

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLANNED PARISH 2025 AUGUST

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 10th '25

Council Boards: in the Sanctuary or Narthex. Council (1 rep. from each board) immediately following. **Agendas, Financials, & Documents** will be in the pickup room.

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.

Welcome President Jon Anderson

Devotions Pastor

ALL BOARDS:

Theme verse: *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."* John 10:27

1. How can you incorporate the theme verse in your board?
2. God's Work Our Hands - Report
3. Review Pastor Cheryl's FELC & Zion Annual Planning Schedule and please remember to let Pastor know if your board or committee is meeting and keep her abreast of activities, discussions, and decisions so we can be on the same page. Upcoming dates of congregational importance:
 - a. September 14th Youth-led Service / Rally Sunday
 - b. September 21st Bible Presentation – Teacher's installation – Norah Jayme Haukos baptism
 - c. September 28th – Pastor Cheryl's installation
 - d. October 5th Recognition of New Members Sunday. Encourage consistent visitors to talk with pastor/office on becoming a member. Member Household Record sheets are available in Narthex. Plan on how to welcome new members that Sunday.
 - e. October 5th eve. to 7th - 2025 Fall Theological Conference (pastors expected to attend)
 - f. October 26th - Confirmation
4. Review Safety Procedures (confirmation class procedure too)
5. Anyone willing to coordinate meals during our Lenten season?

Council items:

1. Approve August minutes.
2. Approve Treasurer's report.
3. Board reports

4. Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism (no transfers at this time)
5. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept August reports (if any):
 - a. WAM (*none*)
 - b. Endowment (*none*)
 - c. Finance (*none*)
2. Still accepting applications for youth leader.
3. Plan for staff interviews in Sept/Oct.
4. Thanksgiving plan is to have a combined service at Zion on Monday, November 24th 6:30 pm
5. Hanging of the Greens service will be November 30th. When will Xmas trees go up?
6. We will have a Blue Christmas service at 4 pm on December 20th.
7. Our Christmas Eve services will be at 2:30 & 6:30 pm with Zion having one at 4:30 pm.
8. Personnel matter
9. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out (*none*)
2. Status report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. New member Sunday 10/5
 - a. Photos of new families for Narthex & church directory
4. A member will attend Confirmation interviews (time TBD)
5. Status report on coffee before church
6. Status report on "Thanks for Popping In" welcome gifts for visiting or new members.
7. Status report on Magnets for Rally Sunday
8. Confirmation interviews Time TBD.
9. Mission Emphasis 11/9 – Day of Love
10. Just for the Love of It Dinner- Feb. 11
11. Coffee Fellowship planning
12. Other

Christian Education

1. Status of members taking Protect My Ministry training.
2. 9/14 Youth-Led Rally Sunday & Refuge activities
3. Who is presenting bibles on 9/21?
4. Still accepting applications for youth leader.
5. Confirmation interviews Time TBD
6. Dates for SS to sing in worship.
7. Set the amount that families will be asked to pay for attending Bible Camp
8. 12/14 Christmas program (*practice starts in November*)
9. Plans for combined events for FELC & Zion youth?
10. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Set the amount that families will be asked to pay for attending Bible Camp
2. Define parameters of "**Active** Member" of youth group.
3. Still accepting applications for youth leader.
4. Synod Junior High Gathering November 21-22, 2025, in Willmar
5. Status of signup sheets for families serving meals and sitting in class.
6. Discuss opening Youth Facebook group to entire congregation
7. Volunteers for 2nd Wednesday Youth Group
8. Other

Stewardship

1. Church financial Status
2. Fall Stewardship Plans
 - a. Timetable
 - b. Letter and other needs
 - c. Incorporate theme into stewardship emphasis
3. Auction Fundraiser for Elevator?
4. Possible Life Skills Workshop
5. Other

Church Properties

1. Status - TKE upgrading our elevator
2. Platform for Pastor Cheryl to use
3. Narthex Window Issue Status
4. Insulate floor trunk (fix condensation)
5. Update on Sidewalk sinking
6. Bell Tower leak update
7. Office Chairs Purchased
8. Repair/Update Sound System w/completion around June '26.
9. Ongoing needs at church as funds allow:
 - a. Fellowship hall ceiling repair/replacement
 - b. Paint hallways-volunteers?
 - c. Carpet over asbestos tiles
 - d. Sanctuary painting
10. Other

Pastor's report

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 8th, 2025 5:30 pm