

First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for January Council meetings, 2026.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

December activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	6	Tech Day for installation	1
Children's program - both		Tech Troubleshooting	2
Other Worship services		Office (days)	
Christmas Eve	3	At First (one storm day- worked from home)	10
Blue Christmas	1	At Zion (home early one day due to weather)	4
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	1	Confirmation classes (no school one day)	4
(No FWV communion service – Storm day)		Youth Group	2
Baptisms:	0	(Storm day one week)	1
Funeral/Internment/Prayers service:	0	Bake Sale Fund raiser	1
Weddings	0	Meetings:	
Bible Study Classes (Judy is doing at Zion)	0	Council Meetings (Zion – FELC storm day)	1
Newsletter article	1	Joint Committee	1
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Staff Meetings (First)	4
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Meetings with Tonya	3
Bulletin Drafts	12	Circle Dinner	1
PowerPoints	6	Swedish Tea	1

Planned January Activities:

- Weekly:
 - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
 - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion
 - 2nd Wed of month at 1 pm Communion Service at FWV
 - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
 - Wednesday Confirmation: 7th & 8th 3:30 pm; 9th 4:30 pm;
 - early out days 1:45 & 2:45 pm respectively (none this month)
 - Confirmation resumes on January 7
 - Wednesday Youth Group: 5:30 pm meal; 6 to 7 pm activities (Youth Group to Zion On January 14)
 - Second Wednesday of the month – youth group goes Out for an activity
- January 4 – Stewardship Dedication during worship
- January 6 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meets
- January 7 - 6 pm Youth Group UN- decorating the narthex
 - 5:30 pm Zion Outreach Potluck
 - 5:30 pm FELC Council Boards meet
 - 6 pm FELC Council meeting
 - 7 pm Sr Youth Mission trip meeting
- January 9 – 5:30 pm Adult Game night at FELC
- January 11 – FELC Roller skating for SS children 10:30 to 1:30 pm (Zion invited)
- January 13 – Zion Worship & Outreach meet
- January 14 – FWV Communion service
- January 15 – 5:30 pm Tech Training
- January 16 – NO School
- January 18 – Zion Annual meeting
- January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – holiday
- January 20 – Zion Education committee meets
- January 21 – Zion Council meets
- January 23 – Pastor Cheryl Eye Dr appointment in Sioux Falls – out for the day
- January 25 – FELC Annual meeting
 - Installation of new council at Zion during worship

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Updating and training materials for FELC TECH equipment and training for volunteers
- Ash Wednesday and Lenten services

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

➤ **Youth:**

- ✓ Seven members of the Sr Youth returned registration. They will meet on January 7th to begin planning and determine transportation costs. Mission Trip tentatively planned from June 22 – July 1
- ✓ Confirmation students will once again help with the Lenten service.

➤ **OTHER:**

Upcoming events:

February 18 – Ash Wednesday
 Lenten service rotate beginning with FELC on February 25th and Zion March 4 etc.

VACATION DATES: Thank you for the time off after Christmas – it was much appreciated. I don't have any particular vacation dates planned at this time.

OFFICE HOURS: (All times are flexible due to funerals, and other activities that come up.)

Monday & Thursday Office at First – 10 am to 4 pm ~ Tuesday Office at Zion – 10 am to 4 pm
 Wednesday Office at First English 10 am to 3:30 pm (Confirmation 3:30 to 5:30 pm & Youth 5:30 to 7 pm)
 Friday & Saturday I'm at home doing sermon prep and writing. (Usually half days)
 Sunday at church 7:45 am to 11:45 am or so. *(People can also call and make appointments.)*

2025 Vacation: (5 weeks)	DAYS USED:	Sundays off (6):	USED:
May 8 – 12 (one day is day off)	3	May 11	1
August 7 – 11 (one day is day off)	3	August 10	1
November 13 th & 20 th & 26	3		
December 25 – December 31	6	December 28	1
Total	15	Total	3
Education 2 weeks	USED	SICK Days	USED
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Total	#	Total	

Remember to communicate with pastor to coordinate between the congregations.
 Committees are encouraged to include/meet with pastor.