning around, for a spoke that once was prominent may become less so... and the things that were less prominent may become the uppermost importance for our faith family.

Allow the change for as Jeremiah reminds us: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (29:11)"*

To be submissive to God's plan is to be willing to trust in Him and allow for that change to grow for His purpose. It does not mean what has always been done was wrong or not good enough, but God is taking us to a new relationship or developing a relationship with others.

Solomon goes on to say, *"I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; (Ecc 3:12)"* He is saying, we must make the best of what we have and are given while it last. Wait in patience, pleased with our lot in the world and cheerfully adapt to the talents, abilities and limitations of our faith family.

This is where we are. Once the membership was much larger and our congregations could do as they wanted without consideration or communication with the other. That spoke has moved around as the wheel of nature has turned.

So *"¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* (Isaiah 43)

As the summer seems to suddenly be upon us, so has change come. Not everything will stay the same, but not everything will be different. Trust in God's plans for you in this partnership, do not rely on your own understand, and allow God to make a way in your wilderness.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!
~ Pastor Cheryl

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes May 11, 2025 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Becky Parker (treasurer) and *Stewardship*, Archer Dorry – *Youth & Family*, Glenn Henningson – *Church Properties*, Paula Reisdorph – *Evangelism*, Michelle Bauer – *Lay Ministry*, Amanda Stattelmann – *Christian Education*.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 10:30 am.

Approval of April Council Minutes as presented – Becky, Paula **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – We fell behind this month a little. Our month to date & cumulative offerings are better than last years, but costs are going up. There was more than usual spent under “Substitute Secretary” because Barbara was sick for over a week. Liz filled in. We are gathering money in MinnWest checking. Michelle, Amanda **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer Reported – The board accepted the WAM minutes (*and they will go with Pastor Cheryl's recommendation to keep the Favorite Hymn days on the 4th Sundays rather than switching them to the 5th Sundays in June & August*). The Senior gift crosses are ordered. Ellie will pick them up and present them on Sunday. Cody is checking with people on the tech desk to see if anyone would be willing to train for that. The board tabled the WAM job description discussion until the full board was together. The board approved the summer hours for Pastor Cheryl & Barbara. The ushers no longer want to usher for funerals, which is okay because the funeral home will provide ushers. The board should let the funeral home know that if they need extra they can contact us to find some helpers.

Board of Evangelism – Paula Reisdorph Reported – There are no transfers in or out. The board plans on holding the monthly hymn sings the same 2nd Wednesday each month that Pastor does a communion service. They would hold it right after her service on June 11th, July 9th, & August 13th. For Mother's Day, the board gave flowers to the mothers/mother figures/etc. Deb Henningson will join the board. Jane Debner & Marla Strei will stay on. The board has some names of visitors who wrote on friendship pads who they are reaching out to. The Twins Game bus is full. Zion is having youth nights June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th. The board of Evangelism wants to do an outdoor game night with that. The board also wants to have a pool party on July 20th or Aug. 3rd. The board will rent the pool and the date will be finalized in June. The board would prefer not have the council meeting on Mother's Day.

Board of Christian Education – Amanda Stattelmann reported – There are no delegates for the Annual Synod Assembly. The board reviewed the Annual Planning Schedule from Pastor Cheryl and noticed some things that are probably going to have to change. The Christmas Program was scheduled on December 21st and the board believed that no one would be there because that's when a lot of people are celebrating with their families (the week of Christmas). The board proposes that the Christmas Program be moved back to Dec. 14th. There are a bunch of kids registered for VBS and volunteers have been meeting with Zion to prepare. Christian Education didn't know whether or not they were supposed to order gifts for seniors. They found a couple of options. Sometimes in the past, Christian Education & Lay Ministry have gone together on a gift so they will do that this year. There was an idea of a book of prayers for situations that arise when you're a young adult. There was a budget of \$25/kid. That may be a good idea for next year.

While preparing for next year's Sunday School, the board discussed the possibility of the mentors and mentees being required to teach one Sunday School class as part of their requirements because they are struggling to find volunteers to teach SS classes. If they can't get volunteers, then they propose having Sunday School once a month instead of every Sunday. It was mentioned that in the past, Pastor Denise was asked if the confirmands could get sermon notes credit for teaching Sunday School and she said, “no.” It may be difficult to get the youth to do this. Beth Fladhammer said she will join the board. There was discussion on using Zoom to get members' input without them having to attend the council meetings in person. It was unknown at the meeting if we had a Zoom account. (*We paid for a year account so FELC has a paid Zoom service until January of next year*). This can be explored in the fall.

Youth & Family – Archer Dorry Reported – No one from the board can attend the Synod assembly. The board of Youth & Family would prefer the council meetings be moved to Wednesday evenings because there are no school events or sports that day. Kaitlyn is working on summer events. Jennifer Anderson, Lorraine Conroy, and Mary Athey have graciously agreed to join the board. Kari Dorry is leaving.

Stewardship – Becky Parker Reported – Darin's term is up, but he wants to continue. There is a lot for Pastor going on Wednesdays, the board though the 2nd Monday might be a better time for the council meeting. No one is interested in the Synod Assembly. May's Good News will be about our graduates, Mother's Day, VBS coming up and that the Call Committee's work has begun.

Church Properties – Glenn Henningson Reported – Spring cleanup is planned for tomorrow. We have a mandatory elevator upgrade for 2026. The whole elevator upgrade could be around \$80k. We have the option of upgrading via piecemeal so the costs would not have to be all at once. We have other bids

coming in from different companies. The board will work on figuring out if someone can raise the cement in the sidewalk.

Jon brought up deciding on the next council meeting. The next council meeting was scheduled for June 8th but that was recently scheduled as a joint worship service at Zion. If the council meeting was that day the council members would have to drive to FELC after worship to have the council meeting. It was decided to have it on Father’s Day (6/15) the next Sunday by consensus. The final decision on the fall council meetings would be decided June 15th. If the council was on Wednesdays, it would have to be between 5:30 and 7 due to Pastor Cheryl having confirmation classes, and council members (and Pr. Cheryl) having choir at 7. Also, in the fall, the youth group will be back where the council usually meets. Pastor Cheryl should be asked for her preferences before the council votes.

Green Lake Ministries contacted the church to help with their fundraising. Someone can contact them to see if they want to pitch it to the church on a Sunday.

The council should be given the Joint Committee meeting minutes prior to the council meeting if possible. The last joint meeting discussed how well the Lenten services went, especially with the youth being involved and in the future we will plan to use the same rotating method for Lent/Holy Week. The committee discussed attempting to get a youth director who can work more hours (and in the summer as well) not to get rid of Kaitlyn (and she could apply to this position if we offered it), but it would be best to have someone around more often to work with the youth (7th to 12th grade) related activities. Although the costs would be split with Zion, we will have to figure out if our churches can afford to hire someone for this position. We are already paying for some youth duties to Kaitlyn and Liz, so we would need to know how much of that is already being covered and revisit this. The joint committee also discussed an idea of rotating which church the service would be in the summer months but decided against it. Our joint agreement spells out the service times. June 8th we will have a joint service at Zion to kick off VBS. And one Sunday in August (3rd) Zion will come to FELC. The call committee had their training May 4th at Zion. Both call committees have agreed to interview Pastor Cheryl (May 21st) with an eye towards calling her. If the committees say, “yes” then we will be calling her. The synod reiterated that they do not believe it’s fair to consider other leaders before deciding on her (now that she’s applied). After the interview the call decision has to go before the FELC–Zion joint call committee and they have to approve, then it goes to each individual church councils and they have to approve the call, and then it goes to each church congregation and they would all have to approve the call. No matter what, this process cannot happen before FELC’s annual congregational meeting (June 22nd) and we will have to extend Pastor Cheryl’s interim agreement in June. If only one group from either church disapproves to her call then we have to start looking at other pastors.

Approval of \$400 offering to the SW MN Synod. Becky, Glenn **MSP.**

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Cheryl presented her report (via email) to the council detailing her activities, such as being called to the school for a crisis (Alexis’ death), working with the youth on May Day baskets, planning services, and putting together an annual planning schedule for both congregations. She is working on a Senior Recognition service, summer youth nights at Zion (June 18th, July 16th, & August 20th), a Sunday Youth Service, Confirmation New testament classes for the fall, and Summer Evening Bible Study. The speaker for Ryan’s Story was well attended by students and adults. She will be travelling to Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter to attend the Synod Assembly June 6th–7th. She will be officiating a memorial service, June 15th, for Norma Buhault beginning at 1 pm at Mound Cemetery and then on to Eidskog. June 18th she plans to be at the Youth night at Zion. On June 21st there is a memorial service for Richard Verheul at 11 am at FELC. She will be going on the MN Twins Trip with the FELC & Zion members June 26th.

President Jon Anderson Adjourned the meeting at 11:27 am.

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, June 15th, after church services.

FELC-ZION PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
Council Minutes - April 30, 2025 (not yet approved)

Attendance: Pr. Cheryl, Jerry Reupke, Sara Tollakson, Jeremy Tollakson, Ellie Helgeson, Jon Anderson, Kristen Ohm, Becky Parker

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Reupke and Pastor Cheryl led us in prayer, MSP Jon/Jeremy to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting with two spelling corrections.

Pastor provided her in-depth report which included all activities for this year that she has worked on at both churches and also a working/planning document for all activities for the coming year. Two activities were listed but were not on the schedule as yet, FELC’s Just for the Love of It Supper(s) that will be scheduled by their Evangelism Board and the Zion potlucks.

Pastor asked our congregations to consider hiring a half-time youth director that would serve both congregations. Her proposal included possible duties and estimated costs and cost shares. This position would be for 20 hours per week and handle activities for 7–12th grade students. Liz already does help with youth activities and is paid and Kaitlyn gets paid for approximately 3 hours per week so those duties would be included in this position. Council members thought it was

important and a great idea. We will discuss it with our boards and continue to explore this possibility. We hoped if feasible we could implement by the fall.

All council members thought our Lenten/Easter season services, how we worked together, confirmation student involvement, the theme and alternating locations worked very well. Ironically, food was one of the biggest challenges, how many to prepare for. After discussion, we concurred that we would do the same alternating schedule as last year. Having one joint Thanksgiving service at Zion on the Monday of Thanksgiving week was discussed. First English will take this to our board to consider. Not having it on Wednesday would alleviate the absence of people that leave town for the holiday. It was mentioned that it would be nice if the FELC Choir sang.

Fairway View Hymn sings are held monthly in the summer by First English and there was a suggestion to have Zion do one monthly also because the residents really like them and it does not require any additional Pastoral time.

Alternating locations for services in the summer was discussed, but it was determined that we would continue with service times and locations on Sunday as they are currently being held.

It was agreed to have a combined service on June 8 at Zion as a kickoff for VBS. As we did last year, combined service will be held at First English on August 3rd.

When asked about how the partnership works, two items, time complaints, though not many, and how hard it is to do Sunday School were voiced. Attendance and teacher volunteers are a struggle for both congregations. Otherwise, financially it is beneficial for both congregations and Pr. Cheryl continues to help us stay abreast of the activities of both parishes.

The Call Process is being initiated with joint training of our call committees this coming Sunday, the 4th. If we don't have a vote or a call by June 30th, we will need to extend Pr. Cheryl's interim contract.

A question was raised about who provides the meals for the youth group on Wednesday evenings. Historically, parents have been asked to donate meals.

Coffee fellowship was discussed.

Next Meeting will be held on August 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Zion. A special meeting will be held if we need to address a call in the meantime.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Parker, Secretary

FELC-ZION PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING
Council Minutes – May 25, 2025 (not yet approved)

Attendance: Jerry Reupke, Sara Tollakson, Jeremy Tollakson, Ellie Helgeson, Jon Anderson, Kristin Haggerty, Becky Parker

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Reupke.

The call committees from both congregations have interviewed Pastor Cheryl and have voted to Call her. The Partnership Council is required to approve this call prior to votes by the congregations.

Jon reported on the positive tone of the interviews and meeting held. Pastor Cheryl requested that each call committee share with the congregations the discussions and reason for calling her. **MSP Jon/Jeremy to approve the call.**

Each congregation will strive to get their boards together for approval and a congregational vote prior to June 30.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Parker, Secretary

Parish Nurse Article for June
Experiencing the Joy of God



Matthew 5:12
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Your heart is where your thoughts, desires, and faith are found. You can change your life by allowing God to change your heart. Joy is the result of a radical reconstruction of your heart. The more you allow God to change you, the greater your joy will be!

YOUTH NEWS June 2025

- ☀ Confirmation classes are over until Fall. We hope you got a chance to look at the great 7th grade special projects and the 8th grade cross projects.
- ☀ We had Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 18th.

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduating Seniors:

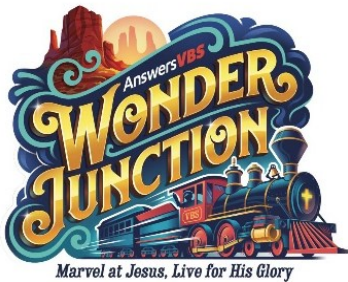


🎓 Brooke Brown, Hannah Brown, Raimi Kelzer, and Ava Lovgren.
Thank you to the Day of Love for making quilts for our seniors.



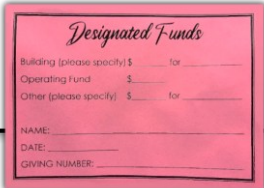
Upcoming Events:

- ☀️ 1st- Holy Communion at the 9:00 am service
- ☀️ 6th-7th- Synod Assembly
- ☀️ 8th- Church will be held at **Zion Lutheran Church** today as a kickoff for the Vacation Bible School program. Worship will begin at 9:00 am.
- ☀️ 8th-12th – VBS from 6:30-8:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church
- ☀️ 15th - Father’s Day and Holy Communion at the 9:00 am service
- ☀️ 18th- Summer Youth Gathering at Zion from 6:30-11:00 pm. (Youth are invited to come after any games that they may have that evening, too.)
- ☀️ 20th - First Day of Summer
- ☀️ 22nd -26th The following will be attending Green Lake Bible Camp so please add them to your prayers this week: Poppy Conroy, Gibson Evje, Reba Evje, Arlie Giese, Maizie Kaye, Coby Wittnebel, Justice Wittnebel, Mya Wittnebel, Jaxson Young, and Olive Young.
- ☀️ 26th- Twins Game for those who signed up to attend.
- ☀️ 29th: Noisy Offering will be collected during the 9:00 am service



Thank you to the following people for donations to the Youth Group: Terry Block in memory of Kimberly Morten.

Have a blessed summer!



If you do not have giving envelopes because you give electronically or by loose check, you can find generic pink Designated Funds envelopes in a basket in the Narthex.

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.

June 2025

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Someplace Safe \$ _____

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

Church & Community News

Upon approval of the FELC Church Council, we will be voting on calling Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett at our annual congregational council-election meeting, June 22nd after church. We hope you'll plan to be here.

First English's Annual Election Meeting will be after church on June 22nd at 10:30 am (with a backup date of June 29th). We will install the newly elected members during church service on June 29th.



MN Twins Game Goers: June 26th, the bus will load at 8:00 am at the First English parking lot and depart at 8:20 am. We have the tickets and will hand them out when we get to the stadium. You need your ticket to get into the game AND for the free food/snacks. It's gonna be a good day.

FWV Bible Study: The FELC parish nurses remind everyone there is a Bible Study at Fairway View open to all every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 pm. To participate, just come to the Donnie's Diner and join in.

Items in the kitchen are not to be borrowed or taken out of the church. If you have borrowed any items from the church kitchen, please return them to the kitchen. They are used for church events and are all we have for those events.

There will be a VBS Volunteer Workshop on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. They still need volunteers for Safety-TimeKeeper, Photography & Videos, Greeters/Registration, and a teacher assistant for the 5th & 6th graders. If you have any questions about a position, the meeting, or know someone who is interested in volunteering, please contact: Sara Tollakson, saratollakson@gmail.com, 320-305-0228 or Ashley Hanson, ashleymarie457@gmail.com, 307-287-5168.

The 41st annual Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction will take place Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12 at the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer! Visit Green Lake Bible Camp to see over 200 handmade quilts, enjoy quilting demonstrations and live music, shop in the Makers Market for your next crafting supplies, enjoy a hotdish supper or pulled pork lunch, a silent auction, concert, and so much more! Events take place 3:00-8:00 PM on Friday, and 9:00-11:00 AM Saturday, and the live auction starts at 12:00 PM! All proceeds benefit the ministry happening at camp. For more information and schedule of events, visit www.gllm.org!

Cowboy Church is theme of Joint Worship



A joint worship service will be held for First English and Zion Lutheran congregations at 9 am on Sunday June 8th at Zion Lutheran, 806 Highland Hwy as a kick-off for VBS. There is a cowboy theme for VBS this year which will be reflected in the worship service featuring an informal setting and some old time favorite gospel songs. Everyone is encourage to get out your western duds to wear that morning.

This is a great opportunity to introduce the kids to the evening VBS, and a good chance for members to join in fellowship. The KDIO radio broadcast will be linked to the Facebook Livestream. First English will host the combined worship service on August 3rd.

Saddle up your hoss... round-up your part'ners and mosey on over to worship from a cowboy point of view—9 am Sunday—June 8th.

Summer Youth Fun Nights begin June 18th

Youth completing 7th through 12th grades are invited to gather at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, June 18th at Zion Lutheran at 806 Highland Hwy, for a night of fun, food and campfire mingling . The large yard at Zion provides the perfect spot to bring out the bean bag/cornhole boards, put up a volleyball net, and break out the croquet sets for a little friendly competition. Youth can determine teams when they arrive for some tournament competition with prizes to be awarded. [How big can a candy bar get?]

A meal will be available for everyone attending through a Thrivent grant but donations of bars would be greatly appreciated from our faithful volunteer cookie bakers.

The fun night will end with sitting around a campfire for time to catchup with friends, enjoy Christian fellowship and promote a sense of community. Youth are welcome to bring a friend and those who have ball games are encouraged to come after their game.



Anyone with another yard game they'd like to bring our welcome to do so. I am still looking for a few volunteers for the evening to bring and set up the outdoor games, assist with the meal, and/or play guitar around the campfire.

Everyone will need to bring their own lawn chair. Confirmation mentors are encouraged to bring your mentee. Contact Pastor Cheryl to volunteer or help in anyway for this youth activity.

Hymn Sing follows Monthly Communion Services at Fairway View

Monthly communion worship services are now being held at Fairway View Neighborhoods on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 o'clock pm. Pastor Cheryl continued these services following the Lenten schedule and welcomes any who are unable to attend the Sunday service or would like to attend with the residents to come and join in.

Following the monthly service, during the summer months June thru August, a hymn sing will be held at 2 pm with many favorite hymns and gospel songs led by the Faith Evangelism committee. Everyone is invited to come and sing along for this once a month favorite hymn sing this summer. The first hymn sing for the summer will be on Wednesday, June 11th at 2 pm at Fairway View Neighborhoods.



Confirmation Grade Projects on display

First English Lutheran Confirmation Student from 7th and 8th grade completed their Grade projects recently and are on display in the narthex.



Seventh graders are asked to use their imagination to create a visual medium that helps provide a better understanding of who Jesus is or what it means when Jesus ask, "Do you love me?" They cannot use a cross.

The eighth graders are to use a standalone cross at least 12" high from a variety of materials. They must consider what the cross means to them personally and what difference it makes to them in their own life as a Christian.

Both grades must write an explanation about their project and why they created what they did.

9th graders write a statement of faith for their Confirmation Day in October.

Tech Training at First English

There will be training for those interested in helping with the Tech Desk on Wednesday, June 25th at 6 pm in the sanctuary. The training will include running the sound system, working with the audio broadcast, recording the service, using the video camera, and microphone setup.



We have been asking for volunteers to help with this important function of ministry and are seeking those who are tech savvy... or somewhat tech savvy to help. High school youth and college age young people are also welcome to the training and anyone with extensive computer skills.

Why do we need this? This is an important part of our mission and ministry to the community, especially to those who are unable to attend church and those at Fairway View who depend on the recordings for their Sunday worship; for the many throughout the wider area of Ortonville to hear the good news preached through the broadcast; for the unchurched or those who have drifted away from church to "come across" a worship service and hear the proclamation of salvation promised to them; and for those who have never heard the message of hope to be drawn to a service. You never know where your next member will come from, but it could come from YouTube, KDIO, or Facebook.

Training will also provide an opportunity for those faithful tech people to have a break or in the case someone is no longer willing or able to assist, there are others to take their place.

Lastly, as we consider updates and upgrades to the system, we will need knowledgeable tech help as technology changes quickly and continually.

If you have technology skills and have not yet been asked to help in this ministry, consider yourself asked and let Pastor Cheryl or the office know of your interest.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry of First English Lutheran Church.



Thank you ahead of time.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries invites you to "Ordinary Time," a faith-centered rhythm at Camp House in Brimson, MN, just 30 minutes from the North Shore. Pastors, musicians, artists, and educators will inspire participants' spiritual and creative sides, guiding all those present into an intentional Christian community. Camp House will be on Ordinary Time for five weeks this summer, June 14th to July 18th and August 14th to the 17th. Come on your own or with your family, friends, or youth group, for a few days or a full week. Stay as long as you need. GLLM.org/Ordinary-Time

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS be with Brooke, Hannah, Raimi, and Ava on their high school graduation!

May the God of all consolation be with...

...the family of Diane Schultz, especially Lori & Dave Larson, on her death on April 1st.

...the family of JoAnn Hasslen on her passing. Her memorial service will be at FELC on Friday, June 20th at 2:00 pm with a visitation period an hour beforehand.

...the family of Marianne Morrill on her passing. Her memorial service will be at FELC on June 28th at 11:00 am with a visitation period an hour beforehand.

KDIO BROADCASTS

... (May 4th) was sponsored by Arlene Gustafson in memory of Larry Dahle & Ruth Hansen & by your gifts to the Endowment Fund.

... (May 11th) was sponsored by Penny & Curtis Hormann in honor of grandchildren Avery, Oakley & Ryley Sigler and DJ Bartels.

... (May 18th) was sponsored in honor of Mitchell & Carissa (Vanderwal) Meyer on their wedding yesterday (May 17th) by Ron & Ginger Athey.

... (May 25th) was sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Angie Aschwege, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; 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, Nola Lockwood, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



Parish Secretary Summer Hours

Monday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm,
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm,
Thursday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm, &
Friday: 8:00 am-12:00 pm.



Pastor's Summer Office Hours

Mon (FELC): 9:00 am-3:00 pm,
Tues At ZION: 11:00 am-5:00 pm,
Wed (FELC): 11:00 am-5:00 pm, &
Thurs (FELC): 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Our Church building hours are staying the same. The building is open at 8:00 am every day of the week and closes at 4:00 pm Monday – Friday, 1:00 pm on Saturdays, and noon on Sundays.

ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – June

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Banners:

Flower Committee:

Lori Strei & Sara Mattison

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

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SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

June 1: Amy Adelman

June 11* (FWV Service 1 PM): Lisa Berdan

June 15: Marilyn Hanson

June 22: Amy Adelman

June 29: Carol Ydstie

July 6: Amy Adelman

July 9* (FWV Service 1 PM): Carol Ydstie

July 13: Lisa Berdan

July 20: Kathy Haukos

July 27: Carol Ydstie

LECTOR

June 1: Archer Dorry

June 15: Amanda Stattelmann

June 22: Marge Dragseth

June 29: Jon Ydstie

July 6: Kristi Ehrenberg

July 13: Barb Wiese

July 20: Brent Zahrbock

July 27: Ellie Helgeson

ACOLYTES

June 1: Brandon & Lexi

June 15: Mikaela & Liam

June 22: Madilyn & Ashton

June 29: Chase & Cameron

July 6: Oliver & Amelia

July 13: Martino & Jordan

July 20: Miley & Martino

July 27: Bailey & Rylie

LAY ASSISTANTS

June 1: Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel

June 15: Brent Zahrbock & Marla Strei

July 6: David Ellingson & Archer Dorry

July 20: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg

FWV Neighborhoods

June 1: Ranet & Jim Schmeichel

June 8: Marilyn Chindvall

June 29: Liz Ketz

July 6: TBD

July 13: TBD

GREETERS

June 1: Brent Zahrbock & Ellie Helgeson

June 15: John & Lila Salls

June 22: Art & Arlene Vollmer

June 29: Lois Bergeson & Marilyn Chindvall

July 6: Marla Strei & Terry Kalberg

July 13: Glenda Reiffenberger & Lori Larson

July 20: Jon & Kim Anderson

July 27: Dean & Anita Longnecker

SOUND SYSTEM

June 1: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

June 15: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

June 22: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

June 29: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson

July 6: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

July 13: David Ellingson & Marina Thomson

July 20: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

July 27: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

USHERS

June 1: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & David Ellingson

June 15: Russel Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

June 22: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

June 29: Eldon Knutson, Ron Athey, Tami Lundberg, & Josh Wollschlager


















July 6: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson

July 13: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson

July 20: Dick Strei, Rodney Torgerson, Josh Wollschlager, & Dean Longnecker

July 27: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>June 2025</i> † † † First English Lutheran Church			Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to “Lutheran Faith” & then “Prayers, Study, & Devotionals.” Pastor Cheryl’s e-mail: CMQRondeau@outlook.com cell # (605) 237-1501			
Pr. Cheryl is at Zion Tuesdays						
1 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded	2 11 am Staff Meeting	3 8:30 am Day of Love 3:30 pm Evangelism Mtg. (Pastor Cheryl will attend Mtg) 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	4 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Workshop (at Zion) 7:00 pm FELC Church Council Meeting 	5	6 9:00 am Bulletins Printed  <div>Pastor Cheryl at the SW MN Synod Assembly At Gustavus Adolphus College 6 pm June 6 – 5 pm June 7th</div>	7
8 COMBINED FELC/ZION SERVICE AT <u>ZION</u> LUTHERAN CHURCH PENTECOST 9:00 am Worship – KDIO & Facebook Live 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded 	9 11 am Staff Meeting	10 8:30 am Day of Love 3:30 pm Evangelism Mtg. 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	11 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Worship (Pastor Cheryl Live w/communion) 2:00 pm Hymn Sing at FWV 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 	12  Last Day of VBS	13 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	14 
6:30 pm - 8:45 pm Vacation Bible School			at Zion Church each night – Sunday, June 8 th through Thursday, June 12 th .			
15 Holy Trinity FATHER'S DAY 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live  	16 11 am Staff Meeting	17 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	18 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:30 pm – 11 pm Youth Night at Zion 	19 JUNETEENTH 	20 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 1:00 pm JoAnn Hasslen Visitation 2:00 pm JoAnn Hasslen Memorial Service	21 10:00 am Dick Verheul Visitation 11:00 am Dick Verheul Memorial Service
22 9:00 am Worship – KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Annual Council Election Mtg. in the Sanctuary 	23 11 am Staff Meeting	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) John the Baptist Day 	25  9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:00 pm Tech Desk Training by Terry Kalberg (in the sanctuary) All Are Welcome to get training!	26  8:00 - 8:20 AM Bus Loads at FELC 12:10 PM MN TWINS GAME Pastor Cheryl is going	27 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 	28 10:00 am Marianne Morrill Visitation 11:00 am Marianne Morrill Memorial Service
29 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – Installation of New Council Members – Favorite Hymns – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded 	30 11 am Staff Meeting	Pastor Cheryl's Summer Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am to 3 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 11 am to 5 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 11 am to 5 pm, & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am – 3 pm), or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com .			 OFFICE CLOSED	