

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2026 MARCH
10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Council Boards: Split up where you can. Council (1 rep. from each board) immediately following, meeting in a place TBD. **Agendas, Financials, & Documents** will be in the pick up room.

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.

Welcome President Jon Anderson

Lay Ministry

ALL BOARDS:

Theme verse: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." John 10:27

1. The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly will be Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 pm at Bergen Lutheran Church in Hanley Falls. We can have up to 6 member delegates (preferably 3 male and 3 female) attend. Any volunteers to attend?
2. Synod Assembly will be June 5th -6th, at Gustavus Adolphus College. Early bird ends 4/4. We can take three members as delegates. Any volunteers to attend? Recruit for board vacancies in June
3. Review Pastor Cheryl's FELC & Zion Annual Planning Schedule and please remember to let Pastor know if your board or committee is meeting and keep her abreast of activities, discussions, and decisions so we can be on the same page. Upcoming dates of congregational importance:
 - a. 1 pm Lenten Services at FWV
 - b. March 11; March 25 - 6 pm - Service at First English
 - c. March 18 - 6 pm - Service at Zion Lutheran
 - d. 7 pm April 2 Maundy Thurs & April 3 Good Friday Tenebrae
 - e. April 5th 7/9 am Easter, Zion's is at 10:30 am
 - f. April 10-11 Sr Youth Gathering
 - g. April 19th AED, Safety & Security training after church
4. Lenten Meal Schedule: March 11th Christian Ed & Stewardship, March 25th Lay Ministry & Youth & Family.
5. other

Council items:

1. **Approve February minutes.**
2. **Approve Treasurer's report**
3. **Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism** (Vicki Bartz)
4. Any Lac Qui Parle or Synod Assembly Representative volunteers?
5. Other

1. Accept February reports (if any):
 - a. WAM (*none*)
 - b. Endowment (*none*)
 - c. Finance Work Group (*none*)

2. Lenten Services (6 pm) continue rotating with Zion.
3. Mar. 25th Lenten Meal w/Youth & Family
4. 9 FELC kids receiving First Communion on Palm Sunday - March 29th
5. Maundy Thursday at 7 pm Zion Church
6. Good Friday Tenebrae at 7 pm at FELC
7. Easter is 7 am & 9 am on April 5th
8. Renew Employee Contracts to describe normal hours worked.
9. Turn in newly signed updated 2026 employee job descriptions (*annual evaluation questionnaires not needed*)
10. Read Employee Handbook
11. May 10th (Mother's Day) find lay leader
12. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out (transfer out of Vicki Bartz to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD)
2. Status report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. Just for the Love of It Meal Report
4. March Game Night Plans?
5. Feb. 25th Lenten Meal w/Properties Board report
6. Other

Christian Education

1. Decide on and purchase 1st Communion gifts for the 9 children receiving communion on March 29th.
2. Mar. 11th Lenten Meal w/Stewardship
3. First Communion on Palm Sun (3/29). No Sunday School that morning
4. 2026 VBS (Psalm 23 theme) scheduled for May 31st - June 4th with a joint worship to kick off VBS. Joint VBS planning mtg March 24th.
5. Feb. 22nd Unity Square event report
6. Status of plans for combined events for

- FELC & Zion youth?
 - a. Ice Skating in March?
 - b. Sunday School Movie Lock In 3/22
 - c. April 26th (Time TBD) Lakeside Park (or backup open gym)
- 7. Singing in church in 2026? March 29th? What song? Consult w/Pastor.
- 8. Summer Worship ideas (Wed/Sun?) – Talk with Pastor First
- 9. Possible meeting with Youth & Family about a possible secondary offering with all funds going towards bible camp?
- 10. Other

- a. Get internet to Tech Desk with Ethernet cord
- b. Set security cameras to recording only motion-activated events
- c. Update Computers (and set tech computers to “not update” so it doesn’t try to update on Sundays
- 5. New Plumbing Company Search
- 6. Sidewalk sinking (ongoing project)
- 7. Bell Tower leak update
- 8. Ongoing needs at church as funds allow:
 - a. Fellowship hall ceiling repair/replacement
 - b. Paint hallways-volunteers?
 - c. Carpet over asbestos tiles
 - d. Sanctuary painting
- 9. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

- 1. Mar. 25th Lenten Meal w/Lay Ministry
- 2. Report on Sr. Youth Gathering in Redwood Falls April 10-11th
- 3. Sr. Youth GA Mission Trip planning & fundraising report
 - a. Hire a Youth Yardwork
 - b. Mother’s Day Baskets
 - c. Meeting Again 6 pm, April 22nd
- 4. Youth Summer Campfire Nights
 - a. June 17th, July 15th, Aug. 5th
- 5. Short 1-day Summer Mission Trip
- 6. Any other summer events/trips?
 - a. Pr. Cheryl, Ronda Thielke, & Sara Tollakson meeting March 16th
- 7. Easter Breakfast Plans?
- 8. Senior Recognition May 17th – gifts?
- 9. Creating Regulations on Designated Youth Funds for Ameriprise Money
- 10. Possible meeting with Christian Ed. about a possible secondary offering with all funds going towards bible camp?
- 11. Continue Adopt-a-Highway?
- 12. Other

Pastor’s report (available via email/print out)

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday, April 8th

Stewardship

- 1. Mar. 11th Lenten Meal w/Christian Ed.
- 2. Church financial Status
- 3. Evaluate Fall Stewardship Theme and Execution
- 4. June Auction Fundraiser for Elevator
- 5. Other

Church Properties

- 1. Spring Cleaning Date & Ideas?
- 2. Possibility of maintenance plan
- 3. Repair/Update Sound System Report
 - a. Tech Desk Build plans
- 4. Tech Committee: Cody Backstrand, Bryson (and Matt?) Karels, and Cameron Anderson.