

## Annual Planning for First English and Zion Lutheran 2026-2027

### In General – Worship Services:

9 am Service at First English & 10:30 am Service at Zion

First and Third Sundays – Communion at both; Fourth Sunday – Contemporary at both

In General - Last Sunday of Month– Noisy Offering Sunday at First

FELC Lay Members lead service at FWV at 10:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

FWV Communion Service are at 2 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month

June 14 – First English Bi-Annual Meeting following worship

June 17 – FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

5:30 pm Summer Worship Service at Zion

6 pm potluck meal at Zion

6:30 to 10:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion

June 21 – Father's Day / FELC Installation of Council Members / Commissioning for Mission Trip

June 24 – July 3: Sr High Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, Ga

June 28 – *Pastor gone on Mission Trip – (Non-communion – can be Lay person led services)*

July 4 – Independence Day

July 5 – **Mission Trip Youth to lead and Speak for worship at Both**

July 15 – FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

5:30 pm Summer Worship Service at Zion

6 pm potluck meal at Zion

6:30 to 10:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion

July 26 – Zion Outdoor Worship/Picnic

July 29 – Youth Mini-Mission Trip to Churches United at Moorhead, MN to so Service Work

August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social

August 5 - 5:30 pm Summer Worship Service at Zion

6 pm potluck meal at Zion

6:30 to 10:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion

August 19 - FWV Summer Hymn Sing at 4 pm

August 21-23 – Cornfest in Ortonville *No service at Zion – Favorite Hymn Sing at First*

August 27– Ortonville school starts

August 28 to 29<sup>th</sup> there is a wedding at First English

August 30 – Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations

September 2 – Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation: Acolyte Training scheduled later at each

September 4 – No School

September 7 – Labor Day

September 9 - First Day of Confirmation Classes / Youth Group

September 13 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at Both

September 20 – Rally Sunday - Youth Sunday – Youth Led Services - Both Congregations

September 27 – Bible Presentation & Teacher Installation at Both Congregations

October 1 & 8 – First Communion classes after school

October 4 - New Member Sunday - Both Congregations (regular times)

October 7 – Zion Potluck Outreach meals begin for winter at 5:30 pm

October 16-17 – MEA – no school

October 25 – Reformation Sunday – Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Day – Both - Zion at 11 am

November 1 – All Saints Sunday - First Communion for youngsters - Day Light Savings Ends

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 20-21 Junior High Youth Gathering in Wilmar, MN

November 23 – Combined Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 pm at FELC  
 November 26 – Thanksgiving Day – Office closed  
 November 29 – Advent begins; “Hanging of the Greens” - Both Congregations  
 December 20<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm – Blue Christmas at FELC  
 December ??– FELC Christmas Program – (during church)  
 December 20 – Zion Christmas Program (during church) & Zion Swedish Tea following program  
 December 23 –School Christmas break begins  
 December 24 – Christmas Eve Communion Services  
     2:30 at First English - 4:30 at Zion - 6:30 at First English  
 December 27 – Hymn Sing for worship – Both congregations (pastor will take off)

## 2027

January 5 – Ortonville School begins again  
 January 6 – Confirmation begins again  
**January 10 – 9 am Joint Worship Service at First - Sunday School Roller Skating**  
 January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday  
 January 24 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Annual meeting(s) - Both Congregations - Tentative  
 January 31 OR - February 1 – Installation of council at Zion during worship  
 February 3 – 5-6:30 pm Wed – Just For the Love of It Meal w/ Confirmation Students Helping  
 February 10<sup>th</sup> is an early out day AND council night (and Ash Wednesday)  
 February 10 – Ash Wednesday - 1 pm at FWV  
     5:30 pm at Zion (NOTE – these times rotated)  
     6:30 pm at First English  
*February 12 – No school*  
 February 14 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Fundraiser (First)  
*February 15 – President’s Day Holiday – No School*  
 Lenten Services in 2027:  
     2 pm Services at FWV each week during Lent and for Holy Week  
     6 pm - February 17; March 3; March 17 - Service at First English (Meal starts at 5)  
     6 pm – February 24; March 10 – Service at Zion Lutheran (Meal starts at 5)  
 March 4 & 11: First Communion classes after school  
 March 5 – World Day of Prayer  
 March 14 – Day Light Savings Begins  
 March 21 – Palm Sunday - First Communion Sunday both churches  
 Holy Week Services: April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7 pm – Service at Zion ??? Rotate or NOT?  
     April 3 – Good Friday – 7 pm –Service at First English ??? Rotate or NOT?  
 Easter Sunday – March 28- 7 am Sunrise Service at First English  
     9 am Service at First English & 10:30 Service at Zion  
 May 6 – National Day of Prayer  
 May 9 – Mother’s Day  
 May 16 – Senior Recognition Service  
 May 28 – Last day of school at Ortonville  
 May 28 – Graduation Day at Ortonville at 6 pm  
 May 31 – Memorial Day  
 TBD June ? 6 ? - Joint Worship for First English & Zion AT Zion at 9 am. Kick-off for VBS TBD  
 TBD ??? June 6 - 10: Combined VBS at Zion - 6:30 to 8:45 pm  
 TBD June ?10? - VBS program - 8 pm at Zion  
 TBD June ??? SW Minnesota Synod Assembly at St Peter (Bishop Election)