

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2026 FEBRUARY

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Council Boards: Split up where you can. Council (1 rep. from each board) immediately following, meeting in a place TBD. **Agendas, Financials, & Documents** will be in the library.

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. The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly will be Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 pm at Bergen Lutheran Church in Hanley Falls. We can have up to 6 member delegates (preferably 3 male and 3 female) attend. Any volunteers to attend?
2. The Water's Edge Bible Camp Annual Meeting Tues., Feb. 10th, starting with a meal at 12:00 pm. The meeting will start following the meal at 1:00 pm. Each congregation is encouraged to send two voting delegates. Any volunteers to attend?
3. The Synod Assembly will be June 5th - 6th, at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can take three members as delegates. Any volunteers to attend?
4. Start recruitment efforts for board vacancies for the June election ballots
5. Discuss Future council dates & time.
6. 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. 2/8 Super Sub Fundraiser
 - b. 2/11 5-6:30 pm Just for the love of it meal (during Council Mtg)
 - c. 2/18 Ash Wed. 1 pm at FWV, 5:30 pm at FELC, 6:30 at Zion
 - d. 1 pm Lenten Service at FWV
 - e. February 25; March 11; March 25 - 6 pm - Service at First English
 - f. March 4; March 18 - 6 pm - Service at Zion Lutheran
 - g. April 2 Maundy Thurs & April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae SATB
 - h. April 5th 7/9 am Easter

7. Should we have a thermometer graphic for elevator fundraiser?
8. Lenten Meal Schedule: Feb 25th Evangelism/Properties, March 11th Christian Ed & Stewardship, March 25th Lay Ministry & Youth & Family.
9. Review & Discuss Synod's Notice of proposed Constitution Amendments.
10. other

Council items:

1. **Approve January minutes.**
2. **Approve Treasurer's report**
3. **Decide on March & Future Council Date(s) & Time**
4. Review & Discuss Synod's Notice of proposed Constitution Amendments.
5. Board reports
6. Any Lac Qui Parle, Water's Edge, or Synod Assembly volunteers?
7. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept December reports (if any):
 - a. WAM
 - b. Endowment (*December*)
 - c. Finance Work Group (*none?*)
2. Ash Wed. Services both at FELC (5:30 pm) & Zion (6:30 pm) with Lenten Services (6 pm) rotating with Zion, but starting at FELC on Feb 25th.
3. Mar. 25th Lenten Meal w/Youth & Family
4. Possible First Communion on Palm Sunday - March 29th
5. Easter is 7 am & 9 am on April 5th
6. Renew Employee Contracts to describe normal hours worked.
7. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out (none)
2. Status report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. Jan 9th Adult Game Night Report
4. Just for the Love of It Meal Status
5. Feb. 25th Lenten Meal w/Properties Brd.
6. Wed FWV services for Lent - Volunteers
7. Promotion of Lent/Easter services?
8. Other

Christian Education

1. Mar. 11th Lenten Meal w/Stewardship
2. Possible First Communion on Palm Sun (3/29) if enough interest in classes.
3. 2026 VBS scheduled for May 31st – June 4th with a joint worship to kick off VBS. Any other VBS info from 1/27 meeting?
4. Jan 11th Roller skating event report
5. Status of plans for combined events for FELC & Zion youth?
 - a. Unity Square event, now free, Feb 22nd (1-3 pm)
 - b. Ice Skating in March?
 - c. April 26th (Time TBD) Lakeside Park (or backup open gym)
6. Singing in church in 2026?
7. Summer Worship 7 pm Wednesdays at Zion Lawn or FELC parking lot?
8. Possible meeting with Youth & Family about a possible secondary offering with all funds going towards bible camp?
9. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Mar. 25th Lenten Meal w/Lay Ministry
2. Promotion of Camps/Green Lake Bible and Scholarships
3. Sr. Youth Mission Trip planning & fundraising report
4. Youth Summer Campfire Nights
5. Short 1-day Summer Mission Trip
6. Any other summer events/trips?
7. Super Subs Fundraiser Report
8. Souper Bowl of Caring Report
9. Easter Breakfast Plans?
10. Senior Recognition May 17th
11. Creating Regulations on Designated Youth Funds
12. Possible meeting with Christian Ed. about a possible secondary offering with all funds going towards bible camp?
13. Other

Stewardship

1. Mar. 11th Lenten Meal w/Christian Ed.
2. Church financial Status
3. Lenten offerings going to Water's Edge Scholarships Fund
4. Evaluate Fall Stewardship Theme and Execution
5. Auction Fundraiser for Elevator Plans
6. Other

Church Properties

1. Feb. 25th Lenten Meal w/Evangelism Brd
2. Report on Larry's Refrigeration bill mtg.
3. Possibility of maintenance plan
4. Fax & Extra Phone line removed, Internet speeds increased as of 1/13.
5. Status - TKE upgrading our elevator
6. Repair/Update Sound System Report
 - a. Tech Desk Build in Feb or March
 - b. Pr. Cheryl worked with Ron to stop the early Jan audio issues.
 - c. Portable Phone works w/main line (*Still looking for one*)
7. Tech Committee: Cody Backstrand, Bryson (and Matt?) Karels, and Cameron Anderson.
 - a. Get internet to Tech Desk with Ethernet cord
 - b. Set security cameras to recording only motion-activated events
 - c. Update Computers (and set tech computers to "not update" so it doesn't try to update on Sundays)
8. New Plumbing Company Search
9. Sidewalk sinking (ongoing project)
10. Bell Tower leak update
11. 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
12. Other

Pastor's report

Next Meeting: TBD by council at this mtg.

The 2nd Wed. in March we have a 6 pm Lenten service.