

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PLANNED PARISH 2026 OCTOBER**

**Monday, October 12, 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.

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**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. Evaluation of God's Work, Our Hands
3. External Audit this year?
4. Council Attendance
5. Networking Issue Plan
6. 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. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> First Communion Class
  - b. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> New Member Sunday
  - c. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Dedication of Tech Desk
  - d. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Affirmation of Baptism
  - e. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
  - f. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Mission Emphasis
  - g. Nov. 15 & 22 Stewardship Talks
  - h. Nov. 20-21 Jr. High Youth Gathering
  - i. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Combined Thanksgiving Service at FELC at 6:30 pm
  - j. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Advent Hanging of Greens
7. Anyone willing to coordinate meals during our Lenten season?
8. Anyone want to coordinate a Just For the Love of It dinner?
9. Other

**Council items:**

1. Devotions: Pastor Cheryl
2. **Approve September minutes.**
3. **Approve Treasurer's report.**
4. Pastor's Report
5. Board reports
6. **Approval of transfers in/out with motion from Evangelism**
7. Other

**Lay Ministry**

1. Accept September reports (if any):
  - a. WAM (*none*)
  - b. Endowment
  - c. Finance Work Group

2. Report on Staff Interviews Status
3. Thanksgiving plan is to have a combined service at FELC on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm
4. Hanging of the Greens service will be November 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. We will have a Blue Christmas service at 4 pm on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.
6. Our Christmas Eve services will be at 2:30 & 6:30 pm with Zion having one at 4:30 pm.
7. 2027 Annual Portico Enrollment (insurance for Pastor)
8. Set time to meet with Liz and Becky to begin 2027 budget planning.
9. Other

**Evangelism**

1. Transfers in/out (transfer in Kelsey Kuechenmeister, her son Halen was baptized here; Isaiah & Stacy Longnecker and children: Ellis, Calie, Bryant and Christopher; Taylor & Alicia Radermacher and children Leo, Lynden, and Joey; Courtney & Travis Jorgenson and children: Connor and Emmy.)
2. Report on Evangelism reaching out to prospective members from friendship pads.
3. New Member Sunday Report – online photo directory has updated pictures.
4. Someplace Safe Mission Emphasis 11/8
5. Giving Tree Date & What Funds Will be Tagged on the Tree? Need labels?
6. Confirmation interviews were held. **This board recommends** Lola Backstrand, Bailey Conroy, Martino Cochran, Liam Johnson, Bennett Karels, Nash Kindleberger, and Liv Wollschlager be confirmed on October 25, 2026.  
**Recommendation Motion by:**

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7. Status report on coffee before church
8. Other

## **Christian Education**

1. Consider combining with Youth & Family Board – more convenient for Nancie
2. Report on Youth-Led Sunday Service - Rally Sunday, Youth Director installation & Wildlife Refuge activities.
3. Report on Sunday School teachers' installation & Bible Presentation
4. Sunday School early out *during* service (about 9:30-10:15 am) started in October.
5. Getting confirmation cake for Oct 25<sup>th</sup>?
6. Oct. Joint Pumpkin Patch outing update
7. Christmas Program – Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Practice starts November 8<sup>th</sup>.
8. Joint VBS planning in January
9. Other

## **Youth & Family Ministry**

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### **Recommendation Motion by:**

3. Report on Youth Group so far
4. Report on Installation of Youth Director during Rally Sunday youth-led service
5. Upcoming Fundraising Plans/Dates?
6. ELCA National Youth gathering (June 28<sup>th</sup> -July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2027)
  - a. Allowing youth outside of FELC / Zion to attend with us?
7. Synod Jr High Gathering Nov. 20 & 21
8. Other

## **Stewardship**

1. Report on Elevator Auction Fundraiser
  - a. Report to Office Donated Items  
Estimated Value for end of year  
member giving statements
2. Fall Stewardship Plans
  - a. Timetable (Nov. 15 & 22)
  - b. Letter and other needs
  - c. Incorporate theme into  
stewardship emphasis
3. 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. Office A/C unit cleaned & Security Cameras fixed to record motion only
6. Report on Tech Desk Dedication
7. 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 Pastor, Youth & Tech computers (**See Networking Issue attachment**)
  - c. Help with getting php update for website (Rural Solutions – webhost)
8. 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
9. Other

**Next Meeting:** 6:00 pm Monday, Nov 9, 2026