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MARCH 2013

Message from Interim Pastor G:

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Dear friends, grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus who fully reveals himself to us through his journey to the cross and the season of Lent with us. Amen.

Faith stories. Throughout the church year, we hear faith stories that are given in great detail as Jesus walked with whoever he encountered. It is through these faith stories, the early church shaped its worship structure. Advent became a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord. It included the prophecies of the birth of the Messiah. This became fulfilled in the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Christmas season describes the birth of our Lord in great detail through the faith stories of Joseph and Mary and the shepherds. The Epiphany season told the faith story of the Wise Men who came to worship the new born King. Along the journey during Epiphany, the faith stories of how Jesus revealed who God is, is shown through his teaching and his signs / miracles.

Then as we moved from Epiphany to our Lenten season a couple of weeks ago, we recognize the connection between the birth of our Lord and the passion of Lent and Holy Week. Together, Epiphany and now Lent help us to understand and connect the meaning of the manger, the cross and the empty tomb. The faith stories help us focus within ourselves and understand the meaning of our faith. These faith stories are bridge builders. They are stories of forgiveness, healing, calling, renewal and hope

Now in our Lenten journey, this bridge specifically prepares us as we focus on the events of Holy Week. Through these faith stories that we hear on Sunday morning and during our mid-week Lenten services, we may recognize and know the saving grace of our God in all of the above. Together we will hear the story of the parable of the Lost Son and the story of Zacchaeus for example and know they are a prelude to the events of Holy Week itself. That is the intent of the faith stories in our gospels.

In the life and ministry of Jesus, we consider this an interim period of transition. Jesus moves from one setting to another. Each movement is building upon the other with intensity. All of his parables and his healings point to the cross. Jesus knew his sole purpose was the journey to the cross. He knew this was his Father's will and he knew in this sacrificial act, God's people, you and I, would receive the gift of forgiveness and life. Through our Lord Jesus, you and I are reconciled with God in a divine relationship which cannot be broken. That is God's promise secured for us via the cross of our Lord. In the latter months of his ministry, Jesus prepared himself for that final act of ministry. In doing so, he prepared his disciples as well. In the same way, it becomes our Lenten story and our journey.

Remember our Lenten journey is a step-by-step process of moving forward with our Lord to the cross. The events we focus upon, share with us specific stories which prepare us for the events of Holy Week. As we hear those stories, we are able to walk with the crowds in final three months of Jesus' ministry and with him in his Triumphal Journey into Jerusalem. It is then through Holy Week that we walk the solemn walk with him through the narrow streets of Jerusalem to Calvary. It is here where these recorded events reach its climax in the events on Good Friday and in the Easter stories of resurrected life. Our focus during this Lenten Season, takes us back to the biblical account of Jesus' life. Yet at the same time, it helps us in our present journey, in which prepares each day for the journey to come. We pray that the Spirit of our Lord so prepare us as we journey to the cross with our Lord and rejoice in the victory of salvation which is offered on Easter morning.

God's blessings to you in your work and in your play and in your rest.
Peace and Joy;

Pastor G

CIRCLE OF FAITH PAGES

Circle of Faith Parish Council Minutes February 5, 2013

Meeting was called to order at Trinity Lutheran at 7:10 pm by President Steve Williamson. Members present: Merle Burmeister, Marilyn Cheever, Jody Franck, Jon Helvig, Joel Rabbe, Kirsten Rabbe, Jon Saxen, Liz Stahl, and Steve Williamson. Pr. Giese led us in devotions.

Kirsten read the Secretary's report from our January 13, 2013 meeting. Motion by Jon Saxen, second by Jon Helvig, to approve the report as read. Motion Approved.

Joe reviewed the current treasury situation. There will be deposits beginning in February, as we are still waiting on 2 checks. Joe will begin cutoffs in the end of February. Waiting on two checks. Both the Pastor and Parish Administrator will be paid on the 15th of each month. Motion by Jody Franck, second by Liz Stahl, to approve report as discussed. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Call Committee Update

An update from the Call Committee was given by Jody Franck. Interviews are progressing.

Offering Envelopes

An offering envelope design was approved. These envelopes will be printed in the church office, and will be available in all three churches. These will offer visiting COF members at other COF congregations the chance to put their offering in the plate, and get it to their home congregation. Alternatively, they can be used as regular offering envelopes, if a congregation desires.

Parish Administrator Position Update

Lisa Wohlhuter is staffing the office Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Her employment contract is signed, and on file in the Parish Office. Discussion on coverage when Lisa is on vacation. Finance Committee is still working on this.

Parish Office Equipment and Systems

Office equipment is being ordered. We will be adding a second phone line and faster internet (more bandwidth) to the office. Circle of Faith will pay 50% and Trinity will pay 50%, at a net savings to Trinity.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Runners

A volunteer system of runners will be established. Volunteers for this duty will be solicited by a note in the Newsletter and bulletins. Lisa will coordinate the schedule for the runners. Need to set up a mail box at St. Peter and Waverly for information that needs to get to the office.

Parish Insurance

Workman's Comp for Circle of Faith Parish is in place. Circle of Faith is being added as an "additional insured" on each church's existing policy (business owner policy). Finance Committee is working to get each congregation's policy set with the same minimum for liability (\$1,000,000). Short term goal – get each congregation covered at the same level. Long term goal – evaluate if there is a benefit for having one carrier for all three congregations and Circle of Faith. Pr. Giese suggested checking into adding Sexual Misconduct coverage on our policy. Jon noted that sometimes that requires training by the Pastors and staff. Waverly and St. Peter currently have this coverage.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Service Schedule

See attached schedule.

Parish Newsletter

-Kirsten passed out a synopsis of what was included in past Parish Newsletters for our congregations. A checklist combining the contents of both was presented and discussed.

-We will offer a chance to "Name the Parish Newsletter" by announcing it in our bulletins, and asking anyone with a suggestion to call the Parish Office by March 1st. Decision will be made by the Parish Council at March Meeting.

Joint Parish and Congregational Council Meetings

In conjunction with our Quarterly Circle of Faith Meetings, we will ask our congregations to have their meetings for that month on the same evening at Trinity in Welcome. The Parish Council will meet at 7:00 pm, and the Congregational Councils at 8:00 pm. This allows the pastor to be at all four meetings for a time. We will offer Joint devotions. These meetings will be held on the first Mondays of February, May, August, and November. Steve will alert Congregational Presidents of this request.

Standing Committees

The formation of Standing Committees was discussed. Standing Committees initially will be: Education and Youth, Worship, Communications, and Finance. Eventually, we will add Mission & Outreach and New Congregations. A discussion about whether we have enough people to man these committees, followed

by suggestions of how to use these to save time rather than create more positions, by combining with systems already in place. Parish Council members to work with Standing Committees:

- . Education and Youth – Liz Stahl
- . Worship – Marilyn Cheever
- . Communications – Kirsten Rabbe
- . Finance – Jon Saxen, Jody Franck, Joe Rabbe

Who's Who in Our Congregations

A form was passed out to each congregation, asked them to fill in information, get to Lisa.

Membership Information to be Computerized

Lisa will work with congregational presidents to gather and understand each congregation's information.

Website

Brief discussion of website content, who to get information from for each congregation.

Other items

-Discussed policy for communicating to congregations in the case of weather related cancellations.

Communications Committee will investigate this.

-A discussion about Bible Camp for Confirmation 8th graders was held. This topic was referred to Youth and Education Committee, with an eye toward ultimately developing a Parish wide policy, whereby each congregation would support their confirmands to the same dollar amount. This will take some time. The Council is mindful of its previous promises to the congregations, that the Parish would provide basic pastoral services and office support. Asking the congregations to change that could risk a loss of credibility. However, if the policy is developed simultaneously in all three congregations, it could be worked into the budget down the road.

-Pastor offered, with the support of the Parish, to have the Parish Administrator mail copies of his sermon, along with a bulletin to each parish shut-in. General agreement – this is part of the ministry of Circle of Faith Parish. The Parish will cover the cost of copying and postage.

-Discussion was held on distribution of cash offerings at Lenten Services. Each host church will make the decision of where their "loose change" offerings will be designated.

-Due to March conflicts, Steve and Jon will do research on a meeting date for March, and will have Lisa let everyone know two weeks prior to the next meeting.

We adjourned by praying our Prayer of Purpose.

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Rabbe, Secretary



Seven words of Jesus on the Cross

Lenten Schedule:

March 6	Lenten 3	@ Trinity
March 13	Lenten 4	@ St. Peter
March 20	Lenten 5	@Waverly

Holy Week – services at 7:00 pm

March 27 (Wed)	Maundy Thurs @ St. Peter
March 28	Maundy Thurs. @ Trinity
March 29	Good Friday @ Waverly

Easter Sunday: March 31
7:00 am Trinity / Breakfast
9:00 am St. Peter
10:45 am Waverly

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First Communion –

St. Peter -- Dillon Muller on Palm Sunday March 24

Trinity -- Gavin Hand, MacKenzie Petersen, Derek Hughes, Caelyn Harder, Samantha Meyer
Faith Poppe, Carlene Hand, Sarah Justice, Jordan Wolter on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.



RUNNERS - needed to deliver bulletins, mail, and other items between congregations and the church office. Once a week responsibility for anyone who enjoys driving the countryside. Please contact Lisa at the Parish Office (507-728-8259 or parish@circleoffaithparish.org) to volunteer. Lisa will coordinate the schedule of volunteers. Thanks for your willingness to help!

Deadline to suggest a name for our Parish Newsletter is March 4, 2013. Contact Lisa (507-728-8259 or parish@circleoffaithparish.org) with your exciting new or favorite old name suggestion. Watch for the unveiling of our new newsletter name in the April edition.



Our Parish / congregational websites:

CircleOfFaithParish.org is online! At least, the start of our website is up and active.

We need your help in coming up with content for each congregation's individual section of the website. Active in your Women of the ELCA? Help us write a short explanation of your WELCA, and who to contact for more information. We can include a link to your yearly WELCA booklet as well. Work with Sunday School, youth, or any other organization within your congregation? We want to hear from you, so we can create pages that reflect your program and it's upcoming events.

Currently on our website: Worship and Sunday School schedules, photos of our congregations, parish and clergy contact information, staff information, and Call Committee updates.

Waverly has it's own website, embedded within Circle of Faith's site. On Waverly's site you can find videos from our weekly worship services, copies of our constitution, church directory, and WELCA (WOW) booklet,

Please contact Kirsten Rabbe (kcrabbe@mac.com or 507-227-6862), and she'll connect you and your info to our web designer.

This cannot happen without you! Tell us what information you would like to see on our website. And keep checking CircleOfFaithParish.org to see what's new and exciting at Circle of Faith!



CIRCLE OF FAITH YOUTH EVENTS

We are in the process of developing segments for our newsletter. This would include a place to recognize our Circle of Faith Youth. It is on this page that up-coming events will be posted. And, if you would like to share an event or accomplishments that your child has participated in, please contact Lisa at our church office. We are also planning to use our website and Facebook as a way to communicate with our youth. However, we would like permission from you as parents to do so. Thank You

S T. P E T E R L U T H E R A N P A G E S

St. Peter Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Feb. 20th, 2013 @ 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order.

Pastor Giese opened with devotions and prayer.

Members present – Jody Franck, Pastor Giese, Jeannine Rasmussen, Roger Rezac, Jeremy Wink, Jamie Leiding, Lois Duncan. Absent were Mary Muller and Dale Leiding.

Secretary's Report – read and approved

Treasurer's Report – no report

Benevolence Treasurer's Report – read and approved. Balance on hand \$722.08

Pastor's Report – wants a church list of every member and their family including children. There will be a Youth Page in the newsletter. Confirmation going okay.

Dillon Muller will have his 1st Communion on Palm Sunday. Sunday school will sing on Palm Sunday.

Old Business – none

Cluster Report – will email Council members the report and mail it to members who don't have computer.

New Business –

*If you charge any supplies to the church, please get a receipt for what it is and give it to Kathy Bremer.

*Money envelopes will have the 3 churches on it. You must designate which church you want your money to go to. Write on the check if it is for Benevolence, or regular offering.

*The bulletins will be changed also, with the service printed in them except for the hymns. Covers for the bulletins expire in May, so we will cancel them and use the new bulletin covers.

*Council members to volunteer for serving and ushering for communion.

*Keys to the church – who has one and if you don't need it or got off the church council, please turn them in and also for the Office.

*Palm Sunday will be at 8:00 am with communion and Sunday school singing. Maundy Thursday will be at Trinity and on Wednesday at St. Peter to start on 7 pm. Waverly will have Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be at 9:00 am at St. Peter.

*Paper towel dispenser will be installed in the bathrooms. A motion was made and seconded to do this.

Other Business -

*Was wondering about new members for our church. Those of you who would like to join, you don't need classes just write a request to join and give it to Jody Franck.

*Watonswan River conference Assembly will be February 24th from 2-7-4 at Trinity Lutheran in Sleepy Eye.

*Next Council meeting will be March 10th after church.

Meeting closed

Council Secretary – Lois Duncan

WELCA

Next meeting March 6th 1:30 Servers: Lorene Knuth and Laurie Nelson

Pastor Giese will give the bible study on Luke 13:34

Thank you to those who brought, packed and delivered cookies to shut-ins, Pastor and the confirmation classes and community friends.

Thank you to Bernice, Annette, Marge, Barb, Sherry and Jeannine for volunteering to serve on the Altar Guild for the coming year.

Group 2 will serve the Lenten supper March 13th from 5:30-6:45

March: Collecting food for the Salvation Army

LOOKING AHEAD: Spring Gathering is April 13th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in New Ulm. The program will be presented by the "Heart of New Ulm" group. The speaker will be Cindy Winters who will speak about women's heart health.

Spring Rummage Sale: April 13th Group 1-Kitchen and bake sale, Group 2-Clean up Group 3 Set up.

Quilting results: Please let me know if you receive this.

T-WELCA Treasure's Balance as of Feb. 20 - \$1,001.60

See you at the meeting.

He is Risen ! He is Risen Indeed! Janice

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March 3	Larry and Darcia Schmidt
March 10	Jeff Petchske and Larry W Schmidt
March 17	Neil and Marilyn Cheever
March 24	Roger Rezac Family
March 31	Keith and Jody Franck
April 7	Dale and Jeanne Leiding

ACOLYTES

Callie Peta
Emma Koehler
Dillon Muller
Callie Peta
Emma Koehler
Dillon Muller

T R I N I T Y L U T H E R A N P A G E S

Trinity Lutheran Council February Council Minutes

Meeting called to order by Pres. Detert at 8:25 pm.

Members present: Phil Burgess, Wes Strausser, Eileen Morrow, Jon Saxen, John Frerichs, Bocky Borchardt, Merle Burmeister, Starr Speigler, and Becky Detert, Pastor Giese . Prayer by President Detert.

Secretary's Report Reviewed.	Treasurer's Report Reviewed.
Financial Secretary Report Reviewed	TWELCA – none
Youth - none	Board of Ed – none
Deacon's Report – reviewed	Trustee's Report - reviewed
Phil moved to accept the reports, Wes seconded. Motion carried.	

Old Business: Circle of Parish is moving forward. Served 50 at the Lenten Supper.

New Business:

--Pastor Giese is now serving as the Interim Pastor.

--We have been offered the house and lot to the north of the church for free. It will need an asbestos assessment before being torn down. Estimated costs \$4,000 to \$6,000. Wes moved to go ahead subject to obtaining a clear title. Phil seconded. Motion carried.

--Pastor Giese would like to see all three churches following the same service schedule. He shared a bulletin cover and inside that Waverly is using. John moved, Eileen seconded to also use the program to print our bulletins. Motion carried.

--Pastor Giese discussed the pre-confirmation classes for the three churches. First Communion will be Maundy Thursday.

--Discussion was held on the cement fund for the parking lot south of the church. We have an outstanding balance of \$5,500. Anyone wishing to donate towards the cement can designate that on their check or envelope. Thank you to everyone that has already donated.

--Wes made a motion to raise the organist's wages by \$5.00 per church service effective Jan 1st. Merle seconded. Motion carried with an amendment that the substitute organist's would stay at the current rate.

--Phil brought up a possible fund raiser for the youth as well as a summer project of washing the outside of the church siding.

--Installation Sunday will be Feb. 24th. All new board members are invited to attend.

--The Parish Finance Committee would like to look over each church's individual insurance policies. Eileen moved and Phil seconded to allow them to review ours. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be March 6th after the Lenten Service.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Morrow, Secretary

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MARCH

USHERS

COMMUNION

3 Tim and Liz Stahl Family
10 Norm Schley, Merle Burmeister,
Todd Williams, Larry Puhrman
17 Robert and Lonnie Moffitt, Wes and Carolyn Strausser
24 Dallas and Tami Rasmussen Family
31 Jon and Jen Saxen, Monica and James Chukuske

APRIL

7 Bocky and Susan Borchardt,
Larry Puhrman and Todd Williams

ACOLYTES:

3	Mara Immens and Jordan Stahl	24	Chase and Dylan Petersen
10	Mariah Rasmussen and Jackie Frerichs	31	Morgan Wolter and Mara Immens
17	Aaron Burmeister and Austin Holm	April 7	Jordan Stahl and Jackie Frerichs

EASTER FLOWERS



If you wish to grace our altar with an Easter Lily or a plant, 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one, contact Mary Ann DeBus 728-8778 or the church office 728-8259 by Wed. March 27. Please bring your flower/plant to the church either at the Maundy Thursday Service or on Saturday, March 30th. Thank you.

W A V E R L Y L U T H E R A N P A G E S

Waverly Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 7:00 P.M.

President Deanne Gaalswyk called the meeting to order. Present were: Pastor Giese, Tim Peterson, Cliff Armbrust, Rosemary Atzenhoeffer, and Deanne Gaalswyk.

Pastor Giese lead us in devotions.

The January secretary report was approved.

The financial report was given by Cliff Armbrust. The receipts received for the month of January totaled \$3,184.13 and disbursements totaled \$15,631.13. With a balance of \$27,744.86.
The report was approved.

Pastor reported that Confirmation will be held on April 28th.

Also a letter of transfer from Waverly to Trinity Lutheran in Truman for James, Brenda, Bryce, and Zachary Hansen. The council accepted the transfer with regrets.

New Business:

A discussion was held about having a discretionary fund set aside at the Parish office in Welcome that Pastor could use to distribute to those in need. Pastor will check with Steve Williamson of the Parish Council to see if they would be interested in setting this up. Waverly would be willing to donate to the fund.

The Council would like the Trustees to decide the best location for the fire proof file cabinet that was removed from the office in Truman. Since it is mostly historical items, it should remain at Waverly.

Items for the monthly newsletter need to be submitted by the 22nd of each month.

March 12 will be the next council meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Rosemary Aztenhoeffer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne Gaalswyk (President/Secretary Pro Temp)

From the President's Desk -



As we turn the calendar to March, we look forward to warmer weather and fewer colds. It also means that Easter is fast approaching. Easter and spring go hand-in-hand, in my mind. It means that the cold and darkness of winter as well as the somber time of Lent is over. There is a newness and rebirth for both the earth and our souls. This is a time for reflection and soul searching. As I sat in the church of my youth last night, I could not help feeling both happiness and sadness. Happiness because of the joyous years I had passed. It was wonderful to recognize faces and spend some time catching up. It reminded me of why I am so excited about the new parish. It is a chance to renew old friendships and to make new ones. We can support each other, which in turn will strengthen our own churches. It is fitting that we embark on this journey during a time of new life and beginnings. What an exciting Easter and spring this is going to be!

Your fellow traveler,

Deanne Gaalswyk President of Waverly



The recent painting of Waverly's sanctuary has inspired a re-visioning of how we hang banners in our worship space. While the banner committee works out the details, please enjoy the fresh, spring-cleaned look of the walls that highlight our beautiful altar and stained glass windows. Thanks for your patience, it will be worth it.

A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to gather painting bids, coordinate schedules, remove pews, supervise the work as it was being done, and clean up afterwards. What a momentous job, and it was well done. Thank you!



I want to thank Waverly for the Orchard plant that I received for the many years I worked for you at the church office. I appreciate all of you, and your help in growing me as a better office person and fellow member. God's blessings on your new adventure at the Circle of Faith Parish.

Brenda Hansen-Trinity & Waverly Parish Secretary

Waverly members: church on Sunday, April 5, will be a field trip! A bus will take us to Gloria Dei in St. Paul, where our Buddies from last year's Harvest Homecoming have invited us to join them for worship, Watertown Sunday School, lunch, and time together. Information will be available after this newsletter goes out, so please watch the bulletins, your email, and our website for details to come.



Every Waverly member is invited. Let's fill the bus!

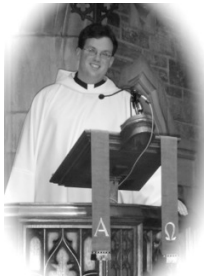
LAY READER:

March 3 Deb Schneider
 10 Laurie Sherman
 17 Paul Gaalswyk
 24 Mary Peterson
 31 Daniel Helvig

MARCH USHERS:

*John Sherman Howard Jorgenson
Tom Peterson Jon Bentz
Brad Williams Walt Bettin
Troy Schmidtke

A Seminarian's Letters Home --- March 2013



To the membership of Circle of Faith Parish:

Greetings to you all from Pennsylvania! It is an honor and a privilege to be asked to write for you each month, as we grow and learn together, becoming the new area parish that we are.

Circle of Faith, we call ourselves. When I hear the word circle, my mind automatically returns to the Episcopal congregation where I worked for a year. During the Eucharist each Sunday, the presider would invite everyone to form a circle around the table as we celebrated the sacrament. He always invited people by saying, "A circle is a symbol of God's love. It has no beginning and no end – it's always there."

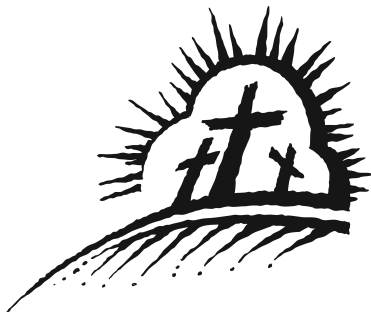
Making our way both through Lent and through these early days together, we may often feel like we are walking in circles. But if we are, it's only because we are stretching the circle wider, proclaiming the Good News to everyone around us. We are announcing through our partnership and ministry together that God's love is without limit, without beginning, and without end.

As we go onward toward the resurrection dawn of Easter, let us pray for God's blessing, using these words:

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. [ELW, Lent]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your fellow member and pilgrim,
Carl P. Rabbe



When Jesus was crucified, over what time period did darkness cover the earth?

- A. 9 pm to 6 am
- B. 9 am to 3 pm
- C. 8 am to 8 pm
- D. 12 noon to 3 pm

ANSWER (See Mark 15:33)

MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Gary & Janet Miller - 55</i>	2 John Speckman
3 Bernice Lehamn	4 Brianna Rezac Adam Schmidt Diane Abelson Tosha Rathman Taryn Rathman	5	6	7 Daniel Smith Robert Armbrust Connie Jensen <i>Larry & Gayle Schuett</i>	8	9 Krista Garbers Keith Meyer
10 Joanna Hillmer	11 LeVone Toedt	12 Dustin McKean	13 Stephany Feely Ardella Wohlhuter Caelyn Harder	14 Jeff Petschke Albert Scheff <i>Russ & Barb Plumhoff</i>	15 John Planting Elizabeth Petschke Hunter Schmidt Loren Schultz Lorena Mau	16 Betty Warner
17 Carolyn Strausser Lily Truesdell	18	19 Katie Petschke <i>Don & Marge Schley</i>	20 Ralph Stanton Effie Bentz <i>Jon and Elizabeth Petschke</i>	21	22 Harlie Fletcher Adam Anderson	23 Keith Franck Karen Keck Alvin Schultze Sr Suzy Benge Bonnie Rahm Dianne Bettin
24	25	26	27 Scott Morrow	28	29 Josh Koehler Richard Traetow Mary Peterson Duane Anderson	30 Jerry Wink Chad Lyons
31 Darrel Klenz Kelsey Jensen Mavis Johnson						

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>Worship</u> St. Peter-8:00 Trinity-9:30 Waverly-11:00	<u>Sunday school</u> 9:00 10 th & 24 th 10:45 9:45	<u>Office hours</u> Mon. – Fri . 9 am – 1 pm	<u>Pastor's hours</u> Mon.– Thurs 9 am – 1 pm Day off is on Friday			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship Services & Sunday schools		T- 4 pm Communion Class - 3	SP - WELCA 1:30 pm 5:30 – 6:45 Pre-Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lenten Service @ Trinity T- Council mtg 8 pm	Pastor G @ Interim mtg.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		T – 4 pm Communion Class – 4 W – Council Mtg – 7 pm	T - 9:00 am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle 5:30 – 6:45 Pre-Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lenten Service @ St. Peter			Welcome Legion Pork Chop Feed 5-7:30 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship Services & Sunday school		T – 4 pm Communion Class - 5	5:30 – 6:45 Pre-Lenten Meal 7:00 pm Lenten Service @ Waverly	AM Pastor G @ Watonwan Conference mtg	Reports due for April newsletter	
Palm Sunday24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship Services & Sunday school St. P - SS Sings & Communion Class <u>First Communion</u> EASTER 31 7 am Trinity / Breakfast 9:00 St. Peter 10:45 Waverly			Maundy Thursday Service @ St. Peter 7:00 pm	Maundy Thurs. Service @ Trinity 7:00 pm Communion Class - First Communion	Good Friday Service @ Waverly 7:00 pm	

Circle of Faith Parish

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Circle of Faith – Parish Information Guide

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Parish Administrator: Lisa Wohlhuter

Please direct all inquiries to the Parish Office. If you would like to speak to the pastor, please call the Parish Office. If the pastor is not available, the Administrator will get your message to the pastor, who will return your call. In case of an emergency, call the Pastor's cell phone.

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at 1:00 pm for following Sunday

Newsletter deadline: The 22nd of the month prior to publication (e.g. January 22nd for the February issue)

Interim Pr. Gerry Giese

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Pastor's Office Hours: M-Th 9 am to 1 pm

Interim Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Worship
St. Peter Lutheran
301 S W St.
Ceylon, MN

9:30 a.m. Worship
Trinity Lutheran
204 2nd St.
Welcome, MN

11:00 a.m. Worship
Waverly Lutheran
1333 220th St.
Trimont, MN

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets the first Monday of February, May, August, & November at 7:00 pm at Trinity.

If extra meetings are required, they will be held the first Monday of the month, unless a special meeting is called.

2013 Parish Council members are:

President: Steve Williamson

Vice President: Jon Saxen

Treasurer: Joel Rabbe

Secretary: Kirsten Rabbe

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Did You Know ?????

Did you know that Circle of Faith Parish joins nine other “cluster” parish units in our S.W. Minnesota Synod? These partners in ministry are part of a growing and exciting ministry in our rural communities, not only in S.W. MN Synod but in others synods as well.

Our partners are:

Winds of the Prairie, which include five congregations in the Ivanhoe area;

Prairie Star Ministries, which include five congregations and Shalom Hill Farm, NW of Windom;

United in Faith Ministries, which include four congregations NW of St. James;

LMW Parish, which includes three congregations at Lucan, Milroy and Wabasso;

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish, which includes three congregations in the Hanska area;

Fields of Grace, which include three congregations in the Lafayette area;

Healing Waters Parish, which include five congregations in the Clarkfield area;

Cross Wind Parish, which include three congregations in the Starbuck area;

Triune Lutheran Parish, which include three congregations in the Cokato area;

And we have cluster conversations taking place in the Hector area along Highway 212 and north of St. Peter.

This last Sunday, Circle of Faith Parish was formally recognized at our Watonwan River Conference Assembly which was held at Trinity Lutheran in Sleepy Eye.

We give thanks to God for his Spirit who guides our ministries with our sister congregations throughout our synod and our church.