

Annual Planning for First English and Zion Lutheran 2026-2027

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

In General - Last Sunday of Month– Noisy Offering Sunday at First

FELC Lay Members lead service at FWV at 10:30 am on the 1st, 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month

NOTE TIME CHANGE: FWV Communion Service will be 2 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of month at FWV– beginning in June. (May will be the 3rd Wed. as I'm on vacation)

April 19 – FELC Parish Nurses will hold Congregation Training (AED & Safety)

April 26 – Last day of Sunday school at Both

May 6 – Youth Group Ditch Walk to clean ditches. - Last Day of Confirmation Classes

May 7 – National Day of Prayer

May 7 – 14: Pastor Cheryl on Vacation

May 10 – Mother's Day – Lay leader led at Both.

May 17 – Senior Recognition Service at First (no seniors at Zion)

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 at Zion

June 5 – 6: SW Minnesota Synod Assembly at St Peter (pastor required to go)

June 9 – Joint Partnership Committee meets 5:30 pm

June 14 – First English Bi-Annual Meeting following worship

June 17 – FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm (Worship service at 5:30; Meal at 6 pm)

June 21 – Father's Day

June 21 – FELC Installation of Council Members

June 24 – July 3: Sr High Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, Ga

June 28 – *Pastor gone on Mission Trip – (Non-communion – can be Lay person led services)*

July 4 – Independence Day

July 5 – **Mission Trip Youth to lead and Speak for worship at Both**

July 15 – FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10:30 pm (Worship service at 5:30; Meal at 6 pm)

July 26 – Zion Outdoor Worship/Picnic

July 29 – Youth Mini-Mission Trip to Churches United at Moorhead, MN to so Service Work

August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social

August 5 - Youth Fun Night at Zion 6:30 to 10 pm (Worship service at 5:30; Meal at 6 pm)

August 19 - FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

August 21-23 – Cornfest in Ortonville *No service at Zion – Favorite Hymn Sing at First*

August 27– Ortonville school starts

August 30 – Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations

September 2 – Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation: Acolyte Training scheduled later at each

September 4 – No School

September 7 – Labor Day

September 9 - First Day of Confirmation Classes / Youth Group

September 13 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at Both

September 20 – Rally Sunday - Youth Sunday – Youth Led Services - Both Congregations
 September 27 – Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation at Both Congregations
 October 4 - New Member Sunday - Both Congregations (regular times)
 October 7 – Zion Potluck Outreach meals begin for winter at 5:30 pm
 October 16-17 – MEA – no school
 October 25 – Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Day – Both - Zion at 11 am
 November 1 – All Saints Sunday - Day Light Savings Ends
 November 11 – Veteran’s Day
 November 20-21 Junior High Youth Gathering in Wilmar, MN
 November 23 – Combined Thanksgiving Service if rotating then at First 6:30 pm at FELC
 November 26 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed
 November 29 – Advent begins; “Hanging of the Greens” - Both Congregations
 December 19 (or 20th) – 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 23 – Christmas School break begins
 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 (pastor will take off)

2027

January 5 – Ortonville School begins again
 January 6 – Confirmation begins again
January 10 – 9 am Joint Worship Service at First - Sunday School Roller Skating
 January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
 January 24 – 4th Sunday - Annual meeting(s) - Both Congregations - Tentative
 January 31 OR - February 1 – Installation of council at Zion during worship
 February 3 – 5-6:30 pm Wed – Just For the Love of It Meal w/ Confirmation Students Helping
 The 10th is an early out day AND council night (and Ash Wednesday)
 February 10 – Ash Wednesday - 1 pm at FWV
 5:30 pm at Zion (NOTE – these times rotated)
 6:30 pm at First English
February 12 – No school
 February 14 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser (First)
February 15 – President’s Day Holiday – No School
 Lenten Services in 2027:
 2 pm Services at FWV each week during Lent and for Holy Week
 6 pm - February 17; March 3; March 17 - Service at First English (Meal starts at 5)
 6 pm – February 24; March 10 – Service at Zion Lutheran (Meal starts at 5)
 March 4 & 11: First Communion classes after school
 March 5 – World Day of Prayer
 March 14 – Day Light Savings Begins
 March 21 – Palm Sunday - First Communion Sunday both churches
 Holy Week Services: April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – Service at Zion ??? Rotate or NOT?
 April 3 – Good Friday – 7 pm –Service at First English ??? Rotate or NOT?
 Easter Sunday – March 28- 7 am Sunrise Service at First English
 9 am Service at First English
 10:30 Service at Zion