

## Annual Planning for First English and Zion Lutheran 2025-2026

### In General – Worship Services:

9 am Service at First English & 10:30 am Service at Zion

First and Third Sundays – Communion at both

Fourth Sunday – Contemporary at both

Last Sunday of Month– Noisy Offering Sunday at First

FWV Services 10:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month led by FELC Lay Members

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at 1 pm – Pastor holds Communion Service at FWV

February 1 – Installation of council at Zion during worship

February 4 - 5:30 pm Zion Potluck Outreach meal

February 8 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser (First)

February 11 – 5-6:30 pm Wed – Just For the Love of It Meal with Confirmation Students Helping

February 13 – No school

February 16 – President's Day Holiday – No School

February 18 – Ash Wednesday

1 pm at FWV

5:30 pm at First English

6:30 pm at Zion

### Lenten Services:

1 pm Services at FWV each week

6 pm - February 25; March 11; March 25 - Service at First English

6 pm – March 4; March 18 – Service at Zion Lutheran

February 22 – Joint Family fun Day at Unity Square: 1-3 pm

March 3 – Joint Committee meeting 5:30 pm

March 6 – World Day of Prayer

March 8 – Day Light Savings Begins

March 15 – Lac Qui Parle Conference Assembly

March 29 – Palm Sunday

First Communion Sunday

### Holy Week Services:

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – Service at Zion

April 3 – Good Friday – 7 pm – Tenebrae Service at First English

Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>

7 am Sunrise Service at First English

9 am Service at First English

10:30 Service at Zion

April 10-11: Sr Youth Gathering at Redwood Falls

April 19 – First Parish Nurses Congregation Training

May 7 – National Day of Prayer

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 13 – Last Day of Confirmation Class

May 17 – Senior Recognition Services

May 22 – Last day of school at Ortonville

May 24 – Graduation Day at Ortonville

May 25 – Memorial Day

May 31 - Joint Worship for First English & Zion AT Zion at 9 am. Kick-off for VBS

May 31 – June 4 Combined VBS at Zion - 6:30 to 8:45 pm

June 4 - VBS program - 8 pm  
June 5 – 6: SW Minnesota Synod Assembly at St Peter  
June 10 – Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm  
June 14 – First English Bi-Annual Meeting  
June 21 – Father's Day  
June 21 – FELC Installation of Council Members  
June 24 – July 3: Sr High Mission Trip to Savannah, Ga  
June 28 – *Pastor gone on Mission Trip – (Save the money have a Lay person lead services)*  
July 4 – Independence Day  
July 15 - Combined Youth Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm  
July 26 – Zion Outdoor Worship/Picnic  
August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social  
August 14-16 – Cornfest in Ortonville  
August 5 - Combined Youth Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm  
August – Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations  
August – Ortonville school starts (calendar will be out in February)  
August – Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation & Acolyte Training  
    NOTE: Acolyte Training will be schedule in each church  
September 7 – Labor Day  
September – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at both congregations  
September – Rally Sunday - Both Congregations – Youth Sunday – Services are youth led  
September – Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation at Both Congregations  
October4 - New Member Sunday - Both Congregations (regular times)  
October 7 – Zion Potluck Outreach meal at 5:30 pm  
October - SW Minn Synod Fall Conference (Sun evening thru noon on Tuesday)  
October 25 – Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Day –  
    Both Congregations Zion at 11 am  
November 1 – All Saints Sunday  
November 11 – Veteran's Day  
November 22 – Combined Thanksgiving Service at First 6:30 pm  
November 26 – Thanksgiving Day  
November 29 – Advent begins; "Hanging of the Greens" - Both Congregations  
December 19 – 4 pm – Blue Christmas at FELC  
December – FELC Christmas Program – (during church)  
December 20 – Zion Christmas Program (during church)  
    Zion Swedish Tea following program  
December 24 – Christmas Eve Communion Services  
    2:30 at First English  
    4:30 at Zion  
    6:30 at First English  
December 27 – Hymn Sing for worship – Both congregations

## 2027

January – Ortonville School begins again  
January – Confirmation begins again  
**SUGGESTION: January – 9 am Joint Worship Service at First - Sunday School Roller Skating**  
January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day  
January 28 – Annual meeting(s) - Both Congregations