

# First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for October Council meetings, 2026.

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## September activities:

|                                                                                      |    |                                               |   |
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| Worship Services (Sunday morning):                                                   | 8  | Confirmation Interviews                       | 8 |
| Prepare for and oversee Youth Led services including Youth Director Installation (2) |    | Confirmation Classes                          | 8 |
| Worship Service – FWV                                                                | 1  | Youth Activities                              |   |
| Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home                                                | 5  | Volleyball                                    | 5 |
| Baptisms: (Libby Schoon - First)                                                     | 2  | Football                                      | 2 |
| Funeral/Internment:                                                                  | 0  | Meetings:                                     |   |
| Weddings                                                                             | 0  | Confirmation Orientation                      | 1 |
| Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)                                     | 0  | Council Meetings (Both)                       | 2 |
| Newsletter article                                                                   | 1  | Joint Partnership meeting                     | 1 |
| Newsletter for Zion and upload                                                       | 1  | Joint Christian Ed meeting                    | 1 |
| Website/Facebook (For Zion)                                                          | 1  | Education Meeting (Zion)                      | 1 |
| Bulletin Order of Service                                                            | 9  | Meeting w/Nancy Haukos                        | 1 |
| PowerPoints                                                                          | 4  | Staff Meetings (First)                        | 3 |
| Office (days)                                                                        |    | Meetings with Tonya                           | 3 |
| At First                                                                             | 12 | Update meeting with confirmation parent/child | 1 |
| At Zion                                                                              | 5  | Independent study confirmation meeting        | 1 |

## 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 (generally)
  - Confirmation - Wednesday's 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30; 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 unless Early Outs
- October 1 – 1:30 pm give prayer /word of encouragement at High School Cancer Walk
  - 3:40 & 4:40 pm First Communion Class at First (6 in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> gr/2 in 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr)
- October 4 – New Member Sunday at First English (23 new members)
  - Baptism of Halen Jay Erickson at First
- October 8 - 3:40 & 4:40 pm First Communion Class at First (6 in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> gr/2 in 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr)
- October 11 – Dedication of assets – at both congregations
- October 13 – 5:30 pm Zion Worship and Outreach
- October 14 – 18 – Pastor Stay at Home Vacation
- October 14 – No Confirmation (MEA)
- October 15 – 16: MEA – no school
- October 18 – Archer Dorry will supply for both congregations – NO communion
- October 19 – 3 pm FWV communion service
- October 20 – 5:30 Zion Christian Ed meeting
  - 6:30 Zion Council meets
- October 21 – Early Out so Early Confirmation
- October 25 – Affirmation of Baptism at Both (7 at First/1 at Zion) COMMUNION
  - ZION SERVICE is moved back to 11 am for confirmation at First to be completed
  - 1 pm Baptism of Graham Pillatzki (Stephanie & Derrick Pillatzki) at Zion
- October 27 – 5 pm Christian Ed both congregation groups meet (at?)
- November 1 – All Saints Day & First Communion at Both (5 at First English & 3 at Zion)
- November 8 – Mission Emphasis at First English
- November 9-10: Lefsa making at Zion (all can join in)
- November 14 – Zion Group home Party 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
- November 22 – Baptism of Vivian Gere (Jenny & Jacob Richards) at First English
- November 20-21: Jr High Synod Youth Gathering
- November 23 – 6:30 pm Joint thanksgiving service at First
- November 29 – Hanging of the Greens at Both congregations

### PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Confirmation packets for Cali who is taking all 3 years instruction in one year
- Dedication Services/ Confirmation Services
- Thanksgiving Service
- Hanging of the Greens service

### NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:

- **Technology:** Dedication of the sound/technology equipment and the tech desk at First English and flooring/patio/pavers/sound-tech equipment at Zion for October 11. Important time – please attend.
- Ash Wednesday and Easter are early this year, so I hope to be working on that soon.

### Upcoming events:

June 28-July 2, 2027: National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis

**VACATION DATES:** October 14-18 Vacation during MEA. It's a stay-at-home vacation. (Christmas light season begins)

**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 with other outside depending on weather)

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           |
|                                             |             |                  |             |
|                                             |             |                  |             |
| <b>Total</b>                                | 10          | <b>Total</b>     | 2           |
| <b>Education 2 weeks</b>                    | <b>USED</b> | <b>SICK Days</b> | <b>USED</b> |
|                                             | 0           |                  | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>#</b>    | <b>Total</b>     |             |

Remember to communicate with pastor to coordinate between committees and congregations.

Committees are encouraged to include pastor in meeting to be familiar of what is happening.

If you can't because of conflicting meeting time – you are welcome to have one person meet at a different time.

**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.**