FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNED PARISH 2026 NOVEMBER
Monday, November 9, 2026

Council Boards Meet Individually with the voting Council (1 or more rep. from each board) immediately following, in the Fellowship Hall. **Agendas, Financials, & Documents** will be in the pick-up room until Monday, then the Fellowship Hall.

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.

ALL BOARDS:

Theme verse: "*If we live by the Spirit, we should also walk by the Spirit.*" Galatians 5:25

1. How can you incorporate the theme verse in your board?
2. Appoint people for internal audit of 2026 books
3. Begin budget planning to present at December meeting.
4. Decide Annual Meeting & Back-Up dates for January. (For Newsletter)
5. Getting a Digital Outdoor Sign?
6. Fundraising Announcement Policy?
7. Review Pastor Cheryl's FELC & Zion Annual Planning Schedule and please remember to let Pastor know if your board or committee is meeting and keep her abreast of activities, discussions, and decisions so we can be on the same page. Upcoming dates of congregational importance:
    a. Nov. 15 & 22 Stewardship Talks
    b. Nov. 20-21 Jr. High Youth Gathering
    c. Nov. 23rd Combined Thanksgiving Service at FELC at 6:30 pm
    d. Nov. 29th Advent Hanging of Greens
    e. Dec. 1 Joint partnership mtg at Zion
    f. Dec 5-6 Christmas Cantata at Abbey
    g. Dec. 13 SS Christmas Program
    h. Dec. 20 4pm Blue Christmas at FELC
    i. Dec. 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
        i. 2:30 & 6:30 FELC 4:30 at Zion
    j. Dec 27 Lay-Led Favorite Hymns
8. Anyone want to coordinate a Just For the Love of It dinner?
9. Other

Council items:

1. Devotions: Pastor Cheryl
2. **Approve October minutes.**
3. **Approve Treasurer's report.**
4. **Approve changes to Church Use Request Form**
5. **Approve a Fundraising Policy?**
6. Pastor's Report
7. Nancie's Report
8. Board reports
9. **Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism**
10. Other

Lay Ministry

1. Accept October reports (if any):
    a. WAM *(none)*
    b. Endowment
    c. Finance Work Group *(none)*
2. Report on Staff Interviews Status
3. Set time to meet with Liz and Becky to begin 2027 budget planning.
4. Snow Removal Replacement Status
5. Thanksgiving plan is to have a combined service at FELC on Monday, November 23rd 6:30 pm
6. Hanging of the Greens service will be November 29th.
7. We will have a Blue Christmas service at 4 pm on Sunday, December 20th.
8. Our Christmas Eve services will be at 2:30 & 6:30 pm with Zion having one at 4:30 pm. Christmas Eve service on KDIO is confirmed and the cost will be covered.
9. Dec. 27th needs leader *(Pr. Time off)*
10. Other

Evangelism

1. Transfers in/out *(none)*
2. Report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. Mission Emphasis (Someplace Safe) Report
4. Someplace Safe Mission Emphasis 11/8
5. Giving Tree Going up Nov. 22nd
    a. What Funds Will be Tagged?
    b. Need labels printed?
6. Status report on coffee before church
7. FWV Christmas Hymn Sings (at 4:00 pm Dec. 9th & 18th)
8. Other

Christian Education

1. Consider combining with Youth & Family Board– more convenient for Nancie & Liz
2. Report on Sunday School
3. Christmas Program – Dec 13th. Practice starts November 8th.
4. Joint VBS planning in January
5. Status of plans for combined events for FELC & Zion youth?
    a. Jan 10th roller-skating (combined service that day)

    b. Others?
6. Other

Youth & Family Ministry

1. Consider combining with Board of Christian Education– more convenient for Nancie & Liz
2. Report on Confirmation & gift.
3. Report on Youth Group so far
4. Upcoming Fundraising Plans/Dates?
5. ELCA National Youth gathering (June 28th -July 2nd, 2027)
    a. Allowing youth outside of FELC / Zion to attend with us?
6. Synod Jr High Gathering Nov. 20 & 21
7. Other

Stewardship

1. Stewardship Temple Talk 11/15 & 22
2. Pledge dedication date?
3. Pink Envelope Giving Emphasis Groups - Any changes for 2027?
4. Other

Church Properties

1. Bell Tower / Ringing Status
2. Dimmer Switch Status
3. Snow Removal Replacement Status
4. Parking lot and sidewalk breaking up, sidewalk sinking, need repairs, fill in cracks at some point. Quotes?
5. Tech Committee: Cody Backstrand, Bryson and Matt Karels, Cameron Anderson, and Drew Johnson.
    a. Get internet to Tech Desk with Ethernet cord
    b. Get shared folder to Youth desktop computer
6. Ongoing needs at church as funds allow:
    a. Fellowship hall ceiling repair/replacement
    b. Paint hallways-volunteers?
    c. Carpet over asbestos tiles
    d. Sanctuary painting
7. Other

Next Meeting:
6:00 pm Monday, Dec 14, 2026