

# First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for August Council meetings, 2025.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

## July activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	8	Write Youth Director ads and send out	1
(One was outdoor guitar service at Zion)		Visitation at FWV	1
Church Picnic (Zion)	1	Office (days)	
Other Worship services		At First	13
FWV services	1	At Zion	5
Home Visit Hospital/Care	1	Project Backpack at Baptism church	1
Baptisms: (Brewer Adelman)	1	Meetings:	
Funeral/Internment/Prayers service:	0	Council Meetings (Zion – left early)	1
Weddings	0	WAM Committee member	1
Bible Study Classes	0	Day of Love Visit	1
Newsletter article	1	Worship Outreach meeting/potluck (Zion)	1
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Staff Meetings (First)	3
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Meetings with Tonya	3
Bulletin Drafts	16	Joint Christian Ed Meeting	1
PowerPoints	0	Zion Christian Ed Meeting	1
Confirmation Classes	0	Youth Activity –	
Confirmation Activity (working on catch up)	1	Youth Night	1 night

## Planned August Activities:

- Weekly:
  - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
  - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion (No Worship Service twice this month)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month at 1 pm Communion Service at FWV
  - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
- August 2 – 10 am Baptism for Athey Triplets
- August 3 – 9 am joint worship service at First English
  - Pie & Ice Cream Social at Zion 4 – 7 pm
- August 5 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting
- August 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Cheryl Vacation Days
- August 12 – 5:30 pm Joint Committee Meeting at Zion
- August 13 - 1 pm Communion Service at FWV
  - 5:30 pm First English Council meeting
- August 15-17 – Cornfest in Ortonville
  - August 17 – No worship at Zion
- August 19 – 5:30 pm Zion Christian Ed Committee meeting
  - 6:30 pm Zion Council meeting
- August 20 – 6:30 to 10 pm - Youth Fun Night at Zion
- August 24 – School Backpack Blessing during worship(s)
- August 25 – Ortonville School Starts
- August 27 – 6:30 Confirmation Orientation for Students and Parents.

## PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Confirmation New Testament classes and revised 9<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran Classes
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: FELC – 6 (+1 should be) & Zion – 6 = 12
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: FELC – 8 & Zion – 3 = 11
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: FELC – 8 & Zion 1 = 9
  - Total students = 32
- Setting up Confirmation Interviews in September for FELC – 8 students (1 will not be) Zion – 3 = 11 total
- A Sunday Youth Service – for September 14 – coinciding with Rally Sunday
- Working on FELC Christian Education changes to Sunday school.
- Installation service for September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Updating TECH training and equipment

**NOTES:** Four people are needed for the Installation Service to say/do something. Very short part. I suggest (at each congregation) the call committee chairman and the president. Then the head of the Lay Committee or the Circle or the Youth & Family Committee Chair (or a youth) Or the Chair of the Christian Ed Committee... or? You suggest. I'll attach a copy of the installation to review.

**NOTE: COMMUNION WILL BE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER!** Due to the first Sunday needs to be a short service for God's Work Our Hands – we'll move it. And - Due to Installation have Communion the last Sunday

**Youth:** Our second Youth night at Zion went very well. We had 2 volleyball nets up and that seemed to work well. Several played cornhole this time and croquet. We were prepared for games inside but lucked out with no rain that night – one Fun night left on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming events:**

September 3 – 4:30 pm FELC 7<sup>th</sup> Graders (& 8<sup>th</sup>) will have Acolyte Training. Liz will do the training.  
 September 7 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at both congregations  
 September 14 – Rally Sunday/Youth Worship Sunday (several have volunteered to help – Archer is preaching)  
 September 21 – Baptism of Nora Haukos –  
     Bible Presentation and Teach Installation  
 September 28 – Installation of Pastor Cheryl  
 October 1 – 5:30 Zion Outreach potluck  
 October 5 – New member Sunday  
 October 15 & 16-17: MEA and school out so no confirmation on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 October 26 – Confirmation Sunday

**VACATION DATES:** August 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>: a memorial weekend for my son Joe.

October 15 – 17 during MEA when the kids are off from confirmation ( - not sure which Sunday yet -)

**I would like to take off both Sundays – Oct 12 & 19.** I'm going to Utah to see my son and family and they will be taking off for their Fall Break so only there on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and I have a grandson and family that I would visit the second weekend while in Utah. Since communion will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> – it would not need to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**BACK TO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:** (All times are flexible due to funerals, and other activities that come up.)

Monday & Thursday Office at First – 10 am to 4 pm

Tuesday Office at Zion – 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday Office at First English 10 am to 3:30 pm & 5:30 to 8 pm (Confirmation 3:30 to 5:30 pm)

Friday & Saturday I'm at home doing sermon prep and writing. (Usually half days)

Sunday at church 7:30 am to Noon or so.

*(People can also call and make appointments.)*

2025 Vacation: (5 weeks)	USED:	Sundays off (6):	USED:
May 8 – 12 (one day is day off)	3	May 11	1
August 7 – 11 (one day is day off)	3	August 10	1
<b>Total</b>	6	<b>Total</b>	2
Education 2 weeks	USED	SICK Days	USED
<b>Total</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Total</b>	

Remember to communicate with pastor to coordinate between the congregations.  
 Committees are encouraged to include/meet with pastor.