

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 CHANGED: 3 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month
September 8 – 5:30 pm Joint Christian Ed committees meet (at First)
6:30 pm Joint Partnership Quarterly 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
Installation of Youth Director – at both.
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 (no confirmation on Oct 14)
October 18 – Lay lead services – NO communion – Pastor Off
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 15 & 22 – Stewardship Sundays at FELC
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)

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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 Dates**
Vote will be taken on the continuation of the Partnership
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 26 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

June – July – August: One Wednesday night in each for Youth Fun night

June – July – August: One Wednesday night in each for Summer evening worship and family night

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

TBD July 25 – Zion Outdoor Worship and Picnic

August 1: 4 – 7 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social

TBD – Evangelism Pool Party at Ortonville Swimming Pool

August 20-21 – Cornfest in Ortonville *No service at Zion*

August ?– Ortonville school starts

August 29 – Tentative - Backpack Blessing During Service - Both Congregations

September 1 – Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation: Acolyte Training scheduled later at each

- 5:30 pm Monthly Zion Potluck Outreach meals begin for fall/winter/spring

September 6 – Labor Day