



First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

October 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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September 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My favorite time of the year is autumn as warm days and cool nights relieve us from the hot humid days of summer and prepare us for the winter to come. The longer the days of fall last, the more I like it and feel blessed.

Of course, it is a busy time of year as harvesting is a time sensitive process getting the crops in, whether it's squash and potatoes from the garden, or corn and soybeans from the fields. Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us *"For everything there is a season,"* and the lovely days of fall will eventually turn into freezing days of winter and a time of rest and renewal for the land.

Harvest is often referenced in scripture as it is something people over the centuries can relate to. We all physically need food to sustain us and feel blessed when we receive abundant harvests. The references also provide divine guidance to remain steadfast in faith spiritually sowing seeds until we are blessed with an eternal harvest.

The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians: *"⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;"* (2Co 9)

Just as He is able to provide you with all that you need physically, God will provide everything you need spiritually to do His work. Like planting a seed, it grows and produces without us knowing how a particular seed found its way to sprout, instead of lying there in the soil to decompose. In a similar way, when a seed is planted in a child, no one knows when the growth will begin, or if it will crumble away.

The one thing that makes the difference is God. God divinely supplies the seed what is needed to sprout and grow and increases its produce for harvest, for God is in control.

Amos 4: 7 tells us *"And I also withheld the rain from you when there were still three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would be rained upon, and the field on which it did not rain withered;"*

We saw quite a bit of God's control over the weather this summer as there was excessive rain in some areas and in other places it would be bone dry so to speak. It was often a test of faith to trust in God's timing and remain steadfast in faith that God will provide even as flood waters stood in corn rows and drown out fields.

From the examples of planting and harvest this year and through scriptures, we know we must, *"⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near."* (James 5)

The time of spring planting is a time of great hope and anticipation of what is to come. Harvest time fills us with joy and thankfulness for what we have received. Patience and trust in God in-between make all the difference.

The same is true with our children and young people who desperately need the seeds to be planted and nurtured to grow to be a faithful follower of Christ.

Paul writes to the Galatians: *"⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."* (Gal 6)

Those who were taught the word, must share. We are short of Sunday school teachers. We are short of parents and helpers for confirmation and the youth. We are short of volunteers for the work of the church. There are sign-up sheets in several places for each to take a turn. It takes men and women, young and old, parents and empty-nesters to all sow the seeds.

We must not grow weary of doing what is the most important commission Jesus has given us, to be about the mission and ministry of our own congregations and especially the young people. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things, the faith that has grown in them.

The harvest God speaks of is more than the blessing we physically receive but is symbolic of God's blessing in gathering the faithful in our future home in glory. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

"⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." (1Co 3:7-9)

The responsibility does not belong to someone else but for working together for all to share, giving of their time, talents, and resources to work for the good of all, especially for those of the family of faith in our own congregations. You will reap what you sow, but what seeds are you sowing?



Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl



FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING
Council Minutes – September 10, 2025 (not yet approved)

Members present: Becky Parker (treasurer) *and Stewardship*, Darin Ehrenberg - *Stewardship*, Archer Dorry & Jennifer Anderson - *Youth & Family*, Carmen Zupfer - *Christian Education*, Marge Dragseth & Paula Reisdorph - *Evangelism*, Kirsten Karels & Emily Sigler- *Lay Ministry*, Dale Price - *Church Properties*, and Barbara Wegner - *Secretary*.

Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Becky Parker at 6:18 pm.

Approval of August Minutes as presented – Darin/Archer **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Dale/Emily **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Emily Sigler reported– There was no WAM, Endowment, or Finance report. The board will assign staff interviews in October. The board was unsure of who put up Christmas trees inside of the church, but is looking for them to be up sometime the week of November 24th. The board is okay with the dates planned for Thanksgiving (at Zion 11/24 6:30 pm), Hanging of the Greens (11/30), Blue Christmas (12/20 4pm), and Christmas Eve 2:30 & 6:30 pm. Further discussion is required for a personnel matter.

Board of Evangelism – Marge Dragseth reported – Members are given opportunities to follow Christ through fellowship and participation at Evangelism events. Marge wants to chair God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH) in 2026, and would like a pot luck lunch either on GWOH or Rally Sunday. The board believes safety trainings need to be held. There is a safety procedure list at the church. There are 3 Lenten meals at FELC, 2 at Zion. Assistance for meals will be asked for from boards. Marge will not chair it this year. The new members being welcomed will have their picture displayed on October 5th. The Evangelism board is willing to participate in the confirmation interviews. Deb Henningson is setting up the September coffee fellowship; Marge will do October's. Later they want a board member from each board to take a month to serve. There will be a basket of "Thanks for Popping in" popcorn in the Narthex. Anyone who sees a visitor may grab one and hand it out to the visitor. Large "Thinking of You" magnets will be handed out (1 per family) on Rally Sunday. The board's mission emphasis this year is The Day of Love quilters. There will be a speaker on November 9th. The Just for the Love of It Dinner will be Feb. 11th and the board will seek a chair/co-chair in December.

Christian Education – Carmen Zupfer reported – The board members are working on taking the Protect My Ministry training to cover all Board of Christian Education members and events. Carmen & Beth want to talk in church service 9/14 about the new format of Sunday School and invite students and their families to the refuge. Liz showed Carmen the Bibles that the children get in 3rd grade and 7th grade. The board was unaware that the children received Bibles in 7th grade. Pastor Cheryl can work on having the confirmation students come forth with their 7th grade Bibles to bless them in a service. The board is okay with the 3rd grade Bibles now that they have seen them. The board is invited to the confirmation interviews (but not required to attend). The board would like to have the Sunday School children sing a song, "He is Jesus," from last year's Wonder Junction VBS on October 12th. The board supports the increase in cost for GL Bible Camp to parents up to half (\$315) and feel Youth and Family should decide on the final cost as it is coming from their budget. GLLM raised \$31,000 at the quilt auction for students who need financial assistance. Marilyn Chindvall will help with the Christmas Program. The board is considering some ideas for fun family dates for activities for FELC & Zion members, including: Roller skating, Unity Square, Milbank Movie Theater-family movie, Family Fun for ALL at Lakeside Park (April 26) grilling, bouncy house, yard games, playground, fishing, etc. The board will pick a time when both FELC & Zion can attend. Memory work all Pk-6th: Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed.

Youth & Family – Archer Dorry reported – The board would like to re-visit setting the amount that families will be asked to pay for attending Bible Camp. A student will be considered an active youth member if they are doing something for or with the church. Concerning the Synod Youth Gathering, the board is waiting to see when the fall theater schedule is out as it has conflicted in the past. The Facebook youth group will be opened to members of the church, but it must remain private since it was originally created as a private group (FB rule) and this keeps random international people out of it.

Stewardship – Darin Ehrenberg reported – The board will use the "Come Follow Me" picture with the Stewardship Drive, on screens, and in our bulletins. The board will do two temple talks in November, possibly Nov. 2nd and 16th. The board would like to have all of the letters printed, envelopes ready, and pledge cards ready for assembly on October 8th's council meeting. The letter should be given to Barbara by October 1st. The board will pursue the online auction idea to fundraise for elevator improvement, perhaps in the spring. It may be mentioned in part of the Stewardship drive. The board will table the life skills workshop to focus these other things first. There is a Synod Stewardship webinar that some will on the board will attend (or try to). The board changed the time & talent sheets to remove some and add some new opportunities.

Church Properties – Dale Price reported – We are waiting on the elevator company to come in and do a final inspection and set a timeline for repair. Glenn Berdan made a nice altar platform for Pastor. The Narthex window was damaged. It was replaced by Pat through Gunner. We will insulate our trunk line for the air

conditioner to stop condensation water damage. We have ceiling tiles on order as well. The sidewalk is an ongoing project. Gunner found water intrusions around the bell tower and we're getting a bid for that repair now to mitigate the window moisture. Glenn & Glenn are putting together names to talk with about the sound system and will include the pastor in any scheduled visits. It is recommended that Lisa Berdan also be present.

Pastor's Report- Everyone received a copy of the Pastor's Report. Pastor Cheryl visited American Lutheran (AL) about their service technology. She doesn't believe there is anything wrong with our sound system, but that we could use better software. AL has volunteer technicians who each get a laptop and they can program the service in for their week at home using PowerPoint or Easy Worship. They just plug in their computer to broadcast it on that morning. FELC has one handheld microphone that cracks when the audio button is pressed. It's a different brand than the rest of the equipment and shouldn't cost much to upgrade. The youth met this evening, and they will be leading the service on Sunday. They enjoy being a part of this congregation, even if they don't say it. Because of the shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church, Pastor Cheryl got to thinking about being downstairs during confirmation classes, alone (as the only adult) and how the safety procedure plan might need to be refreshed or revised. There might be a need for training, especially the ushers. The executive committee will look into that.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, October 8th at 5:30 PM.

Youth October Newsletter

We are back at it! Confirmation, Youth Group, and Sunday school have started!

Thank you to everyone for joining in on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 7th. We had a good turn out and many hands made light the work.

Rally Sunday was held on September 14th. It was so nice to have so many children at the front of the church for the children's message. Following the service a fun-filled time was held down at Lakeside Park. Everyone was treated to donuts. Paperwork was filled out. A scavenger hunt was held and those successful in the hunt received a coupon for a cone at Dairy Queen (Thank you Karels for that!)

Congratulation and God's Blessing to the following young people who received their Bibles* during the September 21st service. 3-year-olds: Bodin Boerger, Logan Fladhammer, Ryley Sigler, and Kyson Thompson. 3rd graders: Tenley Adelman, Jacob Fladhammer, Arlie Giese, Mason Hanson, Baylor Kellen, Jaxton Koch, Braylon & Bronson Rademacher, Avery Sigler, Brinley Teske, and Kova Thompson. 7th graders (who received their Bibles the first day of confirmation): Gibson Evje, Mia Kindelberger, Amelia Kuechenmeister, Brielle Rademacher, and Riley Stattelman.



***If you were unable to attend please pick up the Bible in the pickup room.**

Coming up for October:

1st - Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.

Youth Group 5:30-7:00.

5th – Sunday School regular classes.

8th – Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.

Youth Group 5:30-7:00 *at Zion Lutheran Church*

12th - Sunday School sings in church and has regular classes.

15th – NO Confirmation classes or Youth Group due to MEA Break.

19th - No Sunday school- MEA weekend.

22nd: - Confirmation Classes at the Early Out times: 1:45 and 2:45.

NO Youth Group due to the early out.

26th – Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders: Cameron Anderson, James Hodenfield, Lexi Kaye, Chase Lovgren, Meadow Schablin, Justice Wittnebel, and Amelia Zinski.

Sunday School regular classes.

29th – Confirmation classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30

Youth Group 5:30-7:00



Be watching for God's Creation calendars that will be coming in October. This is a fundraiser for our youth.

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.

October 2025

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Jaycees Project Christmas \$ _____

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

The endowment group will be meeting on October 5th. Please get your requests in before then.

Recognition of New Members Sunday will be October 5th. If you're interested in becoming a member reach out to Pastor Cheryl, someone on the Evangelism Committee, or grab a household record from the Narthex & turn it into the office.

May the God of all consolation be with...

...Evie Swigerd on the death of her husband, Bruce Swigerd. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, September 12th, at St. John's Catholic Church in Ortonville. His inurnment will be at Mound Cemetery in Ortonville at a later date.

...Chris & Kari Dorry and family on the death of Chris's father, Tom Dorry. Funeral services were held yesterday at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD.

...Stacy Hennings on the death of her father, Larry Hennings on September 23rd. The funeral was held Sept. 29th at Trinity Lutheran in Revillo, SD.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Garth & Chelsie Haukos on the baptism of their daughter, Norah Jaymes Haukos! The baptism was held here, Sunday, September 21st. Norah's sponsors are Hunter Haukos and Amanda Haukos.

There are signup sheets in the Office hallway for volunteers to help with the confirmation & youth. Even if you are a not a parent, but would like to support the youth of the congregation, we would appreciate your help if you can make it one of these days.

Someplace Safe is having their Chili & Soup Fundraiser Wednesday, October 15th from 11 AM to 1 pm at the Ortonville Community Center. All proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Someplace Safe Big Stone Advocacy Office.

Noisy Offering will be moved to October 19th so as not to have it during our Confirmation service.

Church members can now request access to the "First English Lutheran Youth-Ortonville MN" group on Facebook.

There will be a Grief Support Group put on by CentraCare Hospice at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson from 12:30-2:00 pm on Wednesdays, Oct. 8th, 15th, 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th. All are welcome. Please RSVP to their church office: orlcstaf@hotmail.com or (320) 843-3151.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church is having their 70th annual Smorgasbord in Benson at 4:30-7:30 pm on Wed. October 22nd. The Menu includes: Rømmegrøt, Søtuppe, Lefse, Blod & Potato Klub, Rullepølse, Flatbread, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Meat Balls, Roast Pork, Cole Slaw, Relishes, Deviled Eggs, & Assorted Fancy Cookies. You can dine in or pick up. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 7-12, 6 and under are free. Proceeds help support their local & foreign missions.

There is a FALL Gathering October 21st at 10:00 am at Granite Falls Lutheran Church.

This event is sponsored by the LQP Women of the ELCA. Men & Women are invited to join them to hear a program of Song by Paul Knapper. There will also be coffee & treats at 9:30 am when registration starts. To help with planning, please call ahead or send \$10 registration fee by October 17th to Bernice Oellien (320) 752-4757. 2570 280th Street Madison, MN, 56256.

Green Lake will have a Women's Retreat at Shores of St. Andrew, The Village. October 17–19, 2025 | Fee: \$200 | Register by October 7th.

KDIO BROADCASTS

.... **(September 7th)** was sponsored in honor of Jon & Kim Anderson as they celebrated their countless blessings over their 50 years of marriage.

.... **(September 14th)** was sponsored in memory of Donald & Joyce Kock from Kathy Haukos and family.

.... **(September 21st)** was sponsored in honor of Vern & Carol Bell's 50th Wedding Anniversary, September 20th, 2025.

.... **(September 28th)** was sponsored in memory of Donald & Corinne Tiegs who would have been married 74 years today by their children Richard, Elizabeth, Ross and families.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Angie Aschwege, Kelly Athey, Harley Helgeson, Arlen LaCombe, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina, Harris Selvig, Beth Swanson, Brandi Tweeter, Jean Zielike; Bishop Craig Anderson, 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 especially Jacob Hamann, Colin Hartman, Tyler Ruby, and Thomas Halverson; and our South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.



**Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries
Sponsored By Women's Connection**

Tuesday, October 21st, at 5:30 pm
at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church.
The cost is \$6.00, and there is a free nursery
available by reservation.

Speaker: Maysil Malard-Lodoen, of Bismark, ND
with a talk titled:

“Stepping out in Faith”

~ Special Feature ~

Sue Lockwood of Ortonville. Claims Research Specialist
– Locating money that belongs to the people.

Music: Shirone Spolar of Twin Brooks, SD, Soloist

FOOD WILL BE SERVED &
ALL/WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

For reservations call Paula Reisdorph (320) 760-9583



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

By God's grace, together
we have what we need.

*'As members of
the ELCA, we
believe that we
are freed in
Christ to serve
and love our
neighbor. With
our hands, we
do God's work
of restoring and
reconciling
communities in
Jesus Christ's
name
throughout
the world.'*

Volunteers needed for October 15th Tech Training at First English



A training session will be held on at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 15th for volunteers who are interested in helping with the Tech Desk during Sunday worship. The training will include running the sound system, working with the audio broadcast, steaming the service, using the video camera, and microphone setup.

Volunteers are needed to help with this important function of ministry on a rotational schedule. We are seeking those who are tech savvy... or somewhat tech savvy to help. High school or college students or anyone with extensive computer skills are also welcome to train for this important service.

Why do we need this? This is an important part of our mission and ministry to the community, especially for those unable to attend church; those at Fairway View who depend on the recordings for their Sunday worship; 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 radio broadcast, or Facebook Live.

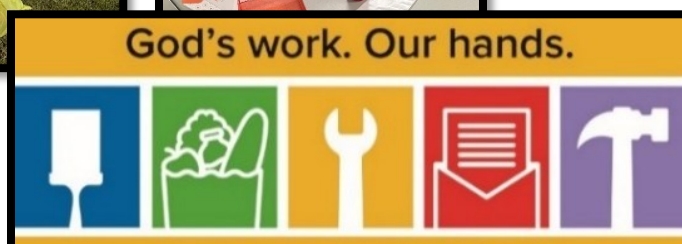
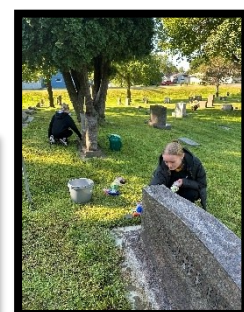
Training also provides an opportunity for those faithful tech people to have a break, or in case someone is ill or unable to assist so others are able to take their place. Lastly, as we consider updates and upgrades to the system to make it more user friendly, we will need knowledgeable techs to help 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. If you are unable to attend on October 15, we will make arrangements for training at another time. Please consider being a part of this important ministry of First English Lutheran Church.

Thank you ahead of time.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2025

We celebrated God's Work, Our Hands day on September 7th. It was a very fulfilling day reaching out and serving our community. We cleaned ditches, scrubbed cemetery headstones, delivered appreciation treats to area employees, birthday bags for the food shelf, and made birthday cards for members 80 and older that are on our list. It was a wonderful day!



Parish Nurse Article for October

"Experiencing the Prayer of Jesus"



God is moved by the sincerity of your prayers.

God hears your request because you are His child.

The purpose of prayer is not to change God, but to change you.

God deserves to hear your prayer of praise – and you need to give it.

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all of the Lord's people.

Gifts & Memorials

(Received between June 27th – September 25th)

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Dick Verheul: Jim & Julie Hipple, Anthony & Jocelyn Schowalter, & Erlys Sis. Glenda Reiffenberger & Steve & Lori Strei.

BELLS

Dean & Karen Strand in memory of Dick Verheul.

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg, and Richard & Marla Strei in honor of Dean & Anita Longnecker's anniversary.

DAY OF LOVE

Richard & Marla Strei in honor of Vivian Janssen's birthday.

ELCA SW MN SYNOD

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Ronald & Ginger Athey, Sharon Carlson, Marilyn Chindvall, and Liz Ketz;.

FELC WOMEN

Marianne Morrill's family.

FOOD SHELF

Melvin & Jackie Domine, and Eldon & Carol Knutson.

KDIO

Jon & Kim Anderson in honor of countless blessings of 50 years of marriage, Vernon & Carol Bell in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Lois Bergeson in memory of Ray Bergeson, Melvin & Jackie Domine in memory of Henry Domine and in celebration of Andrew Domine & Kiersten, Kathy Haukos, Liz Ketz in memory of Donald & Corinne Tiegs and in memory of Patrick Ketz, Marianne Morrill's family in memory of Marianne, Roger & Bar Nornes in honor of their 72nd anniversary, Rob & Kathy Randall in honor of their anniversary, Richard & Marla Strei in honor of Hannah Strei on her upcoming graduation from U of M Medical School and Adam Strei on his upcoming SDSU graduation, and In celebration of Joe & Hannah (Strei) Kachelmyer on their upcoming marriage, Garry & Ethel Swenson in memory of LaVon Gerber, and Rita Verheul in memory of Dick Verheul.

OPERATING

Gayle Anderson, Kirby & Mari Athey, Ron & Ginger Athey, Marilyn Chindvall in memory of JoAnn Hasslen, Jyla Dahle, Randy & Jane Debner, Melvin & Jackie Domine, Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg, Kris & Nikki Evje, Arlene Gustafson in memory of JoAnn Hasslen, Marilyn Hanson, Glenn & Deb Henningson, Evelyn Johnson, Nancy Nolop, Evonne & Eugene Phillippe in memory of Marianne Morrill, Glenda Reiffenberger, Judith Roberts, James & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of Laura Roeder, Steve & Lori Strei, Garry & Ethel Swenson, Russ & Ronda Thielke, and Clara Zeek.

PROJECT BACKPACK

Burton Pansch.

SENIOR CHOIR / CANTATA

Lois Bergeson in memory of JoAnn Hasslen, Marilyn Hanson, and Rob & Kathy Randall.

SOMEPLACE SAFE

Arlene Gustafson, Rebbeca & Neil Heringer, and Jack & Mary Weber.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Marilyn Chindvall, James & Kate Heinecke, Liz Ketz, Sharon Smith, and Jack & Mary Weber.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Melvin & Jackie Domine.

SQUARES

Kevin & Becky Backstrand, Marilyn Chindvall, James & Kate Heinecke, Liz Ketz, Sharon Smith, and Jack & Mary Weber.

YOUTH FUND

Lois Bergeson in memory of Dick Verheul.



ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – October

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Banners:

Flower Committee:

Ginger Athey & Chelsey Stattelman

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Kris Redfield



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Oct. 5: Kathy Haukos

Oct. 8* (1 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson

Oct. 12: Amy Adelman

Oct. 19: Lisa Berdan

Oct. 26: Carol Ydstie

Nov. 2: Marilyn Hanson

Nov. 9: Carol Ydstie

Nov. 12* (1 pm FWV): Amy Adelman

Nov. 16: Amy Adelman

Nov. 23: Lisa Berdan

Nov. 30: TBD

LECTOR

Oct. 5: Becky Parker

Oct. 12: Kelsey Kaye

Oct. 19: Jim Foster

Oct. 26: Confirmands

Nov. 2: Terry Kalberg

Nov. 9: Chris Petersen

Nov. 16: Sara Mattison

Nov. 23: Ellie Helgeson

Nov. 30: Barb Wiese

ACOLYTES

Oct. 5: Nash & Mia

Oct. 12: Liv & Amelia K.

Oct. 19: Miley & Kylie

Oct. 26: Oliver & Katelyn

Nov. 2: Martino & Archer

Nov. 9: Rylie & Bailey

Nov. 16: Bennett & Bryson

Nov. 23: Jordan & Riley

Nov. 30: Madilyn & Ashton

LAY ASSISTANTS

Oct. 5: Brent Zahrbock & Jim Schmeichel

Oct. 19: Kirsten & Bryson Karels

Oct. 26: Confirmands

Nov. 2: Kari Dorry & Sara Wollschlager

Nov. 16: Amanda Stattelman & Lori Larson

Nov. 30: Jim Foster & Becky Parker

FWV Neighborhoods

Oct. 5: Barb & Warren Wiese

Oct. 12: Brent Zahrbock

Nov. 2: TBD

Nov. 9: TBD

Nov. 30: TBD

GREETERS

Oct. 5: Ginger Athey & Lola Backstrand

Oct. 12: Barb Wiese & Liv Wollschlager

Oct. 19: Sara Mattison & Liam Johnson

Oct. 26: Jim Foster & Bennett Karels

Nov. 2: Michelle Bauer & Katelyn Hodenfield

Nov. 9: Mentor & Mentee Volunteers

Nov. 16: Mentor & Mentee Volunteers

Nov. 23: Mentor & Mentee Volunteers

Nov. 30: Mentor & Mentee Volunteers

SOUND SYSTEM

Oct. 5: Marge Dragseth & Cody Backstrand

Oct. 12: Terry Kalberg & Matt Karels

Oct. 19: Kim Anderson & Liz Ketz

Oct. 26: David Ellingson & Cody Backstrand

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Nov. 16: Kim Anderson & Cody Backstrand

Nov. 23: Liz Ketz & Matt Karels

Nov. 30: David Ellingson & TBD

USHERS

Oct. 5: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & David Ellingson

Oct. 12: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson

Oct. 19: Russ Thielke, Warren Wise, Gale May, & Connie Newman

Oct. 26: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Art Vollmer

Nov. 2: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson












Nov. 9: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson

Nov. 16: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Jim Foster, & Dick Strei

Nov. 23: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Mel & Jackie Domine

Nov. 30: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Dick & Marla Strei



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| October 2025 † † † | | | First English Lutheran Church Pr. Cheryl is at Zion Tuesdays | | Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals." | |
| Pastor Cheryl's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com . | | | 1 9:00 am Circle 4 (Church Lounge) 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (grades 7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (grade 9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12 th gr.) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir | 2 | 3 9:00 am Bulletins Printed | 4  |
| 5 New Member Sunday  9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship w/donuts 10:15 am Endowment Meeting 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded 4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice | 6 | 7 8:30 am Day of Love 3:30 pm Evangelism Mtg (Pastor Cheryl will attend) 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 5:30 pm Joint Partnership meeting at FELC | 8  9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Worship (Pastor Cheryl Live w/communion) 3:30 pm Confirmation (grades 7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (grade 9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 7-12) at Zion Church 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Council Meeting  7:00 pm Senior Choir | 9 | 10 9:00 am Bulletins Printed | 11 |
| <i>Pastor Cheryl at SWMN Synod Fall Conference 10/5 afternoon – 10/7 afternoon</i> | | | | | | |
| 12 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY Before Service – Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Worship – Sunday School singing – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Pre-recorded 4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice | 13 11 am Staff Meeting | 14 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) | 15 No School  9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 5:00 pm Tech Desk Training 7:00 pm Senior Choir | 16 | 17 9:00 am Bulletins Printed | 18  |
| 19   Before Service – Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Worship – Communion – Noisy Offering – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live  4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice | 20 11 am Staff Meeting | 21 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) | 22 Early Out 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:45 pm Confirmation (grades 7-8) 2:45 pm Confirmation (grade 9) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir | 23 | 24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed | 25 |
| 26 CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION SUNDAY  Before Service – Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & Facebook Live 9:30 – 10:15 am Sunday School 4-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice | 27 11 am Staff Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 28 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) | 29 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (grades 7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (grade 9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (gr 7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir | 30 | 31 Reformation Day HALLOWEEN |  |