

First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for May Council meetings, 2026.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

May activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	7	PowerPoints	5
Joint Service (1 at Zion)		Office (days)	
Sr Recognition service (1 at FELC)		At First	7
Worship Service – FWV	1	At Zion	3
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	2	Confirmation classes	2
Baptisms: (Berkley Julson)	1	Youth Group met for Ditch Walk	1
Funeral/Internment: (Kate Heineke)	1	Confirmation/Youth Meal	1
Prayer service (Kate Heineke April 30th)	1	Meetings:	
Weddings	0	Council Meetings (Zion)	2
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)		Evangelism Meeting (First)	0
Pastor Cheryl classes	3	Staff Meetings (First)	2
Newsletter article	1	Meetings with Tonya	2
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	VBS meetings	2
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	VBS (evenings)	1
Bulletin Order of Service Drafts	11		

Planned June 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
 - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
- June 1 to 4 – Joint VBS at Zion 6:30 to 8:45 pm
- June 1 – 10 am Funeral Sermon Bible Study at First
 - 6 pm - Zoom Mentoring Nancy
- June 4 – 8 pm VBS Program at Zion
- June 5 & 6 – Synod Assembly at St Peter, MN (pastor required to attend)
- June 7 - Noon tentative baptism for Newman's (RE-reschedule from May)
- June 8 – 10 am Funeral Sermon Bible Study at First
 - 5 pm Funeral Sermon Bible Study at Zion
- June 9 – 5 pm Jt Partnership meeting
 - 5:30 pm Zion Worship and Outreach meeting
- June 10 - 2 pm FWV Communion Service
 - 4 pm Evangelism Committee meets
 - 6 pm First English Council meets
- June 11 – 6 pm Sr Mission Trip meeting
- June 15 – 10 am Funeral Sermon Bible Study at First
 - 5 pm Funeral Sermon Bible Study at Zion
- June 16 – 5:30 pm Zion Education Committee
 - 6:30 pm Zion Council meets
- June 17 – 4 pm FELC Hymn Sing at FWV
 - 5:30 pm summer worship on the patio at Zion
 - 6 pm potluck meal at Zion
 - 6:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion
- June 21 – Father's Day
- June 22 – 5 pm Funeral Sermon Bible Study at Zion
- June 19 – 5:30 pm Education Committee at Zion
 - 6:30 pm Zion council meets
- June 20 – Communion Service at FWV at 2 pm (I'm gone on the 2nd Wed)
- June 22 – last day of school at Ortonville
- June 24 – July 3 – Sr Youth Mission Trip to Savannah, GA
- June 28 – Lay leader led worship services

- July 5 – Sr Youth Mission Trip students lead Worship services about their experiences

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Sr Youth Mission Trip planning details for June 24 – July 3.
- Confirmation students who have not completed this year's requirements
- 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
- Summer Worship service followed by meal planning which starts June 17
- Request made for First Communion class possibly this summer or will be in the fall - still looking into it.
- Bible Study on Funerals and the Funeral Sermon continuing at FELC and starting at Zion

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- **Technology:** First technology equipment and the tech desk have been completed. Plans should be made for a dedication in the fall. Updates have been made at Zion and are nearing completion.
- Thank you for the time off in May – I had a wonderful vacation with my son and family and my grandson and family in Utah. Got to see my 1½ yr old youngest Great-Granddaughter for the first time (she's a real go-getter).

Upcoming events:

- July 29 – One day mission trip to Churches United in Moorhead.
- August 21-23 – Cornfest in Ortonville (*No service at Zion – Museum service*)
- August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social
- September 2 – Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation
- September 9 - First Day of Confirmation Classes / Youth Group
- September 13 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday at Both

VACATION DATES: I'm looking at taking a weekend off yet this summer (probably in August) but I haven't anything scheduled yet.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: (All times are flexible due to funerals, and other activities that come up.)

Monday & Thursday Office at First – 9 am to 3 pm ~ Tuesday Office at Zion – 11 am to 5 pm

Wednesday Office at First English 11 am to 5 pm

Friday & Saturday I'm **working** at home doing sermon prep and writing. (Usually half days afternoon when hot)

Sunday at church 7:45 am to 11:45 am or so. (*People can also call and make appointments.*)

Summer Office Hours remain until Labor day.

2025 Vacation: (5 weeks)	DAYS USED:	Sundays off (6):	USED:
May 7 thru 14 (one day pastor's day off)	6	May 10	1
Total	6	Total	1
Education 2 weeks	USED	SICK Days	USED
	0		0
Total	#	Total	

Remember to communicate with pastor to coordinate between committees and congregations. Committees are encouraged to include/meet with pastor.

OF NOTE: The updated Planning schedule is available online – please check that out.

It is also online to help in planning yearly events between the two congregations

Remember to keep the pastor informed of upcoming activities as far in advance as possible.