

First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

June 2026



FELC

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.

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Notes from Pastor Cheryl



May 27, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer certainly has had an effect on us, from the extra cool spring weather to extreme heat and hot sun, forcing us to stay out of direct sunlight and in the shadows and shade of day.

Living in the shadows can mean a couple of different things in scriptures. It can be a place of protection and safety as we read in the Psalms: *“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty,”* (91:1) and *“How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings,”* (36: 7) as well as *“With his feathers he will cover you, and under his wings you will find refuge. His truth will be your shield and armor.”* (91:4)

His truth, God’s Word, is our shield and armor that protects us when we find ourselves in a place of darkness, trials or fear. Those times in our lives when we all experience struggles and dark shadows. Times when we are the most vulnerable, helpless, and weak that make us want to fall down and cry our eyes out or give up and go hide out in the mountains.

God’s truth at those times can give us hope and comfort in our struggles as Isaiah tells us in 25:4 *“You have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.”* God’s Words remind us that He offers us protection and courage in difficult times.

Isaiah also tells us God will give us the strength we need to get through those times saying in 41:10: *“do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Each year during Advent, we are reminded how Jesus is the light that has come into the world. A good reminder to hold on to every day, not just leading up to Christmas, of how God sent Jesus to overcome that darkness through His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. We are already saved through Jesus’ actions on the cross and nothing, no dark shadows, can ever take that future home in heaven from us.

One of my favorites when I find myself in the shadows is from Matthew 11: 28 inviting us to *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* It is a beautiful verse that has helped lift me up through many difficulties and in days when my energy is gone. When I read that verse, I imagine myself crawling up on Jesus’ lap and putting my head against His shoulder with His arms around me as I did when I was a little girl crawling up on my dad’s lap when I was tired or hurt.

God’s Words, the scriptures, are a source of hope and encouragement. If you find yourself feeling helpless or overwhelmed and dark shadows seem to surround you today, seek His Word for... *“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”* – Psalm 23:4

We know that into every life, a little rain will fall and even when we are at our most helpless and suffer through dark times, that test our faith, God speaks to you through His word to assure you that you are not left in the dark alone, but He is with you in all things and through all the shadows... so... *“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* (Romans 15:13).

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

~ Pastor Cheryl

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING Council Minutes May 13, 2026 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) and Lay Ministry, Becky Parker (treasurer) and Stewardship, Darin Ehrenberg - Stewardship, Sara Wollschlager - Christian Education, Michelle Bauer – Lay Ministry, Paula Reisdorph - Evangelism, Dale Price - Church Properties, and Barbara Wegner -Secretary.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 6:08 pm.

Approval of April Minutes as presented – Paula, Darin MSP.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report – We were down a little bit earlier but are caught up. Michelle, Paula MSP.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer reported – Cody Backstrand will switch from the Board of Lay Ministry to the Board of Properties. Lay Ministry approved the WAM minutes. Ellie will ask Archer to lead on June 28th. Ellie is working on the contracts and job descriptions. The board asked for someone to present the senior gifts. Becky Parker volunteered. There was consensus from the board and council that Pastor Cheryl and Barbara’s summer hour changes would be fine. The church will need to look for someone to shovel snow before next winter, but this discussion was tabled for now.

Board of Evangelism – Paula Reisdorph reported – Elaine Thielke wanted to be transferred in. The Fairway View Hymn Sings are set up for the summer on the 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. The Board handed out cupcakes to mothers on Mother’s Day and those were appreciated. The pool party will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Game nights will be held in January and February of 2027. Mission Emphasis is usually in the fall, and this year it may be

the Food Shelf. Evangelism members always reach out to those interested in joining our church. Marge gets volunteers for Fairway View services on Sunday and has been working with Kim Anderson and Barbara to add the flash drive information to the instructional booklets for Fairway View Volunteers. It has been going well. Marge Dragseth said she would chair God's Work, Our Hands, but there was discussion on whether or not it should be all her or have more help. This should be brought back up again.

Christian Education – Sara Wollschlager reported – Kandra Kellen is leaving the board. Kayla Minder will be joining the board. There are a couple of VBS meetings coming up on May 18th and 20th. There are 33 volunteers to help so that's good. There was discussion on starting the VBS earlier in the day next year. The board would like Liz to order the backpack blessing tags & cards and she has already been asked to do that. The board liked how Sunday School went this year and would like to do the same next year but may want to purchase or get a laptop to share with the members of the board for the curriculum. The Board of Christian Education will no longer take part in planning summer worship services. In April the second offering for Bible Camp brought in \$639. The last day of Sunday School Lakeside Park went well and the board would like to do that again.

Youth & Family – No Youth & Family Report was available.

Stewardship – Becky Parker reported – The board had a resignation and needs at least one more member. Becky has offered to speak to the congregation during the announcements about the openings for council members to try to get volunteers. There is a list of auction items beginning. The board discussed putting together announcements for the newsletter (and bulletin board) of ideas for donating to the auction, such as donating very large items where the donator gets the bulk of the profit, but the church gets some percentage from the sale. The auction money brought in would be put into a designated account and then, if we sold commission items, the church could write a check to the donator for their cut. This will also be discussed at the annual election meeting.

Church Properties – Dale Price reported – The tech desk platform & cubicle structure have been built. The board has not coordinated with Ron or the electrician for help in putting the structure in. There is a desire to put in this structure after May 24th's service and before the June 7th service (as we will have service at Zion on May 31st and won't miss the technology not being connected. Nothing has changed with the roof repairs or A/C unit. The board is still waiting on the individuals to come in and do what they have bids for. Barbara informed the Board of Properties that Liz's computer failed months ago (around the time of the mandated Windows 11 upgrade), and Barbara's Secretary computer stopped working this week. Both computers had to be upgraded to Windows 11 and have been here for many years prior. Liz had been using the First English pastor laptop for the time being. (Pastor Cheryl has her own personal computer and doesn't need this older one). Barbara is currently using the Youth Director desktop, both of which are also on the older side. Dale motioned to get 2 new computers.

Pastor's Report – Everyone received a copy of the Pastor's Report. It's also available on our website.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

- Transfers in / out as Evangelism Board presented. Paula, Becky **MSP**.
- Approval of allowing Fish & Ride to add First English Lutheran Church as a donor on their sign. Darin, Becky, **MSP**.
- Approval of purchasing two \$1500 or less desktop computers for the office. Darin, Dale **MSP**.
- Approval of cancelling the plans to have combined family worship services this summer. Sara, Becky **MSP**.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, June 10th, at 5:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Emerald Crossing 2026 - May 5, 2026 at 5:30

Vacation Bible School Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Beth Fladhammer, Sara Tollakson, Cindy Nelson, Kristin Haggerty, Violet Baerwaldt, Marilyn Chindvall, Jocelyn Scholwalter, Laura Laub, Sandy Helgeson

- Sara opened the meeting with a prayer.
- VBS dates: May 31- June 4th - 6:30-8:45
- Directors & Assembly Leaders (Sara Tollakson & Beth Fladhammer)
 - Sara and Beth met prior to the meeting to review the student registration list. During their review, they verified that each student was placed in the correct age and grade group. They also checked for duplicate registrations and removed any duplicate student entries to ensure the registration count was accurate.
 - As of May 5, 2026, there are 51 students registered in total for the program. Student registration by age/grade includes:
 - Preschool (4-year-olds): 13 students
 - Kindergarten: 2 students
 - 1st grade: 7 students
 - 2nd grade: 6 students
 - 3rd grade: 10 students
 - 4th grade: 5 students
 - 5th grade: 4 students
 - 6th grade: 4 students
 - At present, 33 volunteers have signed up to support the program. Among them, 10 are confirmation students taking on volunteer positions that count toward their service project requirements.
 - The assembly schedule will remain generally consistent with the format used over the past two years. As in previous years, drama will be included as part of the opening assembly. Although the assembly schedule listed in the printed program provides a guide, it will not be followed exactly. Adjustments to the assembly flow will be made as needed based on time limitations and what works best for the overall event schedule.

From Sara Tollakson: I should also update you all that Beth and I sent out an email to parents/guardians of kids who were registered last year and were not registered this year. With that we had 14 additional sign up.

Total registered as of 5.9.2026: **65**

4 yr prek – 13, K – 4, 1st – 10, 2nd – 10, 3rd – 11, 4th – 7, 5th – 6, 6th – 4.


- A work session was scheduled for May 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Zion to complete remaining administrative preparations. Planned tasks for that evening include printing materials and organizing binders and folders for volunteers so items are ready in advance.
- Volunteer meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Zion.
- Will ensure dates for work session and volunteer meeting are posted.
- PR & Online Registration (Kristin Haggerty)
 - Registration was posted on Facebook and shared by Liz with First English. Fewer students have registered this year, possibly due to date changes and more churches offering VBS. Sara and Beth will review last year's student list and contact those not yet registered to confirm their interest.
- Kitchen/Snacks (Sandy Helgeson)
 - Sign-up sheets will be available at First English and Zion beginning this week, thanks to Sandy. Now that we have a better estimate of student numbers, preparations can be made accordingly. We will be applying for Thrivent funds to assist with purchasing necessary items. Snacks on offer include bars, cookies, carrots, and cheese. Additionally, donations are requested for ice cream pails to serve root beer floats during the closing family assembly night.
- Crafts (Violet)
 - Violet currently has all the supplies she needs. Craft preparation will take place alongside the administrative work night on May 18th at 5:00 pm at Zion.
- Games (Mack Minder, DJ Haggerty, Nate Gleason, Erik Fladhammer)
 - No updates; game leaders will use existing supplies for planned games.
- Decorating (Violet, Sara, and Beth)
 - Violet is gathering supplies for decorating. Sara has ordered the backdrop, plans to use the fence, and may use the available manager at Zion. Decorating inside the church will start the week of May 18th.
- Music (Laura Laub)
 - Five songs from the Emerald Crossing program will be chosen for the children's closing assembly. As last year, a TV screen with motions and lyrics will be provided for everyone to follow.
 - Will collaborate with additional volunteers to provide support for music-related activities.
- Drama (Sara)
 - Characters include Grandpa Fitz, Molly, Shane, Erin, Patty, and the Villain. Volunteers are expected to cover all roles, though assignments are not final. Most props and costumes can be sourced from the church or home; a review is planned.
- Safety & Time Keepers (Beth and Sara)
 - First aid kit supplies were bought. Sara and Beth will manage timekeeping unless another volunteer is interested. Safety will be addressed at both the volunteer meeting and the opening assembly for students.
- Greeters/check-in (Kandra and Sara W.)
 - The attendance checklist will be printed before the first night, and teachers will help with check-in. Afterward, teachers will use their class attendance lists to track students each night. Name badges will be printed on card stock and prepared on May 18th. Teachers will collect badges nightly and distribute them to students as they arrive the next day.
- Photography & Videos (Kandra Kellen)
 - Independent will print student photographs. Individual student photos will be taken at the beginning of the week, starting on Monday, to allow sufficient time for processing.
- Offering:
 - Opening Assembly: Food shelf items and/or monetary donations. Food shelf item needs: Men's razors and shaving cream, women's razors and shaving cream, body wash, pads/tampons, diapers size 6 and 7, baby wipes/baby ointment, baby shampoo/body wash, dental floss, lotion
 - Include list the first night's letter to the parents/guardians and area set up to drop off items as well.
 - Family Assembly: VBS Funds
- VBS funds:
 - No activity since last meeting; balance is \$2,067.90.
- Other discussion: Supplies for VBS can be stored in the large middle classroom at Zion.
- Next meeting: Work night on May 18th at 5:00 p.m. Volunteer meeting May 20th at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS June 2026

- ☀ Confirmation and Youth groups finished up their year in May.
- ☀ We had Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 17th.














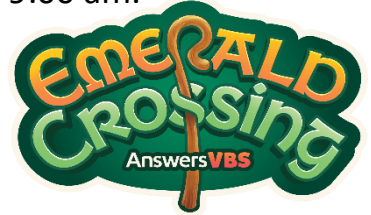
Congratulations to our 2025 Graduating Senior:

 *Mason Block, Rylie Conroy, Archer Dorry, Mikaela Johnson, Kirby Olson, and Ashton Sletten.*
 Thank you to the Day of Love for making quilts for our seniors.



Upcoming Events:

-  May 31st - Church will be held at **Zion Lutheran Church** today as a kickoff for the Vacation Bible School program. Worship will begin at 9:00 am.
-  1st- 4th – VBS from 6:30-8:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church
-  4th- 8:00 pm PROGRAM for VBS at Zion
-  5th- 6th- Synod Assembly
-  7th - Holy Communion at the 9:00 am service
-  14th - 9:00 am service
-  17th- Summer Youth Gathering at Zion from 6:30-10:30 pm. (Youth are invited to come after any games that they may have that evening, too.)
-  21st - Holy Communion and Father’s Day at 9:00 AM. First Day of Summer
-  21st - 25th Evelyn Zupfer will be attending Water’s Edge Bible Camp and Baylor and Lakyn Kellen will be attending Camp for Christ so please add them to your prayers this week:
-  24th - July 3rd- Youth Group headed for Savannah, GA for their trip and service projects. Please add the following to your prayers for this time: Archer, Kirby, Bryson, Cameron, Brandon, Lexi, James, Alan, Jennifer and Pastor Cheryl.
-  28th: Noisy Offering will be collected during the 9:00 am service



Thank you to the following people for donations to the Youth Group: Evie Swigerd and from Jim & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of Nola Lockwood.

Have a blessed summer!



If you do not have giving envelopes because you give electronically or by loose check, you can find generic pink Designated Funds envelopes in a basket in the Narthex.

THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship.

<h2>June 2026</h2>	
<h3>Designated Funds</h3>	
Building (please specify)	\$ _____
Operating Fund	\$ _____
Other <u>Someplace Safe</u>	\$ _____
Name _____	

- January Technology Fund
- February..... Service Trip Scholarship
- March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
- April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
- May... Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
- June..... Someplace Safe**
- July..... Families in Need
- August..... Baptism Chests
- September..... Endowment Fund
- October..... Jaycees Project Christmas
- November..... God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
- December.....ELCA Missionaries

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



First English’s Annual Election Meeting will be after church on June 14th at 10:00 am (with a backup date of June 21st). We will install the newly elected members during church service on June 21st.

FWV Bible Study: The FELC parish nurses remind everyone there is a Bible Study at Fairway View open to all every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 pm. To participate, just come to Donnie's Diner and join in.

Congratulations and god’s blessings be with Mason, Rylie, Archer, Mikaela, Kirby, and Ashton on their high school graduation!

A Bible Study entitled “A Bible Study on the Christian Funeral: For pastors and congregations,” will begin on June 8 at Zion. The study, led by Pastor Cheryl will be held on the new patio starting at 5 pm each week on Mondays in June and July. There will be a break from June 29 through July 6th as pastor is on a mission trip and Independence Day weekend. Attendants will be asked to make written comments on the study at the end. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Cheryl at cmqrondeau@outlook.com or text her at 605-237-1501.

May the God of All Consolation be with Gayla Athey and family on the death of Kelly Athey on Saturday, May 22nd. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 29th at Big Stone Tabor Church.

Summer Worship starts June 17th

Summer worship service will begin on Wednesday evening, June 17 at 5:30 pm at Zion Lutheran. The service makes it possible for those who are unable to attend Sunday morning services in the summer to gather in worship. The service will be held on the new patio at the back of the church. Following the service there will be a meal at 6 pm and time for fellowship. The main entree will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert. Donations are also welcome, as are Thrivent grant cards. Volunteers are needed to help with setup for the service, the meal, and clean up.

Summer Youth Fun Nights begin June 17th

Youth Fun Night will be back once a month on Wednesday evenings this summer for all youth completing 7th through 12th grades. The first Youth Fun Night will be on June 17th at Zion Lutheran at 806 Highland Hwy, with games starting at 6:30 pm. A meal will be held at 6 pm and worship begins at 5:30 pm.

The large yard at Zion provides the perfect spot to bring out the bean bag/cornhole boards, put up a volleyball net, and other outdoor friendly competition. Anyone with a yard game they'd like to bring are welcome to do so.

The meal will be available for everyone attending, even if you are late following a ball game. Donations of bars and snacks for after the games would be greatly appreciated.

Plans are to have a campfire at the end of the evening for time to catchup with friends, enjoy Christian fellowship and promote a sense of community. Youth are welcome to bring a friend and those who have ball games are encouraged to come after their game.

We are looking for a few volunteers for the evening to bring and set up the outdoor games, assist with the meal, and/or play guitar around the campfire.

Everyone will need to bring their own lawn chair. Confirmation mentors are encouraged to bring your mentee. Contact Pastor Cheryl to volunteer or help in any way for this youth activity.



Hymn Sings at Fairway View

During the summer months June thru August, a hymn sing will be held at 4 pm with many favorite hymns and gospel songs led by the Faith Evangelism committee. Everyone is invited to come and sing along for this once a month hymn sing this summer. The first hymn sing for the summer will be on Wednesday, June 17th at 4 pm at Fairway View Neighborhoods.



KDIO BROADCASTS

... (May 3rd) was sponsored by Richard and Marla Strei in honor of Dr. Hannah Strei on her graduation from U. of M. Medical School & Adam Strei on his SDSU graduation

... (May 10th) was sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in memory of Inez Fraasch & Arlene Dockter, and in honor of Shirley Hormann, Emily Sigler, Andrea Bartels, and LaVonne Fraasch.

... (May 17th) was sponsored in honor of Mikaela Johnson and her classmates on their graduation by Liz Ketz & Family.

... (May 24th) was sponsored by Richard & Marla Strei in celebration of Joe & Hannah (Strei) Kachelmyer who were married in Duluth yesterday.

... (May 31st) was sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in honor of their children and grandchildren.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Jyla Dahle, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, and George Wegner. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Arlen LaCombe, Aletta Simonitch, Janice Redfield in Clinton and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict; and our Haitian student, Ycherson Soh and South African students Sanelisiwe Dlamini and Andiswa Mbatha. If you would like a name to be added/removed, please contact the church office.



Parish Secretary Summer Hours

Monday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm,
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm,
Thursday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, &
Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.



Pastor's Summer Office Hours

Mon (FELC): 9:00 am-3:00 pm,
Tues At ZION: 11:00 am-5:00 pm,
Wed (FELC): 11:00 am-5:00 pm, &
Thurs (FELC): 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Our Church building hours are staying the same. The building is open at 8:00 am every day of the week and closes at 4:00 pm Monday - Friday, 1:00 pm on Saturdays, and noon on Sundays.

PRIDE



Parish Nurse Article for June

Unhealthy pride is an excessively high opinion of oneself. A prideful person often believes they can handle life without God, refusing to seek Him or acknowledge their dependence on Him for everything they have. Pride is when we think we are important or superior because of who we are, what we have, or what we have done. When we take all the credit for our accomplishments and forget that God is the one who has given us our ability, that's the kind of pride God hates.

To overcome pride:

- Don't compare yourself to others (accept people as they are)
- Desire God's will more than your own
- Believe you are a child of God, made in His image
- Practice humility
- Give God the credit for your accomplishments.

Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries Sponsored By Women's Connection

Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30 pm
at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church.
The cost is \$6.00, and there is a free nursery
Available by reservation.

Speaker: Jan Schiferl of Fordyce, NE
with a talk titled:

"A Change of Plans"

~ Special Feature ~

Terri Mielitz of Milbank
"Building our Families/Our Store"
at the Big Stone Commons

Music: Jan Schiferl

FOOD WILL BE SERVED &
ALL/WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

For reservations call Carol Karels (320) 487-2355



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
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God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

By God's grace, together we have what we need.

'As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.'

Tech Desk Update

Last month we hit our \$15,000 goal for paying off the purchase of new electronics for our Tech Desk. Our Board of Properties has been busy planning a new physical desk for our new equipment to sit on. It was requested that the middle portion be a little lower to sit the large monitor down and that there be a platform so our tech desk volunteers can see more clearly (especially when the congregation is standing).

With our combined service at Zion Church on May 31st kicking off VBS, it seemed like the perfect time to install this new tech desk. So, as you can see from the pictures, our equipment and the old desk have been removed while the Board of Properties' members make sure everything is installed well. There will also be holes drilled into the desk for our cords to come from below (rather than being an unsightly mess).



Then our equipment will be put back, and we will test it out and hopefully everything will work well on June 7th. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Tech Desk upgrade fund!



New Computers for the Church Office

Last fall, after the Windows 11 update (as previous versions of Windows would no longer be supported), the financial secretary computer died. We were able to get by with a spare laptop that FELC had around. Last month, the Secretary Computer died, and Barbara was able to continue to do her work by using the old Youth Director computer, however we were running out of spare computers.

The Church Council in May decided it was time to get new computers for the church office staff. Those computers arrived in late May and Barbara was able to set them up for us.

We have always had a technology/computer fund for FELC for just these circumstances. Although the Technology Desk Update fund hit its goal, there is a continued need for funds to keep staff computers and other technology to date and in working order. So our Technology/Computer fund will continue on. Thank you to everyone who has donated to that fund to help with these costs.

FELC Benefit Auction

As many of you know, our elevator underwent repairs this past spring to meet state code. The cost of the repairs took a large sum out of our reserve. We are hoping this auction can be a way to add some back to it to help secure our future.

Our auction is scheduled to run online in August with Zielsdorf Auctioneers website. Items can be either donated or if you have something larger you are thinking of selling but need some money from it, they can be added to the auction as a consignment item. Consignment items will have a 10% commission deducted. Good news is that the commission that's deducted now becomes a donation to the church and would be tax deductible. All monies received during the auction for donated items would be tax deductible as well. For a consigned item if you have a car for example and you don't want to sell it for less than \$5000 let us know and if the bids do not hit that it doesn't sell.

Items to be donated or consigned can be brought to the church and stored in the Sunday School rooms at the end of July. Larger items will stay at owners site. We will need pictures of these items and if you are unable to do that, Darin or Mark can take pictures. We would also ask permission to publish your phone number with any of the "off-site" items so you could answer questions and schedule pickup after the auction.

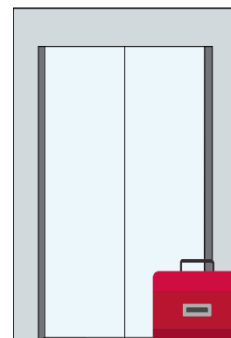
You do not need to be a member of the church either; if you have friends or family that may have items they are wanting to sell, let them know what we're doing. We all have something sitting around we no longer need or use; let us sell it for you.

You can call any of the below to get your items listed:

Mark Block 740-348-9614

Darin Ehrenberg 320-760-7946

Church office 320-839-2527



The Big Stone County Brain Health Tour is Sponsored in part by Southwest Initiative Foundation, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging and the Minnesota Board on Aging. If you have questions, call Prairie 5's Laura Thomas at 320-226-8861. 9:30 am – 10:30 am Beardsley – Bobby Jo's Café. At 11:30 am – 12:30 pm it will be in Johnson, near the mailbox. At 1:30 – 2:30 pm, it will be outside the city Building in Odessa.

Big Stone County Brain Health Tour Thursday, June 11 with Prairie Five and Countryside Public Health



STOP BY FOR
INFORMATION AND
RESOURCES ON :

- Brain health
- Memory loss
- Caregiver support
- Food bags and giveaways from P5
- Other health info

BOARD THE BUS FOR:

- Health Screens

Refreshments from Bobby Jo's at all stops!

ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – June

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:
Banners:
Flower Committee:

Barb Wiese & Sara Mattison
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter



SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

June 7: Amy Adelman
June 10* (2 pm FWV): Kathy Haukos
June 14: Marilyn Hanson
June 17* (4 pm FWV): Marilyn Hanson
June 21: Lisa Berdan
June 28: Carol Ydstie
July 5: Kathy Haukos
July 8* (2 pm FWV): Amy Adelman
July 12: Lisa Berdan
July 15* (4 pm FWV): Carol Ydstie
July 19: Carol Ydstie
July 26: Amy Adelman

LECTOR

June 7: Kelsey Kaye
June 14: Kathy Randall
June 21: Kim Anderson
June 28: Jim Schmeichel
July 5: Becky Parker
July 12: Liv Wollschlager
July 19: Miley Block
July 26: Barb Wiese

ACOLYTES

June 7: Bennett & Bryson
June 14: Nash & Mia K.
June 21: Katelyn & James
June 28: Martino & Jace
July 5: Oliver & Amelia Z.
July 12: Miley & Amelia K.
July 19: Liv & Brielle R.
July 26: Meadow & Madilyn

LAY ASSISTANTS

June 7: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg
June 21: Jim Foster & Amanda Stattelmann
July 5: Lori Strei & Brent Zahrbock
July 19: Lori Larson & David Ellingson

FWV Neighborhoods

June 7: Paula Reisdorph
June 14: Marge Dragseth
July 5: TBD
July 12: TBD

GREETERS

June 7: Dean & Anita Longnecker
June 14: Ann & Sara Mattison
June 21: Kim & Jon Anderson
June 28: Sharon Carlson & Marilee Haukos
July 5: Glenda Reiffenberger & Jim Schmeichel
July 12: Dick & Marla Strei
July 19: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg
July 26: Ellie Helgeson & Terry Kalberg













SOUND SYSTEM

June 7: Kim Anderson & Matt Karels
June 14: Liz Ketz and Liam & Drew Johnson
June 21: Cody Backstrand & Cameron Anderson
June 28: Marge Dragseth & Liz Ketz
July 5: Liz Ketz & Drew Johnson
July 12: Matt & Bryson Karels
July 19: Kim Anderson & Cameron Anderson
July 26: Marge Dragseth & James Hodenfield

USHERS

June 7: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
June 14: Darin Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
June 21: Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman
June 28: Gale May, Jim Foster, Eugene Stotesbery, & Art Vollmer
July 5: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson
July 12: Art Vollmer, Brent Zahrbock, Glenn & Deb Henningson
July 19: Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Marla & Dick Strei
July 26: Tami Lundberg, Paula Reisdorph, Jackie & Mel Domine



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>June 2026</i> † † †</p> <p>First English Lutheran Church</p> <p>Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."</p>			<p>Pastor Cheryl's Summer Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am to 3 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 11 am to 5 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 11 am to 5 pm, & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 9 am – 3 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.</p>			
<p>May 31</p> <p>9:00 am Joint worship at Zion – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live 10:30 am Fairway View (pre-recorded)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10 am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 3:30 pm Evangelism Mtg (Pr. Cheryl Attending) 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>4</p> <p> Last day of VBS 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm 8:00 pm VBS Program</p>	<p>5</p> <p> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>6</p>
Every Night May 31 st to June 4 th -- Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church from 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm			-- VBS from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm		<p>ELCA SYNOD GATHERING Pastor Cheryl at Synod Gathering</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Before Service Coffee – Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship – Communion – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live 10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded) 12:00 pm Neuman Baptisms</p> <p></p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study with Pr. Cheryl at Zion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner 5:30 pm Zion-FELC Partnership Meeting at Zion</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 2:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live w/Pastor Cheryl 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 5:30 Church Council Meeting</p> <p></p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Sr. Mission Trip Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship Service – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live 10:00 am Annual (Election) Meeting of the Congregation 10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 am Bible Study with Pastor Cheryl 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study with Pr. Cheryl at Zion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 4:00 pm Hymn Sing at Fairway View 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 5:30 pm Family Worship at Zion 6:00 pm Family Meal at Zion 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm Youth Fun Night (Zion)</p> <p> </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth 9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p> <p></p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Father's Day 21</p> <p>Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship – Communion – – Installation of Council Members – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live</p> <p></p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study with Pr. Cheryl at Zion</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 23</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>Sr. Youth Trip to GA w/Pastor 24</p> <p><i>Pastor & Youth will be back on July 3rd.</i> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>27</p> <p></p>
Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, GA June 24 th – July 3 rd - Pastor Cheryl will be away with them. 11						
<p>28</p> <p>Before Service Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Worship Service (Lay Leader) – Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live</p> <p></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>July 2</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed Early</p>	<p>July 3</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR July 4th Youth & Pastor Return</p>	<p>JULY 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p></p>
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