

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2025 NOVEMBER

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 12th, '25

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

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. Appoint Brent Zahrbock and Ellie Helgeson for internal audit of 2025 books
3. Begin budget planning to present at December meeting.
4. Decide Annual Meeting & Back-Up dates for January. (For Newsletter)
5. 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. November 16th – Paul Hanson from GLLM will speak
 - b. November 24th – Combined 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service at Zion Lutheran Church.
 - c. November 30th – Hanging of the Greens – Advent Begins
 - d. December 14 – Christmas Program during church
 - e. December 20 – Blue Christmas
 - f. Dec. 24th 2:30 & 6:30 pm at FELC, 4:30 pm Zion
 - g. Dec. 28th – Hymn Sing
6. Anyone willing to coordinate meals during our Lenten season?
7. No longer having coffee fellowship?

Council items:

- 1. Approve October 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. No longer having coffee fellowship?

6. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept October reports (if any):
 - a. WAM (*none*)
 - b. Endowment
 - c. Finance (*none*)
2. Plan for/report on staff interviews.
3. Ellie will set a time to meet with Liz and Becky to begin 2026 budget planning.
4. Christmas Eve service on KDIO is confirmed and the cost has been covered by parishioners
5. FELC choir and community member Advent Cantata the weekend of December 6-7th at The Abbey of the Hills
6. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out (*none*)
2. Status report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. Status of reaching out to the Hispanic Community
4. Giving Tree going up on Nov. 23rd
 - a. What funds? Any changes from last year?
5. Report on Mission Emphasis (DOL)
6. KDIO for Christmas Eve has been set up and the cost has been covered by parishioners
7. Just for the Love of It Meal - Feb. 11
8. Status report on coffee before church
9. Status report on "Thanks for Popping In" gifts for visiting/new members.
10. Other

Christian Education

1. 2026 VBS date – May 31 to June 4
 - a. Need FELC coordinator
2. Report on Sunday School
 - a. 1st Sunday Communion at traditional time
 - b. 3rd Sunday Early Communion
3. 12/14 Christmas program (*practice started Nov. 2nd*)
 - a. *Using a song from VBS – "Immanuel"?*
4. Status of plans for combined events for FELC & Zion youth? New times?
 - a. Jan 11th roller-skating (11 am to 1 pm?)
 - b. Feb 8th (Superbowl Sunday) Unity Square event (1-3 pm)
 - c. March 8th family movie in Milbank (Time TBD)
 - d. April 26th (Time TBD) Lakeside Park (or backup open gym)
5. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Setting the amount that families will be asked to pay for attending Bible Camp tabled until conversation w/Paul Hanson (GLLM) 11/16
2. Report on Confirmation & gift.
3. Synod Junior High Gathering November 21-22, 2025, in Willmar
4. Status of signup sheets for families serving meals and sitting in class.
5. Volunteers for 2nd Wednesday Youth Group
6. Sr. Youth (current 10-12th gr.) Mission Trip planning meeting Nov. 17th at 6:00 pm.
7. Review Fundraising Points System
8. Other

Stewardship

1. Church financial Status
2. Report on Temple Talks, letters
3. Return pledges by end of year, dedication Jan. 4, 2026.
4. Auction Fundraiser for Elevator
5. Other

Church Properties

1. Status - TKE upgrading our elevator
2. Fix condensation issue –
 - a. de-humidifiers?
3. Consider changing eternal candles to electric. Our candles cost \$253.10 in '23, \$264.75 in '24, & \$272 in '25. Get a quote and ask congregation?
4. Sidewalk sinking (ongoing project)
5. Bell Tower leak update
6. Repair/Update Sound System
7. 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
8. Other

Pastor's report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 5:30 pm