First English & Zion Lutheran Report to Councils

Report for November Council meetings, 2026. Pastor Cheryl Rondeau

October activities:

Worship Services (Sunday morning):	6	Spoke at High School Cancer Walk	1
New Member Sunday at FELC		Confirmands Meal	1
Dedication at Both		Confirmation Classes	6
Confirmation at Both		First Communion Classes (2 group)	4
Worship Service – FWV	1	(One makeup class for a student)	1
Home Visit/Hospital/Care/Nursing Home	3	Youth Activities	
Baptisms: (Halen Erickson - First &	2	Volleyball	3
Graham Pillatzki - Zion)		Football	2
Funeral/Internment:	0	Meetings:	
Weddings	0	Meeting with Confirmation student – Cali	1
Bible Study Classes (Parish Nurses & Judy doing)	0	Council Meetings (Both)	2
Newsletter article	1	Joint Christian Ed meeting	1
Newsletter for Zion and upload	1	Joint Christian Ed meeting	1
Website/Facebook (For Zion)	1	Education Meeting (Zion)	1
Bulletins - Order of Service	10	FELC Finance meeting	1
PowerPoints	4	Meeting w/Nancy Haukos	1
Office (days)		Staff Meetings (First)	3
At First	10	Meetings with Tonya	2
At Zion	4	1	

<u>Planned November Activities:</u>

- 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 7th & 8th at 3:30; 9th at 4:30 unless Early Outs
- November 1 – All Saints Day & First Communion at Both (6 at First English & 3 at Zion)
- November 4 – Zion Outreach potluck meal
- November 8 – Mission Emphasis at First English
- November 9-10: 5 pm Lefsa making at Zion (all can join in)
- November 9 – 6 pm FELC Council meets
- November 10 – 5:30 pm Zion Worship and Outreach
- November 14 – Zion Group home Party 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
- November 15 – Stewardship talk at FELC
- November 16 – 3 pm FWV communion service
- November 17 – 5:30 pm Zion Ed Committee
  - 6:30 – Zion Council meets
- November 19 – 9:30 am Lac Parle Pastor meet at Montevideo
- November 20-21: Jr High Synod Youth Gathering at Wilmar
- November 22 – Baptism of Vivian Gere at First English
  - Stewardship talk at FELC
  - Nancy holding Mentor meetings at both congregations (10 am First/11:30 am Zion)
- November 23 – 6:30 pm Joint thanksgiving service at First
- November 25 – NO Confirmation/ No Youth Group
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Day – office closed
- November 29 – Hanging of the Greens at Both congregations
  - Baptism for Marine Schoon at Zion during worship

Planned for December

- December 1 – 4:30 pm Jt Christian Ed committees to meet at Zion
  - 5:30 pm Jt Partnership meeting at Zion
- December 2 – Zion Outreach potluck meal
- December 4 & 5 – Cantata at Abbey of the Hills

- December 8 - 5:30 pm Zion Worship and Outreach
- December 13 – FELC Christmas Program during worship
- December 14 – 6 pm FELC Council meets
- December 15 – 5:30 Zion Christian Ed meeting
  - 6:30 Zion Council meets
- December 20 – Zion Christmas Program during worship
  - Swedish Tea at Zion following worship
  - 4 pm - Blue Christmas Service at FELC
- December 21 – 3 pm FWV Communion service
- December 23 – School out early – No Confirmation or Youth Group
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Services 2:30 at FELC/ 4:30 at Zion/ 6:30 at FELC
- December 25 – Christmas Day
  - Pastor Cheryl off (work from home somewhat) December 25 – January 1

PROJECTS I'M WORKING ON:

- Confirmation packets for Cali who is taking all 3 years instruction in one year
- Thanksgiving Service
- Hanging of the Greens service
- Christmas Eve
- Blue Christmas
- *Lent already! (Ash Wednesday is February 10th)*

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE: December 27 has been a Favorite Hymns or Hymn-Sing Sunday so you will need someone to lead the service as pastor will be off.

***Upcoming events*:**

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

VACATION DATES: December 25 – January 1 between Christmas and New Years. It will be mainly a stay-at-home vacation but I will do some work from home as much as needed to stay ahead of things (and Zion Newsletter).

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
October 14 - 18 (One day pastor's day off)	3	October 18	1
Total	13	***Total***	3
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 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 with pastor at a different time.
OF NOTE: The updated Planning schedule is available online – send your upcoming future dates scheduled to pastor to be on it and avoid overlapping.
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 Email upcoming events to Pastor to get one the planning calendar.