

# First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for April Council meetings, 2026.

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## **March activities:**

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	8	At First	13
One week Blizzard and no church		At Zion	5
One week First Communion at both		Confirmation classes (no class – all assist Lent)	4
Worship Services (Lent):	4	Youth Group ( )	0
Worship Service – FWV	4	First communion Class for 11	2
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	2	(One sick and met individually)	
Baptisms:	0	Meetings:	
Funeral/Internment/Prayer service: (Roger Nornes)	2	Council Meetings (Zion )	1
Weddings	0	Joint Committee	1
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)	0	Evangelism Meeting (First)	1
Newsletter article	1	Staff Meetings (First)	4
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Meetings with Tonya	4
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Worship & Outreach (Zion)	1
Bulletin Order of Service Drafts	14	Education meeting (Zion)	1
Baptism bulletin for Neuman's (postponed)	1	Sr Youth Mission Trip meeting	0
PowerPoints	6	VBS Meeting	1
Office (days)		Youth Planning Meeting w/ Ronda & Sara	1

## **Planned May 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> - 3:30 pm class; 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm class
    - Early out day April 22 so classes at 1:45 and 2:45 pm
    - Students are required to be at worship/helping w/ service for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
    - Wednesday Youth Group 5:30 meal/ 6 pm activity except early out days meet at 4pm
- April 1 – Holy Week Communion Service at FWV at 1 pm
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday service at Zion at 7 pm/ Confirmation students practice at 6 pm
- April 3 – Good Friday service at First English at 7 pm/ Choir doing the service
- April 5 – Easter: Worship at 7 am/ 9 am/ 10:30 am
- April 6 – Easter Monday/ Office Close - Working from Home
- April 7 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meets
- April 8 – Confirmation classes begins again at normal times
  - 5:30 pm Youth Group meal/ 6 pm Activity – At Zion
  - 6 pm FELC Council meeting
- April 10 & 11 – Sr Youth Gathering at Redwood Falls (pastor chaperoning)
- April 12 – New Member Sunday at First English
- April 13 – 18 – Barbara will be gone
- April 14 - 5:30 pm Zion Worship & Outreach meet
- April 19 – FELC Parish Nurses AED Training after church
- April 21 5:30 pm Zion Education committee meets
  - 6:30 pm Zion Council meets
- April 22 – 4 pm Youth Group meets
  - 6 pm Sr Mission Trip meeting
- April 26 – Teske baptism during church at First
- May 1 – 1 pm funeral Service for Kate Heinecke

## **PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:**

- 7 of the Sr Youth going on Mission Trip planned from June 24 – July 3. They are doing fund raising.
- Confirmation students will be doing grade projects and Statement of Faith

- One day youth mission trip Tentatively looking at July 8 or 29 to Churches United in Fargo.

**NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:**

- **Youth:** The confirmation students helped with all Lenten service and did a FANTASTIC job. Please tell them.
- **JOINT SERVICE:** Note on the planning schedule – the August joint service has been moved to January calendar – to coincide with the roller-skating times.
- **Technology:** We now have 8 volunteers (one additional youth). We had some difficulty trying to make thing work better for FWV Sunday services with streaming Facebook live AND the Audio for the radio station. Think we have a system that will work with using a USB for FWV. Having some tech problems at Zion – hoping we find resolve there. We have one young person that will begin to assist there. Always room for additional volunteers.

**Upcoming events:**

- April 10-11: Sr Youth Gathering in Redwood Falls (I will be chaperoning)
- May 17: Senior Recognition at both congregations
- May 31 – Joint Worship at Zion at 9 am as kick off for VBS.
- May 31 to June 4 – Combined VBS at Zion

**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>
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<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.