

First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for September Council meetings, 2026.

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

August activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning): (no Zion on Cornfest)	7	PowerPoints	4
Wednesday Summer Worship & Potluck	1	Office (days)	
Worship Service – FWV	1	At First	11
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	4	At Zion	3
Baptisms: (Kylar & Wyatt Otto - First)	2	Youth Group Fun Night	1
Funeral/Internment: (Arden LaCombe)	1	32 Confirmation Reports out (to update)	1
Weddings	0	Meetings:	
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)	0	Council Meetings (Both)	2
Newsletter article	1	Education Meeting (Zion)	1
Newsletter and upload (Zion)	1	Meeting w/Nancy Haukos	1
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Staff Meetings (First)	3
Bulletin Order of Service	11	Meetings with Tonya	2

Planned September Activities:

- Weekly in general:
 - 9 am Sunday Worship service at First English
 - 10:30 am Sunday Worship service at Zion
 - 3rd MONDAY of month at 3 pm Communion Service at FWV
 - Monday's 11 am – Staff meeting at FELC
 - Confirmation beginning Sept 9 – Wednesday's 7th & 8th at 3:30; 9th at 4:30 unless Early Outs
- September 1 – 3:30 pm FELC Evangelism meeting at First
- September 2 – 5:30 pm Outreach Potluck at Zion
 - 6 – 7:30 pm Confirmation Orientation for parents and students at First
- September 7 – Labor Day
- September 8 – 5:30 Zion Worship and Outreach Committee meet
 - 5:30 pm Joint Christian Ed Committee will meet at First
 - 6:30 pm Joint Partnership committee meets at First
- September 9 – Confirmation Starts
 - 7th & 8th at 3:30;
 - 9th at 4:30 pm
 - 5:30 youth meal
 - 6 pm Youth Group Starts
 - **4:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Acolyte training (by Liz and Nancie)**
- September 10 - 4 pm Confirmation Interview – Bennett
 - 5 pm Confirmation Interview -Liz
- September 13 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday – at Both
 - 9 am Baptism for Libby Schoon at First
 - Potluck after GWOH at both
- September 14 – 4 pm Confirmation Interview -Martino
 - 6 pm Confirmation Interview -Liam
- September 15 - - 5:30 pm Zion Education Committee meets
 - 6:30 Zion Council meets
- September 17 – 9:30 am Lac Parle Conference Pastors meet at Montevideo
- September 20 – Rally Sunday and Youth Led Worship service – at Both
 - Tentative Confirmation Interview -11:45 am Alexis at Zion
- September 21 – 3 pm FWV communion service
- September 23 – Early Out at School: confirmation at 1:45 and 2:45/ youth at 4 pm
- September 27 – Bible Presentation and Teacher Installation
- September 27-29: Fall Theological at Spicer
- October 1 – 3:30 pm First Communion Class at First
- October 4 – New Member Sunday
- October 11 – Dedication of assets – both

- October 14 – 19 – Pastor Vacation
- October 14 – No Confirmation (MEA)
- October 15 – 16: MEA – no school
- October 25 – Affirmation of Baptism at Both
- November 1 – All Saints Day – First Communion at Both

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- 10th grade Confirmation students who STILL have not completed their requirements (will not be confirmed if not)
- Confirmation materials/ Orientation/ schedule
- Youth led worship service for September 13 – youth lead at both congregations
- First Communion class to be held in the fall (Oct 1 & 8) Taking registrations but there are 7 so far
- Confirmation packets for Cali who will be taking all 3 years instruction in one year
- Interview times:
 - September 10 at 4 pm – Bennett Karels – At First
 - 5 pm Liv Wollschlager– At First
 - September 14 at 4 pm – Martino Cochran– At First
 - 6 pm Liam Johnson– At First
 - September 20 tentative at 11:45 – Alexis Tollakson – At Zion
 - September 21 at 5 pm – Bailey Conroy– At First
 - 6 pm – Lola Backstrand– At First
 - Work is Incomplete and yet to schedule – Nash Kindelberger

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

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

Upcoming events:

November 20-21: Jr High Synod Youth Gathering in Wilmar
 June 28-July 2, 2027: National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

VACATION DATES: Planning October 14-19 Vacation (approximate days) during MEA

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

Monday & Thursday Office at First – 10 am to 4 pm ~ Tuesday Office at Zion – 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday Office at First English 10 am to 3:30 pm (then confirmation)

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

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

2025 Vacation: (5 weeks)	DAYS USED:	Sundays off (6):	USED:
May 7 thru 14 (one day pastor's day off)	6	May 10	1
August 6 thru 10 (One day pastor's day off)	4	August 9	1
Total	10	Total	2
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.