

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 1st, 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month led by FELC Lay Members

2nd 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 5th

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
 October 4 - 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

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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