



First English Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

July 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



June 23, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today as I write this note, we are preparing for our Sr Youth Mission trip to Savannah, Ga, packing our things, and loading the van. It's a day of excitement and anxiety.

What will we forget? What if something goes wrong? How will we get along with the other two church groups we are meeting up with? What will the people be like that we will be serving? What will we be doing?

A lot of questions with no answers yet. We just have to trust all goes well and our time will serve to the glory of God and be beneficial for all.

It does remind us of Jesus commissioning the disciples. I know this is a serious endeavor we are about to embark on but... I chuckle a little when I read Luke 9: 1-3 telling us: "1 Then Jesus called the Twelve together ... 2 And He sent them out... 3 "Take nothing for the journey," He told them, "no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no second tunic."

And Mark 6: 7-9 tells us: ... "and [Jesus] began to send them out two by two, ... 8 He instructed them to take nothing but a staff for the journey—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 and to wear sandals, but not a second tunic."

Our youth are to pack light. We have little space and we have a packing list that says:

"DO NOT Bring:

- Blow dryers, curling or straightening irons, shower time is limited (5 min ea), electronic games, tablets, valuable items, too much cash.
- Not only are these items a distraction from the purpose of your trip but they will also be susceptible to theft."

I could just hear the youth when they read they were not to take electronic games... but I was a little terrified when I read – no curling irons. I have a cowlick in my bangs which likes to stick up in strange ways if not curled with hair spray. Not Funny!

Seriously though, think about the disciples and the Do Not Bring items Jesus gave THEM! We are very lucky.

Our youth also have a long list of what they should bring like long pants and long-sleeved shirt for work sites, closed toe tennis shoes, towel and swimsuits... (Yes I have packed my swimsuit.)

We are definitely going with different instructions... but that's ok. The concept is still the same, and the calling is just as meaningful and important as it was for the disciples.

We go with questions. We go with trust. We go knowing we must depend on God and listen for His guidance. Our proclamation may not be in words but in service.

God often allowed His people to journey into and through the unknown for their benefit, to learn to have faith, as we remember the story of Abraham, the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, Joseph sold into captivity to Egypt, and even in the commissioning stories of the disciples. Through it, we learn to trust Him when all other support is taken from us. Because that is when we look for what we can trust in. God is always there waiting, ready for us turn to Him.

Our dependence is not just on the physical but on removing the worries and fears we often have of the unknown. To have faith that where God called us to go, God will be with us and provide all that is needed, including the way to spread the gospel message effectively. Many times, that message is spread through service for others, before those in need can hear the words, as we remember the stories of feeding the 5000, healing, casting out demons, and even raising someone from the dead.

In commissioning the disciples to leave all behind, Jesus teaches them to focus on sharing His message of love, grace and eternal salvation.

The Sr Mission Trip is to serve, and in serving, we spread the love of Christ freely. For these seven young people who have worked hard to earn the funds needed, the blessings of this trip will last for years to come.

We trust God will provide for their journey and work through them to be a blessing for His purposes for others... as well as for them.

We ask that you remember us in your prayers while we are on this journey.

I encourage you to come and hear their presentation on Sunday, July 5th, when they will talk about their mission trip in worship services at First English and Zion. I know it's a holiday weekend, but I know you will be blessed by their presentation.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You! ~
Pastor Cheryl

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOARD MEETING – June 10th, 2026

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Becky Parker (treasurer) and Stewardship, Mark Block II - Stewardship, Archer Dorry – Youth & Family, Michelle Bauer – Lay Ministry, Paula Reisdorph - Evangelism, Dale Price - Church Properties, Barbara Wegner -Secretary, and Pastor Cheryl.

Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 6:02 pm. Pastor Cheryl led us in a devotion specifically related to church council meetings.

Approval of May Minutes as presented – Becky, Archer **MSP**.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – We were down a bit in May, went into reserves. Today (June) Liz had to pay for the remainder of the Tech Desk and new computers and asked Becky about where to get remaining funds. Some are coming from undesignated Thrivent funds and others from Operating Reserves. So next month the Computer/Technology fund may be empty. Michelle, Paula **MSP**.

Board of Lay Ministry – Michelle Bauer reported – Cody Teske will be added to the ballot. The board thought the VBS went well, but maybe next year start a little earlier for the younger children as it gets late. The board is fine with someone from Someplace Safe speaking at the church. Brent Zahrbock will be the lay leader for June 28th. Ellie is working on the contracts and will meet with Liz next week.

Board of Evangelism – Paula Reisdorph reported – There are no transfers in/out. The monthly FWV Hymn Sings will be at 4 pm June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th. The board will give out cupcakes to fathers after the Father's Day service. The pool party is scheduled for August 9th. Becky Backstrand is willing to join the board. God's Work Our Hands will be discussed more in August.

Youth & Family – Archer Dorry reported – 5 seniors were given a quilt and bible on Senior Recognition Sunday. It was great. The GA Mission Trip fundraising went well. The board thanks all the donors and Pastor Cheryl for their help in making this happen. In the future, the board believes we should go alone rather than coordinating with another church as there were communication difficulties. The board plans to have just the GA Mission Trip, 3 summer fun nights at Zion, and the 1-day Mission trip on July 29th as the events planned for youth during the summer. Cameron Anderson is willing to be a part of the board of Youth & Family. The transportation policy discussion was tabled until later. The board wants each GA Mission Trip chaperone (3 total) \$500 for food and other expenses out of the Ameriprise fund (\$1,500 total). Brent put together an insurance policy today for the three drivers and it covers one million dollars per person (if something major happens). It also includes coverage on the rental van that will need to be returned. The policy will cost \$600 for the church. Barbara will let Liz know we need \$2100 from the Ameriprise Account.

Stewardship – Mark Block II reported – The board looked at the donated auction list, it's about 50 items. There will be more that have not been added. The board will revisit this at the end of June and talk about it at the election meeting. There was some discussion about combining some of the boards since it can be difficult to get board members and there is no rule that says we need as many boards as we have.

Church Properties – Dale Price reported – Our elevator company, TKE, has added a \$100 transportation/fuel charge per quarter (\$400/year). TKE is checking our elevator more frequently than they used to. They come more than quarterly. There was consensus to go along with it.

Barbara was able to find two computers for under the monetary limit (voted on in the last council) that also had the specifications of hard drive space and capabilities by using a Lenovo Business account created for the church. The computers have been put together and have had their regular programs installed and have been used without issue since they arrived. When the electrician came to work on the tech desk, they also looked at a battery-backup surge protector that the secretary computer (that holds most of the church files through a shared folder) was on. The battery-backup half of the protector doesn't work. Barbara ordered a new battery-backup surge protector for the secretary computer so that if the power goes out, the computer can be safely shut down without losing work or getting corrupted. The Youth Director had a laptop and desktop computer. The Youth laptop is currently in the office ready for pickup for the Board of Christian Education. The Youth desktop has been returned to the Youth office. Barbara would like the tech desk laptop to be able to get access to the shared folder file, which seems to require an ethernet connection. The board of Properties/Tech Committee can look into that.

The air conditioning is working. Scott from Larry's came up and manually switched it from heating to air. This week we are scheduled for a replacement in the actuator motors, so they don't have to physically do it. As for the roof/bell tower we are still waiting on Gunner to do it. The 2nd dehumidifier was not the correct one, so it's being returned and a new one has been ordered. The Board would like to thank everyone (Properties Board, Dean, Glenn, Art, church members who worked on the tech desk ideas, Pastor, etc.) who worked on the Tech Desk and made the upgrade a smooth process. There was council consensus to have the Tech Desk Dedication on October 11th. Dale has a small plaque made and placed on the Tech Desk "Build & Design: Art Vollmer 2026."

Christian Education – Jon Anderson read the typed minutes – Kayla Minder should be removed from the ballot. The board thought the joint service went well. The board is willing to help with God's Work Our Hands but not lead it. The board would like the first day of Sunday School to be listed on the Rally Sunday date (9/20). The board wanted to possibly have a joint service on 9/20 but there was council consensus that this would not work. For VBS there were 75 kids, 33 volunteers, and confirmation students were very helpful as well and the board hopes to continue this next year. The board plans to meet in January to start VBS discussion again with the idea that next year maybe the event starts a little earlier in the day and add a summer or packed lunch instead of having snack time. Thanks to Beth Fladhammer for leading this up

from FELC! The board talked about having backpack blessing a little earlier on August 23rd but that is CornFest weekend and there was council consensus to keep it as it is on August 30th (even though it's after school starts on the 27th). The board wants Sunday School to start with Rally Sunday and go to the Wildlife Refuge for activities again. The board will continue to have Sunday School the same and will use the laptop for music for all members to access and videos for Bible Story Lessons. Sara will organize the laptop and set up next calendar year prior to the August meeting. The board members for next year will be Beth Fladhammer, Sara Wollschlager, Carmen Zupfer, and Amanda Stattelmann. The board thanks Kandra for her time on the board. The board will discuss an idea with Kirstin H. for a Pumpkin Patch outing with Zion in October.

Pastor's Report – Everyone received a copy of the Pastor's Report. It's also available on our website. Pastor Cheryl added that she went to the Synod Assembly, and they recommended churches think about where they can cut expenses. New guidelines were passed with new info. Next year is the bishop election so if you want to go book a hotel room earlier than later. Someone asked Pr. Cheryl about the council creating a fund for seminary learning. It was discussed that we already have a fund for that called Theological Education.

Other All Boards

Jennifer Henrich an advocate at Someplace Safe reached out asking to be able to talk to smaller groups of FELC. There was council consensus that this is okay. The Board of Evangelism discussed having Someplace Safe be their Mission Emphasis in November during a service.

Steve from Zion proposed at the joint church meeting the idea of possibly getting a sign (or two) on the Baseball Field with our church's names on it. It starts at \$400 per sign and then it is \$200/year. This can go on "all boards" for the August meeting as there is no time limit.

FELC will start looking for a new youth director and Pastor Cheryl and Dave will revisit (about Pastor Cheryl taking over the visitations) in August after seeing how our Youth Director advertising goes. Pastor Cheryl is working on putting together more first communion classes and a 1-year program for confirmation.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

- Approval to take \$1,500 out of Ameriprise Youth Funds to give \$500/chaperone spending money. Archer, Becky **MSP**.
- Approval of using \$600 from the Ameriprise Youth Funds to pay for the liability insurance for the GA Mission trip. Becky, Paula **MSP**.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING June 14, 2026

The Annual Election Meeting of First English Lutheran Church was held on June 14, 2026. President Jon Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. It was established that a quorum was present at the meeting. President Anderson led the meeting with an opening prayer.

The Ballot for 2026 was presented by President Anderson. He proceeded to ask if there were any additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Kristi Ehrenberg, seconded by Neva Foster that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion carried.

President Anderson welcomed the newly elected officers and board members.

President Anderson read the "Resolution of Thanksgiving for Gift of Service" thanking the following people for their service as officers or board members: Julie Schneider, Deb Henningson, Archer Dorry, and Kandra Kellen have graciously given of themselves for the sake of the work of Christ's Kingdom here at First English Lutheran Church serving as officers or board members. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we as a congregation called First English Lutheran Church do offer thanks and praise to God for the witness and service of these women and men who have now completed their terms as officers or board members of our congregation. The Resolution carried by a vote of acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **FUNDS FOR ELEVATOR UPGRADE** – President Anderson reported that our elevator expenses have been paid in full with monies from the general fund. It is necessary that we replenish those funds and an online auction is being planned. Darin reported that we have received approximately one-half of the items necessary for such event. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the auction, please feel free to contact Darin Ehrenberg, Mark Block or Becky Parker. Also, if you have items that you would like to place on the auction, you may also contact Barbara at our Church Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **TECH PROJECT** – President Anderson reported that our tech desk and project has now been completed. He gave a thanks to Pastor Cheryl, Board of Property and Management and the Tech Committee for their work on this project. The expenses for this project have now been paid in full with funds received.
- 2) **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** – President Anderson reported that the Partnership Committee meets regularly with Zion Lutheran and that things are going well. The Partnership Agreement will be extended at the end of the year.
- 3) **HIRING OF YOUTH DIRECTOR** – First English Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran are in the process of hiring a Youth Director for an approximate 20 hours/per week. With the hiring of a Youth Director, it will free Pastor up to be available for our shut-ins and give her time to visit other parishioners. Discussion ensued, no action required.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted – Ethel E. Swenson, Secretary

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Over 70 young people participated in the combined First English and Zion Lutheran VBS on Thursday, June 4th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 – EMERALD CROSSING

Our Vacation Bible School, *Emerald Crossing*, was a wonderful success! We were blessed to welcome 75 children who spent the week learning about Psalm 23 and discovering how God lovingly provides safety, guidance, protection, and care for each of us.

This memorable week would not have been possible without dedication.

of our volunteers. We had 39 registered helpers, including 8 confirmation students, who generously shared their time and talents. From acting out the daily drama, creating beautiful decorations to leading crafts, preparing snacks, organizing games, and teaching in the classrooms, each volunteer

played an important role in making the week meaningful and fun for our children. We are grateful to everyone who helped make *Emerald Crossing* such a special experience. Thank you for investing in the faith formation of our children and helping them grow in their understanding of God's love.



Sign up now for Fall First Communion Class

Children in 2nd grade on up from First English and Zion Lutheran are invited to participate in First Communion Classes this fall. Students are required to attend no less than two classes. Classes are an hour long and will be held at First English on October 1st and 8th beginning at 3:30 pm. First Communion for the youth will be held on All-Saints Sunday, November 1.

Any youngster who has not yet taken First Communion class in second grade on up may register with Pastor Cheryl by Email: CMQRondeau@outlook.com or at 605-237-1501. Classes will once again be held during Lent with First Communion on Palm Sunday. This second option allows for smaller classes and more availability to attend.

Confirmation Orientation set for September 2

First English and Zion Lutheran congregations provide confirmation instruction designed for 7th thru 9th graders with 10th graders making their Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday in October. Any student in 10th thru 12th grade who have not taken confirmation are welcome to consider independent classes to complete the instructions and requirements. Students in 7th and 8th grade study the Old and New Testament of the Bible on a two-year rotation. This year's rotation is the Old Testament. Ninth graders receive the Lutheran Core studying Luther's Small Catechism, Lutheran History and Living to help them grow in faith, understand what we believe as Lutherans, and learn how to develop their own personal relationship with Christ.

Orientation for confirmation students AND their parents will be held on Wednesday September 2nd at 6:30 pm at First English Lutheran Church. Acolyte training will be held at a different time. Instruction for 2026-27 begins on September 9th at 3:30 pm for 7th and 8th and 4:30 pm for 9th graders. Classes on early out days begin at 1:45 pm with 9th graders at 2:45 pm.

For students outside the age range to attend individual classes. Email Pastor Cheryl at CMQRondeau@outlook.com



Rain didn't stop 30 young people from showing up to enjoy the summer fun night at Zion Lutheran June 17th. Games included volleyball, 9-square, and cornhole as well as indoor games while it rained. There was plenty of games, food, snacks, and smores around the fireplace. The next Youth fun night will be July 15th with worship at 5:30, 6 pm meal and 6:30 fun games.



Next Summer Youth Fun Night for 7th—12th is July 15 at Zion Lutheran

The next Summer Youth Group Fun Night will be on Wednesday, July 15. All youth in grades 7th through 12th are welcome to join the fun at Zion Lutheran at 806 Highland Hwy. Game start at 6:30 pm. A meal will be held at 6 pm and worship outside on the back patio begins at 5:30 pm.

Games set up will be bean bag/cornhole boards, volleyball, and 9-square set-up. Other outdoor friendly games are welcome and anyone with a yard game they'd like to bring may do so.

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

A campfire at the end of the evening for smores allows for time to catchup with friends, enjoy Christian fellowship and promote a sense of community among the youth.

All youth are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. 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 should bring their own lawn chair. Confirmation mentors are encouraged to come with your mentee. Contact Pastor Cheryl to volunteer, donate food, or help in anyway for this youth activity.

Other JULY EVENTS:

- ★ July 15th: 2nd Summer Youth Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church from 6:30 PM- 10:30 PM. All youth that finished 7th-12th grade are invited to attend.
- ★ July 12th-July 16th: Water's Edge Bible Camp participants: Reba Evje and Olive Young.
- ★ July 19th-23rd: Water's Edge Bible Camp participants: Maizie Kaye, Coby Wittnebel, Mya Wittnebel and as a Community Guide: Justice Wittnebel.
- ★ July 26th -30th: Water's Edge Bible Camp participants: Fiona Backstrand, Vayda Backstrand, Poppy Conroy, Jacob Fladhammer, Arlie Giese, Baylor Kellen, Hartley Neuman, Kimberly Neuman, Gia Wollschlager, Landri Wollschlager, and Livia Wollschlager.



Thank you to the following donation to the youth fund: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of Violet Borgeson and Russ & Ronda Tielke in memory of Kelly Athey.



Registration begins July 10th for Youth 7th thru 12th to attend a Mini Mission Trip to Churches United July 29th
 Youth in grade 7th thru 12th are encouraged to attend the Mini Mission Trip to Churches United of the Fargo-Moorhead area on Wednesday, July 29th. Students will be assigned a variety of service work projects on the one-day trip. Churches United of Moorhead, MN was founded in 1987 by 11 local faith groups originating from the old Bethesda Lutheran Church. Over the past 38 years, the organization has expanded to include more than 100 supporting faith communities. Their mission is to provide safe shelter, stable housing, nutritious food, and a path toward healing.

Today, Churches United operates four locations throughout the Fargo-Moorhead community, offering one shelter, a food pantry, and two permanent supportive housing complexes. Micah's Mission provides emergency shelter to men, women, families, and veterans which includes on-site case management, a community center, and hot meals served twice daily. From February 1st to February 16th, 2026, they served 371 brunches, 774 lunches and 1,264 dinners to men, women, and children. Breakfasts are al la carte with cold cereal, toast and pastries.

Bright Sky Apartments is a safe and secure permanent housing complex offering 43 units, including studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments, designed for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Silver Linings broke ground in May 2024 and welcomed its first tenants in July 2025. It is a 36-unit Permanent Supportive Housing complex designed for individuals aged 55 and older who have faced chronic homelessness and/or long-term housing instability, and who are very low income.

Dorothy Day Food Pantry is a consumer-choice model pantry where people can come inside and shop at their pantry. The pantry along with the Concordia Cobber's work to address rising food insecurity among students. A Path Toward Healing offers essential parent and family services to provide resources and referrals

Following the service projects, the group will find a fun activity to participate in.

Adult drivers and chaperones will be needed for the one-day trip. If you are able to attend, contact Pastor Cheryl at 605-237-1501 or Email: CMQRondeau@outlook.com



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.

July 2026

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Families in Need \$ _____

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..... Project Christmas
 November..... God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December..... ELCA Missionaries

Parish Nurse Article for July

Unforgiveness



Forgiveness is a challenging requirement. Forgiving others is the hardest thing to do. We are aware of the hurts we have experienced and we believe the offender should suffer some consequences for what they did. Our trust gets eroded with each hurtful incident. We want to protect ourselves from any further pain. If we forgive, it seems that we're letting them off too easy.

The lack of forgiveness does more damage than good. When we don't forgive, we grow hardened, untrusting, sour, and bitter. We become vengeful. Those negative feelings war against the love and compassion that should characterize us as Christians and hinder our own spiritual growth.

*Give up the need for revenge

*Don't absolve the guilty party of responsibility. Even though we forgive, we also have the right to determine if they have changed before we trust them in the future.

*We must forgive because God forgave us.

*Forgiveness is something good you do for yourself.

Forgiveness will free us to go on in peace, unhindered in our enjoyment of the Lord. Let's forgive. Let's let go of the past and leave all the paying to Him.

Church & Community News

On June 21st the newly elected council members were installed during our church service. Our new members voted in are Kirsten Karels (Lay Ministry); Beth Fladhammer (Christian Education); Ashleigh Neuman, Lorainne Conroy, Mari Athey, & Jennifer Angerhofer-Anderson (Youth & Family); and Deb Henningson (Evangelism).

The Big Stone Legion Auxiliary will be having a spaghetti supper Friday, July 4th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Big Stone Community Center. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

Due to the 4th of July being on Saturday, the bulletins for Sun. July 5^h will be printed early. The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. If you have any announcements that you want in them, please get those to the office by Wed. July 1st.

Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf is once again participating in Hunger Solutions "Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless" campaign in July. The goal is to raise \$5,000.00. See flyer by the office.

The Children's Dental Clinic will be at Big Stone County Family Services on July 7th. Please call 1-866-543-6009 to set up an appointment or if you have any questions.

All are Welcome for Summer Worship 5:30 pm Wednesday Evening July 15

For those unable to attend Sunday morning services in the summer, evening worship will be held at 5:30 pm on July 15 at Zion Lutheran at 806 Highland Hwy. Depending on weather, the service will be held on the new patio at the back of the church. Please bring a lawn chair. (In case of rain, we will move inside. Following the service, a potluck meal will be held following the service at 6 pm with time for fellowship following. A main entree will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert. Donations are also welcomed as are Thrivent grant cards.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup for the service, the meal, and clean up. Contact Pastor for more information.

SWMN Synod's Lutheran Men in Mission will be having a golf tournament on Friday, July 24th in Redwood Falls. See the flyer by the office and if interested sign up forms are available in the office.

The 42nd annual Water's Edge Ministries' Quilt Auction will take place Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer! Visit Green Lake Bible Camp to see over 200 handmade quilts, enjoy quilting demonstrations and live music, shop in the Makers Market for your next crafting supplies, enjoy doughnuts and meals, a silent auction, concert, and so much more! Events take place 3:00-8:00 PM on Friday, and 9:00-11:00 AM Saturday, and the live auction starts at 12:00 PM! All proceeds benefit the ministry happening at camp and beyond. For more information and schedule of events, visit www.gllm.org!

Zion Lutheran Church invites you to their Pie & Ice Cream Social on August 2nd from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu includes Bar-B-Que, Hot Dogs, Chips, Homemade Pie, Ice Cream, Pop & Coffee. 100% of proceeds to go to Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf & Trojan Take Out.



KDIO BROADCASTS

... (June 7th) was sponsored in memory of Dave and Marge Olson by daughters Paula Reisdorph and Stephanie Olson-Voth.

... (June 14th) was sponsored in memory of Mark Block from Terry and family..

... (June 21st) was sponsored in memory of Roy Hormann and in honor of Curt Hormann, Doug Fraasch, Cass Sigler, and Danny Bartels by Penny and the Hormann family.

.....(June 28th) was sponsored in honor of our granddaughters, Satoria and Saria Swenson by Garry and Ethel Swenson.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Jyla Dahle, Gail Olson, Burt Pansch; Monty Athey, Alvin Dexter, Dustin Hanson, Larry Helgeson, Courtney Jorgensen, Jerry Stotesbery, Barbara Wegner, 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.



Part-Time Church Youth Program Leader Wanted!

Are you passionate about helping young people grow in their faith and discover their unique gifts? Do you love creating fun, engaging environments where youth feel seen, heard, and valued?

The First English and Zion Lutheran Church partnership of Ortonville, MN is seeking a dynamic and dedicated Part-Time Youth Program Leader to lead our vibrant youth ministry. We're looking for someone who can connect with middle and high school students, build strong relationships, and guide them on their spiritual journey.

In this role, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Develop and implement exciting youth programs, events, and service projects.
- Mentor and disciple students, helping them deepen their relationship with Christ.
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive community where all youth belong.
- Collaborate with church leadership, parents, and volunteers.

If you're a self-starter with a heart for youth ministry and a desire to make a lasting impact, we want to hear from you! Lutheran background preferred but not required for the right candidate.

Hours: 20 hours per week (includes Wednesday evening and Sunday)

Ready to make a difference? Send your resume and 3 references by to Pastor@firstenglish.net. Or drop off at 9 Third Street NW, Ortonville, MN. We can't wait to meet you!



Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries Sponsored By Women's Connection

Tuesday, July 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: Alan & Loretta Sorenson of Yankton, SD
with a talk titled:

“Relentless Love”

~ Special Feature ~
Alan & Loretta Sorenson

Music: Lael & Doria Jacobson
accompanied by **Amy Adelman**, pianist.

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

For reservations call Carol Karels (320) 487-2355



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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.'

Gifts & Memorials (March 29th – June 26th)

ALTAR GUILD

Marilyn Hanson, Glenda Reiffenberger, Jim & Julie Hipple, Connie & Carol Newman, and Anthony & Jocelyn Schowalter, Connie & Carol Newman in memory of Kate Heinecke.

BELL FUND

Marilyn Hanson; Dean & Karen Strand in memory of Kate Heinecke.

Camp Scholarships

Jon & Kim Anderson.

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT

Ron & Ginger Athey, Kevin & Becky Backstrand, Elevator fund in memory of Kelly Athey; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Marilyn Hanson, Glenda Reiffenberger, Sharon Smith, Dean & Karen Strand, Evie Swigerd - Elevator Fund.

DAY OF LOVE

Sharon Carlson, Dick & Marla Strei -in memory of Kate Heinecke; Tom and Jane Gau, Connie & Carol Newman, Sally Sterk -in memory of Nola Lockwood; Jyla Dahle in memory of Roger Nornes and Argyle Anderson; Marilyn Hanson; Burt Pansch.

EASTER

Gayle Anderson; Cody & Jennifer Backstrand; Kevin & Becky Backstrand' Vern & Carol Bell; Mark & Amy Block; Cheryl Carl; Saron Carlson; Marilyn Chindvall; Scott Dahle; Mel & Jackie Domine; Dave & Deb Ellingson; Stacy Hennings; Alex Johnson; Evelyn Johnson; Liz Ketz; Arlen & Ardelle LaCombe; Dean & Anita Longnecker; Ann Mattison; Sara Mattison; Gale May' Larry & Shannon Millerbernd; Connie& Carol Newman; Vernon Nickolauson; Nancy Nolop; Ray Ogdahl; Christie Petersen; Dale Price; Paula Reisdorph; Tom & Sandy Rice; Judith Roberts; Jim & Ranet Schmeichel; Sharon Smith; Eugene & Marcella Stotesbery; Dean & Karen Strand; Dick & Marla Strei; Steve & Lori Strei; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Evie Swigerd; Jack & Mary Weber; Jon & Carol Ydstie; Clara Zeek.

ELCA SW MN SYNOD

Marilyn Chindvall; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Liz Ketz; and Jack & Mary Weber.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Joe & Jennifer Wiik

FOOD SHELF

Jack & Mary Weber.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Marilyn Chindvall; Mel & Jackie Domine; Liz Ketz; Sharon Smith.

KDIO

Terry Block in memory of Mark Block; Arlene Gustafson in memory of Roger Nornes; Liz Ketz in honor of Mikaela's graduation and Liam's confirmation; Paula Reisdorph in memory of Dave & Marge Olson; Garry & Ethel Swenson in memory of Kate Heinecke, Kelly Athey, & in honor of Satoria and Saria Swenson; Art & Arlene Vollmer in memory of Jeff Vollmer.

OPERATING

Gayle Anderson; Ron & Ginger Athey; Judy Beckman, Marilyn Chindvall, Terry Kalberg, Eryls Sis-in memory of Kate Heinecke; Terry Block; Cheryl Carl; Jyla Dahle; Randy & Jane Debner; Kris & Nikki Evje; Dave Hamre, Cheryl Harmsl, Dave & Lori Larson in memory of Roger Nornes; Glenn & Deb Henningson; Evelyn Johnson; Glenda Reiffenberger; Sharon Smith; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Russell & Ronda Thielke; Art & Arlene Vollmer; Jack & Mary Weber; Joe & Jennifer Wiik in memory of Roger Nornes; Clara Zeek.

SENIOR CHOIR

Jon & Kim Anderson Judy Beckman in memory of Diane Kalberg Wilson; Lois Bergeson in memory of Haran VanMeeteren; Cheryl Carl, Dave & Deb Ellingson, Jackie Nornes - in memory Roger Nornes; Ann Verdorn in memory of Roger Nornes; Rita Verheul;

SOMEPLACE SAFE

Neil & Becky Heringer; Marilyn Chindvall; and Liz Ketz.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Evelyn Johnson;

SQUARES

Marilyn Hanson; Jerry & Kathy Longhenry in memory of Roger Nornes;

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Lois Bergeson; Marge Dragseth; Marilyn Hanson; Evelyn Johnson in memory of Kate Heinecke; Christie Petersen; Glenda Reiffenberger; Eryls Sis in memory of Nola Lockwood; Sharon Smith; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Evie Swigerd; Joe & Jennifer Wiik.

YOUTH FUND

Cody & Jennifer Backstrand, Glenn & Deb Henningson, Evelyn Johnson, Catherine Scoblic (in memory of Roger Nornes), Eldon & Carol Knutson, Jerry & Kathy Longhenry, Jim & Ranet Schmeichel -youth trip; Lois Bergeson, Erik & Beth Fladhammer, Eldon & Carol Knutson- Bible Camp; Jim & Ranet Schmeichel in memory of Nola Lockwood and Violet Borgerson; Evie Swigerd; Russell & Ronda Thielke in memory of Kelly Athey;

Thank you for your gifts!



ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – July

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:
Banners:
Flower Committee:

Mari Athey & Courtney Giese
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter
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SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

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
Aug. 2: Carol Ydstie
Aug. 9: Amy Adelman
Aug. 12* (2 pm FWV): Amy Adelman
Aug. 16: Kathy Haukos
Aug. 19* (4 pm FWV): Lisa Berdan
Aug. 23: Lisa Berdan
Aug. 30: Marilyn Hanson

LECTOR

July 5: Becky Parker
July 12: Liv Wollschlager
July 19: Miley Block
July 26: Barb Wiese
Aug. 2: Dave Ellingson
Aug. 9: Jon Ydstie
Aug. 16: Jim Foster
Aug. 23: Marilyn Hanson
Aug. 30: Sara Mattison

ACOLYTES

July 5: Oliver & Amelia Z.
July 12: Miley & Amelia K.
July 19: Liv & Brielle R.
July 26: Meadow & Madilyn
Aug. 2: Chase & Cameron
Aug. 9: Lexi & Brandon
Aug. 16: Kimberly & Hartley
Aug. 23: Lola & Liam
Aug. 30: Dawson & Gibson

LAY ASSISTANTS

July 5: Lori Strei & Brent Zahrbock
July 19: Lori Larson & David Ellingson
Aug. 2: Becky Parker & Kris Redfield
Aug. 16: Jim Schmeichel & Terry Kalberg

FWV Neighborhoods

July 5: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel
July 12: Marilyn Chindvall
Aug. 2: Warren & Barb Wiese
Aug. 9: Dick & Marla Strei
Aug. 30: TBD

GREETERS

July 5: Glenda Reiffenberger & Jim Schmeichel
July 12: Dick & Marla Strei
July 19: Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg
July 26: Ellie Helgeson & Terry Kalberg
Aug. 2: Wollschlager Family
Aug. 9: Ev Johnson & Marilyn Hanson
Aug. 16: Bruce & Kristi Redfield
Aug. 23: Sandy & Tom Rice
Aug. 30: Lori Larson & Carol Newman








SOUND SYSTEM

July 5: Liz Ketz & Drew Johnson
July 12: Matt & Bryson Karels
July 19: Kim Anderson & Cameron Anderson
July 26: Marge Dragseth & James Hodenfield
Aug. 2: Kim Anderson & Cody Backstrand
Aug. 9: Drew Johnson & Liam Johnson
Aug. 16: Matt & Bryson Karels
Aug. 23: Liz Ketz & Cameron Anderson
Aug. 30: Marge Dragseth & Cody Backstrand

USHERS

July 5: Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Dave Ellingson, Gale May
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
Aug. 2: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
Aug. 9: Darin Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
Aug. 16: Gale May, Warren Wiese, Russ Thielke, & Connie Newman
Aug. 23: Gale May, Jim Foster, Gene Stotesbery, & Art Vollmer
Aug. 30: Tami Lundberg, Josh Wollschlager, Dick & Marla Strei



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>July 2026 † † †</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 Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 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>Pr. Cheryl is at Zion Tuesdays</p>						
<p>June 28</p> <p>Before Service Coffee – Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live</p>	<p>June 29</p>	<p>June 30</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed Early</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR July 4th Youth & Pastor Return</p>	<p>4</p> 
<p>Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, GA June 24th – July 3rd - Pastor Cheryl will be away with them.</p>						
<p>Before Service Coffee – Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Mission Trip Youth Led Worship Service - Communion – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live 10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study on Funerals with Pastor Cheryl at Zion Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 am NO Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 2:00 pm Fairway View Worship Live w/Pastor Cheryl 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship Service – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live 10:30 am Fairway View Service (pre-recorded)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study on Funerals with Pastor Cheryl at Zion Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>15</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 (at Zion Church)</p>  	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Before Service Coffee Visit w/Pastor 9:00 am Worship – Communion – –Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>5:00 pm Bible Study on Funerals with Pastor Cheryl at Zion Church</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 21</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Before Service Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Worship Service – Favorite Hymns – Noisy Offering – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am Day of Love 4-5 pm Bible Study at FWV / Donnie's Diner</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 am Youth 1-day Mission Trip to Moorhead leaves FELC 9:30 am TV Broadcast 5:30 pm TV Broadcast</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 am Bulletins Printed</p>	<p>Aug. 1</p>