

First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for August Council meetings, 2026.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

July activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	8	At First	10
(one w/Zion Potluck picnic)		At Zion	4
Wednesday Summer Worship & Potluck	1	Youth Group Fun Night	1
Worship Service – FWV	1	30 Confirmation Reports out (to update)	1
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	7	Work w/Confirmands to complete requirements	2
Baptisms: (Anaya Johnson at Zion)	1	Meetings:	
Funeral/Internment:	0	Council Meetings	0
Weddings	0	Education Meeting (Zion)	1
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)		Meeting w/Nancy Haukos	1
Pastor Cheryl classes (3 at Zion)	3	Meeting w/Longnecker family on Confirmation	1
Newsletter article	1	Staff Meetings (First)	2
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Meetings with Tonya	3
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Sr Youth Mission Trip Follow-up meeting	1
Bulletin Order of Service	10	Youth Mini-Mission trip to Moorhead	1 day
PowerPoints	4	Sr Mission Trip to Savannah July 1 & 2	2 days
Office (days)			

Planned August 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
- August 2 – 4 pm Zion Pie & Ice Cream Social
- August 4 – 11 am Funeral service for Arden “Red” LaCombe
- August 5 – 5:30 pm summer worship on the patio at Zion (depending on weather)
 - 6 pm potluck meal at Zion
 - 6:30 pm Youth Fun Night at Zion (until 10 pm)
- August 6 -10: Days off
- August 10 – 4 pm FELC Evangelism Meeting
 - 5 pm FELC Christian Ed meeting
- August 12 – 2 pm FWV communion service
 - 6 pm FELC Council meets
- August 18 – 5:30 pm Zion Ed Committee meets
 - 6:30 Zion Council meets
- August 19 – 4 pm FELC Hymn Sing at FWV
- August 21-23 – CornFest Weekend
 - No service at Zion – service is at the Museum
 - 9 am Favorite Hymn service at First English
 - 9 am Baptism of Kylar and Wyatt Otto during First English service
- August 26 10 am – 1 pm Shredding at FELC
- August 27 – Ortonville school starts
- August 28 – Rehearsal for a wedding at FELC
- August 29 – Wedding at FELC
- August 30 – Back pack Blessing during worship at both congregations.
- September 2 – 5:30 pm Outreach Potluck at Zion
 - 6 – 7:30 pm Confirmation Orientation for parents and students at First
- September 8 – Joint Partnership committee meets at First
- September 9 – Confirmation Starts
 - Youth Group Starts
- September 13 – God’s Work Our Hands Sunday – at Both
- September 20 – Rally Sunday and Youth Led Worship service – at Both

- September 27 – Bible Presentation and Teacher Installation
- September 27-29: Fall Theological

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- 10th grade Confirmation students who have not completed their requirements (will not be confirmed if not)
- Confirmation materials/ Orientation/ schedule
- Interview times for those Confirmation students who have completed their work by end of August: Looking at after school – evening of September 10th – 14th or 21st.
- First Communion class to be held in the fall (Oct 1 & 8) Taking registrations ahead of orientation.
- Confirmation packets for a senior student who will be taking instruction. (& possibly out-of-area 7th grader)

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- **Technology:** Plans for FELC dedication of the sound/technology equipment and the tech desk for October 11.

Upcoming events:

October 1 & 8: First Communion Classes
 October 4 – New Member Sunday in both congregations
 October 16-17 – MEA (no school)
 October 25: Affirmation of Baptism at Both Congregations for those who complete their requirements
 June 28-July 2, 2027: National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

VACATION DATES: August 6 to 10

October 14-19 Vacation (approximate days) during MEA

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
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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.

Please send upcoming events to Pastor to get one the planning calendar.