

# First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for March Council meetings, 2026.

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## February activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	8	One day had an eye appointment and gone	
Worship Services (Ash Wed & Lent):	3	President's Day – worked from home	1
Worship Service – FWV	4	At Zion	
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	3	Confirmation classes (no school one day)	4
Baptisms:	0	(Included: Just for the Love of It Project)	
Funeral/Internment/Prayers service:	0	(1 Lenten service Ash Wednesday cancelled)	1
Worked with Kate family for May service		Youth Group (broom ball and Movie)	1
Weddings	0	Made it to a Girls and a Boy BB	2
Bible Study Classes (Judy is doing at Zion)	0	Meetings:	
Newsletter article	1	Council Meetings (Zion – FELC)	2
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Joint Committee	0
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Evangelism Meeting (First)	0
Bulletin Order of Service Drafts	12	Staff Meetings (First)	3
PowerPoints	7	Meetings with Tonya	4
Tech Train - individual	1	Worship & Outreach (Zion)	0
Office (days)		Education meeting (Zion)	1
At First (one storm day- went home to work)	10	Sr Youth Mission Trip meeting	1

## Planned March Activities:

- Weekly:
  - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
  - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month at 1 pm Communion Service at FWV
  - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
  - Wednesday Confirmation: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm to go over service parts
    - early out day March 4 they will not meet after school but be at Zion by 4:15 pm
    - During Lent students are required to be at worship/helping w/ service
    - Wednesday Youth Group will not meet during Lent planned
- March 2 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meets
  - 5:30 Joint Council meeting at FELC
- March 4 – 5 pm Lenten meal
  - 6 pm Lenten service at Zion
- March 5 – 3:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; 4:30 pm for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. All at FELC
- March 8 – FELC council meeting following worship service
- March 10 – 5:30 pm Zion Worship & Outreach meet
- March 11 – 5 pm Lenten meal
  - 6 pm Lenten Service at FELC
- March 12 – 3:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>; 4:30 pm for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. All at FELC
- March 15 – SW MN Conference Assembly
- March 16 – 4 pm Ronda/ Sara T and I meet to discuss upcoming Youth activities at Zion
- March 17 – 5:30 pm Zion Education committee meets
  - 6:30 pm Zion Council meets
- March 18 – 5 pm Lenten meal
  - 6 pm Lenten Service at Zion
- March 22 – 12 pm Tentative Baptism for Neuman's (Haven't gotten the papers but verified a 2<sup>nd</sup> time) FELC
- March 24 – 6:30 pm Joint VBS meeting at Zion
- March – 5 pm Lenten meal
  - 6 pm Lenten Service at FELC
- March 29 – First Communion at Both Congregations

## PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Lenten services/skits for youth
- Easter Worship

- First Confirmation classes [11 signed up: 9 in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (2 from Zion) 2 in 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> gr]
- Sr Youth Gathering - 7 signed up plus Archer and Bryson are on the board (I will chaperon)
- 7 of the Sr Youth going on Mission Trip planned from June 24 – July 3 doing fund raising.
- One day youth mission trip (March 16 meeting with Ronda & Sara) group to either/or Church on the Street in Sioux Falls or Churches United in Fargo.

**NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:**

- **Youth:** The confirmation students helped with the first Lenten service and did a GREAT job. Please tell them.
- **JOINT SERVICE:** Note on the planning schedule – the August joint service tentatively has been removed and put on the January calendar – this would be a better time and eliminates the conflicts about the roller-skating times if approved.
- **Technology:** Everything seems to be working well. Volunteers are feeling more comfortable and we now have 3 youth who have joined the team - but we are always looking for more to assist.

**Upcoming events:**

- April 1 – 1 pm FWV Holy Week Service
- April 2 – **7 pm** Maundy Thursday service at Zion
- April 3 – **7 pm** Good Friday service at FELC – they are doing a Tenebrae service
- April 5 – 7 AM Easter Sunday Worship at FELC
  - 9 am Easter Sunday worship at FELC
  - 10:30 am Easter Sunday worship at Zion
  - There are Easter breakfast at both
- April 10-11: Sr Youth Gathering in Redwood Falls (I will be chaperoning)

**VACATION DATES:** May 7<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> This is a non-communion Sunday so lay people can lead the service and save the cost for the congregations. I will have a special prayer for Mother’s Day.

**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 **working** 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:
<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>	
<b>Education 2 weeks</b>	<b>USED</b>	<b>SICK Days</b>	<b>USED</b>
	0		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Total</b>	

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

**OF NOTE:** The updated Planning schedule is available – please check that out. It is also online to help in planning events between the two congregations Remember to keep the pastor informed of upcoming activities as far in advance as possible.