

First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for May Council meetings, 2026.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

April activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	9	Bulletin Order of Service Drafts	13
Easter Service (3)		PowerPoints	6
Worship Services (Holy Week):	2	Office (days)	
Worship Service – FWV	1	At First	14
(Scheduling conflict on the 8 th)		At Zion	5
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	2	Confirmation classes	8
Baptisms: (Teske boys)	3	Youth Group met	4
Funeral/Internment: (Gordon Lindquist)	1	Sr High Gathering	Overnight F/S
Prayer service (Gordon Lindquist)	1	Meetings:	
Weddings	0	Council Meetings (Zion)	2
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)		Evangelism Meeting (First)	1
Pastor Cheryl	1	Staff Meetings (First)	2
Newsletter article	1	Meetings with Tonya	4
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Sr Youth Mission Trip meeting	1
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1		

Planned May Activities:

- Weekly in general:
 - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
 - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion
 - 2nd Wed of month at 2 pm Communion Service at FWV (this has changed to 2 pm beginning in June)
 - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
 - Wednesday Confirmation: 7th & 8th - 3:30 pm class; 9th 4:30 pm class – May 6th last day
 - Early out day April 22 so classes at 1:45 and 2:45 pm
- May 1 – 1 pm funeral Service for Kate Heinecke
- May 3 – Berkley Julson baptism
- May 4 – 10 am Funeral Sermon Bible Study at First
- May 5 – 3:30 pm Evangelism Committee meets
 - 5:30 VBS meeting at Zion
- May 6 – Last Confirmation classes until September 2nd
 - 5 pm Last Youth Group planned until summer – Ditch Walk
- May 7 – 14th Pastor Cheryl on Vacation
- May 10 – Mother's Day – Lay people supply
- May 12 – 5:30 pm Worship and Outreach at Zion
- May 13 - 6 pm FELC Council meeting
- May 17 – Sr Recognition at First English (no seniors at ZION)
- May 18 – 10 am Funeral Sermon Bible Study at First
- May 19 – 5:30 pm Education Committee at Zion
 - 6:30 pm Zion council meets
- May 20 – Communion Service at FWV at 2 pm (I'm gone on the 2nd Wed)
- May 22 – last day of school at Ortonville
- May 24 – Noon tentative baptism for Newman's (reschedule from March)
- May 31 – 9 am Joint Worship service at Zion as Kick off for VBS
- May 31 – June 4 – Joint VBS at Zion
- June 4 – 8 pm VBS program at Zion
- June 5 & 6 – Synod Assembly at St Peter
- June 9 – 5:30 pm Joint Partnership meeting at Zion

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Fund raising has been going on for the 7 Sr Youth going on Mission Trip planned from June 24 – July 3.
- Confirmation students completing their grade projects and Statement of Faith
- One day youth mission trip is set for July 29 to Churches United in Fargo/Moorhead.

- Summer Fun Nights for Youth 7th to 12th at Zion June 17, July 15, August 5
- Request has been made for First Communion class possibly this summer or will be in the fall. I'm looking into it.
- Scheduling in an evening Bible Study on Funerals and the Funeral Sermon after vacation. (requested)

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- **JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE:** Reminder Note on the planning schedule – the August joint service has been moved to January calendar – to coincide with the roller-skating times.
- **Technology:** Things are working at First and we have a couple new volunteers (one youth) coming on board in May. This makes it easier to rotate and for those who are unable to help in the summer months due to vacations etc. Those going to FWV for Sunday service need to be trained on how to use the USB recording with their equipment at FWV.
 - ✓ Having some tech problems at Zion – hoping we can resolve things. We have one young volunteer that needs training to assist there. Always room for additional volunteers to run the equipment there on Sundays.

Upcoming events:

June 5 & 6 I'll be attending the Synod Assembly
 June 24 – July 3 Sr Youth Mission Trip.

VACATION DATES: May 7th thru 14th This is a non-communion Sunday so lay people can lead the service and save the cost for the congregations. (funds can be redirected to cost other things.)

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.)
Summer Office Hours beginning after Memorial day.
Mon & Thurs: 9 – 3; Tues & Wed 11 - 5

2025 Vacation: (5 weeks)	DAYS USED:	Sundays off (6):	USED:
<i>Total</i>		<i>Total</i>	
Education 2 weeks	USED	SICK Days	USED
	0		0
Total	#	Total	

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.