

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 1st, 2nd & 5th Sunday of the month
FWV Communion Service are 2 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of month

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 and Picnic

July 29 – Youth Mini-Mission Trip to Churches United at Moorhead, MN to do 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 9 – 6:30 to 8:30 Pool Party at Ortonville Swimming Pool

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 26 – 10 am to 1 pm: Shredding Event at FELC

August 27– Ortonville school starts

August 28 to 29th 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
- 5:30 pm Monthly Zion Potluck Outreach meals begin for fall/winter/spring

September 4 – No School

September 7 – Labor Day

September 8 – 6:30 pm Joint Partnership Meeting at FELC

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 11 – Dedication of tech desk and sound system at FELC
- Dedication of patio/new flooring/sound system at Zion

October 16-17 – MEA – no school

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

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

November 8 – Mission Support Emphasis Sunday at FELC

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 13– FELC Christmas Program – (during church)

December 20th – Zion Christmas Program (during church)
- Zion Swedish Tea (following church)
– 4 pm – Blue Christmas at FELC

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 after Christmas break

January 6 – Confirmation begins after Christmas break

January 10 – 9 am Joint Worship Service at First - Sunday School Roller Skating

January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

January 24 – 4th 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 10th 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

April 3 – Good Friday – 7 pm –Service at First English

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 (this is a Friday)

May 31 – Memorial Day

TBD in January June ? 6 ? - Joint Worship AT Zion at 9 am. Kick-off for VBS TBD

TBD in January June 6 - 10: Combined VBS at Zion - 6:30 to 8:45 pm

TBD in January June ?10? - VBS program - 8 pm at Zion

TBD June ?4 & 5? SW Minnesota Synod Assembly at St Peter (Bishop Election)

June ?13? – First English Bi-Annual Meeting following worship

June 20 – Father's Day / FELC Installation of ALL Council Members

June 25 to 27 – Possible Sr Youth Mission trip to Minneapolis prior to National Youth Gathering

June 28 to July 2 – ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday