

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2026 MAY
Sunday, May 13, 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:

1. The Synod Assembly will be June 6-7, at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can take three members as delegates. We have 0 so far. Pastor Cheryl is registered. Any volunteers to attend?
2. Review draft ballots and annual meeting agenda slips. Finalize recruitment efforts for board vacancies and send names to Barbara to add to the ballot to approve at June board meeting. Let her know who is no longer serving as well.
3. Annual election meeting following the service on 6/14/25 and installation of board members at the service on 6/21/25.
4. 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. May 10th Mother's Day
 - b. May 17th Senior Recognition
 - c. May 25th Memorial Day
 - d. May 31st 9am Joint Worship at Zion for VBS kickoff (FWV at 10:30)
 - e. May 31 – June 4 (6:30 to 8:45 pm) VBS
 - f. June 5-6 Synod Assembly (Pr. Going)
 - g. June 9 Joint Partnership Meeting
 - h. June 14 FELC Election Meeting
 - i. June 17 FWV Hymn Sing (4 pm), Summer Worship Service (5:30), Meal (6), Youth Fun (6:30-10:30)
 - j. June 21 Father's Day / Installation
 - k. June 24-July 3 Pastor away with Sr. High Youth Mission Trip to GA.
5. Other

Council items:

1. **Approve April minutes.**
2. **Approve Treasurer's report.**
3. **Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism** (Elaine Thielke in, others?).
4. Board reports.
5. Other

Lay Ministry

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. Review/accept submitted reports from:
 - a. WAM
 - b. Endowment (*none*)
 - c. Finance (*none*)
3. June 28th - find lay leader
4. Renew Employee Contracts to describe normal hours worked.
5. Turn in newly signed by employees updated 2026 job descriptions (annual evaluation questionnaires not needed)
6. Crosses ordered & wrapped for Senior Acolyte gifts for May 17th service.
7. **Formal approval of Barbara & Pastor's summer schedules:**
 - a. Barbara: Mon 8-3, Tues 8-noon, Wed 8-noon, Thurs 8-3, & Fri 8-noon. 6 hours less per week, but will cover as needed for extra things like funerals.
 - b. Pastor: Mon 9-3, Tues (at Zion) 11-5, Wed 11-5, Thurs 9-3, Fri & Sat at home sermon prep & writing, Sun 7:30-Noon. (All times are flexible due to funerals, & other activities that come up.)
8. Check Lay Min mailbox in library
9. Other

Evangelism

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. Transfers in/out (Elaine Thielke transfer in, others?)
3. Monthly 4 pm Summer hymn sings at Fairway View: June 17th, July 15th, August 19th

4. Report on Mother's Day gifts.
5. Any other summer plans?
 - a. Swimming/Pool Party?
 - b. Game nights?
6. Decide on when to have a Mission emphasis Sunday and what that emphasis will be.
7. Discuss Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
8. God's Work Our Hands Plans (9/13)
9. Other

Christian Education

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. 2026 VBS (Psalm 23 theme) scheduled for May 31st – June 4th with a joint worship to kick off VBS.
3. Do you want Liz to purchase Backpack Blessing tags/cards again?
4. Begin planning for next year's Sunday School
5. Review Milestones for each grade level. Any changes for next year?
6. Summer Family Worship 5:30 pm June 17th, July 15th, August 5th
7. 2nd Bible Camp Offering (April) Report
8. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. Report on Sr. Youth Gathering
3. Plans for senior recognition Sunday on May 17th. Juniors & parents to serve fellowship.
 - a. Liz is ordering two half sheet cakes for after service coffee.
 - b. Bibles were put in Narthex
4. Sr. Youth GA Mission Trip planning & fundraising report
5. Youth Summer Campfire Nights (Zion) – 6:30-10:30 pm June 17th, July 15th, Aug. 5th
6. Plans for potential summer events or trips?
 - a. 1-Day Mission Trip, July 29
 - b. Others?
7. 19 Youth attending Green Lake Bible Camps this summer & 1 attending Camp For Christ
8. Other

Stewardship

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. Summer Stewardship ideas?
3. Elevator Auction Status
4. Other

Church Properties

1. **Board Additions or Resignations?**
2. Report on Spring clean-up
3. Parking lot and sidewalk breaking up, sidewalk sinking, need repairs, fill in cracks at some point. Quotes?
4. Repair/Update Sound System Report
 - a. Tech Desk Build plans
5. 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
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. Check Prop. Board mailbox in library
9. Other

Pastor's report *(e-mailed)*

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday, June 10, 2025