

# First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for October Council meetings, 2025.

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## September activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	8	Confirmation classes	10
Installation at Both		Confirmation Interviews	2
God's Work Our Hands at Both		Confirmation Makeup meeting	1
Bible Presentation/Teacher Blessing Both		Youth Group	2
Other Worship services		Meetings:	
FWV services	1	Council Meetings (FELC & Zion)	2
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	0	Joint Committee meeting	0
Baptisms: (Norah Haukos)	1	Evangelism meeting	1
Funeral/Internment/Prayers service:	0	Staff Meetings (First)	4
Weddings	0	Meetings with Tonya	3
Bible Study Classes	0	Ed Committee meeting Zion	1
Newsletter article	1	Worship Committee meeting Zion	1
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Lac Qui Parle Conference Pastors	1
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Prospective Youth Leader Person	1
Bulletin Drafts	8	Meeting with Marina	1
PowerPoints (2 for First/ 1 for Zion)	3	Youth Activity	
Office (days)		JV Football Game; Varsity FB game	2
At First	12	C, JV, Varsity Volleyball	1
At Zion	5	Youth led services at Both congregations	2
Tech Training (First)	1		
Acolyte Training (Zion)	1	(Liz did acolyte training at First)	

## Planned October Activities:

- Weekly:
  - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
  - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion (Except for Confirmation day it's 11 am)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month at 1 pm Communion Service at FWV
  - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
  - Wednesday Confirmation: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm; 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm;
    - early out (22<sup>nd</sup>) 1:45 & 2:45 pm respectively
    - No Confirmation on the 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday Youth Group: 5:30 meal; 6 to 7 activity
    - No Youth group Oct 15 as no school
    - No Youth group October 22 – early out
- October 1 – 5:30 pm Zion Outreach Potluck
- October 2 – 9 am Meeting with Gary Wellnitz on Tech Equipment
- October 5 – New Member Sunday at Both
- October 5 – 7 SW Minnesota ELCA Synod Fall Conference at Spice, MN
- October 7 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting
  - 5:30 pm Joint Committee Meeting at First
- October 8 – First English Council meeting 6 pm
  - Youth group will meet at Zion for meal and activity
- October 12 – Sunday school children singing – (Each congregation has)
  - Mentor Meeting at Zion following worship
- October 14 – 5:30 pm Zion Worship and Outreach committee meeting
- October 15 – 5 pm Training for Tech people at First English
  - NO confirmation as no school
- October 16-17 – MEA No School
- October 19 – Contemporary Service
- October 21 – 5:30 pm Zion Christian Ed Committee meeting
  - 6:30 pm Zion Council meeting
- October 22 – Early out at school – confirmation early
  - 5 pm - Confirmands Evening Meal with Pastor

## Confirmands Interviews

### First English

Monday September 29th  
4 pm – Amelia  
Tuesday, September 30th  
7:30 am Justice  
Thursday, October 2nd at  
5 pm - James  
Sunday October 5th at  
noon – Lexi  
TBD - Chase  
1 pm - Cameron  
2 pm – Meadow

### Zion

Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm Connor  
  
TBD – Kaylee  
  
TBD - Brooke

- October 26 – Affirmation of Baptism – Confirmation – at Both
  - Zion worship begins at 11 am

#### PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Confirmation Interview: To be confirmed: FELC – 7 & Zion - 3
  - One did not complete requirements –and did not take year over
- Updating TECH training and equipment
- Services: Thanksgiving - Hanging of the Greens - Christmas

#### NOTES:

- **Youth:** Ronda will be gone October 8<sup>th</sup> so Zion will hold Youth group that evening. They will have the 5:30 pm meal and an activity (depending on weather). We will need people to transport confirmation students to Zion at 5:30 pm.
- There is a Jr Youth Gathering at Wilmar, MN November 21-22. I've given information to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade and there is interest. Early Bird Registration is due by October 10<sup>th</sup>. I'm working on finding out who pays and how much from the congregations. Two FELC young people are on the SW MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Board who is putting this on. I would love to see several of our young people go. We will need chaperons.
- If any committee or council members do not have youth but could help in anyway with sitting in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class, supervision following 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, or helping with the youth activities once in a while – please let pastor or the office know. There are some parents who cannot get off work, and we need fill-ins now and then. Or mention it to other adults who might help.
- Youth have a meal at 5:30 when they have youth group and you are always welcome to provide for those meals. There is a sign-up sheet. If you have an activity that may be of interest for the youth group – please let pastor know. We want to get out and do something fun once a month. Perhaps you could help take a group to FWV to play games.
- **Confirmation:** There are 11 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade (3 FELC did not come); 11 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders; 8 - 9<sup>th</sup> graders. **Total of 30 students.**
- **OTHER:** Barbara learned the Easy Worship Program and has taken on the Presentations for Sunday services beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Upcoming events:

Speakers from Stewardship during FELC service during the month (dates tbd)  
 November 2 – All Saints Day  
 November 5 – 5:30 Outreach Potluck at Zion  
 November 9 – Day of Love at FELC for Mission Emphasis during service w/ladies speaking  
 November 15 – 10:30 – Noon: Group Home party at Zion  
 November 16 – Paul Hanson will be here to speak about Green Lake Ministry activities and camp  
 November 21-22 – Jr. High Youth Gathering at Wilmar, MN  
 November 24 – Combined Thanksgiving service at Zion at 6:30 pm  
 November 26 – Early Out Day and No confirmation  
 November 27 – Thanksgiving Day  
 November 30 – Hanging of the Green service at Both congregations.

**VACATION DATES:** None planned at this time.

#### **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 (Confirmation 3:30 to 5:30 pm & Youth 5:30 to 7 pm)  
 Friday & Saturday I'm at home doing sermon prep and writing. (Usually half days)  
 Sunday at church 7:45 am to 11:45 am 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.