



First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

March 2026



FELC 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.

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MARCH



Notes from Pastor Cheryl



February 24, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you ask a fellow Christian, what does Jesus teach, what do you think would be the answer?

If you were asked, what are the main teachings of Jesus, what would you say?

During Lent, we take time to reflect, meditate, examine our inner selves, and prepare for our inspiring Easter celebration of the resurrection of Christ Jesus and His free gift of grace. It is a time to renew our hope in our resurrection and deepen our relationship with God and His love for us through Christ.

So during Lent, we take time to pray more; some fast from something that keeps us away from our faith; others give more to charity, the church, or service projects; and we take extra time for worship each week. The main purpose is to acknowledge how we need to repent of our sins and live a Christ focused life.

But what does that really mean in our busy world? How are we to follow Jesus when Lent is over to show we are believers?

You might say we are not required to do anything since we believe we can't earn our way to heaven and don't believe in works righteousness. And of course we are not to do things for show as Matthew 6 tells us: ⁴⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others."

But we know our actions are important, not because we are saved by them, but to live a life of a follower is to be the face of Christ, so others see Jesus through how you live in the world. You are the light of the world that shines Christ to others.

In various writing by the Apostle Paul, he tells us, and demonstrated, we show our love for Christ and what He has done for our salvation through love and service to others.

Timothy writes ¹⁶ "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3) All scripture, that IS a lot to follow.

Jesus taught many things in His parables and sermons and when asked what is the most important replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22)

To love our neighbor is to care for them as you would care for yourself so that have all they need, including the knowledge of Christ crucified. Our actions come from this commandment in all things starting with how we deny ourselves and take up the cross of Christ. (Matthew 16).

Those attributes were given to us in Galatians 5 as the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When we treat others with these traits, we are reflecting Jesus' teachings and the character of God. Thankfully we have been given the Spirit to help us with these qualities as we can't produce them within ourselves because of our sinful nature.

They seem simple and straightforward, but our human nature does not intentionally act that way. Living by the Spirit with all others can be difficult. It takes a lot of self-control and patience to cooperate with those who disagree with you. You need to be kind and good to those who in our mind should get their act together. Finding joy in what others are blessed with when we have been treated unjustly is extremely difficult. And how are we to be faithful to a God who allows so much violence in the world, when we are looking for peace?

Our actions are to focus on how we love God through love for our neighbor. As we journey to the cross during this season of Lent, our reflections are centered on restoring our inner self and on spiritual journey. While you reflect on the inner self during the Lenten season, take time to reflect on how the visual fruits of your Spirit show the face of Christ through your actions.

Then ¹⁴ "Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Corinthians 5)

And through this time of reflection and spiritual growth, you will be transformed to be the follower of Christ, demonstrated by your actions the whole year long.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING Council Minutes – February 11, 2026 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president), Michelle Bauer- *Lay Ministry*, Darin Ehrenberg- *Stewardship*, Archer Dorry - *Youth & Family*, Jane Debner - *Evangelism*, Dale Price - *Church Properties*, Liz Ketz - *Secretary*, and Pastor Cheryl. No representative - *Christian Education*

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 6:10 pm.

Approval of January Minutes as presented – Dale, Archer **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Michelle, Darin **MSP**.

At the annual meeting Kristi Ehrenberg volunteered to be the representative to the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee. - Ellie, Archer **MSP**. Jon asked about the proposed constitutional bylaw changes that the Synod is proposing. No one had any objections at this time. The regular council times will be 5:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. There does need to be a change for March due to the Lenten service. March council will be on Sunday, March 8th following the church service.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer reported – Emily and Cody’s terms are up. Emily will continue to serve for another term. Discussion was had on Lenten Meals so there was some clarification on what to do. WAM report was approved. Finance Work Group report was approved and a representative from Lay Ministry is needed. Emily Sigler will be that representative. Discussion was held on Easter Services. Ellie will be in touch with financial secretary to finalize the new contracts for the employees to sign. Employees’ evaluations will also be kept in the office in a file that the financial secretary has.

Board of Evangelism – Jane Debner reported –There are no transfers in or out. There are a couple families that are being reached out to who have expressed an interest in joining the church. January 9th, Adult Game Night was held. A bit smaller attendance but interest still is there so another night will be held in March sometime. The Just For the Love of It Dinner was held and there was a good turnout. Lenten meal will be roast beef sandwiches for this group. Marge and Paula will be doing the Lenten FWV services. For advertising Lenten and Easter services they are planning on just using our Facebook page as that seems to have been working well. Boards responsible and what they are serving should be placed in the bulletin the Sunday before each Lenten Service.

Christian Education – No representative was present so there was no report.

Youth & Family – Archer Dorry reported – Promoting Water’s Edge: parent will pay the registration fee of \$175. They can apply to the Endowment Fund for a scholarship, to the Water’s Edge Scholarship, and to Youth & Family fund for a scholarship. Discussion was held on how much can be used. The Youth & Family board will deal with this. Mission trip to Georgia fundraising is doing well. Raised \$2300 on the silent auction so thanks to all who donated and bid on the baskets. Youth summer campfires are set for June 10th, July 15th, and August 5th. They will be held at Zion again. Short one day mission trips sound good to this board. Dates need to be set so plans can be made. Super Subs raised \$875.00. Thanks to Kirsten Karels for heading this up. Easter Breakfast plans are in the works. Tabled Sr. Recognition to next month. Working with Education on regulations on designated fund and funding for Bible Camp.

Stewardship – Darin Ehrenberg reported –Lenten service offerings go towards Water’s Edge Ministry Camp Scholarships locally. Shooting for June for the Auction to raise money to replenish funds spent on elevator with Zielsdorf. Flat fee of \$850 to do this for us. Plans are being worked on.

Church Properties – Dale Price reported – Scott from Larry’s came and met with the board and this was very helpful. Many questions were answered. Dampers need to be replaced, and the estimate is around \$5,000.00. Elevator update was completed and the telephone system also needed to be updated in correlation with the elevator work, and this was done.

Pastor’s Report – Joint meeting is scheduled for March 3rd. It will be held here at FELC. Jon will make sure that everyone is informed. One day mission trips are being planned to Sioux Falls: this would be Church on the Street. It is held on the second Saturday of the month in the summer and looking at possibly doing this in June. The trip to Fargo would be a part of Churches United and it would be working with food shelf or food pantry and that could be anytime. The plan is to do a service project and then a fun activity for those that go. No date set. There are 5 students lined up to take First Communion classes at the present time. Updates for the pastor’s planning sheet will take place following the finalization of the school’s calendar later this month.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for: Sunday, March 8th following the church service.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm by Jon Anderson. Closed with Lord’s Prayer.

March Youth Newsletter



Thank You to everyone that purchased Super Subs and Hoagies from the youth. The total raised to help the youth pay for activities that they do was \$875.87. For the Souper Bowl of Caring, the kettles brought in \$459.55 which was sent to the Big Stone County Emergency Food shelf. The basket raffle was also a success again this year with \$2,165.00 raised.

First Communion will be held on Palm Sunday

FIRST COMMUNION



Nine children in 2nd and 3rd grade will be receiving their first communion at First English on Palm Sunday and two at Zion Lutheran. Students are signed up to attend two First Communion Classes in March on the 5th and 12th to fulfill their requirements.

Two students in 4th thru 6th grade are enrolled for the classes and will make their First Communion at First English Lutheran on Palm Sunday, March 29th with their families as well. Children in 2nd -3rd grade will meet from 3:30-4:30pm and Children in 4th -6th grade will meet at 4:30-5:30 pm.

10th-12th Grades will meet for “Refuge in the Chaos” (Sr High Youth Gathering) April 10th and 11th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, joining youth from throughout the SW MN Synod to strengthen their faith through youth-led worship, singing, student faith talks, relationships building, faith building, and hanging out with other youth.

Vacation Bible School will be held May 31st –June 4th from 6:30-8:45pm. The VBS registration will be later this spring. Everyone’s welcome to join another VBS planning meeting at 6:30pm at Zion on the 24th.



Confirmation During Lent -

Confirmation students meet each Wednesday during the Lenten season and participate in the evening service. All classes meet at 3:30 pm and practice their part for worship.

Lenten services are held on a rotational basis at 6 pm each week beginning at First English on February 25 followed by Zion Lutheran on March 4. When service is held at Zion on March 18th, arrangements will be made for them to ride the bus as there is normal dismal time. On the early-out day March 4, they are to be at Zion no later than 4:15 pm.

The theme for Lent this year is Journey to the Cross, where Holy Conversations will be made with many who knew Jesus and accompanied Him on the journey. The 7th and 8th grade have been studying the New Testament and this is a way to supplement their learning.

Not all will participate in the service each week. Those who are not will learn from listening and another activity. Parents are welcome to come during these practice times to oversee those not practicing a part for the service.

Students will be dismissed at 5 pm for the Lenten suppers to be ready for worship at 6 pm. Parents are welcome to sit near or with confirmation students during worship to help them enjoy listening. Attendance at Lenten service, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are required.



Zion & First English Members had a blast at Unity Square on February 22nd.

Coming up for March:

- 1st- Sunday School will be at its regular time.
- 4th- NO CONFIRMATION today due to the early out at school but Confirmation students should be at Zion at 4:15 PM to prepare for the Lenten Service that begins at 6:00 PM
- 8th- Day Light Savings Time begins. Sunday School at regular time.
- 11th – Confirmation classes report at 3:30 to prep for service, supper, and Lenten Service at 6:00 PM at **FELC**.
- 15th – Sunday School at the regular time.
- 18th- Confirmation classes report to Zion at 3:30 for service prep, supper, and Lenten Service at 6:00PM at **Zion**. (Students should ride the bus from the school to Zion).
- 22nd -Sunday School begins at its regular time but will be extended a bit longer for a movie lock in until 11:00 AM
- 25th -Confirmation classes report at 3:30 for service prep, supper, and Lenten Services at 6:00 PM at **FELC**.
- 29th - NO Sunday School today due to First Communion.



Thank you to these people for their generous donations to the youth.

- 🌸 Mel and Jackie Domine 🌸 Burton Pansch 🌸 Elizabeth Ketz 🌸 Jon & Kim Anderson
- 🌸 Evie Swigerd 🌸 Jim & Neva Foster 🌸 Marilyn Chindvall 🌸 Everyone who bought Subs
- 🌸 Everyone who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring Kettles 🌸 Everyone who bid and won a basket

Enjoy your Spring! 🌸

FROM THE PARISH NURSES

Safety & Security Procedures Meeting - April 19th

The FELC parish nurses will hold a Safety & Security Procedures Meeting immediately after the 4/19 church service in the narthex for about 30 minutes. Anyone can attend and we strongly encourage the ushers to be present. The parish nurses will be covering how to use the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) cardiac monitor, emergency medical procedures, & fire, active shooter/shelter in place procedures. If anyone has other topics of concerns to add to the agenda please let the office know and we will add it. Sheriff Mark Brown will be here that day for part of the training.



Tuesday Bible Study Sessions – FWV

We offer Bible Study at Fairway View Tuesdays 4-5 pm in the Orpheum. Everyone is welcome. If you have family members in Independent living, Assisted Living or the nursing home, please share this with them. The leaders for Bible study are Carol Bell, Ranet Schmeichel, & Neva Foster.

Parish Nurse Article for March



Grief

Grief is a feeling of deep mental anguish caused by loss, a life-changing loss. Grief can also be sorrow for something that someone has done or failed to do. Death or loss of anything we value causes grief. However God has a higher purpose for us, and He is faithful to use our most painful times to mature us, to draw us into closer dependence on Him

If you are experiencing grief, allow your self time to mourn and weep. God gave us tears to shed in our grief, an outpouring of our inner pain. Believe that God will use your sorrow for your good. Look forward to the future with hope.



Remember that God loves us and has the power to help us and provide for our future. Trust God to be your comforter. He is the one who “heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds”(Psalm 147:3)

THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship.

March 2026

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Big Stone Lake Area Food \$ _____

Name _____

January Technology Fund
 February..... Service Trip Scholarship
March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
 April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
 May... Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
 June..... Someplace Safe
 July..... Families in Need
 August..... Baptism Chests
 September..... Endowment Fund
 October..... Jaycees Project Christmas
 November..... God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December.....ELCA Missionaries

Church & Community News

REMINDER: Our Lenten Meals will be provided by the Christian Ed & Stewardship Boards on March 11th, & the Lay Ministry and Youth & Family Boards on March 25th.

Thanks to everyone who bought Super Subs. The youth raised \$875.87. Thanks to the following who donated items to help defray the cost of the making the subs: Karels family, Kindleberger family, Lynne Giese, Lori Strei, and Liz Ketz. Thanks also to the youth and their parents or mentors who helped put the subs together. **The Souper Bowl of Caring** was also a great success. We raised \$459.55 for the Big Stone County Emergency Food Shelf. Thanks FELC.



May the God of all consolation be with....

...the family of Kate Heinecke on her death. A memorial will be held at FELC on May 1, 2026 at 1:00 pm with a visitation period an hour beforehand at noon.

KDIO BROADCASTS

... (February 1st) was sponsored by Clara Zeek with a message of thanks to Jesus and his suffering to give us the gift of grace, in memory of parents, husband, siblings, relatives and friends.

... (February 8th) was sponsored by Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett in memory of Sally Rondeau, her daughter, whose birthday was February 5th.

... (February 15th) was sponsored by Rob & Kathy Randall in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary on Feb. 18th and in thanksgiving for their family.

... (February 22nd) was sponsored in loving memory of Robert Reiffenberger by Glenda and family.

You're invited to an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28th 9am-11am at Peace Lutheran Church (100 4th Ave. SW. New London, MN, hosted by NLS Ambassadors. Freewill donation \$5/child suggested. Great prizes, decorate a cookie, and get info on being a candidate with the NLS Ambassador Program. Questions? Contact Becky Arvia @320-905-3337 or Lori Pederson @320-905-2514.

Our noisy offering for March will be on March 22nd (the 4th Sunday) because of Palm Sunday being the 5th. If you would like to donate flowers to FELC for the Easter (April 5th) Garden, please bring or have it delivered to the church office *the week leading up to Easter*. Don't forget to let us know who it is from and the memorial/in-honor-of information so that we can list it in our Easter bulletin. If you want your flowers back, please put your name on them.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Kelly Athey, Gail Olson, Nancy Pierzina; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Harlan VanMeeteren, and George Wegner.

AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Roger Nornes; Aletta Simonitch; Janice Redfield in Clinton and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict especially Jacob Hamann, Colin Hartman, Tyler Ruby, and Thomas Halverson; and our Haitian student, Ycherson Soh and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.



Lenten service continues through March

We gather weekly during Lent with the whole church to deepen our knowledge of Jesus' teachings and love one another as He Himself loved others. During the five weekly Lenten services, Christians intentionally focus on Christ's life, mission, ministry, death, and resurrection to turn their lives toward living a more Christ-like existence.

Using gospel readings from the Sunday Lenten season, several voices will be heard from Jesus' closest followers, disciples, bystanders, rulers, and mother to enrich our understanding of Jesus' humanity and God's plan of salvation. We invite you to reflect on these through Holy conversations and the love of Christ as they tell their story and experience with Him.



Confirmation students will assist with services each week centered on important influences along Christ's journey from the readings, songs, and messages of the gospel text. To develop a multi-generational reflection, a questioning atmosphere will allow your thoughts to center on those who journeyed with Him.

Midweek Lenten service are held at 6 pm and rotate between the two congregations beginning with First English on February 25th and Zion on March 4th. A meal will be served prior to Lenten services beginning at 5 pm and continuing until 5:45 pm.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 pm April 2nd at Zion and the Good Friday Tenebrae service by Heather Sorenson will be held at 7 pm April 3rd at First English.

SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER SERVICES:

March Lent service rotation goes as follows:

- March 4th – 6:00 pm at Zion
- March 11th – 6:00 pm at First English
- March 18th – 6:00 pm at Zion
- March 25th - 6:00 pm at First English
- April 2nd - Maundy Thursday – 7:00 pm at Zion
- April 3rd – Good Friday – 7:00 pm at First English

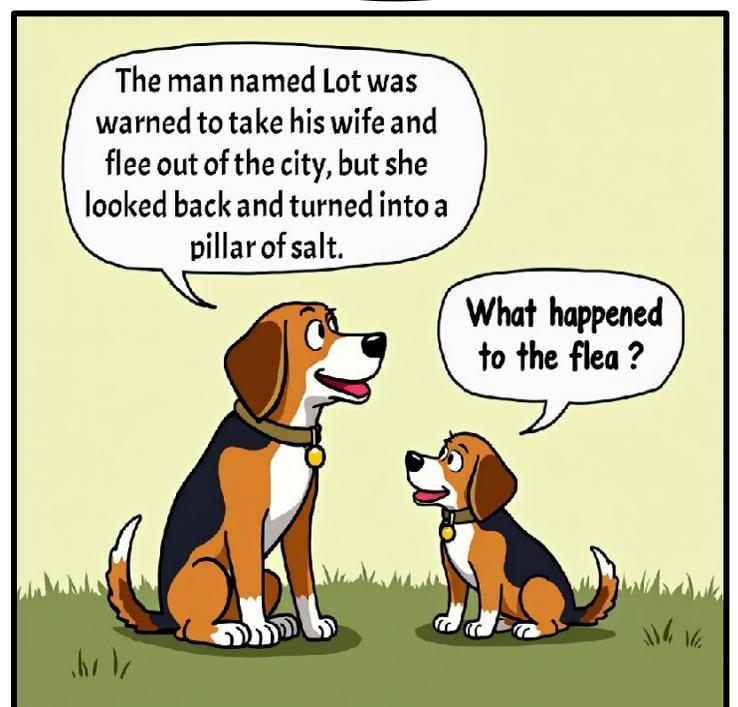
Easter Sunday (4/5) Services will be at regular times with the addition of Sunrise service at FELC:

- 7:00 am at First English
- 9:00 am at First English
- 10:30 at Zion



CIRCLE FOUR 

Meets in the Church Lounge on
Wed. March 4th at 9:00 am.
Lesson: Ev Johnson
Hostess: Nancy Nolop



Prairie Five/Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf Fast Facts

Those served 915 households (duplicate)
in 2026: 2,837 individuals (duplicate)

Pounds distributed: 75,523
Volunteers: 48
Volunteer hours: 1524 (35 hours/week)

Thank you...

for your past support of our work. We are raising funds during the March Campaign so we can be ready to help friends and neighbors who struggle with food insecurity in Big Stone County.

This year's goal: 28,000 pounds and dollars

Thank you for your support!



Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf
Ortonville and Graceville locations
125 NW 2nd St., Ortonville, MN 56278
Phone: 320-839-2111/Fax: 844-273-1728

Please join us for an Open House

Bridal Shower

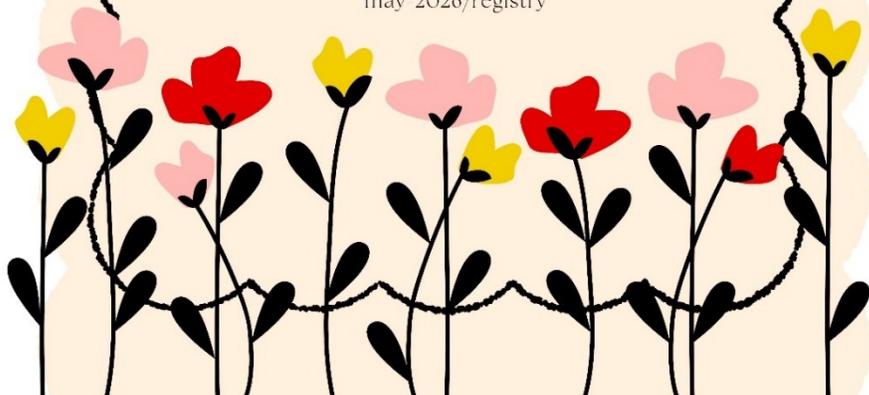
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HANNAH STREI

Bride-To-Be of Joe Kachelmyer

_____ April _____
Saturday **4** 10 AM-12 PM
_____ 2026

The Venue
320 S Main Street
Milbank, SD 57252

The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.
<https://www.theknot.com/us/hannah-strei-and-joe-kachelmyer-may-2026/registry>



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

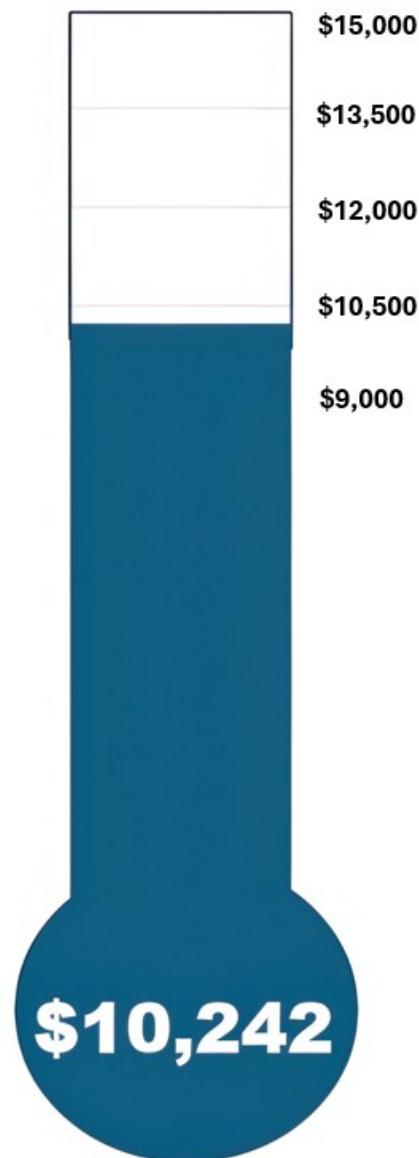
By God's grace, together we have what we need.

'As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.'

FELC TECH FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

Our worship service streaming is important for those in the community unable to attend church; for those at Fairway View who depend on the recordings for their Sunday worship; many throughout the wider area of Ortonville to hear the good news of Christ preached through our Facebook live and YouTube channel or by radio broadcast on KDIO. This mission also provides a place for those who may have fallen away from the church to "come across" a worship service and hear the message of hope once more.

As of 2/25/26 we are 68.28% to the goal of \$15,000 for our Tech Desk Upgrade Fund. Thank you to everyone who has donated! Continued donations to this fund are appreciated.



ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – March

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:
Banners:
Flower Committee:

Mari Athey and Courtney Giese
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter
No Flowers in March Due to Lent



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Mar. 1: Kathy Haukos
Mar. 4* (1 pm FWV): Amy Adelman
Mar. 8: Carol Ydstie
Mar. 11* (1 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson
Mar. 11* (6 pm FELC): Amy Adelman
Mar. 15: Amy Adelman
Mar. 18* (1 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson
Mar. 22: Lisa Berdan
Mar. 25* (1 pm FWV): Kathy Haukos
Mar. 25* (6 pm FELC): Marilyn Hanson
Mar. 29: Carol Ydstie
Apr. 1* (1 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson
April 3* (7 pm FELC): Carol Ydstie
April 5 (7 & 9 am): Amy Adelman
April 8 (1 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson
April 12: Kathy Haukos
April 19: Marilyn Hanson
April 26: Lisa Berdan

LECTOR

Mar. 1: Jim Foster
Mar. 8: Chris Peteresen
Mar. 15: Darin Ehrenberg
Mar. 22: Jon Ydstie
Mar. 29: Miley Block
April 5 (7 am): VOLUNTEER NEEDED
April 5 (9 am): VOLUNTEER NEEDED
April 12: Marge Dragseth
April 19: Amanda Stattelmann
April 26: Betty Williamson

ACOLYTES

Mar. 1: Oliver & Amelia Z.
Mar. 4*: TBA
Mar. 8: Chase & Martino
Mar. 11*: TBA
Mar. 15: Rylie C. & Bailey
Mar. 18*: TBA
Mar. 22: Kimberly & Hartley
Mar. 25*: TBA
Mar. 29: Cameron & Jace
April 5 (7 AM): VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 5 (9 AM): VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 12: Lola & Brielle
April 19: Bennett & Bryson
April 26: Katelyn & James

TBA = To Be Assigned
Acolytes for Lenten
Wednesdays will be
assigned by Pastor Cheryl.

LAY ASSISTANTS

Mar. 1: Terry Kalberg & Sara Mattison
Mar. 15: Lori Larson & Jim Schmeichel
Mar. 29: 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 5 (7 am): VOLUNTEER NEEDED
April 5 (9 am): VOLUNTEER NEEDED
April 19: Becky Parker & Sara Mattison

FWV Neighborhoods

Mar. 1: Jackie Domine & Marilyn Chindvall
Mar. 8: Kim Anderson
Mar. 29: Becky Parker
& Marge Dragseth
April 5: TBD
April 12: TBD

GREETERS

Mar. 1: Art & Arlene Vollmer
Mar. 8: Jackie & Mel Domine
Mar. 15: Bruce & Kristi Redfield
Mar. 22: Glenn & Deb Henningson
Mar. 29: Garry & Ethel Swenson
April 5 (9AM): VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 12: Lori Larson & Paula Reisdorph
April 19: Carol Newman & Nancy Nolop
April 26: Clara Zeek & Neva Foster

SOUND SYSTEM

Mar. 1: Liz Ketz & Kim Anderson
Mar. 8: Cody Backstrand & Cameron Anderson
Mar. 11* (6 pm FELC): Liz Ketz & Bryson Karels
Mar. 15: Matt & Bryson Karels
Mar. 22: Liz Ketz & Marge Dragseth
Mar. 25* (6 pm FELC): Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson
Mar. 29: Cody Backstrand & Kim Anderson
April 3* (7 pm FELC): Marge Dragseth and Matt & Bryson Karels
April 5 (7 AM): Matt & Bryson Karels
April 5 (9 AM): Marge Dragseth, Cody Backstrand, & Cameron Anderson
April 12: Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson
April 19: Marge Dragseth & Matt Karels
April 26: Kim Anderson & Marge Dragseth

USHERS

Mar. 1: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon Anderson, & Vern Nickolauson
Mar. 8: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
Mar. 11*: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
Mar. 15: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Marla Strei
Mar. 22: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine
Mar. 25*: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine
Mar. 29: Ev Johnson, Brent Zahrbock, Marilyn Chindvall, & Ron Athey
April 5: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, Dave Ellingson
April 12: Darin Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
April 19: Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman
April 26: Gale May, Jim Foster, Eugene Stotesbery, & Art Vollmer



* March 11th & 25th Lent services are at FELC.
* March 4th & 18th Lent services will be at Zion.
* March 29th is Palm Sunday / First Communion
* April 2 (Maundy Thurs) at Zion, April 3 (Good Fri) at FELC

REMINDER: Please remember to find your own replacements if you can't make a scheduled date.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>March 2026</i> † † † First English Lutheran Church</p> <p>Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."</p>			<p>Pastor Cheryl's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.</p>			
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 am Worship – Communion -  – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 9:30 am-10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Prerecorded</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am Day of Love 3:30 pm Evangelism Mtg (Pastor Cheryl will attend) 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 5:30 pm FELC-Zion Joint Partnership Meeting at FELC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am Circle 4 (church lounge) 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Worship Service 4:15 pm 7-9th grade Confirmation Prep (at Zion Church) 5:00 pm Lenten Meal at Zion 5:30 pm TV Broadcast of 3/1 service 6:00 pm Lenten Service at Zion 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p> <p>EARY OUT</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:30-4:30 pm 2nd-3rd Gr. First Communion Class 4:30-5:30 pm 4th-6th Gr. First Communion Class</p>	<p>6 World Day of Prayer</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p> 	<p>7 Spring Ahead</p> <p>Set clocks ahead one hour at 2 am Sunday Morning</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am Worship – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 9:30 am-10:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am Church Council Meeting 10:30 am Fairway View Prerecorded</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Worship 3:30 pm 7-9th grade Confirmation Snack & Prep (at First English Church) 5:00 pm Lenten Meal at FELC 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:00 pm Lenten Service at FELC 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:30-4:30 pm 2nd-3rd Gr. First Communion Class 4:30-5:30 pm 4th-6th Gr. First Communion Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am Worship – Communion -  – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 9:30 am-10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17 <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i></p> <p></p> <p>9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Worship 3:30 pm 7-9th grade Confirmation Snack & Prep (a Zion Church) 5:00 pm Lenten Meal at Zion 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:00 pm Lenten Service at Zion 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 am Contemporary Worship – Noisy Offering – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 9:30 – 11 am Sunday School (Movie Lock-in) 10:00 am Endowment Committee Mtg</p>  	<p>23</p> <p>11 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) 6:30 pm Joint VBS Planning Meeting at Zion Church</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Lenten Worship 3:30 pm 7-9th grade Confirmation Snack & Prep (at First English Church) 5:00 pm Lenten Meal at FELC 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 6:00 pm Lenten Service at FELC 7:00 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday </p> <p>9:00 am Worship – First Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:30 am Fairway View Prerecorded NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>11 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)</p>	<p>April 1 – No Confirmation Classes</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:00 pm Fairway View Worship (with communion)  5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir </p>	<p>April 2 – Maundy Thurs</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Thur. Service at Zion</p>	<p>April 3 – Good Friday</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed 7:00 pm Good Friday Service at FELC</p>	<p>April 4</p>