

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLANNED PARISH 2026 APRIL

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

Council Boards & Council (1 rep. from each board) immediately following, in the Fellowship Hall. **Agendas, Financials, & Documents** will be in the pick up room until Wed. then Fellowship Hall. **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

ALL BOARDS:

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

1. Synod Assembly will be June 5th -6th, at Gustavus Adolphus College. Early bird ends 4/10. We can take three members as delegates. Any volunteers to attend?
2. Finalize recruitment efforts for board vacancies and send names of those leaving/joining to Barbara to add to the election ballot to approve at May board meeting.
3. Review Pastor Cheryl's FELC & Zion Annual Planning Schedule & 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. April 10-11 Sr Youth Gathering
 - b. April 19th AED, Safety & Security training after church
 - c. May 10th Mother's Day
 - d. May 17th Senior Recognition
 - e. May 25th Memorial Day
4. Discuss and decide on Annual Election Meeting Date. Possibly June 14th with a backup date and/or installation date of June 21st or 28th, keeping in mind 6/21 is Father's Day.
5. God's Work, Our Hands Coordinator needed, any volunteers?
(Sept. 13th, 2026 or move/cancel)
6. Discuss how you felt Lent went (including Youth involvement) and how Easter services went.
7. Other

Council items:

1. **Approve March minutes.**
2. **Approve Treasurer's report**
3. Board Reports
4. **Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism (none)**
5. **Decide on Annual Meeting Date & Backup/installation date.**
6. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept March reports (if any):
 - a. WAM (none)
 - b. Endowment
 - c. Finance Work Group (none)
2. Renew Employee Contracts to describe normal hours worked.
3. Turn in newly signed by employees updated 2026 job descriptions (*annual evaluation questionnaires not needed*)
4. May 10th (Mother's Day) find lay leader
5. 5 Senior Acolyte gifts for May 17th? Senior Recognition service
6. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out
2. Status report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. Mother's Day May 10th, order flowers?
4. Summer Hymn Sings at Fairway View? (*replacing worship at 1 pm 2nd Weds.?*)
5. Any other summer plans?
 - a. Swimming/Pool Party?
6. Other

Christian Education

1. Report on 1st Communion/Singing/Palm Sunday service?
2. 2026 VBS (Psalm 23 theme) scheduled for May 31st - June 4th with a joint worship to kick off VBS.
3. Report on Movie Lock-In?
4. Review Milestones for each grade level. Any changes for next year?
5. Summer Family Worship Planning 6pm June 17th, July 15th, August 5th Who's on this committee?
6. Secondary Bible Camp Offering in April
7. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Report on Easter Breakfast
2. 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. Secondary Bible Camp Offering in April.
5. Plans for senior recognition Sunday, May 17th. Juniors & parents to serve fellowship. Prepare & send correspondence to Jr. & Sr. parents.
6. Recognition for youth group volunteers?
7. (2?) Senior Recognition (\$100 scholarships) for seniors who attended youth group?
8. Youth Summer Campfire Nights (Zion)
 - a. 7 pm June 17th, July 15th, Aug. 5th
9. Short 1-day Summer Mission Trip?
10. Any other summer events/trips?
11. Creating Regulations on Designated Youth Funds for Ameriprise Money
12. Continue Adopt-a-Highway? (*no decision needed in 2026, decide again in 2027*)
13. Other

Stewardship

1. Church financial Status
2. Evaluate Stewardship Theme and Execution
3. June Auction Fundraiser for Elevator
4. Other

Church Properties

1. Spring Cleaning Date & Ideas?
2. Parking lot and sidewalk breaking up, sidewalk sinking, need repairs, fill in cracks at some point.
3. Repair/Update Sound System Report
 - a. Tech Desk Build plans
4. Tech Committee: Cody Backstrand, Bryson (and Matt?) Karels, and Cameron Anderson.
 - a. Get internet to Tech Desk with Ethernet cord
 - b. Set security cameras to recording only motion-activated events
5. New Plumbing Company Search
6. Bell Tower leak update
7. 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
8. Other

Pastor's report

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday, May 13th